

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 14, 2018 AT 12 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on August 14, 2018, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 12 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 (Via phone)  
Ellen Frost, Commissioner  
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner (Via phone)  
Robert Pressley, Commissioner  
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Staff present: George Wood, Interim County Manager; Jim Holland, Assistant County Manager; Eric Hardy, Interim Finance Director; Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnership Director; Diane Price, Administrative Services Director; Stacey Woody, Deputy Clerk to the Board, Curt Euler, Brandon Freeman, and Dane Pederson

Chairman Newman called the meeting to order at 12:03pm and announced that Commissioners Jasmine Beach-Ferrara and Joe Belcher were joining the meeting by phone.

Interim County Manager George Wood gave an overview of his meetings with outside counsel regarding the Wiseman contracts. The Board determined that all of the Wiseman contracts should be terminated due to the indictment of former County Managers Wanda Greene and Mandy Stone, and former Assistant County Manager Jon Creighton, and the alleged kickback scheme.

Commissioner Frost asked what would happen with the outstanding \$8000 worth of work to be done to the transfer station and if we are going to transfer that to another contractor; and if the LEED certifications had been inflated. Mr. Wood said they would finish the transfer station, and that certifications had not been inflated.

Commissioner Belcher asked if we have done business with them previously, are we in compliance with state law. Mr. Wood said yes, we are in compliance - what we are doing now is selecting the second ranked firm after CDM.

Mr. Wood also stated that we are in the process of reviewing all purchasing procedures and will look at everything.

Chairman Newman read the Resolution Terminating Pending Negotiations for Professional Services with CDM Smith, Inc. and to Begin Negotiations with the Next Qualified Firm which terminates any and all contracts with Mr. Wiseman and affiliated companies.

Commissioner Frost made a motion to approve the first resolution, Commissioner Belcher seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Chairman Newman read the Resolution Terminating All Current Contracts with Joe Wiseman, Jr. and/or Any and All Entities with Which He is or Was Affiliated.

Commissioner Whitesides made a motion to approve the second resolution, Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14pm.

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STACEY WOODY, DEPUTY CLERK

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BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN