

MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2022 AT 5 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 15, 2022, 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
Amanda Edwards, Vice Chair
Robert Pressley, Commissioner
Parker Sloan, Commissioner
Terri Wells, Commissioner
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; Sheriff Quentin Miller; Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnerships Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Taylor Jones, Emergency Services Director; Dane Pederson, Solid Waste Director; Stacie Saunders, Public Health Director; Jennifer Harrison, Agriculture & Land Resources Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney; Brandon Freeman, Staff Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Wells motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and the remainder of the agenda. Commissioner Pressley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- Approval of February 1, 2022 Briefing Meeting Minutes
- Approval of February 1, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Resolution Approving Pyrotechnic Experts for Firework Display
 - Resolution
- Resolution Approving Local Record Retention and Disposition Schedules
 - Resolution
 - Exhibit A
- Approval of Financing for a New KME Fire Engine by French Broad Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc.
 - Agreement
- Budget Amendment to Establish Two Conservation Easement Projects
 - Ordinance
 - Maps

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melody Shank, on behalf of the Reject Raytheon AVL, expressed her opposition to the Pratt & Whitney/Raytheon Project and presented a petition.

Mike Coladonato and Amy Parker stated their disapproval of the face covering requirement.

Don Yelton questioned the money spent by the County.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Nantahala-Pisgah Forest Plan Update and TS Fred Impacts**

Jen Barnhart, U.S. Forest Service District Ranger, provided information on the restoration initiative for Tropical Storm Fred and reviewed the final plan for the Nantahala-Pisgah Forest. The plan included the following themes:

- Connecting People to the Land
- Sustaining Healthy Ecosystems
- Providing Clean and Abundant Water
- Partnering with Others

- **Financial Quarterly Report**

Don Warn, Finance Director, presented the FY22 Second Quarter Financial Report with an update on revenues and expenditures.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Resolution Declaring the County's Intent to Reimburse Itself for Capital Expenditures Incurred with Various County and School Projects**

Don Warn, Finance Director, explained that counties must adopt a reimbursement resolution if they intend to spend available funds on capital projects that will be financed by issuance of bonds.

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

- **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract for the Subtitle D Landfill Cell 7 Expansion and the C&D Landfill Phase 7 Expansion with the Sargent Corporation**

Dane Pedersen, Solid Waste Director, provided an overview of the landfill expansion. The Sargent Corporation has emerged as the lowest responsive responsible bidder for the landfills Cell 7 expansion project by submitting a bid to complete the project.

Commissioner Pressley moved to approve the resolution authorizing the execution of a contract for the Subtitle D Landfill Cell 7 Expansion and the C&D Landfill Phase 7 Expansion with the Sargent Corporation. Commissioner Sloan seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Face Covering Requirement**

Stacie Saunders, Public Health Director, summarized information from the earlier briefing meeting that included the declining COVID infection rate, COVID cases and hospitalizations. Saunders shared the latest public health recommendation that the face covering requirement be suspended. The Board agreed and did not need to take any action, as the declaration would expire at 12:00 p.m. on February 16, 2022.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Beach-Ferrara moved to appoint **Eileen McMinn** and reappoint **Rebecca Hartz** to the **Home & Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee**. Commissioner Pressley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Vice Chair Edwards moved to appoint **Phillip Price**, **Debbie Lane**, and **Miriam McKinney** to the **Board of Equalization & Review**. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Chairman Newman moved to appoint, by general consensus of receiving the most votes, **Dee Williams** to the **Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- *March 1 @ 3 p.m. - Commissioners' Briefing at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*
- *March 1 @ 5 p.m. - Commissioners' Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*

Commissioner Whitesides moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS