

MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
PRE-MEETING OF MAY 19, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 19, 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; Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director; Tim Love, Business Officer; Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services Director; 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:

Staff Updates:

FY2021 Education Requests (AB Tech, BCS, ACS). Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director, previewed the presentations and introduced Buncombe County Schools, Asheville City Schools and Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. They provided their requests for the Board and staff to consider with detailed data and information.

Federal Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG). Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services Director, explained that the grant is for support services for our aging population community with a partnership with Land of Sky Regional Council. Currently, the Board of Commissioners is the lead agency but there is a request for Human & Health Services to be the lead agency.

Re-Opening Plans. Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager, provided an update on the re-opening plan and stated that there is set date for opening the doors to the public. Under the modified conditions due to COVID-19, County services have continued with respect to safety of the public and employees.

GE Road Repair. Tim Love, Business Officer, explained the need for road repair due to degradation over time. The County will propose a resolution to finance and contract the repair services. After the repair, the City of Asheville will accept the road into the city's roadway system.

COVID-19 Discussion. Dr. Mullendore, Interim Public Health Director, and Fletcher Tove, Preparedness & Security Officer, provided an update to Board. There have been increases in COVID-19 cases within the last update period. Dr. Mullendore explained that with ability of contact tracing, that they are able to tell where cases are transmitted. Some of the areas of focus for the phase two framework will include long-term care facilities, community testing and testing guidance.

Open Discussion. The Board decided to discuss the **Name of Meeting** agenda item at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
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