

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2019 AT 5 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on December 3, 2019, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 5 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; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Donald Warn, Finance Director; Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director; Sharon Burke, Human Resources Director; Jennifer Pike, Tax Collector; Keith Miller, Tax Assessor; Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnership Director; Tim Love, Business Officer; Josh O'Conner, Recreation Services Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Mike Frue, Senior Staff Attorney; Brandon Freeman, Staff Attorney; Heather Hockaday, Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

The Chairman reflected on individuals who are homeless or have housing insecurities and asked those in attendance to share a moment of silence.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Whitesides motioned to add **Election of Vice Chair to New Business**, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and the remainder of the agenda. Commissioner Belcher seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- Approval of November 19, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Tax Collection Report
- Quarterly Settlements
 - Report
- AB Tech Capital Plan Maintenance
 - Novus Design Contract
 - Vannoy Preconstruction Contract
- Budget Amendment for Nurse Family Partnership - First Book Charlotte Grant
 - Ordinance
- Budget Amendment for Solid Waste Capital Projects
 - Ordinance
- Budget Amendment for General Fund Use of Contingency
 - Ordinance
- Budget Amendment for Transportation Funding Grant Match
 - Ordinance

GOOD NEWS

- **Communications Department Wins Award for Employee Focus Intranet**

Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager, recognized and congratulated the Communications and IT departments for winning a first place award from 3CMA Conference (City-County Communications and Marketing Association).

Cataldo Perrone, Communications Director, thanked the individuals that helped achieve the honor.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Community Health Improvement Process Update**

Zo Mpfu, HHS, started by thanking the department leadership and the community partners for all the work being done to improve community health. Terri March and Hannah Legerton, of MAHEC explained some of the key issues affecting our community such as birth equity, health equity and infant mortality rate. Most notably affecting people of color at a much higher rate.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **Resolution Approving the Delivery of a Tax-Exempt Installment Loan Between the Enka Candler Fire and Rescue Department and First Bank**

Mike Frue, Senior County Attorney, explained the resolution and the reason for holding a public hearing. The loan in an amount not to exceed \$2,055,000 will be between Enka Candler Fire and Rescue Department and First Bank.

The Chairman opened the hearing at 5:55 p.m.

The hearing was closed at 5:56 p.m.

Commissioner Belcher moved to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Election of Vice Chair**

Commissioner Fryar nominated and moved to elect Commissioner Pressley as vice chair. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

- **Fiscal Year End 2019 Audit Presentation**

Don Warn, Finance Director, welcome and introduced Chris Kessler, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. Mr. Kessler explained the findings and results of the audit with a visual presentation.

Trisha Burnett, Internal Auditor, thanked all that were involved and explained the role of the Audit Committee.

Commissioner Whitesides moved to accept the audit as presented. Commissioner Fryar seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Newman moved to appoint **Maggie Adams** to the **Women's Commission**. Commissioner Belcher seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

The Board agreed to allow more time to consider the applicants for Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Advisory Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Yelton questioned some facts from the Human and Health Services presentation

Jodie Williams and Teresa Newman called attention to Help Asheville Bears group and recent injuries to local bears.

Jerry Rice expressed issues with the Fiscal Year Audit and proposed that more difficult questions needed to be asked.

Ronnie Payne questioned the support for free local transit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- *December 17 @ 8:30 a.m. - Strategic Planning Workshop at 200 College Street, 1st Floor Conference Room in downtown Asheville.*
- *December 17 @ 1 p.m. - Commissioners' Pre-Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*
- *December 17 @ 5 p.m. - Commissioners' Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.