

**MINUTES OF A  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON  
APRIL 02, 2018**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session on April 02, 2018, 3:00 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 meeting to order.

(1) **PROCLAMATION FOR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION**: Chairman McMahan read a Proclamation to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and presented the proclamation to Renee Coward, Executive Director of AWAKE. Commissioner Luker moved to approve the Proclamation. Commissioner Mau seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

(2) **AGENDA**: Commissioner Luker moved to amend the Agenda by adding three items: (1) Tax Collector and Refund Reports for March, 2018; (2) Request for Fireworks Display; and (3) Robotics Competition Request. Commissioner Elders seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

(3) **MINUTES**: Commissioner Elders moved to approve the minutes of a Work Session of March 13, 2018; a Joint Meeting with the Board of Education of March 15, 2018; a Reconvened Work Session (School Safety) of March 19, 2018; a Public Hearing (Brunch Bill) of March 19, 2018; and a Regular Meeting of March 19, 2018. Commissioner Mau seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

(4) **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**: Chairman McMahan reported that he attended the RPO Meeting on behalf of the county. They were getting geared up for the next wave of the Prioritization Plan for Road Improvement Projects. Following that meeting he, along with Mr. Adams, attended the Region A Council of Governments' quarterly meeting, where they voted to amend the Bylaws and add the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to the organization as a voting member.

(5) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**:

(a) Commissioner Mau requested that everyone keep Chuck and Kathy Wooten in their thoughts and prayers as he would be having surgery in late April.

(b) Commissioner Luker stated they lost a pillar of the community, Blanche Wike passed away at the age of 103 on Sunday. She was an amazing lady and told great stories as she saw a lot of changes and growth in the county. His thoughts and prayers were with that family.

**(6) COUNTY MANAGER REPORT:** Mr. Adams noted that the public hearing and regular meeting that were scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> in Cashiers had changed location from the Albert-Carlton Library to the Cashiers Recreation Center Gymnasium to ensure there was enough space.

**(7) INFORMAL COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** Jennifer Abshire, DSS Director, stated that she drove by the Services Building every day and it looked wonderful.

**(8) CONSENT AGENDA:**

**(a)** Darlene Fox, Finance Director, presented the Finance Report for March, 2018 and a Budget Ordinance Amendment for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, for approval.

**(b)** Ms. Fox presented, Tax Collector and Refund Reports for March, 2018, for approval.

***Motion:*** Commissioner Mau moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Luker seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**(9) JOINT MEETING/OPIOID AWARENESS COUNTY LEADERSHIP FORUM:**

Mr. Adams stated that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners would host an Opioid Awareness County Leadership forum on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. The forum would also be a Joint Meeting of Governmental Entities and would be held at the Jackson County Department on Aging-Heritage Room. Members of the community were invited and encouraged to attend.

The forum would consist of a panel of representatives from key organizations that would provide basic education to local elected leaders and key community leaders so they had a common understanding of the opioid epidemic in the county. The forum would assist in understanding the full effect of the opioid crisis on citizens as well as share successful prevention and treatment programs and provider resources available in the county. The forum would also provide an opportunity to discuss strategies for effective education, prevention and treatment that could make a difference in the county.

The panel presenters would include the Department of Public Health, the Department of Social Services, the Sheriff's Office, Harris Emergency Medical Services and Vaya Health. In addition, there would be professional partners from the community in the audience that were willing to facilitate questions. At that time, Steve Heatherly, President and CEO of Harris Regional and Swain Community Hospitals and a Harris Regional Hospital Emergency Department Physician planned to attend. The local municipalities were aware of the forum/meeting and planned to participate. They extended an invitation to Senator Jim Davis and Representative Mike Clampitt as well.

*Informational item.*

**(10) FIREWORKS REQUEST:** Tony Elders, Director of Permitting and Code Enforcement, requested permission for WCU to have a fireworks display at the first football game on September 1, 2018. The county would not permit the display that would come from the state office in Asheville, but they did need permission from the Board to proceed.

***Motion:*** Commissioner Mau moved to grant permission for a fireworks display at the WCU football game on September 1, 2018. Commissioner Elders seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**(11) ROBOTICS COMPETITION REQUEST:** Commissioner Luker stated that he received a request from the Smoky Mountain High School Robotics Team for \$4,000, which was registration fees to go to the state competition they had been invited to.

***Motion:*** Commissioner Luker moved to grant the request from the Robotics Team in the amount of \$4,000 for registration fees for the state competition. Commissioner Mau seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(12) **BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**: *Carry over.*

(13) **PRESS CONFERENCE**: None.

There being no further business, Commissioner Mau moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Luker seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

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Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman