

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2016 AT 4:30 A.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 2, 2016, in the Commissioner Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 4:30 p.m. where and when the following business was transacted:

The Chairman called the meeting to order with the following members present:

David Gantt, Chairman
Joe Belcher, Vice Chair
Ellen Frost, Commissioner
Mike Fryar, Commissioner
Miranda DeBruhl, Commissioner
Brownie Newman, Commissioner

Holly Jones, Commissioner was out of town and absent from the meeting.

Staff present was: Mandy Stone, Assistant County Manager/HHS Director; Jon Creighton, Assistant County Manager/Planning Director; Tim Flora, Finance Director; Bob Deutsch, County Attorney; Kathy Hughes, Clerk to the Board.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Yelton suggested that the County reactivate the Environmental Advisory Board to address the growing problem with recycling and markets for those materials. He also warned about florescent light bulbs and batteries that are going into the landfill.

Lisa Baldwin spoke about the County Schools facilities need survey that was on the agenda. She said that the county schools have had a decline in enrollment and all building projects should be reviewed. She suggested expanding the STEM school and realigning school funding.

Jerry Rice predicted that the County budget would include a tax increase and that the Family Justice Center would be a center for corruption.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL TO FOLLOW AGENDA

Commissioner Frost moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Chairman Gantt seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

- **Approval of the Minutes of the January 5, 2016 Regular Meeting**
- **Resolution Authorizing Execution of Non-Warranty Deed to the City of Asheville**
- **Resolution Accepting and Approving a Report from the Purchasing Agent for Sale of Surplus Property**
- **Resolution Authorizing the Submission of An Application for HOME Funds**
- **Release Report**
- **Resolution Accepting Local Retention Schedule Revisions**
- **Waiver of Occupancy Tax Report Late Penalty**
- **Grant Projects Ordinance**
- **Solid Waste Capital Project Ordinance**
- **Budget Amendment**
 - **Fund 10- Envirothon Grant; Public Health Promotion**
 - **Fund 66-Landfill Gas to Energy Project**

PUBLIC HEARING

- **Zoning Request – First Citizen Bank/Madison Inn R-1 to R-2**

Debbie Truempy, Zoning Administrator, reviewed the location of the property that First Citizen Bank had requested rezoned from R-1 to R-2. The Planning Board and staff recommended approval finding it consistent with the land use plan, reasonable and in the public interest. A Planning Board hearing was held and there was one comment against the rezoning.

The Chairman opened the hearing at 4:52 p.m.

There were no comments taken and the hearing was closed at 4:53 p.m.

Commissioner Frost moved to approve the recommendation finding it consistent with the land use and in the public interest. Commissioner DeBruhl seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Capital Projects Ordinance--Family Justice Center Contributions**

Julie Klipp Nicholson, FJC Coordinator, reviewed the problem of domestic violence in the community and the action that the County is taking to partner with public and private agencies to create the Family Justice Center. This Center will assist victims under one roof. She recognized the following sponsors who have helped with the renovation of the Family Justice Center: American South General Contractors; H&M Constructors; The Genesis Alliance, Inc.; James Vannoy & Sons Construction; Keith Hargrove; Padgett & Freeman Architects; J&J Flooring Group; Shaw Contract Group. Ms. Klipp Nicholson presented the artwork that will be displayed in the lobby of the center. They hope to be open in July with a grand opening in August.

Commissioner Belcher reviewed the fact that the Service Foundation was the correct pathway for anyone that wanted to make donations for this project.

- **Approval of Buncombe County Schools NCDPI Facility Needs Survey**

Tim Fierle, Facilities Director for County Schools, reviewed the facilities needs survey that the County Schools would submit to the NC Department of Public Instruction. The Board of Education has already approved the needs survey. Mr. Fierle said that most of the additional space needed was included to eliminate the modular units that were aging with structure. Other needs including boiler and chiller; HVAC controls, security and ADA renovations. He thanked the Board for their support and asked that they approve the survey. The County's school enrollment is decreasing and the City schools enrollment is increasing.

Commissioner Belcher moved to approve the NCDPI Facility Needs Survey as presented. Commissioner Frost seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

- **Approval of Asheville City Schools NCDPI Facility Needs Survey**

Dr. Terrance McAllister with Asheville City Schools outlined the facility needs survey that is attached to the minutes. He said that the survey takes place every 5 years and is required by the State providing an opportunity for long range planning for the State Department of Public Instruction.

Commissioner Frost moved to approve the survey as presented. Vice Chair Newman seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Frost moved to appoint Kristine Quinn to the **Riverfront Redevelopment Commission**. The motion passed 6-0.

Commissioner Belcher moved to appoint **Zurilma Anvel, Janice Brumit and Brad Galbraith** to the **Economic Development Coalition**. The motion passed 6-0.

Chairman Gantt moved to appoint **Michael Kryzanek, Jerome Jones, Mark Morris, Jim Edmonds and Debbie Lane** to the **Board of Equalization and Review**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- **February 16** – the Board will hear funding requests from community organizations beginning at 4 p.m. in Room 326 at 200 College Street in downtown Asheville.
- **February 22** – Tax Office relocation
- **March 1** – the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Room 326 at 200 College Street in downtown Asheville.
- **March 15** – primary election

Vice Chair Newman moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Belcher seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

KATHY HUGHES, CLERK TO THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS