

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
PRE-MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, 2019 AT 3:00 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 15, 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  
Mike Fryar, Commissioner (entered meeting at 3:38 p.m.)  
Robert Pressley, Commissioner  
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

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; Dane Pederson, Solid Waste Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Staff Attorney; Heather Hockaday, Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:01 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:**

**Strategic Plan update.** Tim Love, Business Officer, introduced futurist Rebecca Ryan, who is helping to facilitate the strategic plan process. Rebecca provided the current status of the process with key focus areas that have come from the previous work sessions. She also reminded the Commissioners of the next steps that include public and employee input sessions.

**Guidelines for the Funding of Non-Profit Agencies.** The Board moved this item to the regular meeting at 5:00 p.m.

**ART Leicester Highway Transit Extension.** Matt Cable, Planning Manager, stated that this item was a part of the City of Asheville Transit Master Plan that as previously discuss in December 2018. The proposed extension is a two mile loop with four additional stops that is being considered as an update to the original plan. The plan will require funding support from the County, with the possibility of being assisted by grants.

**Solar RFP.** Jeremiah LeRoy, Sustainability Officer, provided a presentation on a study of installing solar systems on County facilities. There were 14 County facilities included in the analysis with different options available. Jeremiah will return back to the Board with an update and additional information in November.

**Waste Pro Update.** Dane Pedersen, Solid Waste Director, provided an update on the residential waste collection contract. A citizens' contact analysis of reported questions and issues was consolidated to inform Mr. Pedersen and Waste Pro of areas that need addressing. Some new contract options, such as bear-proof cart leasing and trade-in programs, are being considered to help some customers.

**Lee Walker Easement.** Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, stated that the project is a temporary easement for Maple Crest LLC to redo a road.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS