

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
SPECIAL MEETING OF JULY 17, 2018 AT 5 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in special session on July 17, 2018, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 5 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
Mike Fryar, Vice Chair
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner
Joe Belcher, Commissioner
Ellen Frost, Commissioner (*attended by phone*)
Robert Pressley, Commissioner
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Staff present: George Wood, Interim County Manager; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board;
Heather Hockaday, Attorney; Ron Payne, Attorney; Scott Jones, Attorney

Commissioner Pressley moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11a(3) for one legal matter.

Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 6-0. (*Commissioners Frost did not join the meeting until the start of closed session*)

CLOSED SESSION

The Board heard an update and had a discussion on a pending legal matter involving the former county manager and the ongoing investigation. The Board was briefed by Attorney Ron Payne regarding a legal settlement.

Commissioner Belcher moved to go back into open session. Commissioner Pressley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Payne updated the Board on a settlement offer by the life insurance company that was used by Wanda Greene, former County Manager, to purchase policies for herself and some county employees. He stated that the life insurance company offered a settlement in the amount of \$2,081,686.37. Lastly, Mr. Payne recommended that the County accept the settlement and said that they were still pursuing additional funds from other claims.

Commissioner Belcher moved to approve a partial settlement of \$2,081,686.37 from the insurance company and its brokers; this is a complete release of the insurance company and its brokers. The motion would authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the settlement agreement. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Whitesides moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN