

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 AT 5 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 4, 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
Joe Belcher, Commissioner
Ellen Frost, Commissioner
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner
Robert Pressley, Commissioner
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Staff present: George Wood, Interim County Manager; Jim Holland, Assistant County Manager; Terri Orange, Internal Auditor; Nathan Pennington, Planning Director; Jennifer Chilton, Budget Manager; Tim Love, Business Officer; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Staff Attorney; Brandon Freeman, Staff Attorney; Heather Hockaday, Attorney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Chairman Newman reflected on the September 11th attack on our Country and took a moment to remember law enforcement personnel, fire fighters, military personnel and citizens who lost their lives.

CONSENT AGENDA

Tim Love, Business Officer, gave the Board updates on Linamar and Jacob Holm economic development projects that consisted of some targets not being met and funds being withheld until they are met.

Commissioner Frost moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- Resolution Approving Pyrotechnic Experts for Firework Displays
- Approval of Tax-Exempt Loan for Reynolds Volunteer Fire Department
- Release Report
- FY2019 Budget Amendment Summary 09-04-18
 - FY2019 General Fund Budget Amendments
 - Interfund Transfer from Business Systems Improvement Project Savings for IT
 - Fund Balance Appropriation for Economic Development Incentive Carry Forward
 - FY2019 Capital Project Fund Amendments
 - Public School ADM Capital Fund - Lottery Projects
 - Capital Projects – Closure of Business Systems Improvement Project and Reallocation of Savings to Board of Commissioners Contingency

GOOD NEWS

Chairman Newman read a statement congratulating Beth Love. Ms. Love gave appreciation to all Buncombe County teachers and said that they are committed and “All In”.

- Congratulations to Buncombe County Teacher of the Year - Beth Love

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

- **Motion to Approve on 2nd Reading of an Amendment to the Buncombe County Personnel Ordinance**

George Wood, Interim County Manager, stated that the changes were not adopted unanimously and required a second reading.

Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, explained the updated ordinance and how it would sort out the changes from the first reading.

Commissioner Frost moved to adopt the amended personnel ordinance. Commissioner Belcher seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Resolution in Support of Forensic Audit for Buncombe County**

Chairman Newman read the resolution and Commissioner Beach-Ferrara made motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Whitesides seconded the motion.

Commissioner Belcher made a friendly amendment to the motion stating that the audit cost and outside firm recommendations come back to the Board for approval and it was accepted. The amendment passed 7-0.

Vice Chair Fryar stated that the Board was moving too fast and should wait to make this decision on the forensic audit. The resolution will allow the forensic audit to take place after the federal criminal investigation.

The amended resolution passed 7-0.

- **Motion to Approve a Budget Amendment for the Appropriation of \$1,863,907 for Buncombe County Schools and Asheville City Schools**

After Mr. Wood read the include memo, Commissioner Whitesides moved to accept the motion as presented. Commissioner Pressley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Motion to Authorize the Acceptance of a State Grant to Partially Fund Six Additional Student Resource Officers**

Mr. Wood explained and recommended the grant. He said that this will assist in having a quicker response if an incident was to happen. This will allow Buncombe County Schools to increase the number of SRO's in each district from one to two.

Chairman Newman stated that school safety is critical and would also like the County to look at mental health issues within the school system.

Dr. Tony Baldwin, Superintendent of Buncombe County Schools, stated the grant is specific for SRO's and there is a need for more SRO's in the elementary schools.

Commissioner Pressley moved to approve the motion and Vice Chair Fryar seconded.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Vice Chair Fryar, Commissioners Pressley, Belcher and Whitesides

NOES: Chairman Newman, Commissioners Frost and Beach-Ferrara

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Belcher moved to reappoint **Loring McIntyre** to the **Agriculture Advisory Board for Farmland Preservation**. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Vance expressed that the Board needs more transparency to create public trust.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- *September 18 @ 5 p.m. - Commissioners' Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326*

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Belcher moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Pressley seconded and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.