

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2023 AT 5 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 21, 2023, 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, Commissioner
Martin Moore, Commissioner
Parker Sloan, Commissioner
Terri Wells, Vice Chair
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Mason Scott, Interim Finance Director; John Hudson, Budget Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of February 7, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes
- Approval of February 7, 2023 Briefing Meeting Minutes
- Approval of February 7, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Resolution Approving Pyrotechnic Experts for Firework Display
 - Resolution
- Approval of Contract for Phase 3 of Solar on Public Facilities
 - Contract

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrew Clark expressed support for veterans and McCormick field.

Scott Kuhlman, Chloette Kuhlman, Gary Thompson, Sam Chastain, Stephanie Thompson, and Allison Sewery expressed their concerns, disapproval for the Pinners Cove (rezoning) new construction project by KLP Pinners EAT, LLC and issues with the Planning department.

Dede Styles stated concerns with water issues due to construction developments.

GOOD NEWS

- **Academy Court Recognition - National Center for DWI Courts**

Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services Director, recognized the Buncombe County Sobriety Court Team for earning the award for training and implementing changes/ideas from past Sobriety Court participants.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Financial Quarterly Report - FY23 Second Quarter**

Mason Scott, Interim Finance Director, presented the FY23 Second Quarter Report with an update on revenues, Expenditures, and investments.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Introduction of New Staff Members**

Avril Pinder, County Manager, introduced Jason Hyatt, the County's new Library Director, and Jill Carter, the new Open Space Bond Project Manager.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Budget Amendment for Appropriation to Capital Fund Per Policy**

John Hudson, Budget Director, explained the budget amendment.

Vice Chair Wells moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Budget Amendment for FY2023 Safety & Justice Challenge Grant Award**

John Hudson, Budget Director, explained the budget amendment.

Vice Chair Wells moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Moore seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

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

Commissioner Whitesides moved to appoint **Jonathan Hunter** to the **Board of Equalization & Review**. Vice Chair Wells seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Chairman Newman moved to appoint, by general consensus of receiving the most votes, **Patricia Rosenberg** (Accounting) to the **General Obligation Bond Community Oversight Committee**.

Vice Chair Wells moved to appoint **Joel Henderson** (Affordable Housing) to the **General Obligation Bond Community Oversight Committee**. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Vice Chair Wells moved to appoint **Stephanie Lee** (Banking) to the **General Obligation Bond Community Oversight Committee**. Commissioner Sloan seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Whitesides moved to appoint **Allison Glackin** (Conservation/Greenways) to the **General Obligation Bond Community Oversight Committee**. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Chairman Newman moved to appoint, by general consensus of receiving the most votes, **Justin Tyler** (Economic Development) to the **Land of Sky Regional Council**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- *March 7 @ 3 p.m. - Commissioners' Briefing at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*
- *March 7 @ 5 p.m. - Commissioners' Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Edwards moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (3) to hear legal matters and NCGS 143-318.11(a) (5) hear real property negotiation matters with no possible action anticipated following the closed session. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

The Board heard the update and had discussion regarding the matters. No action was taken.

Vice Chair Wells moved to go back into open session. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Whitesides Beach-Ferrara moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS