

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
JUNE 05, 2017**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on June 07, 2017, at 5:50 p.m., Justice & Administration Building, Room A201, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Brian McMahan, Chairman
Charles Elders, Vice Chair
Boyce Deitz, Commissioner
Mickey Luker, Commissioner
Ron Mau, Commissioner

Don Adams, County Manager
Heather C. Baker, County Attorney
Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

Chairman McMahan called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose was to receive public input for consideration of the proposed FY17-18 Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

(a) Dr. Kim Elliott, Associate Superintendent of Jackson County Public Schools (JCPS) stated that regarding capital and facilities, they appreciated access to Articles 40 and 42 Sales Tax, which was designated for JCPS capital and building. Also, while bids were coming in on many projects, they were already seeing a need to prioritize the most critical projects for each school to stay within the funding allocated to each particular school. In addition, they appreciate the County Manager and the Commissioners for providing the expected amount and anticipated Article 40 and 42 revenue over the next few years. The projection allowed JCPS to professionally engage in long-term capital planning with knowledge that assisted them in creating a timeline for each project within the long-term capital plan.

Regarding operations and personnel, it was imperative that they needed to focus on teaching and learning over the next two years and minimize any impact on the classroom, while simultaneously minimizing the number of positions lost in JCPS. Positions would be needed to directly impact student achievement in the county. They appreciated their work together for a collaborative future, toward the goal of teaching, learning and student achievement.

(b) Austin Neary of Sylva, owner of Dream Catcher's Fishing Supply, stated he recently founded the Western North Carolina Bass Conservation Project. He wanted to get a feel where funds go in the county for natural resources. They have an exorbitant amount of resources being involved in the trout fisheries, but they had a bass fishing sport that was growing rapidly and the non-renewable resources in the lakes were decreasing rapidly. They needed to put in a sustainable growth management program to sustain the bass fisheries in the lakes.

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

Attest:

Approved:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman