

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’
PRE-MEETING OF MAY 7, 2019 AT 2:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 7, 2019, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 2:00 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 Barnette, Budget Director; Eric Hardy, Performance Management Director; Terri Orange, Internal Auditor; Tim Love, Business Officer; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Staff Attorney; Heather Hockaday, Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

During the meeting, the Board and staff will review and discuss agenda items and receive staff updates with discussions as noted:

New Business:

Medicated Assisted Treatment for Inmates. Vice Chair Beach-Ferrara led the conversation on current strategies on dealing with opioid crisis for inmates. Some of these effective practices are being used in other counties and states. She informed the Board that the Sheriff's office will provide a presentation on the subject during the Board meeting on May 21st.

Budget Work Session - Presentations from ACS, BCS and AB Tech:

Asheville City Schools. Superintendent Dr. Denise Patterson, with help of school staff, presented their proposed budget request and provided information on teacher assistants, student mental health services, teacher recruitment, and graduation rates. There was an invitation to continue the conversation between the school system and the Board in the future.

Buncombe County Schools. Superintendent Dr. Tony Baldwin presented their operational budget request with support from school staff. Dr. Baldwin informed the Board of the success rate of the students as it relates to proficiency and growth. Information on staffing needs, behavioral health services, teacher assistants, and staff pay increases were also provided during the presentation. There was an invitation to continue the conversation between the school system and the Board in the future.

AB Tech. President Dr. Dennis King presented their budget request for continuing operations and maintenance. The breakdown of the budget request were in the areas of salaries and benefits, operating and utilities. Dr. King also discussed the growth of the college and opportunities that are being provided to the community in the areas of employment, training, and industry recruitment. There was an invitation for any follow-up conversation.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS