

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’
SPECIAL MEETINGS OF JUNE 11, 2018 AT 8 A.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in special session on June 11, 2018, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 8 a.m. where and when the following business was transacted:

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

Brownie Newman, Chairman
Mike Fryar, Vice Chair
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner *(attended closed session by phone)*
Joe Belcher, Commissioner
Ellen Frost, Commissioner
Robert Pressley, Commissioner
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Staff present: Kathy Hughes, Clerk to the Board; Lamar Joyner, New Clerk to the Board;
Mike Frue, Senior Staff Attorney

Commissioner Belcher moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11a(3) for one legal matter and (6) to discuss a personnel matter with possible action to be taken following the closed session. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 5-0. *(Commissioners Frost was absent at the beginning of the meeting and Commissioner Beach-Ferrara joined by phone in the closed session)*

CLOSED SESSION

The Board heard an update and discussion of a pending legal matter involving the former county manager and the ongoing investigation. The Board also discussed the transition of personnel due to the retirement (effective July 1, 2018) of County Manger, Mandy Stone. No action was taken. They agreed to recess the meeting until Wednesday, June 13 at 1:45 p.m. for further discussion.

Commissioner Frost moved to go back into open session. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Whitesides moved to recess the meeting until Wednesday, June 13 at 1:45 p.m. Commissioner Frost seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

The Chairman made the following statement:

“On Friday, June 8, Mandy Stone verbally notified the Chair of the Board, as representative of the Board of Commissioners, of her plan to retire as County Manager. As required by state law, county employee retirements become effective on the first day of the month. Therefore, the effective date of her retirement is July 1.

The County Commission will meet on Wednesday, June 13 to decide who will serve as Interim Manager. Once appointed, the new Interim manager will immediately assume the duties of the County Manager.”

The Chairman reconvened the meeting on June 13, 2018 at 1:45 p.m. with the following members present:

Brownie Newman, Chairman
Mike Fryar, Vice Chair
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner *(attended closed session by phone)*
Joe Belcher, Commissioner
Ellen Frost, Commissioner
Robert Pressley, Commissioner
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Staff present: Kathy Hughes, Clerk to the Board; Lamar Joyner, New Clerk to the Board;
Mike Frue, Senior Staff Attorney

Commissioner Pressley moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11a(3) for one legal matter and (6) to discuss a personnel matter with possible action to be taken following the closed session. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 5-0. *(Commissioners Frost was absent at the beginning of the meeting and Commissioner Beach-Ferrara joined by phone in the closed session)*

CLOSED SESSION

The Board was briefed on the ongoing legal matter and investigation involving the former County Manager. The Board spoke with potential candidates for Interim County Manager in response to the retirement of County Manager, Mandy Stone *(During the interview process, Commissioner Belcher left the meeting and rejoined by phone)*. No action was taken.

Commissioner Frost moved to go back into open session. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 5-0*. Commissioner Whitesides moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Frost seconded and the motion passed 5-0*. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. **(Commissioners Beach-Ferrara and Belcher were not present for open session and adjournment of the meeting)*

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN