

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’
PRE-MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 7, 2020, 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, Commissioner
Joe Belcher, Commissioner
Amanda Edwards, Commissioner
Mike Fryar, Commissioner
Robert Pressley, Vice Chair
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; Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services Director; Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnerships 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 3:01 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:

Revaluation Presentation. Keith Miller, Tax Assessor, presented a PowerPoint that was a forecast for the County’s Reappraisal for 2021. He summarized reappraisal basics that will be provided to the public through various methods to address concerns. Innovative technology has greatly improved the appraisal review process.

Interlocal Agreement with City for RFP for Energy Campaign Coordination. Jeremiah LeRoy, Sustainability Officer, stated that the agreement will be presented to the Board at the next regular meeting on January 21, for their consideration. The energy coordination is between the County, Asheville and Duke Energy that changed its name from the Energy Innovative Task Force (EITF) to the Blue Horizons Project Community Council. The purpose is to establish renewable energy goals through a nonprofit model.

Committee Appointment Process – Strategic Partnership Grant Committee. Lamar Joyner, Clerk to Board, stated that this was an opportunity for the Board to choose applicants to move forward in the selection process. The plan is to have the committee appointed by February 15. The Board agreed to review the list of applicants to determine the applicants to be interview at the next meeting.

Resolution Regarding FBRMPO Regional Transit Feasibility Study. Matt Cable, Planning Manager, explained that the transit study provided by the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO) has a goal to improve regional transportation. No additional funding is being requested for this high-level look a regional transit.

Grant Funds for START Program. Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services Director, stated that this is a two-year grant from the Governor’s Crime Commission to provide assistance to families with co-occurring substance use disorder and child maltreatment through the START (Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams) model.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
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