

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
PRE-MEETING OF JULY 16, 2019 AT 12:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on July 16, 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
Mike Fryar, Commissioner
Robert Pressley, Commissioner
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Amanda Edwards, Commissioner, was absent from the meeting.

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Donald Warn, Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnership Director; Tim Love, Business Officer; Nathan Pennington, Planning Director; Stoney Blevins, Health and Human Services 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.

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

Review the Board's Agenda. Avril Pinder, County Manager, provided a preview of the Commissioners' agenda for the meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m.

Staff Updates:

Tax Collection Update. Jennifer Pike, Tax Collector, presented her PowerPoint that provided information on Annual Settlement, Order of Collection, and Collection Actions. The regular property collection rate for the County is 99.89%. The Commissioners discussed how to better assist citizens during the collections process.

Habitat for Humanity, Old Haywood Neighborhood. Matt Cable, Planning Manager, explained the Old Haywood Road project and provided an update of the County's current status of this affordable housing project. As Phase 1 is underway, completion of the part is scheduled for Spring 2023.

HOME Match Funds. Matt Cable, Planning Manager, stated that HOME is a federal grant program provided through Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City of Asheville is the lead entity of HOME with county consortium made up of Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, and Transylvania. The requested match amount funds of \$123,214 will be presented at the August 6 Board meeting.

Sustainability Update. Jeremiah Leroy, Sustainability Officer, opened up the conversation by providing the sustainability goals for the County:

- 2% annual carbon reduction for County operations
- 100% renewable for County operations by 2030; all of Buncombe by 2042

Some of the key accomplishments include grant funding, home weatherization and 28 energy projects. The County has also contracted with the CADMUS Group to assist in creating a plan to help move towards some of the sustainability goals.

Rezoning Requests. Josh Freeman, Planning Manager, stated the following rezoning requests will be presented at the August 6 Board meeting; Uherka, Radichshin, McDonald, and Higgins.

MCCF Update. Tim Love, Business Officer, stated that a future public hearing will be held for Mountain Community Capital Fund.

Open Discussion. Commissioners discussed whether there was a conflict of interest on past agenda items

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS