

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action Meeting Date: 12/7/2021

Good News

Department: County Manager's Office

Presenter(s): Commissioner Terri Wells

Contact(s): Avril Pinder, County Manager

**Subject:** Land of Sky Regional Council - Robert Parrish Sr. Intergovernmental Relations Award

## **Brief Summary:**

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, at its Board of Delegates Meeting, the Land of Sky Regional Council honored County Manager Avril Pinder by bestowing the prestigious Robert Parrish Sr. Intergovernmental Relations Award. Avril was nominated not only because she led the region's largest local government during the pandemic with unprecedented challenges. Additionally, she has helped lead regional collaboration among the Council's local governments, especially with the City of Asheville but also including the smaller municipalities in the county and with other counties in the region.

This award, also presented at the discretion of the Council's Executive Committee, is to an elected or appointed official who has made significant contributions to improve intergovernmental cooperation within the region. This award honors the memory of the late Council Chairman and long-time Fletcher Mayor Robert Parrish, who received the 2000 NC Intergovernmental Relations Award.