

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2012 AT 4:30 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on November 20, 2012, 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:

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

David Gantt, Chairman
Bill Stanley, Vice Chairman
K. Ray Bailey, Commissioner
Holly Jones, Commissioner
Carol Peterson, Commissioner

Staff present were: Wanda Greene, County Manager; Mandy Stone, Assistant County Manager; Jon Creighton, Assistant County Manager; Mike Frue, County Attorney; Kathy Hughes, Clerk to the Board.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Vice Chairman Stanley gave the invocation.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL TO FOLLOW AGENDA

The Chairman reminded the Board that in accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, 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 the October 16, 2012 Regular Meeting
- Resolution Approving Pyrotechnic Experts for Firework Displays (Biltmore House)
 - Request
- Resolution Creating and Integrated Health and Human Services Board in Buncombe County
- Approval of Adjustment to Health & Human Services Planner/Evaluator Class/Grade with State Personnel
- Resolution Appointing Gary Roberts Tax Assessor/Collector for Buncombe County
- Resolution Authorizing the Negotiation and Execution of Contracts Related to the Design and Construction Administration of Water Lines to be Connected to the Asheville Water Authority System
 - More Information
- Resolution Authorizing the Negotiation and Execution of a Contract for Architectural and Design Services for an Indoor Firearms Training Facility at the Public Safety Training Center
 - More Information
- Approval of Changes to the Employee Travel Policy
 - Summary of Changes
- Approval of Changes to the Employee Purchase Card Policy
 - Summary of Changes
- Approval of County Parking Policy
- Resolution Regarding the Use of County Radio Towers and Associated Systems
- Resolution Declaring the Intent of the County to Reimburse Itself for Capital Expenditures Incurred in Connection with the Construction of a Landfill Cell from the Proceeds of Certain Tax

Exempt Obligations

- Resolution Declaring the Intent of the County to Reimburse Itself for Capital Expenditures Incurred in Connection with the Construction of a Public Safety Firing Range From the Proceeds of Certain Tax Exempt Obligations
- Release Report
- Budget Amendment - Fund 10 - GO Series 2012 Proceeds; Federal and State funds; JCPC program (\$1,582,137)
- School Capital Commission Fund Project Ordinance
- Grant Projects Ordinance
- Capital Projects Ordinance
- Solid Waste Capital Project Ordinance

Vice Chairman Stanley seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

- **Economic Development Incentive for Linamar**

Mike Frue, County Attorney, said that this was the second economic development incentive agreement with Linamar. The plant is located on the site of the old Volvo Plant where they plan to build a new 100,000 square foot building. The expansion would add 250 employees.

Heather Smercina from Linamar said that they were thankful for the support in Phase 1 and that they currently have 128 people on site and will have 150 by the end of 2012. She reported that production was on target to meet all the plans under the incentive agreement.

Commissioner Bailey said that there will eventually be over 650 jobs at that site. Vice Chairman Stanley said that the Linamar announcement was one of his proudest moments.

Commissioner Bailey moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion. The Chairman opened the public hearing at 4:43 p.m.

Jerry Rice questioned the average wage to be paid by Linamar. He was told \$31,000 as the annual salary. The hearing was closed at 4:45 p.m.

The motion to approve the resolution passed 5-0.

- **Economic Development Incentive for Baldor Electric Company**

Jon Creighton, Assistant County Manager, said that the Baldor Electric Company was located in Weaverville and with their expansion would be eligible for a NC grant that required matching funds. Dale Spivey, Plant Manager, reported that they 156 employees in their 160,000 square foot plant.

Commissioner Bailey moved to approve the incentive to cover the matching funds needed as part of the NC grant. Commissioner Peterson seconded.

The Chairman opened the public hearing at 4:50 p.m.

Jerry Rice asked the average pay for employees at Baldor Electric Company. *Commissioner Bailey said the average pay was \$42,000.*

The Chairman closed the public hearing at 4:51 p.m.

The motion as stated passed 5-0.

- **Community Transportation Program Funding Application**
 - **Resolution Authorizing the Chairman to Execute an Application for Community Transportation Program Funding, Enter into an Agreement with NCDOT and Provide Necessary Assurances**

Denise Braine, County Planner, said that the public hearing was required as part of the application process for administrative and capital grant funds for Mountain Mobility. She said that local matching funds had been budgeted in the FY14 budget.

Vice Chairman Stanley moved to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion.

The Chairman opened the public hearing at 4:55 p.m.

The Chairman closed the hearing at 4:56 p.m.

The motion passed 5-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Peterson moved to appoint **Janet Price-Ferrell** to the **Western Highlands Board**. The appointment was approved 4-1 (Chairman Gantt nominated and voted for James Pitts).

Vice Chairman Stanley moved to appoint **Timothy Lampkin** and **Idalia Parra** to the **Workforce Development Board**. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Peterson moved to appoint **Jeff Powers, Paul Szurek, Suzanne Deferie, Ray Bailey and Marc Hunt** to the **Economic Development Coalition**. The motion passed 5-0.

(The Board agreed by consensus to allow Max Haner to continue serving on the Metropolitan Sewerage District Board until water negotiations were complete).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *The next regular meeting of the Board will be December 4 at 4:30 p.m. in Chambers at 200 College Street, Room 326, 3rd Floor*
- *The Board will be sworn in on December 3 at 8:30 a.m. and hold an organizational meeting at 9 a.m. in Commission Chambers.*
- *Commission meetings can be seen on:*
 - *BCTV Charter Cable Channel 2*
 - *AT&T U-Verse Channel 99*
 - *Live on buncombecounty.org during the meetings or*
 - *Online anytime at buncombecounty.org*

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chairman reviewed the rules for public comment.

The official business of the County has concluded and we will now hold public comment.

- *The time limit for any comment to the Board is three minutes.*
- *If your time expires then you may leave any questions along with your name, address and phone number with the County Manager.*
- *Board members are not expected to comment on matters during public comment.*
- *Comments should be limited to subjects that are within the jurisdiction of this Commission or pertain to matters upon which it may act.*
- *Any individual speaking during public comment shall address the entire Board. Any polling of Board members is inappropriate.*
- *Persons addressing the Board are expected to observe the decorum of the Chamber, and to be respectful of everyone in the room.*
- *Any person who willfully interrupts, disturbs, or disrupts the session will be asked to leave the meeting.*
- *The Board reserves the right to deny public addresses on a subject previously presented to the Board.*

Jerry Rice thanked the Board for his interview for a position on the Western Highlands Board. He said that the Board was in serious trouble and he suggested that someone from the City be appointed to the Board. He thanked Mr. Stanley for his service to the Country and County.

Leeann Smith thanked the Board for their work on the CTS situation and for their support of a waterline for area residents.

Commissioner Bailey moved to go into closed session per NCGS 143-318-11(a)4 for two economic development matters. Commissioner Peterson seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

CLOSED SESSION

Jon Creighton, Assistant County Manager, reviewed a possible economic development incentive of \$85,000 for a company bringing 90 jobs that paid an average wage of \$11.04 per hour plus insurance. The Board gave consensus to proceed with an offer.

Mr. Creighton reviewed an economic development incentive for a company considering locating to Buncombe making a \$9 million investment, bringing 205 jobs paying an average wage of \$35,000. He recommended matching the State's offer of \$500,000 over 3 years. The Board agreed by consensus to proceed with this offer.

Commissioner Peterson moved to return to open session. Commissioner Bailey seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Peterson moved to recess the meeting and reconvene at 35 Woodfin Street at 6 p.m. Commissioner Bailey seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Vice Chairman Stanley said that he has been a Commissioner for 24 years and had loved working for the community and with the best staff on earth.

Commissioner Bailey said that he was proud of the jobs and investment he had brought to the county. He challenged those that were returning and the new commissioners to continue creating new jobs for the County. He thanked his wife and daughters for their support.

Commissioner Peterson said that serving had been a pleasure and that her family is the citizens of Buncombe County.

The meeting was recessed at 5:20 p.m.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 5:55 p.m. at 35 Woodfin Street during the farewell reception for Vice Chairman Stanley and Commissioners Bailey and Peterson.

Commissioner Peterson moved to name the building at 35 Woodfin Street the **William H. Stanley Center**. Commissioner Bailey seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Vice Chairman Stanley moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

KATHY HUGHES, CLERK TO THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS