

MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 5 2016 AT 4:30 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners held an organizational meeting on December 5, 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:

Brownie Newman, Chairman
Joe Belcher, Commissioner
Ellen Frost, Commissioner
Mike Fryar, Commissioner
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner
Robert Pressley, Commissioner

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

(At 4 p.m., just prior to this meeting, Commissioners Pressley, Beach-Ferrara, Belcher and Chairman Newman were sworn in)

The Chairman thanked everyone who came for the swearing in for the new and returning Commissioners. He said it was quite an honor to fill the seat in the footsteps of Nathan Ramsey, Tom Sobol, Gene Rainey and David Gantt who were former Chairmen.

Each of the new and returning Commissioners thanked everyone for coming and for the opportunity to serve their community.

The Chairman announced that the vacancy on the Board from District 1 would be filled on December 6 prior to the regular meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Election of Vice Chair

Commissioner Belcher nominated Commissioner Fryar to serve as Vice Chair. Chairman Newman nominated Commissioner Frost to serve as Vice Chair.

The vote tied as follows: Commissioners Belcher, Pressley and Fryar voting for Commissioner Fryar and Chairman Newman and Commissioners Beach-Ferrara and Frost voting for Commissioner Frost.

At the suggestion of the County Attorney, Commissioner Belcher moved to defer consideration on election of a Vice Chair until Tuesday, December 6 at 4:15 p.m. Commissioner Frost seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Resolution Setting Time and Date of Commission Meetings

The Chairman said that this resolution would move the time of the meeting to 5 p.m. beginning with the January 3, 2017 regular meeting.

Commissioner Frost moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Resolution Approving Public Official Bonds

The County Manager said that the County was required to adopt public official bonds for certain County officials and the resolution met that requirement.

Commissioner Fryar moved to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Belcher seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

The meeting was recessed until December 6 at 4:15 p.m.

December 6, 2016

The Chairman called the meeting to order on December 6, 2016 at 4:15 p.m. with the following members present:

Brownie Newman, Chairman
Joe Belcher, Commissioner
Ellen Frost, Commissioner
Mike Fryar, Commissioner
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner
Robert Pressley, Commissioner
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

The Chairman said that the Board needed to consider the appointment of the Vice Chair position for a one year term.

Commissioner Belcher nominated Mike Fryar and Chairman Newman nominated Commissioner Frost. Commissioners Belcher, Pressley and Fryar voted for Commissioner Fryar and Chairman Newman, Commissioners

Beach-Ferrara, Whitesides and Frost voted for Commissioner Frost. Commissioner Frost was appointed as Vice Chair for 2017.

Commissioner Frost moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Belcher seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

KATHY HUGHES, CLERK TO THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS