

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
EMERGENCY MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2015 AT 8:30 A.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in an emergency session on March 17, 2015, in the First Floor Conference Room, 200 College Street, in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 8:30 a.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, Commissioner
Ellen Frost, Commissioner
Mike Fryar, Commissioner
Holly Jones, Commissioner
Miranda DeBruhl, Commissioner
Brownie Newman, Commissioner

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

The Chairman announced that the emergency meeting had been called in order to allow the Board to go into closed session to discuss a possible property acquisition for an economic development matter under GS 143-318.11(4). Commissioner Frost moved to go into closed session for the reason stated by the Chairman. Commissioner Fryar seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

CLOSED SESSION

The County Manager presented a possible property acquisition of 137 acres of property that was available and could be used as an offer for a potential brewery that would bring 100 jobs. Henderson County had control of the property for sale and would be considering an offer to sell at their meeting on March 18.

The potential for the brewery to locate here was good but they were considering other sites and if the property was purchased by Buncombe and the brewery did not chose to locate here, the County would own the property. Core samples were done and the property was good for building. If the property was sold by Henderson County, Buncombe would receive half the revenue. The Senior Staff Attorney advised that the property would have to be used for economic development purposes and could be held for a future economic development incentives if this one did not work out. Consensus to purchase the property was split with Newman, Frost, Jones and Gantt considering purchase and Belcher, DeBruhl and Fryar not in favor asking for an examination period before the purchase was binding.

The majority consensus authorized the Manager to move forward with an offer to purchase as cheap as possible and to seek authorization to use the property for more than economic development moving forward.

Commissioner Frost moved to return to open session. Vice Chair Belcher seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Vice Chair Belcher moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Frost seconded and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

KATHY HUGHES, CLERK TO THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS