

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING  
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON  
NOVEMBER 19, 2015**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on November 19, 2015, at 5:50 p.m., Justice & Administration Building, Room A201, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Brian McMahan, Chairman  
Mark Jones, Vice Chair  
Charles Elders, Commissioner  
Vicki Greene, Commissioner  
Boyce Deitz, Commissioner

Chuck Wooten, County Manager  
Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board  
Heather C. Baker, County Attorney

Chairman McMahan called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose was to receive public input for consideration of the proposed Justice Center Security Ordinance Amendments.

Ms. Baker presented the Justice Center Security Ordinance Amendments for consideration:  
Section IV. 2

c. Judges, Judicial Officials *and Judicial Support Staff*, Court Officials, including, but not limited to Guardian ad Litem staff, Court Advocates and Court appointed Mediators and Court Reporters ~~and Judicial Support Staff~~, attorneys actively licensed by the North Carolina State Bar (“Active Attorneys”) and their employees;

d. ~~their~~ self-employed title searchers who work on a regular basis in the Justice Center and who are sponsored by an Active Attorney. Active Attorneys and their employees and self-employed title searchers ~~employees~~ may apply for an ID access card by filling out an application at the Sheriff’s Office or Human Resources Department...

e. Approved Contracted Service Providers and Inspectors ~~Vendors/Invitees: All vendors, invitees, auditors and inspectors~~ who are not employed by a department in the Justice Center may be issued a temporary ID access card consistent with this Ordinance and allowed access to the Justice Center during the time of their provided service; and

Section IV. 3.

*Employees of Active Attorneys and self-employed title searchers must have an Active Attorney sign their ID card application. The Active Attorney who signs the ID card application must notify the Sheriff’s Office and Human Resources Department and collect and return the ID access card immediately after an employee is no longer working for him or her and immediately upon learning that a self-employed title searcher no longer needs an ID access card.*

B. 1. All Justice Center personnel...All Departments shall notify the Sheriff’s Office and Human Resources and collect and return the ID access card immediately...

Section VII.

*C. The Jackson County Sheriff, at his discretion, has the authority to allow specific persons, exempt from the screening process and identified in Section IV (A) (2) of this Ordinance, for work related functions, to enter and exit through doors designated as emergency exits.*

Section IX.

B. The Security Committee shall meet on a regular basis to review the security process, this Ordinance and the roster of applicants with ID access cards to determine if any applicant no longer needs an ID access card due to a change in status. ~~and~~ The Security Committee shall report annually...

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

(a) Carl Iobst of Cullowhee stated he disagreed with the Justice Center Security Ordinance and that it was unlawful.

(b) Marie Leatherwood of Sylva stated she disagreed with the formula used for calculating steep slope and she believed an incorrect formula had been used prior to the amendments.

There being no further public comments, Commissioner Elders moved that the public hearing be adjourned. Commissioner Greene seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Attest:

Approved:

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Angela M. Winchester, Clerk

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Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman