

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
PRE-MEETING OF NOVEMBER 5, 2019 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on November 5, 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; Dane Pedersen, Solid Waste Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Staff Attorney; Heather Hockaday, Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:03 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. Vice Chair Beach-Ferrara asked for clarity on the Strategic Partnership Grants funding process and the distribution of funds across the County districts. Avril Pinder, County Manager, explained that the update to the guidelines will only affect the Strategic Partnership Grants and that funding across districts, would focus on who and where they serve, with less emphasis on physical location.

Staff Updates:

Waste Pro Contract Modifications. Dane Pedersen, Solid Waste Director, provided an update to the contract that resulted from citizens' concerns and issues with the initial agreement. The modifications focused on the bear-resistant cart option and the elderly/low-income discount program. Mr. Pedersen informed the Board that call volume had gone down considerably and they would gear up for the calls when updated information is rolled out to the customers.

Comprehensive Facility Study. Michael Mace, General Services Director, and Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager presented the PowerPoint on the study. They provided an update of Detention Center and possible options for expansion but stated that reducing beds is still an area of focus. Mr. Mace stated that the average age of County buildings is about 50 years old. The next step in the process is to prepare a request for qualifications (RFQ) and return to the Board with a final cost and contract.

Zeugner Building Demo and Retrofit. Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, informed the Board that Buncombe County Schools would like to retrofit the building for equipment storage versus having the building demolished. Concerns about having to replace the roof were presented.

COAP Grant - Safer Together Initiative. Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services Director, and Jan Shepard, Public Health Director, provided an overview of the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program grant. They shared some activities and benefits of the three year grant for an award amount of \$878,803.

Open Discussion. Ms. Pinder informed the Board of an inquiry to have additional Strategic Planning public-input sessions and reschedule the November 15th meeting for December. The Board approved of the added sessions and updated schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
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