

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1, 2011 AT 4:30 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on November 1, 2011, in the Commissioner Chambers, 30 Valley Street in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 4:30 p.m. where and when the following business was transacted:

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

David Gantt, Chairman  
Holly Jones, Commissioner  
Carol Peterson, Commissioner  
K Ray Bailey, Commissioner

Bill Stanley, Vice Chairman, was absent from the meeting.

Staff present were: Wanda Greene, County Manager; Mandy Stone, Assistant County Manager/DSS Director; Donna Clark, Finance Director; Kathy Hughes, Clerk to the Board; Mike Frue, County Attorney.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **INVOCATION**

Commissioner Bailey gave the invocation.

### **DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL TO FOLLOW AGENDA**

*The Chairman reminded the Board that in accordance with the Code of Ethics as adopted by this Board, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict. He asked if any Board member had any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matter coming before the Board. None were stated.*

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- **Approval of Minutes of October 18, 2011 Meeting**
- **Resolution Amending the Substance Abuse Policy for Mountain Mobility**
- **Grant Projects Ordinance**

Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

### **GOOD NEWS**

- **Recognition of County Employee Veterans**

Commissioner Bailey said that Vice Chairman Stanley would have liked to be here to honor the veterans. He gave the history of Veterans Day which began as Armistice Day on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of 1918. Commissioner Bailey introduced a video honoring the employees of the county who were veterans.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

- **UNC-Asheville Bulldog Day**

Commissioner Peterson read the proclamation declaring November 13 as UNC-Asheville Bulldog Day when the University will be hosting the UNC-Chapel Hill Tar Heels. Commissioner Peterson moved for the approval of this proclamation. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion

and it passed 4-0. The proclamation was presented to the Assistant Director of Athletics at UNC-Asheville.

- **Adoption Awareness Month**

Chairman Gantt read the proclamation and moved for its adoption. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. The Chairman presented the proclamation to Tara Foster with the Department of Social Services who invited everyone to the foster and adopt fall festival coming up soon.

- **Kids Voting Day**

Commissioner Jones said that the veterans worked to protect the nation's democracy and urged everyone to vote. She read the proclamation and moved for its adoption.

Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Kathi Ballard, with Kids Voting, accepted the proclamation and invited everyone to come out for Kids Voting Day on November 5.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Veterans Services Office Update**

Jennifer Chilton, Social Work Program Administrator, said that on October 3 the Veterans Services Division merged into the Social Work Division to help address the growing needs of the County's veterans. She introduced Brigadier General Kevin Turner, County Social Work Supervisor who was returning from active duty to the County to lead the Veteran's Services' office.

Mr. Turner thanked the Board for the opportunity to work for the County. He said there are 25 million veterans in the US with a majority of them combat veterans. He said that 1 out of 250 veterans are homeless. Post traumatic stress syndrome and other psychological issues contribute to the treatment of the 300,000 mental health cases of veterans at a cost of 660 billion—more than the cost of the war. He introduced his well qualified staff who will provide counseling and advocacy for veterans and their dependents.

- **Charles George VA Medical Center Update**

Cynthia Breyfogle, VA Medical Center Director, said that she was happy to represent the staff of the VA Medical Center where they take care of America's heroes. They provide out-patient care and hospital care for the 47,000 veterans in Western North Carolina as well as hospice, inpatient substance abuse and nursing home care. She said that the VA Medical Center's patient satisfaction score was above the national average in care for veterans. She asked the Board to help get the word out about the programs that are available to veterans. She invited everyone to attend the Veteran's Day celebration on November 11, 2011 at 11 a.m. honoring veterans at the VA Medical Center.

- **Budget Amendment: Fund 10—DSS Emergency Assistance (\$288,503); ROAP funds (\$26,358)**

Mandy Stone, Assistant County Manager and Director of Social Services, explained that these were federal funds that pass through to the county for public assistance. The Federal government would also be releasing additional funds soon. The County partners with several agencies for the delivery of the funds and shares a software system that allows all providers to see where individuals receive funding.

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Bailey seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

The Chairman announced that the County would continue to take applications for the **Planning Board** through November 8 and interviews would be scheduled for November 15.

Commissioner Jones moved to appoint **Danielle DeJournett** as a student member of the **Juvenile Crime Prevention Council**. Commissioner Peterson seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The Chairman made the following announcements:*

- *The next meeting of the Board will be November 15, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.*
- *Commission meetings can be seen on BCTV Charter Cable Channel 2; AT&T U-Verse Channel 99; live during the meetings and online at [buncombecounty.org](http://buncombecounty.org)*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*The Chairman reviewed the rules for public comment.*

Don Lillifeld thanked the Board for providing the veterans services office and applauded the work of Kids Voting, urging everyone to vote.

Christopher Chiaromonte spoke regarding the occupy Asheville group.

Don Yelton gave information about nudity in San Francisco, the economy, the sales tax referendum and CTS demolition costs.

Dr. Milton Byrd spoke about freedom of speech and stewardship.

LeeAnn Smith thanked the Board for their continued work on the clean up and demolition of the CTS site.

Jerry Rice expressed concern that he had not received a response from AB Tech regarding environmental issues near the Enka campus.

Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bailey seconded and the motion passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.