

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2020 AT 5 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 20, 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 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; Tim Love, Business Officer; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney; Heather Hockaday, Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

As the election process is underway, the Chairman requested a moment of silence to remember those individuals that fought and sacrificed for the right to vote for all.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Whitesides motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and add **Resolution Authorizing the Grant of a Secondary Road Right of Way for a Certain Parcel near Jacob Holm Way in Upper Hominy Township to NCDOT to New Business**. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- Approval of October 6, 2020 Briefing Minutes
- Approval of October 6, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Library Fine/Fee Write-Off
 - More Information
- Request to Approve Petition to Permanently Close a Street or Alleyway - Milan Asheville @ 324 Biltmore Avenue
 - Petition
 - More Information
- Budget Amendment for DWI Taskforce Grant FY2021 - Update
 - Ordinances
- Budget Amendment for Enka High School Barn Project
 - Ordinance
- Budget Amendment for Hominy Creek Project - Center for Creative Living
 - Ordinance
- Budget Amendment for Grant Award for Breast and Cervical Cancer
 - Ordinance
- Budget Amendment for CARES Supplemental Grant - Elections
 - Ordinance

PUBLIC COMMENT

Benjamin Harvey stated his concerns for the local students that are being affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in disparity and inequity.

Don Yelton praised the financial presentation, questioned the County donation process, and requested public comment session return back to an in-person process.

Susan Bridgers expressed her displeasure with the noise caused by the Jacob Holm's plant and insist that noise ordinance be addressed.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Financial Quarterly Reports**

Don Warn, Finance Director, presented the FY20 Fourth Quarter and FY21 First Quarter Reports with an update on revenues and expenditures. He explained that most of the numbers were trending in a positive direction, with financial growth in many areas.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Resolution Declining to Lease or Purchase a Portion of the Emma Elementary School Property**

Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, explained that the Board of Education has formally offered the Property to Buncombe County, and request has been made that the Board of Commissioners Board formally decline such offer so they can enter into a long-term lease with the Verner Center for Early Learning to operate an early childhood learning facility.

Commissioner Beach-Ferrara moved to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **FY21 Affordable Housing Services Program Applications, Allocations, and Associated Budget Amendments**

Matt Cable, Planning Manager, detailed the Affordable Housing Committee recommendation of 11 out of the 14 project applications be allocated \$1,293,811. The projects will impact 892 units/households through construction, repairs and rental assistance.

Commissioner Penland moved to approve the recommended FY21 Affordable Housing Services Program project proposals and allocations, consolidation of Jasper Apartment allocations under singular FY21 AHSP program guidance, and associated budget amendments. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Resolution Authorizing the Grant of a Secondary Road Right of Way for a Certain Parcel near Jacob Holm Way in Upper Hominy Township to NCDOT**

Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, explained that the small piece of county-owned land, 233 square feet, in the Enka Park Commerce Park is being requested for road development by the NCDOT.

Commissioner Belcher moved to approve the resolution as presented. Vice Chair Pressley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Belcher moved to appoint **Rosario Villarreal** to the **Home & Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee**. Chairman Newman seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Beach-Ferrara moved to appoint **John Gossett** (higher education position) to the **Mountain Area Workforce Development Board**. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Newman moved to cancel the meetings below and hold a special meeting on November 5th. Commissioner Belcher seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- ~~November 4 @ 3 p.m. Commissioners' Briefing at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.~~

- ~~November 4 @ 5 p.m. Commissioners' Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.~~

Commissioner Belcher moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (4) to hear economic development matters with no possible action anticipated following the closed session. Commissioner Penland seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

CLOSED SESSION

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

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

Commissioner Beach-Ferrara moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.