

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2023 AT 5 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 18, 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; John Hudson, Budget Director; Sharon Burke, Human Resources Director; Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services Director; Allison Dains, Parks & Recreation Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Jeremiah LeRoy, Sustainability; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of April 4, 2023 Briefing Meeting Minutes
- Approval of April 4, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Resolution Approving Pyrotechnic Experts for Firework Display
 - Resolution
- Approval of Interlocal Agreement – Blue Horizons RFP
 - Agreement
- Budget Amendment to Increase Budget for Parking Services
 - Ordinance

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dede Styles stated concerns with water issues due to construction development and climate change.

Heather Caver, Nancy Edgerton, Nancy Morrison, Ben Wall, Hanni Muerdter, Karen MacNeil, Jamie Ervin, Kim Plemmons, Josh Kelly, Gill Kerr, Bradley Spiegel, Michelle Puelacy, and Travis Poorly expressed their support for the Deaverview Mountain park project.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Second Chance Month Proclamation**

Commissioner Edwards read and presented the proclamation to Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services Director. The proclamation was accepted and gratitude was expressed to the Justice Services staff. Brent Baily, Justice Services, was given a second chance and thanked the County for their support.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Asheville Community Reparations Commission Update**

DK Wesley, Assistant County Manager, provided a quarterly update on the progress of the Reparations Commission that is a partnership with the City of Asheville and Buncombe County. Stop the Harm Audit, project progress, and timeline were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Resolution Regarding Deaverview Mountain Property**

Allison Dains, Parks & Recreation Director, discussed exploring the use of Deaverview Mountain as a potential county park or preserve for passive recreation and educational opportunities. The property is privately owned by conservation-minded individual with the partnership with SAHC (Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy). SAHC is seeking state and federal funding to conserve this property.

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

- **Resolution for Release of Enka Intermediate School Property**

Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, explained that the County owns the Enka Intermediate property and Enka Candler Fire & Rescue has requested that its portion of the property be released from the security.

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

- **Budget Amendment for Closure of Transfer Facility Project**

John Hudson, Budget Director, explained the budget amendment.

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Newman moved to reappoint **Hunter Goosman** to the **Mountain Community Capital Fund Operating Committee**. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Vice Chair Wells moved to reappoint **Andy Ball** to the **County Board of Adjustment**. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 6-1. (NOES-Newman)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- *April 19 @ 9 a.m. - Commissioners' Comprehensive Plan Joint Work Session (Planning Board) at East Asheville Library, 3 Avon Road, Asheville, NC 28805.*
- *April 25 @ 8:30 a.m. - Commissioners' Budget Work Session at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*
- *May 2 @ 3 p.m. - Commissioners' Briefing at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*
- *May 2 @ 5 p.m. - Commissioners' Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Sloan moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (3) to hear legal matters for Hyatt and Barrett v. Buncombe County Sheriff, et al, United States District Court for the Western District of NC file # 19-CV-250, Pickens v. Buncombe County Sheriff, et al, United States District Court for the Western District of NC file # 21-CV-30, and NCGS 143-318.11(a) (4) to hear economic development matters with no possible action anticipated following the closed session. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

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

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

Commissioner Beach-Ferrara moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
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