

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2014 AT 4:30 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 15, 2014, 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
Ellen Frost, Vice Chair
Joe Belcher, Commissioner
Mike Fryar, Commissioner
David King, Commissioner
Brownie Newman, Commissioner

Holly Jones, Commissioner, was out of town.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

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 mentioned.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Yelton mentioned a political sign that was posted in a community that thanked one of the Commissioners. He felt it was an illegal political sign. He was upset with wording printed at the bottom of emails coming from the county

Irven Stevenson, owner of Round A-bout Transportation, said that her company had applied for a non-emergency ambulance franchise and that the application would be coming before the Board on May 13. She asked to meet with the Board personally to talk about her service and how it would complement the County's emergency ambulance survive. She said that the majority of their clients are in assisted living and nursing homes.

Lisa Landis questioned how the county conducted business. She mentioned URTV and BCTV's operating budget.

Jerry Rice criticized the Board for their spending asking for more discussion on all items at the meetings. He criticized the CRA and the way they do business.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL TO FOLLOW AGENDA

Commissioner Fryar moved to approve the consent agenda as presented moving the Resolution Opposing New FDA Regulations and the Approval of a Swannanoa Bus Shelter under New Business. Vice Chair Frost seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

- ***Approval of Minutes of April 1, 2014 Regular Meeting***
- ***Resolution Approving Non-Warranty Deed***
- ***Resolution Authorizing the Execution Approval and Delivery of an Escrow Agreement and Amendment to an Inter-local Agreement in Connection with Project Development Financing bonds (Woodfin Downtown Corridor)***
- ***Approval of Funding for a Swannanoa Bus shelter***
- ***Approval of FY 14 Audit contract***
- ***Grant Project Ordinance***
- ***CJIS Capital Projects***
- ***ABTCC Capital Project Ordinance***
- ***Capital Projects Ordinance***
- ***Budget Amendment: Fund 10 – Sales Tax Revenue; Social Services; Fund 60 CJIS Transfer; Fund 20 Occupancy Tax Revenue to TDA***

GOOD NEWS

- **Congratulations to Alyssa Arwood**

Vice Chair Frost presented a plaque to Ms. Arwood for winning the National Title as part of the YMCA Swim Club.

- **Community Child Protection Team Update**

Angie Pittman, Social Work Director, highlighted some of the Health and Human Service efforts to protect children in our community. She said that she was proud of the social work staff and the prevention staff that keep families out of the protection division. She reviewed the Health and Human Services community efforts to keep children and families safe in the community.

Jennifer Nelson, Guardian Ad-Litem Program Administrator, said that the Positive Parenting Program – is a program is for birth to age 13 and is a public health model to promote healthy development.

Lisa Eby, HR Director for HHS, highlighted some of the communication materials that they were using as part of the campaign.

Commissioner Fryar thanked the staff for their work on this initiative.

PROCLAMATIONS

- **National Correction Officers & Employee Week**

Commissioner King read the proclamation and moved for its adoption. Glen Matayabas, County Detention Center Director, accepted the proclamation, recognizing the Sheriff for his leadership and the 200 folks that work at the detention center.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Discussion: An Act Abolishing Current Fire Districts and Fire Service Districts; Creating and Consolidating Fire Protection Service Districts; and Permitting Emergency Medical, Rescue, and Ambulance Services in such Service Districts**

Mike Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, said that there were 35 service areas and 33 taxing districts for fire protection and 21 fire departments. The requested change would abolish these services districts and combine into 21 new service districts beginning July 1.

Dennis Pressley, Fire Chief from Skyland Fire District, said that all the district fire chiefs were in support of this change. The approval of this request would eliminate gaps and confusion. The citizens would see no change in their service or tax rate.

Commissioner Frost moved to approve the requested act as submitted. Commissioner King seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

- **Swannanoa Bus Shelter**

Jon Creighton, Assistant County Manager, said that he had a request from Vice Chair Frost for a bus shelter in the Swannanoa area. A representative from the NC Department of Transportation said that as long as the shelter was within their right of way, it would have to be built within their specifications. Mr. Creighton contacted Ken Putnam with the City of Asheville and he supplied the basic design that the City uses for bus shelters. The requested \$10,000 would cover the cost of the shelter. The City would construct the shelter.

A representative of the group called Friends and Neighbors of Swannanoa thanked the Board for funding the construction of the shelter.

Don Yelton said that shelters should be based on need and the number of riders per area. He also supported community funding.

Jerry Rice felt the shelters were unsafe.

Commissioner Newman moved to approve the funding for the Swannanoa bus shelter. Vice Chair Frost seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

- **Resolution in Opposition to New FDA Regulations for Farmers**

The Chairman read the resolution. Commissioner King moved to approve the resolution. Vice Chair Frost seconded and the resolution passed 6-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Chairman announced that the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee had 15 vacancies and he encouraged interested citizens to apply.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *This next meeting will be May 13 beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Room 326 at 200 College Street in downtown Asheville.*

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Commissioner Belcher thanked faith-based organizations and elected officials for their work in the community.

Commissioner Belcher moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Frost seconded and the motion passed 6-0
The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

KATHY HUGHES, CLERK TO THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS