

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 4, 2016 AT 4:30 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 4, 2016, in the Commission 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
Brownie Newman, Vice Chair
Joe Belcher, Commissioner
Ellen Frost, Commissioner
Mike Fryar, Commissioner
Holly Jones, Commissioner
Tim Moffitt, Commissioner

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patty Ebbs read a statement opposed to allowing refugees into the community.

Jane Doyle spoke in opposition to allowing refugees into the community due to the security and health risks.

Bob Christy, speaking on behalf of Wastepro, the County's franchised solid waste collector, asked that they be allowed to resubmit their rebate request, having met all the requirements as set out by the County. The Chairman asked to have this placed on the agenda for the next meeting on October 18.

Jerry Rice commented on the problems with the criminal justice system and domestic violence.

Lisa Baldwin spoke about the problems with the Social Services Division and the placement of children. She accused the Department of wrongful foster care placement and failure to reunify children and families.

Loretta Mallory said she lived near a refugee center in New York and that she wanted North Carolina to fight against the resettlement of refugees.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL TO FOLLOW AGENDA

Commissioner Frost moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Moffitt seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

- **Approval of the Minutes of the September 20, 2016 Regular Meeting**
- **Resolution of Intent to Convey and Advertise for Upset Bid**
- **Resolution Authorizing the Sale of the Arco Road Property**
- **Resolution Authorizing Execution of Revised Easement with the City of Asheville**
- **Grant Projects Ordinance**
- **Capital Projects Ordinance**

GOOD NEWS

- **Proclamation of Domestic Violence Prevention Month**

Commissioner Jones read the proclamation and presented it to Julie Klipp-Nicholson, Family Justice Center Director. Ms. Klipp-Nicholson gave an update on the first three months since the opening of the Family Justice Center. She said that they have had 100 people come to the center and she urged the community to recommit to saying this community does not tolerate domestic violence in our County.

PUBLIC HEARING

- **Schedule of Values**

Keith Miller, Reappraisal Manager, said that this public hearing was to hear any comments from the public concerning the schedule of values.

The Chairman opened the public hearing at 5:12 p.m.

Jerry Rice said that he wanted more time to read the schedule and community meetings regarding the calculations for the revaluation. He read a statement regarding the way certain properties were valued. He asked about the determination of best use.

Lisa Baldwin commented on the timing of the revaluation. She wanted to stop the revaluation until 2021. She did not want to pay to park because she felt that taxpayers had already paid for the parking deck. She asked about the cost of moving county offices and renovations and she wanted her public records request to be completed.

The public hearing was closed at 5:21 p.m.

Commissioner Moffitt asked a series of questions about the schedule of values stating that he had determined that the schedule was subjective and the experience of the appraisers was essential. Commissioner Moffitt said that the document was excellent and he encouraged everyone to review it. Mr. Miller reviewed the appeals process that would begin January 1 ending in April. He urged citizens to contact the department with questions at any time during the reappraisal process.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Asheville Humane Society Request**

The Chairman said that the County contracts with the Asheville Humane Society (AHS) to run the Animal Shelter. He said that AHS did not submit their paperwork on time this year and missed an incentive payment. The Chairman asked for a motion to authorize the staff to make the payment. Commissioner Fryar seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-1 with Commissioner Frost voting no. The County Manager said that a budget amendment would be prepared for the October 18 meeting.

- **Authorize Request for Quotes for Realtor Fees for Sale of Property**

The County Manager asked for the authorization to prepare a request for proposals for a real estate firm to assist the County in selling five properties. The properties are outlined in a power point attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Commissioner Jones asked if three of the lots (Compton Drive and the Avery's Park) could be used for affordable housing. The County Manager said that while the RFP was out, the County could consult affordable housing agencies. Commissioner Frost asked that the Friends of Swannanoa be contacted to see if they knew of any way to use this property. The Chairman asked that the neighbors be contacted regarding the three lots that were for sale. Commissioner Belcher suggested that the county limit the real estate firm's commission on the property to 2 percent stating that the amount of commission normally received on raw land, the County would not want to pay on this piece of property.

Commissioner Frost moved to authorize the County Manager to prepare request for proposals for realtor assistance in selling five lots and that three of these lots be offered as affordable housing opportunities; to the Friends of Swannanoa and to the neighbors before the RFP process was complete. Commissioner Belcher seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Moffitt moved to appoint **Dot Cordell** and **Andy Ball** and to reappoint **Keith Levi** to the **Board of Adjustment**. Commissioner Belcher seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Frost moved to appoint **Diane Duermit** to the **Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee**. The motion passed 7-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcement:

- **October 18** - Commissioners' Regular Meeting beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Room 326 at 200 College Street in Asheville.

Commissioner Belcher moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Newman seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

KATHY HUGHES, CLERK TO THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS