

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’
SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 10, 2022 AT 11 A.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in special session on May 10, 2022, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 11 a.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; Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director; Don Warn, Finance Director; Sharon Burke, Human Resources Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. and announced that the Board would conduct Commission business before starting the Budget Work Session.

- **Financial Performance Indicator of Concern (FPIC) Response Letter**

Commissioner Whitesides moved to add the **Financial Performance Indicator of Concern (FPIC) Response Letter** agenda item to the special meeting. Vice Chair Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Don Warn, Finance Director, explained the need to send a letter to the Local Government Commission (LGC). The County was unable to complete the audit, due to a delay in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance. New rules require all Financial Performance Indicator of Concerns to be presented to the Board before a response letter with a corrective action plan is sent.

Commissioner Whitesides moved to approve the FPIC response letter. Commissioner Sloan seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Hiring of a Lobbyist Firm**

Chairman Newman explained the Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure lobbying services for the Board and the intended objectives.

Chairman Newman moved to proceed into contract negotiations to retain Ward & Smith for lobbying services as soon as possible, in order to increase the effectiveness in the upcoming legislative session. Commissioner Sloan seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

The meeting and work session were adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS