

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
PRE-MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 18, 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 (entered meeting at 3:16 p.m.)
Al Whitesides, Commissioner (entered meeting at 3:16 p.m.)

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; Heather Hockaday, Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:05 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:

Issuance Resolution, approving Limited Obligation Bonds and Financing Documents. Donald Warn, Finance Director, informed the Board that this item will be presented at regular meeting on March 3rd with an update of projects.

Secondary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) - Addendum to IGA with the City of Asheville. Brooke Hazlett, Emergency Services 911 Manager, presented the PowerPoint, provided some history of the intergovernmental agreement, and explained that the addendum will make the City of Asheville a secondary PSAP.

School-Justice Partnership Agreement. Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager, explained that all 100 NC counties will be presented with the agreement. The partnership will provide strategies to minimize students involvement in the with the court system.

French Broad River MPO presentation. Matt Cable, Planning Manager, introduced Tristan Winkler, MPO Director, who provided an overview of the agency's community and regional work. The planning area covers four counties – Madison, Buncombe, Haywood and Henderson and receives federal (80%) and local (20%) funding.

Open Discussion. Chairman Newman confirmed that Employees' Group Health Insurance conversation was an item on the regular meeting agenda at 5 p.m.

The Board discussed how the occupancy tax is applied and making changes to the funding formula. Chairman Newman passed out a working letter intended for local senators and representatives, that addressed occupancy tax issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS