

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2017 AT 5 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 3, 2017, 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  
Ellen Frost, Vice Chair  
Joe Belcher, Commissioner  
Mike Fryar, Commissioner  
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner  
Robert Pressley, Commissioner  
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

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

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **INVOCATION**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Pressley moved to approve the consent agenda and the addition of the Metropolitan Sewerage District appointments for consideration under Board Appointments. Commissioner Fryar seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Approval of the Minutes of the December 5 and 6 Organizational and Regular Meetings**
- **Resolution Awarding Service Firearms to Retiring Deputies (James Knighten, Reggie Ray, Cody Muse and Scott Hawkins)**
- **Release Report**
- **Grant Projects Ordinance**
- **Approval of Advertising Date for Delinquent Taxes – March 19**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Mountain Valley Resource, Conservation and Development Council Report**

Jessica Hocz with the Mountain Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council, gave an update on the programs and projects that the Council was working on across their 8 county region. She reviewed the project called Raising Cane that involved the planting and restoration of river cane around Owen Middle School. Other projects involve the Barnardsville Elementary School and a septic tank overflow problem that was solved with the creation of rain gardens made possible with grant funding. The main project in Buncombe involved the Ivy River and improved water quality in the watershed for the Weaverville area. Vice Chair Frost suggested that they document the impact of their efforts to improve economic and sustainable value in the region.

In response to the Chairman's questions, Mr. Hocz said that she would review the possibility of including one of the large tracts of river cane on the Hominy Creek below the new elementary school as a part of the Raising Cane project. Ms. Hocz said that there was a vacancy on the RC&D Council and asked the Board to fill the vacancy.

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Commissioner Belcher moved to appoint **Robert Pressley** to replace Joe Belcher on the **Metropolitan Sewerage District Board** and to reappoint **Ellen Frost** for a second term. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Vice Chair Frost moved to appoint **Nancy Lipscomb** to the **Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee**. Commissioner Belcher seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made the following announcement:

- *January 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – County Offices Closed*
- *January 17 – 5 p.m. Regular Meeting Board of Commissioners*

Commissioner Belcher moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Frost seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

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KATHY HUGHES, CLERK TO THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS