

BUNCOMBE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

List of Principal Officials

June 30, 2007

Board of Commissioners



Nathan Ramsey • Chairman

Nathan Ramsey is in his second term as Chairman of the Board. He is a thirty year resident of the Fairview Community in Buncombe County. He has a BS degree in accounting from the University of North Carolina at Asheville and a law degree from the University of Tennessee. Nathan and his wife, Robin, live in Fairview. Chairman Ramsey currently serves on the Buncombe County Health Board, Buncombe County Audit Committee, Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce, Buncombe County Farm Bureau Board, French Broad MPO and the NC Health Insurance Innovations Commission..



Carol Peterson • Vice-Chairman

A fifth generation native of Buncombe County and a retired Director of Vocation for the Asheville City Schools, Carol Peterson is serving her first term of office. She also serves as the Vice Chair for Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College Board of Trustees, and on Boards for Children First, College for Seniors, UNC-A, Juvenile Crime Prevention Committee, Pack Place and Smart Start.



David Gantt

David Gantt, an attorney, is in his third term on the Board. He is currently an active member of the Metropolitan Sewage District Board, Asheville Regional Airport Authority, Eblen Charities, United Way, Asheville Buncombe Community Relations Council, Land of Sky Regional Council, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee. Commissioner Gantt is an advocate for education and the working people of Buncombe County.



Bill Stanley

A retired high school coach and principal, Bill Stanley is serving his fifth term. In addition to his local involvement in civic affairs, he is a former President of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and is currently serving as a member of the MPO, RPO, Land of Sky Regional Council and Civic Center Task Force. Commissioner Stanley was recently appointed to the NC Advisory Commission on Military Affairs.



David Young

In his fourth term as Commissioner, David Young is very involved in local and regional economic development serving as the past Chairman and current member of the Economic Development Coalition., Blue Ridge Film Advisory Board, Tourism & Development Authority, and was the past chair of the Asheville Regional Airport Authority. He is currently serving on the UNC Board of Governors and is 2nd Vice President of the NC Association of County Commissioners. He is also part owner of Fugazy Travel.

Officials

County Officials

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>
Wanda S. Greene, PhD, CPA	County Manager
Jon Creighton, MBA	Asst. County Manager/Planning Director
Amanda Stone, MSW	Asst. County Manager/Social Services Director
Kathy Hughes	Clerk to the Board
Joseph A. Connolly, JD	County Attorney
Donna B. Clark	Finance Director
Otto DeBruhl	Register of Deeds
Van Duncan	Sheriff
Fran Thigpen	Child Care Services Director
Pat Freeman	City/County Bureau of Identification Director
Trena Parker, MPA	Elections Supervisor
Vicki Ittel, PhD, MBA	Health Director
Ed Sheary, MSLS	Library Director
Jerry VeHaun	Emergency Services Director
Matt Stone	Permits & Inspections Director
Robert Thornberry, Jr., MA	Personnel Director
Glen Hughes	Information Technology Co-Director
Kim Pruet	Information Technology Co-Director
Gary Roberts	Tax Director
Gary Higgins	Soil & Water Conservation Director
Kenneth Reeves	Cooperative Extension Director
Greg Israel	General Services