

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
PRE-MEETING OF OCTOBER 1, 2019 AT 3:00 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 1, 2019, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 3 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  
Robert Pressley, Commissioner  
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Mike Fryar, Commissioner, was absent from the meeting.

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Donald Warn, Finance Director; Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director; Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnership 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 3:03 p.m.

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

**Staff Updates:**

**Broadband Provider Meeting Update.** Tim Love, Business Officer, introduced Sara Nichols, Erica Anderson, Land of Sky, and Keith Conover, NC Department of Information Technology. They provided information regarding the broadband community survey and next steps in the process.

**Text Amendments.** Gillian Phillips, Planning Department, explained that text amendments would affect Subdivision Ordinances. One amendment to Subdivision Ordinance would allow for a traffic impact study (TIS) for subdivisions of 75 lots or more. Previously, the threshold was subdivisions with 300 lots or more. The other amendment would affect the number of lots that Special and Family Subdivisions can be divided into. Special Subdivisions will be three lots and Family Subdivisions will be five lots.

**Affordable Housing Funding Recommendations.** Nathan Pennington, Planning Director, provided information and data relating to upcoming affordable housing projects. The funding projects will affect Employee Housing Assistance, Low-Interest Construction Loan, Down Payment Assistance, Emergency Repair, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance and Permit Fee Rebate Programs.

**County IVC Transportation Agreement.** Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnership Director, and Chief Deputy Everhart stated that the agreement is due to new legislation for transportation from law enforcement provided to involuntary commitment (IVC) individuals. The agreement is between the county and other local law enforcement agencies.

**AB Tech Capital Projects Recommendation.** Don Warn, Finance Director, explained details of the recommendations and indicated that the memorandum of understanding agreement between the County and AB Tech developed the AB Tech Joint Capital Advisory Committee. Matt Evans, Finance Department, stated that the committee has met twice and that projects reviewed total \$2,440,000.

**MacArthur Foundation Safety & Justice Grant/ Request Additional Positions.** Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnership Director, stated that this item is a preview for the October 15<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. The six time-limited positions will include 4 full-time and 2 part-time positions. These grant-funded positions will assist in the areas of jail population reduction and pre-trial services.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

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LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS