

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 1, 2014 AT 6:30 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on December 1, in the Commissioner Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 6:30 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  
Holly Jones, Commissioner  
Miranda DeBruhl, Commissioner  
Brownie Newman, Commissioner

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**

*In accordance with the Code of Ethics adopted by the Board, all County Commissioners have a duty to obey all applicable laws regarding official actions; to uphold the integrity and independence of the office; to avoid impropriety in the exercise of official duties; to faithfully perform the duties of the office; and to conduct the affairs of the governing board in an open and public manner. Is there any item on the agenda the outcome of which will have a direct, substantial, and readily identifiable financial impact for any Board member? Also, does any Board member have a financial interest in any public contract coming before this Board today? There being none all Board members have a duty and obligation to vote.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jerry Rice commented on the loss of commitment to public service and expressed his appreciation to the Commissioners for their public service. He questioned whether Duke Energy's reorganization would impact the Lake Julian property.

## **DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL TO FOLLOW AGENDA**

Vice Chair Frost moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

- **Approval of November 18, 2014 Regular Meeting**
- **Resolution Approving the Bonding of County Officials**
- **Joint City/County Letter Regarding I-26 Connector**
- **Approval of Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant Application**
- **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Agreement by the Asheville Board of Education for a Maintenance Facility**
- **Budget Amendments:**
  - **Fund 10 – Soil and Water Grant (\$547)**
- **Special Projects Ordinance**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- **Plasticard-Locktech international Revenue Bonds**

Mike Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, explained that pursuant to Chapter 159C of the General Statutes of North Carolina the Buncombe County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority intended to file an application with the Secretary of the Department of Commerce for approval of an industrial and manufacturing project for Plasticard-Locktech International, LLP, a North Carolina limited liability partnership consisting of the acquisition and installation of new machinery and equipment to be located at 605 Sweeten Creek Industrial Park to be used for the manufacturing of magnetic strip cards for the hotel key, gift card and/or other types of. All or a portion of the cost of the project will be financed by the issuance of not exceeding \$4,250,000 aggregate principal amount of qualified small issue industrial revenue bonds. Mr. Frue recommended approval of the project.

Commissioner Belcher emphasized that there was no obligation created for the County as a part of the issuance of these bonds.

The Chairman opened the public hearing at 6:50 p.m.

The Chairman closed the hearing at 6:51 p.m.

Commissioner Belcher moved to approve the resolution regarding the revenue bonds. Vice Chair Frost seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Election of Vice Chair**

Commissioner Jones moved to nominate Brownie Newman as the Vice Chair to the Board mentioning his qualifications for this position.

Commissioner Fryar moved to nominate Commissioner Belcher as the Vice Chair based on his willingness to cover events and represent the Board. Commissioner DeBruhl seconded this nomination.

Commissioner Belcher was elected as the new Vice Chair to the Board as follows:

AYES for Belcher: Chairman Gantt; Commissioners Fryar, DeBruhl, and Belcher for Belcher;

AYES for Newman: Commissioners Jones, Newman and Frost.

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Commissioner Frost nominated **Mike Fryar** to continue serving on the **Audit Committee**. Commissioner Newman seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Newman nominated himself and Commissioner Frost to serve on the **Metropolitan Planning Organization Board**; Commissioner Belcher nominated Commissioner Newman and Commissioner Fryar to serve. After a poll of the Board, **Commissioners Newman and Frost** were appointed to the **Transportation Advisory Committee**.

Commissioner Fryar nominated **Vice Chair Belcher** to serve on the **Tourism Development Authority**. The motion passed 7-0.

Vice Chair Belcher nominated **Commissioner Frost** to continue serving on the **Crimestoppers Board of Directors**. The motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Frost nominated **Commissioner Jones** to continue serving on the **Juvenile Crime Prevention Council**. The motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Jones nominated **Commissioner DeBruhl** to serve on the **Health and Human Services Board**. The motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Frost nominated **Commissioner Newman** to serve on the **Riverfront Development Board**. The motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Newman nominated **Commissioner DeBruhl** to serve on the **Land of Sky Regional Council**. The motion passed 7-0.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- *The next regular meeting of the Board will be January 6, 2015 beginning at 4:30 p.m.*
- *County Offices will be closed for the holidays on December 24, 25 and 26*
- *Commission meetings can be seen on:*
  - *BCTV Charter Cable Channel 192*
  - *AT&T U-Verse Channel 99*
  - *Live on BCTV Channel 192 and on buncombecounty.org during the meetings or*
  - *Online anytime at buncombecounty.org*

Commissioner Frost moved to go into closed session to consider an economic development matter under GS 143-318.11(a)4. There would be no action taken. Vice Chair Belcher seconded and the motion assed 7-0.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Jon Creighton, Assistant County Manager, updated the Board on a possible company relocation to the County and an economic development incentive for the company that would bring 169 jobs paying an average wage of \$39,000. No final decision had been made and the Board gave consensus approval to continue to negotiate for their relocation.

Vice Chair Belcher moved to return to open session. Commissioner Fryar seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Frost moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Fryar seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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KATHY HUGHES, CLERK TO THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS