

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 14, 2019 AT 2:00 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in special session on May 14, 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 (via phone)  
Joe Belcher, Commissioner (via phone, entered meeting at 2:35 p.m.)  
Amanda Edwards, Commissioner (via phone)  
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; 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 2:02 p.m.

Chairman Newman stated that the purpose of the meeting is to hear the annual financial report and audit. He welcomed Don Warn, Finance Director, who then introduced Bill Early and Kasey Harris, from CliftonLarsonAllen Wealth Advisors, LLP.

Mr. Early delivered the presentation for the audit of the June 30, 2018 financial statements that focused on the status and financial stability of Buncombe County Government. He stated they have issued an unmodified (clean) opinion of the financial statements. In completing the audit, Mr. Early mentioned that the scope was lowered to look deeper into certain areas and it was a great learning opportunity going into Buncombe County's next audit, as well as audits of other governments.

A few of the commissioners commented that the process was long overdue and took considerable amount of time due to the extenuating circumstances that the County has experienced in the last year. After a thorough audit, they felt that the County would correct issues going forward and be in a better place.

Jerry Rice said that the audit was good and thorough with the amount of time it took to complete. He suggested that the County should try to recoup funds from individuals included in the lawsuit.

Commissioner Whitesides moved to accept the audit report and extend the acceptance time through May 31, 2019. Commissioner Pressley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

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LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS