

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 24, 2020 AT 4 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in special session on June 24, 2020, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 4 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; Nathan Pennington, Planning Director; Mike Mace, General Services 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 4:02 p.m.

- **Closed Session**

Commissioner Whitesides moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (6) for a personnel matter and NCGS 143-318.11(a) (4) to hear two economic development matters with no possible action anticipated following the closed session. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

The Board heard the update and had discussion regarding the previously mentioned personnel matter and economic development matters. No action was taken.

Commissioner Belcher moved to go back into open session. Chairman Newman seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **GE Road Repair**

Tim Love, Business Officer and Mike Mace, General Services Director, provided an update to the Board on the repair process that was presented to them at the May 19, 2020 pre-meeting. The access road to GE leased facility at 502 Sweeten Creek Road has deteriorated over time. Four bids have been received and the contract will be awarded to the lowest bidder with work anticipated to start by July 10, 2020.

- **COVID Recognition**

Avril Pinder, County Manager, was seeking Board authority to award up to two weeks of PTO to county employees for those who played a crucial role in the response to COVID-19. The Board agreed to hold a public hearing at the next regular meeting on July 21, 2020. A notice of the hearing will be published according to statute.

- **NACo Awards**

Vivian Sevilla, Performance Management, stated that the County had three submissions and received three NACo Achievement Awards for Planning, Soil & Water, and Sustainability. A video produced by Communications was shown to highlight the award recipients and their achievements.

- **Budget Amendment for Methodist Home for Children**

Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director, explained the budget amendment.

Commissioner Belcher moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Penland seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **911 MOU**

Brooke Hazlett, 911 Manager, explained that the memorandum of understanding would formalize Henderson County as the backup agency when Buncombe County 911 lines go down.

Commissioner Penland moved to approve the interlocal agreement and authorize the County Manager to execute through signature. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Child Fatality Report**

Dr. Jennifer Mullendore, Medical Director & Interim Public Health Director, provided a child fatality annual report for 2019 and explained data/information using a PowerPoint presentation.

- **Stay Home, Stay Smart Order Update**

Dr. Mullendore, Interim Public Health Director, and Fletcher Tove, Preparedness & Security Officer, provided data trends on contact tracing, citizen testing, hospitalization, and long-term care facility staff testing.

An overview of Executive Order No. 147 signed by Governor Cooper was provided and explained to the Board. Phase 2 will remain in effect and make wearing face coverings mandatory throughout North Carolina with a few exceptions.

Chairman Newman moved to follow NC Executive Order No. 147, allow the County Emergency Operation Center (EOC) to stay active, and allow 100% hotel capacity without 24 hour wait period between reservations. Vice Chair Pressley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

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The Board heard the update and had discussion regarding the previously mentioned personnel matter. No action was taken.

Commissioner Belcher moved to go back into open session. Vice Chair Pressley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Penland moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Pressley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS