

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
SPECIAL MEETING OF JULY 18, 2013 AT 4:30 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in special session on July 18, 2013, in the Commissioner Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 4:30 p.m. where and when the following business was transacted:

The Chairman called the meeting to order with the following members present:

David Gantt, Chairman  
Holly Jones, Vice Chair  
Joe Belcher, Commissioner  
Ellen Frost, Commissioner  
Mike Fryar, Commissioner  
David King, Commissioner  
Brownie Newman, Commissioner

Staff present was: Wanda Greene, County Manager; Jon Creighton, Assistant County Manager/Planning Director; Donna Clark, Finance Director; Mike Frue, County Attorney; Kathy Hughes, Clerk to the Board.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

The Chairman gave the invocation.

Commissioner Frost moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner King seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

*The Chairman reminded the Board that in accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict. He asked if any Board member had any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matter coming before the Board. None were stated.*

• **Adoption of FY14 Budget Ordinance**

Wanda Greene, County Manager, said that the proposed budget, on which a public hearing and multiple discussions had already been held, would be retroactive to July 1, 2013 and would run through June 30, 2014. She said that the budget would set the tax rate for the County and the Culture and Recreation Authority (CRA), the City School tax and Fire and Service Districts. The capital plan for government and the CRA were also included.

Commissioner Belcher moved to remove the \$10 million indoor firing range from the capital plan (documents included in the minutes do not include this item). Commissioner Frost seconded the motion. Commissioner Frost said that the construction of some sort of range was important; however, the price tag for the proposed indoor range was not acceptable.

In answer to a question from Commissioner Newman, the County Manager said that when a feasible option is identified, the project could be brought back to the Board for action.

Commissioner Fryar said that this could be sited somewhere else for a much lower cost. The Chairman thanked Assistant County Manager Creighton for continuing to look for a workable location.

The motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Frost moved to approve the budget with the amendment to remove the indoor firing range capital project. Commissioner King seconded and the motion passed 6-1

AYES: Chairman Gantt; Vice Chair Jones; Commissioners Frost, Fryar, King and Newman  
NOES: Commissioner Fryar

Vice Chair Jones moved to go into closed session pursuant to GS 143-318-11(a)(4) for an economic development matter. Commissioner Belcher seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Assistant County Manager Jon Creighton presented a potential economic development incentive for the expansion of an existing company. The expansion would bring 66 additional jobs and a \$58 million investment. The Board gave consensus to offer a potential incentive.

Commissioner Belcher moved to return to open session. Commissioner Frost seconded and the motion assed 7-0.

Commissioner Newman moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Jones seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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KATHY HUGHES, CLERK TO THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS