

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’  
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2024 AT 5 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 20, 2024, 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  
Amanda Edwards, Commissioner  
Terri Wells, Commissioner  
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner; Martin Moore, Commissioner; and Parker Sloan, Vice Chair were absent from the meeting.

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Melissa Moore, Finance Director; John Hudson, Budget Director; Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Stacey Woody, Deputy Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Wells motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and the remainder of the agenda. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

- Approval of February 6, 2024 Briefing Meeting Minutes
- Approval of February 6, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Budget Amendment for Purchasing of COVID-19 Vaccine
  - Ordinance
- Homeowner Assistance Line-Item Transfer Memo

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Shawn Wolff, Roots Marshall, Aaron Ernst, and Kinsey Steer expressed their support for the Swannanoa Library and asked the Commissioners to reconsider closing it.

Colby Brown requested assistance regarding a stormwater issue with a parcel of land he purchased.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- **Black Legacy Month Proclamation**

Commissioner Whitesides read and presented the proclamation to Sophie Dixon. Norma Baynes and Sophie’s granddaughters were also in attendance to represent the Shiloh Community. The proclamation was accepted with appreciation.

- **Financial Quarterly Report - FY24 Second Quarter**

Melissa Moore, Finance Director, presented the FY24 Second Quarter Report with an update on revenues, expenditures, capital projects, investments, and debt.

- **CDBG-NR Quarterly Update**

Matt Cable, Planning, explained and presented the quarterly update that will prioritize home repair for low and moderate-income homeowners.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- **East Valley LLC Rezoning Request - ZPH2023-00040**

Haylee Madfis, Planning, presented the rezoning request, stated that the request was consistent with the comprehensive land use plan and was unanimously approved (8-0) by the Planning Board. The property would move from R-2 (Residential) to EMP (Employment) at 1700 and 1702 Tunnel Road. The total acreage of the property is .99.

The Chairman opened the hearing at 5:56 p.m.

Alexis Gault spoke against rezoning because properties located behind and near the parcel are zoned residential.

The hearing was closed at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Wells moved to approve the rezoning request. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Resolution of Intent to Donate Surplus Personal Property**

Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations, explained that Buncombe County sees an opportunity to partner with Land of Sky to increase access to devices while efficiently disposing of surplus laptops.

Commissioner Wells moved to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

- **Budget Amendment for Increased Allocation of Bond Proceeds for the Lakeshore Villas Project**

Chloe Donohoe, Affordable Housing Bond Project Manager, explained that Lakeshore Villas project is allocated an additional \$299,702 in Bond Proceeds to effectively close their funding gap. This would increase the total amount of the Bond Proceeds allocated to the Lakeshore Villas project to \$3,618,318.

Commissioner Edwards moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

## BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Edwards moved to **reappoint Tim Collins** to the **Planning Board**. Commissioner Wells seconded and the motion passed 4-0. Chairman Newman moved to **appoint**, by general consensus of receiving the most votes, **Karl Koon** and **Jay Marino** to the **Planning Board**.

Commissioner Wells moved to **reappoint Craig Allen** to the **Buncombe County Board of Adjustment**. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 4-0. Chairman Newman moved to **appoint Paul Wilczynski (Alternate)** and **Jeff Giltenboth (Alternate)** to the **Buncombe County Board of Adjustment**. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Edwards moved to **appoint David Taylor (Resident, Property owner/Manager in the Regional Riverfront Corridor)** and **Amy Kinsley (Member of the Swannanoa Community)** to the **Asheville-Buncombe Riverfront Commission**. Commissioner Wells seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Wells moved to **appoint Jason Seickel** to the **Asheville Planning and Zoning Commission**. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

After discussion, the Commissioners decided to hold off on appointments for the Audit Committee.

## REPORTS ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The Commissioners discussed the recent activities of the boards and commissioners that they serve on as members

## 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.*

Commissioner Whitesides moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.