

Buncombe County Government

List of Principal Officials

June 30, 2008

Board of Commissioners



Nathan Ramsey, Chairman

Nathan Ramsey is in his second term as Chairman of the Board. He is a thirty year resident of the Fairview Community in Buncombe County. He has a BS degree in accounting from the University of North Carolina at Asheville and a law degree from the University of Tennessee. He and his family own a dairy farm in Fairview. Nathan and his wife, Robin, live in Fairview. Chairman Ramsey currently serves on the Buncombe County Health Board, Buncombe County Audit Committee, Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce, Buncombe County Farm Bureau Board, French Broad MPO and the North Carolina Health Insurance Innovations Commission.



David Gantt, Vice Chairman

David Gantt, an attorney, is serving his third term on the Board. He is currently an active member of the Boards of Metropolitan Sewerage District, Asheville Regional Airport Authority, Eblen Charities, United Way, Asheville Buncombe Community Relations Council, Land of Sky Regional Council, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee. Commissioner Gantt is an advocate for education and the working people of Buncombe County.



Bill Stanley, Commissioner

A retired high school coach and principal, Bill Stanley is serving his fifth term. In addition to his local involvement in civic affairs, he is a former President of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and is currently serving as a member of the MPO, RPO, Land of Sky Regional Council and the Civic Center Task Force. Commissioner Stanley was recently appointed to the NC Advisory Commission on Military Affairs by Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight.



Carol Peterson, Commissioner

A fifth generation native of Buncombe County and a retired Director of Vocation for the Asheville City Schools, Carol Peterson is serving her first term of office. She also serves as the Vice Chair for Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College Board of Trustees, Children First, College for Seniors, UNC-A, Juvenile Crime Prevention Committee, Pack Place Board and Smart Start.



David Young, Commissioner

In his fourth term as Commissioner, David Young is very involved in local and regional economic development serving as the past Chairman and current member of the Economic Development Coalition, Blue Ridge Film Advisory Board, Tourism and Development Authority, and was the past chairman of the Asheville Regional Airport Authority. He is currently serving on the UNC Board of Governors and is currently serving as President of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. He is also part owner of Fugazy Travel.

County Officials

Wanda S. Greene, PhD, CPA

Jon Creighton, MBA

Amanda Stone, MSW

Kathy Hughes

Joseph A. Connolly, JD

Donna B. Clark

Otto DeBruhl

Van Duncan

Fran Thigpen

Pat Freeman

Trena Parker, MPA

Sharon West

Ed Sheary, MSLS

Jerry VeHaun

Matt Stone

Robert Thornberry, Jr., MA

Glen Hughes

Kim Pruett

Gary Roberts

Gary Higgins

Kenneth Reeves

Greg Israel

County Manager

Asst. County Manager/Planning Director

Asst. County Manager/Social Services Director

Clerk to the Board

County Attorney

Finance Director

Register of Deeds

Sheriff

Parks Greenways and Recreation Director

City/County Bureau of Identification Director

Elections Supervisor

Interim Health Director

Library Director

Emergency Services Director

Permits & Inspections Director

Personnel Director

Technology Services Director

Information Systems Director

Tax Director

Soil & Water Conservation Director

Cooperative Extension Director

General Services