

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2017 AT 2 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in special session on June 6, 2017, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 2 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  
Ellen Frost, Vice Chair  
Joe Belcher, Commissioner  
Mike Fryar, Commissioner  
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner  
Robert Pressley, Commissioner  
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Staff present: Mandy Stone, Assistant County Manager; HHS Director; Robert Deutsch, County Attorney; Kathy Hughes, Clerk to the Board.

Commissioner Frost moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11a(6) to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Fryar seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board discussed the position of County Manager and met with Assistant County Manager/HHS Director Mandy Stone regarding the position. The Board offered Ms. Stone the position of County Manager with an employment agreement that was discussed.

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

The Chairman said that the Board had discussed the filling of the position of County Manager effective July 1, 2017.

Commissioner Whitesides moved to promote long term, Assistant County Manager Mandy Stone to County Manager in accordance with the employment contract effective July 1. Commissioner Pressley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Stone said that it was an honor to accept this opportunity as had all the opportunities that the County had allowed her over her career. She said that she was grateful to Dr. Greene for her training and influence and looked forward to this role. She said that she was confident that it would be a seamless transition because of the talented employees in the County

Vice Chair Frost said that the County was fortunate to be in this position to have staff that could hit the ground running and step into this role saving the County time, money and the energy of a search.

Commissioner Whitesides said that the County had a history of hiring from within which he was proud to say spoke well of the County always preparing employees for the next step. He said he was impressed with the depth of knowledge and understanding that the County staff had in every department.

Commissioner Belcher said he was proud of the decision which was unanimous, not contentious and was important to have someone that can move into this position without opposition.

Commissioner Fryar said that Ms. Stone and staff had helped him be able to understand what happens in the County and he felt the County would continue in good hands.

Commissioner Pressley said that Dr. Greene recommended two employees from within and the Board considered her recommendations and made a wise decision.

Commissioner Beach-Ferrara also praised the strong position that the County was in and the experience Ms. Stone brings to the job.

Commissioner Belcher moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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KATHY HUGHES, CLERK TO THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS