

# Jackson County Housing Committee Minutes

August 27, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Conference Room A-227, Justice and Administration Center

| Members        | Present | Absent | Members      | Present | Absent |
|----------------|---------|--------|--------------|---------|--------|
| Michael Poston | X       |        | Patsy Davis  | X       |        |
| Heather Baker  | X       |        | Dan Harbaugh | X       |        |
| Rich Price     | X       |        |              |         |        |

### Staff Present

Caroline Edmonds

### Others Present

There were no others present.

### Call to Order

The meeting of the Jackson County Housing Committee was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

### Approval of the Agenda

Rich Price made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Dan Harbaugh seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Approval of the Minutes

Rich Price made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Heather Baker seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Housing Trust Funds

The Housing Committee discussed Housing Trust Funds, where the funds would come from and what the priorities might be. The Committee also discussed bringing in community stakeholders to help identify the impediments to building and developing in Jackson County. The Committee decided that it would be beneficial to compare vacant land transaction prices to surrounding counties. The results of this comparison would help determine if land acquisition is an impediment to development in Jackson County. There was discussion regarding requiring deed restrictions to keep homes and properties affordable once they are developed. A draft of the Housing Trust Fund guiding principles will be prepared for the Committee's review at the September meeting.

### CDBG Housing Plan Requirements

The Housing Committee discussed the impediments to Fair Housing that were identified in the previous analysis of impediments. There was consensus among the committee that land acquisition and utilities are two of the biggest impediments to Fair Housing in Jackson County. The Committee discussed the stakeholders that would be invited to review the impediments to Fair Housing in Jackson County. The Committee felt that it was important to include representation from Vecinos, the mental health community, realtors, developers, homeless help

programs, Mountain Projects, Western Carolina University, Economic Development, TWSA, and a mortgage loan officer.

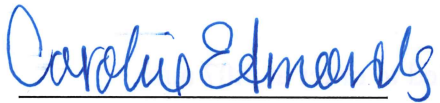
**Closed Session**

Rich Price made a motion to go into closed session for discussion of real property and economic development pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11(a)(5) and 143-318.11(a)(1). Dan Harbaugh seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

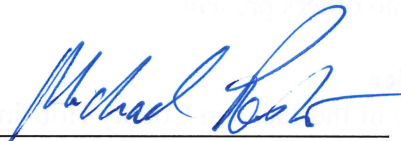
**Adjournment**

Heather Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m. Dan Harbaugh seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Caroline Edmonds  
Housing Committee Staff Member



Michael Poston  
Housing Committee Chair