

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING OF MAY 21, 2020 AT 4:08 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in special emergency session on May 21, 2020, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 4:08 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; Sheriff Quentin Miller; Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnerships Director; Nathan Pennington, Planning Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:08p.m.

- **COVID-19 Phase 2 Consideration**

The Board discussed Governor Cooper's Executive Order 141 as it relates to Buncombe County and the consideration of modifications to the order. Dr. Mullendore, Interim Public Health Director, and Fletcher Tove, Preparedness & Security Officer, detailed the specifics of the order and proposed requiring face coverings for public-facing employees for retail stores, businesses and restaurants.

Chairman Newman moved that the order require all people to wear a face covering in all indoor commercial settings that are public facing; that the requirement will not apply in spaces that are private or not open to the public. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara offered a friendly amendment to the motion to include non-commercial settings, such as libraries, and not to prosecute individuals that don't comply. Chairman Newman accepted the friendly amendment and gave staff instruction to draft reasonable exceptions for practical use and for instances of medical conditions and disabilities. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the amended motion passed 4-3. (NOES-Belcher, Pressley, Penland)

Commissioner Whitesides moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS