

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 30, 2018 AT 5 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 30, 2018, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 5 p.m. where and when the following business was transacted:

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

Brownie Newman, Chairman  
Mike Fryar, Vice Chair  
Joe Belcher, Commissioner  
Ellen Frost, Commissioner  
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner  
Robert Pressley, Commissioner  
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Staff present: George Wood, Interim County Manager; Eric Hardy, Interim Finance Director; Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnership Director; Terri Orange, Internal Auditor; Jennifer Pike, Tax Collector; Tim Love, Business Officer; Jennifer Chilton, Budget Manager; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Brandon Freeman, Staff Attorney; Heather Hockaday, Attorney

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **INVOCATION**

The Chairman mention the violence against Jewish people in Pittsburgh, PA and asked for a moment of silence for the lives lost, families impacted, the community and the people of Jewish faith.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Approval of September 18, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of October 2, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Naming of Unnamed Creeks "Orchard Creek" and "Gordon Branch"
  - More Information
- Courthouse Drainage Improvements
- Commissioners' Property Tax Release Report
  - More Information
- Task Order 19-02 with SCS Engineers, P.C. in the Amount of \$195,315
- Task Order 19-03 with SCS Engineers, P.C. in the Amount of \$150,917
- FY2019 Budget Amendment Summary 10-30-18
- FY2019 General Fund Budget Amendments
  - Position Transfer From General Government Function to Human Services Function
  - Interfund Transfer from General Fund to Special Programs Fund for Future Conservation Easements
- FY2019 Special Programs Fund
  - Interfund Transfer from General Fund to Special Programs Fund for Future Conservation Easements

## **GOOD NEWS**

- 101 Kids - Micheal Woods, Executive Director of Western Carolina Rescue Ministries

Michael Woods expressed appreciation for assistance provided by the Commission and the County to allow the kids to attend a camp in Missouri. He stated that the kids really enjoyed the camp and will benefit greatly from the experience. Thank you cards from the kids were given to the Commissioners.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- Children and Friends Enrichment Center Informational Presentation - Linda Hobson, Board Chair (no vote expected)

Linda Hobson informed the Board of the hardship with the deteriorating building and the need of funds to build at a new location. They are requesting \$200,000 to help complete the 5,600 square feet project in Black Mountain.

Chairman Newman stated that he wanted the process to be fair because there are other entities that have issues that would like an opportunity to be heard.

Vice Chair Fryar moved to approve the funding of \$200,000 comprised of \$121,000 from Contingency and \$79,000 from the Early Childcare budget. Commissioner Frost seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- **Ordinance Renaming of Streets - Planning Department**

Nathan Pennington, Planning Director, presented the PowerPoint to explain the process and specify what streets were being renamed.

Commissioner Belcher moved to approve the ordinance to rename the streets. Commissioner Frost seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Personnel Ordinance Change on Annual Leave Accrual for New Hires**

George Wood, Interim County Manager, explained that the change to the Personnel Ordinance would include relevant experience from any state not just future potential employees from North Carolina. This could be an incentive for future hires outside of the state.

Commissioner Frost moved to approve the change to the Personnel Ordinance. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

## **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Motion to Call a Public Hearing to Amend the Personnel Ordinance on the Sale of Annual Leave; and the Date for Eligibility Determination for Longevity Pay**

Mr. Wood read his memo relating to the motion.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Resolution Regarding Funding for Early Childhood Education and Development (requested by Beach-Ferrara, Frost, Whitesides and Newman)**

Commissioner Beach-Ferrara explained the resolution and the importance to community that is associated with early childhood education and development. The funding would help with some issues such as individual cost, waiting list and availability options. Discussion took place around funding at a lower amount than what was proposed.

Commissioner Frost moved to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Chairman Newman, Commissioners Beach-Ferrara, Frost, Pressley, Whitesides and Belcher

NOES: Vice Chair Fryar

- **Justice Collaboration Grants**

Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnership Director, and Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Resource Coordinator, presented the PowerPoint explaining the significance of these grants and how they help individuals and the community as a whole.

- **Budget Amendment for Safety and Justice Challenge Grant**

Commissioner Frost moved to accept the grant and approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Budget Amendment for Drug Treatment Court Grant**

Commissioner Belcher moved to accept the grant and approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Pressley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

## BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Frost moved to appoint **Kristina White** to the **Asheville Board of Adjustment**.

Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Frost moved to reappoint **Amanda Sizemore** to the **Agricultural Advisory Board of Farmland Preservation**. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

**Kevin McAbee** and **Kimberly Dechant** were appointed to the **Land Conservation Advisory Board**.

Commissioner Belcher moved to appoint **Kristie Reisig** to the **Mountain Area Workforce Development Board**. Vice Chair Fryar seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

**Carl Ricker, Jr.** was appointed to the **Asheville Regional Airport Authority**.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- *November 20 @ 5 p.m. - Commissioners' Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville*
- *December 4 @ 5 p.m. - Commissioners' Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville*

## CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Belcher moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Frost seconded and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS