

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2020 AT 5 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on June 2, 2020, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 5 p.m. where and when the following business was transacted:

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner
Joe Belcher, Commissioner
Amanda Edwards, Commissioner
Anthony Penland, Commissioner
Robert Pressley, Vice Chair
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Brownie Newman, Chairman, was absent from the meeting.

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director; Jennifer Pike, Tax Collector; Sheriff Quentin Miller; Stoney Blevins, Health and Human Services Director; Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnerships Director; Tim Love, Business Officer; Josh O'Conner, Recreation Services Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney; Brandon Freeman, Staff Attorney; Heather Hockaday, Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

The Vice Chair asked for Commissioner Belcher to lead a prayer for the people of Buncombe County.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Whitesides motioned to add **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Subordination Agreements and other Acts Related to the East Haven Project to New Business** and approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Penland seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

- Approval of May 19, 2020 Pre-Meeting Minutes
- Approval of May 19, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of May 21, 2020 Special Emergency Meeting Minutes
- Resolution Awarding a Service Firearm to a Retiring Deputy of the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department
 - Matthew Kiser
 - Hal Flowers
 - Eric Taylor
- Tax Collection Report
- Approval of JCPC FY2019-2020 Revised Funding Plan
 - Funding Plan
 - Funding Summary
 - More Information
- Budget Amendment for Transportation Fund
 - Ordinance
- Budget Amendment for School Capital Project Closure
 - Ordinance
- Budget Amendment for Library Grant Fund
 - Ordinance
- Budget Amendment for Register of Deeds Excise Stamp Tax
 - Ordinance

PRESENTATIONS

- **Vaya Health Update**

Brian Ingraham, CEO, and Larry Hill, CFO, stepped through their PowerPoint presentation and explained the climate of the company during the COVID-19 pandemic. The company is prioritizing network stabilization efforts to address the most at-risk areas first. Buncombe County provides \$600K Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funds to support prevention, treatment and crisis services for those who have mental health, substance use disorders, and/or intellectual/developmental disabilities.

- **FY2021 Recommended Budget**

Avril Pinder, County Manager, gave a detailed overview of the FY2021 Budget and explained how the Strategic Plan is supported through deliberate funding. A public hearing for the budget will be held at the June 16th meeting and budget adoption will follow or will be considered at a special meeting on June 23rd.

NEW BUSINESS

- **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.

Commissioner Belcher moved to approve the recommended HCCBG and county aging fund allocations for SFY 21. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Commissioner Edwards moved to grant HCCBG lead agency status to Buncombe County HHS for SFY 21. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

- **Rate Adjustment for Purchased Transportation Services Provided Under the Transportation Agreement between County of Buncombe and City of Asheville**

Matt Cable, Planning Manager, explained the agenda item and stated that the rate adjustment would streamline the Billing rate to a single rate of \$2.28 per shared service mile for all services and eliminate the administrative surcharge. The rate adjustment will provide cost savings to the City and impact the subsidy provided by the County.

Commissioner Belcher moved to approve the rate adjustment and eliminate the ten percent (10%) Administrative surcharge effective July 1, 2020. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

- **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Subordination Agreements and other Acts Related to the East Haven Project**

Brandon Freeman, Staff Attorney, explained the resolution and the time sensitivity of the agenda item.

Commissioner Beach-Ferrara moved to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Edwards seconded And the motion passed 6-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Belcher moved to reappoint **Karl Koon** to the **WNC Regional Air Quality Board**. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Vice Chair made the following announcements:

- *June 16 @ 3 p.m. - Commissioners' Pre-Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*
- *June 16 @ 5 p.m. - Commissioners' Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*

Commissioner Whitesides announced Prayer in Action: A Gathering of Solidarity for Peace and Justice will take place at noon on June 4, 2020 at Central United Methodist Church, 27 Church St, Asheville.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.