

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2019 AT 12:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in special session on March 19, 2019, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Ground Floor Conference room in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 12:00 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: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Jim Holland, Assistant County Manager; Donald Warn, Finance Director; Jennifer Chilton, Budget Director; Terri Orange, Internal Auditor; Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnership Director; Tim Love, Business Officer; Nathan Pennington, Planning Director; Curt Euler, Employee Benefits & Risk Management Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Staff Attorney; Heather Hockaday, Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. and stated that the purpose of the meeting is for the pre-meeting of the Commissioners' meeting and it is the first occurrence of such a meeting.

During the meeting, the Board and staff will review and discuss agenda items for the March 19, 2019 Regular Meeting with discussions as noted:

Old Business:

Resolution Authorizing a Grant of Franchise for Emergency Medical and Convalescent Transportation to Medical Emergency Ambulance Transport, Inc. D/B/A MEDIC. Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, explained that he was bringing the final agreement back to the Board for consideration.

New Business:

Resolution Setting the Number of Members on the Buncombe County Health and Human Services Board. Michael Frue stated that the number of members were increased to reflect the statute.

Resolution Setting Commission Pre-Meeting and Regular Meeting Schedule. Mr. Frue stated that resolution is to establish the new pre-meeting schedule which would prevent having to notice a special meeting.

Approval of AB Tech FY19 Capital Plan Maintenance (Phase 2) CMAR Construction Contract, Three Building Exterior Remediation, Repair & Cleaning (Courthouse, County Administration Building, and Detention Center) and Approval of 50 Coxe Avenue Single Prime Construction Contract. Avril Pinder, County Manager, explained the agreements and stated that they needed Board approval.

Resolution in Support of a Statewide Initiative for Legislative Funding to Re-Establish a Passenger Rail Connection for Western North Carolina (requested by Edwards, Newman and Whitesides). Chairman Newman stated that the resolution is to support the passenger rail project and would allow Buncombe County to do so.

Staff Updates:

Strategic Partnership Grant Process Review. Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnership Director, stated that they had received applications and asked for guidance from the Board in this review process. The full applications will be made available to the Board. There are 51 applications that are requesting funds totaling \$3,132,886.

Proposed Public Hearing-Linamar Agreement. Tim Love, Business Officer, informed the Board of the need for the hearing to consolidate two agreements into one.

MHO Draft Agreement Discussion. Rachael Nygaard briefed the Board on the East Haven Apartments project and an agreement will come back for approval. The Affordable Housing Committee is looking at the best disbursement structure for the loan.

Policy on Grant-Funded Positions. Curt Euler, Employee Benefits & Risk Management Director, explained that the County had received some grant-funded positions that will last for about two years and our personnel policy does not address such positions. New policy will be brought to the Board for approval.

Easement Agreement Requests. Michael Frue stated that Metropolitan Sewerage District, Duke Energy Progress, LLC and PSNC Energy had reached out for easement agreements across county property.

Manufactured Home Text Amendment Update. Nathan Pennington, Planning Director, stated that the public hearing will be held on April 2nd and that commissioners could make changes to the text amendment and update the list of finish materials without returning to the Planning Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
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