

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
PRE-MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2019 AT 3:00 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 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; Sharon Burke, Human Resources Director; Mike Mace, General Services Director; Jim Blanton, Library Director; Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnership Director; Tim Love, Business Officer; Josh O'Conner, Recreation Services Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Staff Attorney; Heather Hockaday, Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:02 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:

ADA Voting System Replacement- ExpressVote. Joyce Kanavel, Interim Board of Elections Director, explained that the NC State Board of Elections has certified new voting equipment. The Elections Board approved the purchase of the ExpressVote machines to replace their old equipment. The new equipment was tested in the previous November 2019 Election.

Capital Expenditure Reimbursement Resolution. Don Warn, Finance Director, stated that the resolution to approve debt issuance would come before the Board at the December 17, 2019 Regular meeting. The conversation about the delegation of this authority to the finance director was considered. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

East Asheville Library Update. Jim Blanton, Library Director, & Mike Mace, General Services Director, presented the update for the new construction of East Asheville Library. The original budgeted amount of \$5.8 million was an estimate before any bids were received. The accepted construction bid in the amount of \$6,487,952 includes alternate costs that the Board asked for further inquiry of other options. The Board was in favor of moving forward with the project.

Potential Solar Site. Jeremiah LeRoy, Sustainability Officer, updated the Board of a potential utility scale solar site at the old Chemtronics, Inc. property in Swannanoa. The property is a superfund site of approximate 500 acres with no future development plans. The experts are in the process of reviewing the site for its potential and if the site is viable, they will look to move forward with agreement, upon the approval of the Board.

RADTIP Connector Donation and Interlocal Agreement. Josh O'Conner, Recreation Services Director, stated that the agreement was to get caught up on paperwork for the River Arts District Transportation Improvement Project (RADTIP) connector. The agreement would approve the \$300,000 grant that is comprised of a \$240,000 award and a \$60,000 match that are already allocated in the budget.

Boards and Commissions Policy. Lamar Joyner, Clerk to Board, & Avril Pinder, County Manager, introduced and stated the reason for the plan to begin creating the policy. The Clerk's office developed the framework of the draft policy for the Board to modify as needed. The Board requested a few updates and planned to review at the next regular meeting.

Open Discussion. The Board discussed the upcoming Strategic Planning workshop and Pre-meeting on December 17, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS