

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 3, 2016 AT 4:30 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 3, 2016, in the Commission 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 Vice Chairman called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Brownie Newman, Vice Chair
Joe Belcher, Commissioner
Miranda DeBruhl, Commissioner
Ellen Frost, Commissioner
Mike Fryar, Commissioner
Holly Jones, Commissioner

David Gantt, Chairman, 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; Tim Flora, Finance Director; Bob Deutsch, County Attorney; Kathy Hughes, Clerk to the Board.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION/ETHICS REMINDER

PUBLIC COMMENT

Morning Quinn read a statement wanting a new aquatics center for the area. She felt that an aquatic center would be a positive economic impact to the local economy.

Lisa Baldwin mentioned a Social Services case that she felt did not resolve properly. She said the incentives were perverse in cases for foster care and she wanted an investigation of the situation.

Jerry Rice criticized the construction of the new human services building and the renovation of 35 Woodfin for what he felt were illegal abuses by government on the backs of poor citizens.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL TO FOLLOW AGENDA

Commissioner Frost moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Belcher seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

- **Approval of the Minutes of the April 19, 2016 Regular Meeting**
- **Resolution Approving Pyrotechnic Experts for Firework Displays**
- **Release Report**
- **Capital Projects Ordinance**
- **Budget Amendment: Fund 10-Capital Projects (\$166,657)**

GOOD NEWS

- **Proclamation of UNC-A Bulldog Basketball Champions Day**

Commissioner DeBruhl read and moved to adopt the Proclamation of UNC-A Women's Basketball Day. Commissioner Fryar seconded and the motion passed 6-0. Commissioner DeBruhl read and moved for approve the Proclamation of UNC-A Men's Basketball Day. Commissioner Frost seconded and the motion passed 6-0. The Men's and Women's UNC-A Team Coaches thanked Commissioners and the players for the remarkable season.

- **Proclamation of Older Americans Month**

Commissioner Jones read the proclamation and moved for its approval. Commissioner Belcher seconded and the motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Jones presented the proclamation to Wendy Marsh with the Council on Aging.

- **Proclamation of Motorcycle Awareness Month**

Vice Chair Newman read the proclamation and moved for its adoption. Commissioner Frost seconded and the motion passed 6-0. Members of the Concerned Bikers Association thanked the Board for endorsing their work to make the roads safer for motorcycle riders.

- **Proclamation of Foster Care Month**

Commissioner Belcher read the proclamation of Foster Care Month and moved for its approval.

Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Angie Garner, County Foster Care Program Manager, presented awards to four foster families that were doing amazing work in the County:

- Neal and Donna King were awarded the “Biggest Heart Award” for their work with special needs children.
- David and Stephanie Trantham – were awarded the “We Are Family Award”
- Lynn Farris- received the “Super Mom Award” and
- Jeremy and Melissa Melberg- Foster Parent Hero Award

Ms. Garner said that all foster parents are hero’s and work very hard to make the lives of families in our community better.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Resolution of Intent to Convey Property**

The County Manager said that this property was part of the old Irene Wortham Center and she asked that the Board approve the resolution allowing the sale of the property at an amount not less than \$915,000.

Commissioner Frost moved to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Fryar seconded and the motion assed 6-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Belcher moved to reappoint Vonna Cloninger to the WNC Air Quality Board. Vice Chair Newman questioned the number of terms that Ms. Cloninger had served and the Manager said that she had served two but had requested to remain on the Board until the Duke Energy permit issue was resolved. Following some discussion, Commissioner Belcher withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Frost moved to appoint **Vonna Cloninger** to serve on the **WNC Air Quality Board** until the Duke Energy Permit was issued. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Commissioner Frost moved to reappoint **Jeff Austin** to the **Barnardsville Fire Department Relief Fund Board**. Commissioner Fryar seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Vice Chair made the following announcements:

- **May 31** – *the Board will attend the County Employee Longevity Luncheon at the First Baptist Church beginning at 11:30 a.m.*
- **May 31** –*the May 17 regular meeting has been moved to May 31 beginning at 4:30 p.m.*

The Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

KATHY HUGHES, CLERK TO THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS