

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2019 AT 4 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in special session on February 5, 2019, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 4 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
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Vice Chair
Joe Belcher, Commissioner
Amanda Edwards, Commissioner
Mike Fryar, Commissioner
Robert Pressley, Commissioner
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Staff present: George Wood, Interim County Manager; Donald Warn, Finance Director; Jennifer Chilton, Budget Director; Margaret Ellis; Interim HR Director; Eric Hardy, Performance Management Director; Terri Orange, Internal Auditor; Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnership Director; Jennifer Pike, Tax Collector; Keith Miller, Tax Assessor; Tim Love, Business Officer; Nathan Pennington, Planning Director; Dane Pederson, Solid Waste Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Staff Attorney; Brandon Freeman, Staff Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Chairman Newman stated that the purpose of the meeting is to consider the appointment of a new county manager and consider the terms and conditions of an employment agreement for a new county manager.

During public comment, Don Yelton stated that he was concerned that the special notice of the meeting showed that the Board already knew who was going to be the county manager before taking the public vote.

Each Commissioner commented on the hiring process for the position and welcomed Avril Pinder as the new County Manager.

Commissioner Belcher moved to appoint Avril Pinder as the County Manager. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Whitesides moved to approve the employment agreement of the new county manager and allow the Chairman to sign the employment agreement. Commissioner Fryar seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Chairman Newman, on behalf of the Buncombe County Commissioners, stated how excited they were to introduce Avril Pinder as the new County Manager and made some comments about Ms. Pinder.

Ms. Pinder thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity and expressed her vision for Buncombe County.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS