

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
PRE-MEETING OF MAY 5, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 5, 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
Anthony Penland, 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; Sharon Burke, Human Resources Director; Taylor Jones, Emergency Services 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 3:02 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. Commissioner Penland made a request for the Board to consider adding a COVID-19 Discussion agenda item to the regular meeting at 5 p.m.

Staff Updates:

Mountain Mobility Contract. Matt Cable, Planning Manager, made a presentation that provided an update on the process of entering into a new contract with Mountain Mobility. The RFP, Request for Proposals, activities are in the final stages and the Board will receive the contract for approval at the May 19, 2020 regular meeting.

Investment Policy Update. Don Warn, Finance Director, stated that current policy was adopted in 1996 and was in need of some changes and to match NC statute. The policy is part of the safety to protect public funds.

COVID-19 Update. Dr. Mullendore, Physician Director, and Fletcher Tove, Preparedness & Security Officer, informed the Board of the current COVID-19 data and steps taken to slow the spread of the virus. Testing is being spread to more people and the self-checker tool is available for community. Governor Cooper's executive order, scheduled for 5 p.m., will provide guidance that will be used by staff to best fit the Buncombe County community.

Fire District Requests/FY21 Budget Update. Chief Shane Prestwood, Upper Hominy Fire & Rescue, provided information in support of additional personnel.

Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director, discussed the timeline for the budget process and meetings that will lead to budget adoption on June 16, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
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