

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
PRE-MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 4, 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
Robert Pressley, Vice Chair
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Mike Fryar, Commissioner, passed away on February 2, 2020.

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Donald Warn, Finance Director; Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director; Tim Love, Business Officer; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior 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. Chairman Newman proposed that the Board discuss consideration of resolutions that are not specific to the County during Open Discussion.

Staff Updates:

ARC Application. Tim Love, Business Officer, provided a preview on the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) which involves connecting the Smoky Park Bridge to Jacob Holm Way. A resolution for Board support and to fill the financial balance will be presented at the next regular meeting.

Project R2D2. Tim Love, Business Officer, informed the Board of an upcoming public hearing on the economic development project between Nypro and the County. A public hearing will be held on February 18th and the parties will be requesting formal approval for the incentive grant.

Approval of Resolution to Appoint Sheriff Employees and Deputy Finance Officer for the Inmate Trust Bank Account. Donald Warn, Finance Director, explained that the resolution to appoint these employees will solely be for the purpose of signing the checks for inmates. This resolution will be presented at the next regular meeting.

East Asheville Library Budget Resolution Technical Correction. Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, explained that this is a technical correction to approve the total project costs which was missing previously.

Security Update. Christina McEntee, Performance Management, and Chris Austin, Safety Officer, provided information of the proactive approach for County building security. A professional assessment was conducted to indicate security needs to help provide staff safety and training.

FY21 Budget Calendar Update. Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director, informed the Board of the proposed budget schedule for fiscal year 2021. Some of commissioners inquired about scheduling work sessions to look deeper into the budget. Budget adoption is on the calendar for June 16, 2020.

Open Discussion. The Board discussed not taking interest in resolutions that are not particular to Buncombe County. This was an idea that Board previously held and generally abided by but no formal policy has been adopted. If resolutions that were strongly supported, the Board had the ability to address them. The Board asked staff to explore options for different practices that are used in other local government entities.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS