

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2018 AT 5 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on December 4, 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, Commissioner
Joe Belcher, Commissioner
Amanda Edwards, Commissioner
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Vice Chair
Robert Pressley, Commissioner
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Staff present: George Wood, Interim County Manager; Donald Warn, Finance Director; Eric Hardy, Performance Management Director; Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnership Director; Jennifer Pike, Tax Collector; Keith Miller, Tax Assessor; Tim Love, Business Officer; Jennifer Chilton, Budget Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Staff Attorney; Brandon Freeman, Staff Attorney; Heather Hockaday, Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Chairman Newman mentioned that it is holy season and asked for a moment of silence to reflect on what the season means to each of us. The Board presented an award to Ellen Frost for her time of service on the Commission. Ms. Frost said that it was great to serve the County.

Commissioner Belcher motioned to move the following items from New Business to the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **FY2019 Solid Waste Capital Projects Fund**
 - **Transfer Facility Water Truck**
- **FY2019 Solid Waste Enterprise Fund**
 - **Transfer Facility Water Truck**

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Belcher moved to approve the consent agenda and the remainder of the agenda as presented. Vice Chair Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- Resolution Awarding a Service Firearm to a Retiring Sheriff or Deputy of the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department
 - Jack Van Duncan
 - Jackie Burnette
 - Pete Allen
 - Terry Rogers
- Commissioners' Property Tax Release Report
 - More Information
- Task Order 19-17 with SCS Engineers, P.C. in the Amount of \$14,400
- FY2019 Solid Waste Capital Projects Fund
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GOOD NEWS

- START Program wins Innovation Award - Buncombe County HHS & FPS

Rebecca Smith, Social Work Director, explained what the START program and how it started. The award was given for quality commitment work that is being done by the department. A few members of the START team were recognized and applauded for their work.

PRESENTATIONS

- Discussion on the Revaluation Process; and the Revaluation Fund Statute - Keith Miller, Tax Assessor

Keith Miller shared the process with Board and stated that the statute calls for an eight year cycle but the County was on a four year cycle for revaluations. Reappraisals can be required if the sales ratio is not between the target mark of 85-115%. Mr. Miller said that the county has been on an unofficial four year cycle for a while but he will present a resolution to the Board notating those guidelines.

Chairman Newman suggested that the County should not go longer than four years.

- The City of Asheville's Transit Master Plan Implementation & Buncombe County Considerations - Matt Cable, Planning & Development

Matt Cable's presentation of the PowerPoint highlighted the direction and future options of the plan. Mr. Cable is on the committee that developed the plan, which started in 2009, and he provided an update to the plan.

Commissioner Fryar expressed his concern with working with the City of Asheville and would rather focus on the County's Trailblazer system.

Chairman Newman thought the plan had some good ideas and was glad the County had someone on the committee.

Commissioner Belcher wanted to make sure that the plan was not jeopardizing the Trailblazer system.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Brake)**

Josh Freeman, Planning Department, presented a recommendation to approve the zoning amendment. The rezoning would allow for the expansion of the manufactured home park.

The Chairman opened the hearing at 6:36 p.m.

Mr. Oast, on behalf of the Brake's, presented his PowerPoint and stated that land in question was in a medium density area.

The hearing was closed at 6:40 p.m.

Commissioner Belcher moved to approve the plan consistency statement. Commissioner Fryar seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

Commissioner Whitesides moved to amend the ordinance. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

- **Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Haile)**

Josh Freeman, Planning Department, presented a recommendation to approve the zoning amendment. The rezoning would allow for the expansion of the manufactured home park.

The Chairman opened the hearing at 6:44 p.m.

Jessie Gardner, on behalf of the Haile's, stated that rezoning would allow for the growth of the business.

The hearing was closed at 6:45 p.m.

Commissioner Belcher moved to approve the plan consistency statement. Commissioner Pressley seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

Vice Chair Beach-Ferrara moved to amend the ordinance. Commissioner Pressley seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

*** (The Board allowed the following item to be moved from the Consent Agenda) ***

Don Yelton asked the Board where does the money go and how much does each library cost.

- **Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Applications and Approval of Housing Projects for the Affordable Housing Services Program**

- **FY2019 Budget Amendment Summary 12-4-18**

Jennifer Chilton, Budget Director, explained each of the budget amendments outlined in the amendment summary and identified individually below.

- **FY2019 General Fund Budget Amendments**

- **Increase Interfund Transfer to Capital Projects Fund For Library Infrastructure**
- **Appropriate Fund Balance for East Asheville Library**

Commissioner Whitesides moved to approve the two previous budget amendments as presented.

Commissioner Pressley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **FY2019 Capital Project Fund**

- **Library Infrastructure**
- **East Asheville Library**

Commissioner Belcher moved to approve the two previous budget amendments as presented.

Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **FY2019 Special Programs Fund**

- **Housing Trust FY2019**

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

- **FY2019 Public School ADM Sales Tax and Lottery Projects Fund**

- **FY2019 Article 40 (1/2) 30% & Article 42 (1/2) 60% Sales Tax**

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Vice Chair Beach-Ferrara moved to appoint **Vivien Snyder** to the **Buncombe County Child Protection Team/Child Fatality Prevention Team**. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Belcher moved to reappoint **Paula Garber** to the **Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee**. Pressley Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Yelton asked the Board for the bus ridership numbers and stated that there is no such thing as free. He also said that the Board has to be willing to ask the hard questions because it's their responsibility to keep the County financially sound.

Christy Sluder commented that child welfare cases are not handled appropriately in the County and they should be investigated better.

Leslie Culba suggested that the Board watch the Asheville City Council meeting to see what was discussed regarding the city transit system.

Jerry Rice said he would be back to see the Board on the revaluation process. He stated that alcohol and tobacco is a bigger problem than opioids.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- *December 24, 25 & 26 - County Offices will be closed for Christmas Holiday*
- *January 1 - County Offices will be closed for New Year's Holiday*

Commissioner Whitesides moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (3) for a legal matter with no possible action to be taken following the closed session. Vice Chair Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board heard a legal update and discussion regarding an appeal of a board of adjustment matter. No action was taken.

Commissioner Belcher moved to go back into open session. Commissioner Pressley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Edwards moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
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