

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
PRE-MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 2019 AT 12:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on August 6, 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; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director; Tim Love, Business Officer; Nathan Pennington, Planning Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Staff Attorney; Heather Hockaday, Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:01 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. Chairman Newman stated that the Board will have a brief closed session with Attorney Ron Payne at the beginning of the 5:00 p.m. meeting and another closed session later during that same meeting.

Staff Updates:

Surplus Property (new list). Ron Venturella, Procurement Manager, informed the Board that surplus property items will be placed on govdeals.com after the items are made available for County employees.

Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders. Vice Chair Beach-Ferrara, reminded the other members of the Board that this topic was previously discussed at the May 7 pre-meeting and a PowerPoint was presented at the May 21 meeting. The treatment can break the cycle and connect people to resources. A resolution endorsing the Medication Assisted Treatment will be presented at the August 20 meeting.

Bank Financing for Sheriff Vehicles. Mason Scott, Finance Department, provided the Board with the current status of the process of financing of \$1.65M for 48 sheriff vehicles. The financing had been narrowed down to three lenders with Bank of America being the recommended lender. The resolution and contract will be presented during the August 20 meeting.

Census Update. Tim Love, Business Officer, stated that 2020 Census Bureau is asking for support from the County to help conduct the census. The census process will start in mid-March with a target goal of 80% participation rate. The County will work with other government entities and businesses to increase participation and help facilitate the process.

Survey Results-Broadband. Tim Love, Business Officer, and Sara Nichols from Land of Sky provided an update on the WestNGN Broadband project. The community survey campaign was taken by 2,600 County residents and the results provide valuable information that can assist in moving the project forward.

Open Discussion. Avril Pinder, County Manager, introduced and welcomed the new Assistant County Manager, Dakisha Wesley.

The Commissioners discussed the logistics of the pre-meeting and offered alternatives to the location and time to have the pre-meeting in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
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