

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING  
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON  
JULY 1, 2013**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on July 1, 2013, 1:50 p.m., Justice & Administration Building, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Room A201, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Jack Debnam, Chairman	Chuck Wooten, County Mgr.
Doug Cody, Vice Chair	J. K. Coward, County Attorney
Mark Jones, Commissioner	Pat Parris, Clerk to Board
Charles Elders, Commissioner	
Vicki Greene, Commissioner	

Chairman Debnam called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose is to receive public input concerning a proposed Water Recharge Ordinance.

Gerald Green, Planning Director, stated that providing for water recharge is important due to reliance upon groundwater for drinking water and continuing development which reduces the opportunity for groundwater recharge. Groundwater recharge is achieved by having rainwater percolate into the ground instead of running off and enter streams and other surface water bodies. Providing for this infiltration in the area in which development is located is important in assuring that the groundwater that supplies wells serving the development is replenished. The proposed ordinance establishes limits on impervious surfaces. The ordinance permits the impervious surface limits to be exceeded if best management practices, such as retention basins and rain gardens, are used that will assure that storm water enters the groundwater system. The ordinance would apply to all new development.

**Public Comments:**

Carl Iobst of Cullowhee stated that it is vital that all water resources and watersheds be protected.

There being no further comments, Commissioner Greene moved to adjourn the Public Hearing. Commissioner Cody seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the public hearing adjourned.

Attest:

Approved:

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Patsy C. Parris, Clerk to Board

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W. J. Debnam, Chairman