

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 2015 AT 4:30 A.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 6, 2015, 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
Joe Belcher, Vice Chair
Ellen Frost, 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; Tim Flora, Finance Director; Bob Deutsch, County Attorney; Kathy Hughes, Clerk to the Board.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Rice read about child abuse and neglect programs that began in 1974 and about some bad convictions that have been overturned. He cautioned that the family justice center could become corrupt.

Lisa Baldwin spoke to equal opportunity being provided to all county school students. She felt that equal money should be spent on athletics and academics. She was concerned that the new STEM high school would only serve 5 percent of county students. She complained about the food labs and the money spent for these renovations.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL TO FOLLOW AGENDA

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

- **Approval of the Minutes of the September 1, 2015 Regular Meeting**
- **Release Report**
- **Resolution Granting Easement to French Broad Electric Membership Corporation**
- **Resolution Authorizing the Register of Deeds to be Closed for Business on Monday, October 26 and Tuesday, October 27, 2105**
- **Resolution Approving Pyrotechnic Experts for Firework Displays (Biltmore Estate)**
- **Resolution Accepting Bids for Sale of Surplus County Property Located at 15 Busbee Knoll Road**
- **Budget Amendments: Fund 10 – Emergency Management; Fund 10 – Detention Center; Fund 71 – Sheriff Forfeitures Federal; State**
- **School Capital Commission Fund Project Ordinance**
- **Grant Projects Ordinance**
- **Capital Projects Ordinance**

GOOD NEWS/PROCLAMATIONS

- **HHS Immunization & Communications Team Receive the Child Health Recognition Award**

Jan Sheppard, Health Division Director and Stacey Wood, Information Officer for Health & Human Services explained the Child Health Recognition Award that the Human Services Communication Team received that addressed the problem of unimmunized children.

County Manager Report

The County Manager gave a report on the progress of the local franchised garbage hauler, WastePro, and their progress with improving service. She said that good progress had been made and complaints had subsided.

The Manager said that within the month WastePro would begin letting non-paying customers know that they will no longer receive service.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Resolution of Intent to Convey Property to Asheville Buncombe Educational Housing LLC (An Entity Owned Solely by Eblen Charities)**

Dr. Tony Baldwin, County School Superintendent, said that the housing project was 100 percent collaboration between the groups making it happen. NC State Employees Credit Union wanted to establish a teacher housing complex at affordable rates in the western part of the state and this project would support Asheville City and Buncombe County schools and be administrated through the Eblen Foundation.

Bill Murdock with the Eblen Foundation said that the Eblen Center for Social Enterprise was set up for this type venture and revenues from the project would go back into their programs.

Wanda Greene, County Manager, said the property was located behind the EMS offices in the Erwin area across from Erwin high school. The project will construct 24 two bedroom rental units and should be finished in July of 2016.

Commissioner Newman moved to approve the resolution as outlined. Commissioner Frost seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Frost moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)4 to consider an economic development matter. Vice Chair Belcher seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

Discussion was held regarding an economic development incentive for a company considering locating to the County. The County Manager gave the Board additional information regarding two companies that were considering bringing their operations to the County. Board members were cautioned regarding confidentiality of economic development information shared during closed session. No action was taken.

Commissioner Frost moved to return to open session. Chairman Gantt seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Resolution of Intent to Solicit Bids for Sale of County Property**

Commissioner DeBruhl moved to withdraw the resolution based on new information. Commissioner Newman seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Resolution of Intent to Solicit Bid for the Sale of County Property**

The County Manager said that the old community school at Eliada Home that belonged to the County was vacant and the County would like to start the bidding for the sale of the property at \$915,000. Vice Chair Belcher said that the County continues to try and sell assets to ease the tax burden on the taxpayers. Commissioner Jones asked that the property be reviewed for possible use for the public benefit.

Vice Chairman Belcher moved to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Frost seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

- **Resolution Authoring the Acceptance of Application and Approval of Housing Projects for Affordable Housing Services**

Donna Cottrell, County Planner said they have \$750,000 in funds to distribute and have received applications that are attached to the resolution outlining how the money will be funded. She said that the program started in 2004 and are loan funds that are paid back to fund future programs. Commissioner Jones moved to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Frost seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **ABTCC Capital Project Ordinance**

Jon Creighton, Assistant County Manager, reviewed the construction progress of the new allied health building and stated that renovations of the Rhododendron and Elm Buildings would be soon. Commissioner Fryar criticized the doubling of the spending and wanted the construction to stop until the original budget that was part of the sales tax could be followed.

Commissioner Frost moved to approve the ordinance as presented. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.

Mr. Creighton said that they had been successful at staying within budget and felt that his projections were truer cost figures than those previously referenced.

Commissioner Jones thanked Commissioner Fryar for reviewing the numbers but felt that staff had adequately explained the costs and construction should move forward as outlined.

Commissioner Belcher asked for more information on these kinds of issues. Commissioner Fryar asked that issues involving millions to be kept off of consent agenda.

The motion passed 7-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Belcher moved to reappoint **Donald Streb** and **Claudia Sherry** to the **Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee**. Commissioner Newman seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Newman moved to reappoint **Linda Burrell, Eleanor Lane, John Bernhardt, OE Starnes** and **Margaret Davis** to the **Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee**. The motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Frost moved to appoint **Micki Turner** to the **Mountain Area Workforce Development Board**. Chairman Gantt seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- *October 20 – 4:30 p.m. – The next regular meeting of the Board in Room 326 at 200 College Street in downtown Asheville*

Commissioner Frost moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p .m.

KATHY HUGHES, CLERK TO THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS