

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2019 AT 5 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 19, 2019, 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
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Vice Chair
Joe Belcher, Commissioner
Amanda Edwards, Commissioner
Mike Fryar, Commissioner
Robert Pressley, Commissioner
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Staff present: Jim Holland, Assistant County Manager; Donald Warn, Finance Director; Jennifer Chilton, Budget Director; Terri Orange, Internal Auditor; Tim Love, Business Officer; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Staff Attorney; Brandon Freeman, Staff Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

The Chairman requested a moment of silence for prayer or reflection to give thanks for those that dedicate themselves to public service.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Whitesides moved to approve the consent agenda and the remainder of the agenda as presented. Commissioner Pressley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- Approval of February 5, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes
- Approval of February 5, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Resolution Awarding a Service Firearm to a Retiring Deputy of the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department
 - Roney Hilliard
 - Randy Smart
- Task Order 19-19 with SCS Engineers, P.C. in the Amount of \$11,750
- Road Petition: Cambridge Drive

PRESENTATIONS

- **NC 2-1-1 Asheville Call Center (United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County) - David Bailey, President and Marla Browne, Call Center Director**

David Bailey, President of United Way of Asheville, presented a PowerPoint that gave some highlights of the 30 year history of NC 2-1-1 Asheville. The service has partnered with United Way of Asheville since 2000.

Marla Browne, NC 2-1-1 Asheville Call Center Director, stated that the 24/7 service is available in 100% of North Carolina. She also provided a brief tutorial of their website dashboard tool that is very informative.

- **Third Quarter Financial Report - Don Warn, Finance Director**

Don Warn, Finance Director, explained the PowerPoint that detailed a high-level overview of the third quarter financial report.

Jennifer Chilton, Budget Director, stated that the report provided projections for the rest of the year and were based on assumptions that were subject to change because some of the major projects are starting to ramp up.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Automatic COLA of 1.77% will be Applied Effective April 1, 2019**

Jim Holland, Assistant County Director stated that the personnel ordinance provides for the COLA and it will initially show an adjustment in employees' April 26 paycheck.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Resolution Extending Appointment of George A. Wood as Interim County Manager for 3 Days**

This resolution will provide the transition from George Wood to Avril Pinder.

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

- **Appointment of Deputy Finance Officer**

Don Warn, Finance Director, stated that Dustin Clark vacated the position and he was asking the Board to appoint Jennifer Chilton as Deputy Finance Officer. The appointment will allow her to sign documents in Finance Director's absence.

Vice Chair Beach-Ferrara moved to approve Jennifer Chilton as the Deputy Finance Officer. Commissioner Fryar seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Motion to Authorize the Chairman and Clerk to Execute an Eight Year Agreement on Capital Funding for A-B Tech from the Article 46 Sales Tax**

Mike Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, explained that he and George Wood, Interim County Manager met the A-B Tech trustees to clear issues of mistrust that has grown since prior management. He briefed the memo and stated that the funding should not go below \$2 million unless there is an extreme emergency. The Article 46 sales tax generated more money than expected.

Chairman Newman asked what projects will be funded with the money and what spending level of detail will be provided. Mr. Frue stated that he did not know what projects will be done or what order. Mr. Newman said that the Board should plan to make sure that the funds are used for their intended purpose.

Some commissioners wanted to make sure that the plan supported the process and expressed the idea of not rushing to a decision. Commissioner Belcher was in favor of the proposed plan submitted by Mr. Wood with input from A-B Tech.

Commissioner Fryar moved to approve the resolution and MOU agreement as presented. Commissioner Pressley seconded the motion.

Chairman Newman amended the motion to include a joint committee advisory committee to review requests for additional capital investments in College facilities, modeled after the Buncombe School Capital Fund Commission, composed of five members: 2 to be appointed by the County, 2 to be appointed by the Board of Trustees, and one community member to be appointed by the other members. Vice Chair Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 6-1. (NOES-Fryar) After discussion, Commissioner Fryar asked that his vote be changed to be in favor of the motion to amend the approval. The motion passed on a final vote of 7-0.

The initial motion passed 4-3. (NOES-Newman, Beach-Ferrara, Edwards)

- **FY2019 Budget Amendment Summary 2-19-19**

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

- **FY2019 General Fund Budget Amendments**

- **Interfund Transfer to the Capital Projects Fund – Pack Library Fire Suppression System**

Commissioner Whitesides moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Fryar seconded and the motion passed 6-1. (NOES-Chairman Newman)

- **Interfund Transfer to Capital Projects Fund – Mitel Phone System Upgrade**

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

- **Emergency Medical Services Paramedics**

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

- **FY2019 Capital Projects Fund**

- **Pack Library Fire Suppression System**

Commissioner Whitesides moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Fryar

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- **Mitel Phone System Upgrade**

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

- **Interfund Transfer to the Grants Projects Fund – Enka Recreation Destination Grant**

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

- **FY2019 Grants Project Fund**

- **Enka Recreation Destination Grant**

- **Back-Up for Local and Federal Portions**

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Newman moved to reappoint **Kristine Quinn** to the **Riverfront Redevelopment Commission** Vice Chair Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Belcher moved to reappoint **Marc Malloy** to the **Economic Development Coalition**. Chairman Newman seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Belcher moved to appoint **Jael Rattigan** to the **Economic Development Coalition**. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Chairman Newman moved to appoint **Joe Belcher, Brownie Newman** and **Amanda Edwards** to the **Affordable Housing Subcommittee**. Commissioner Belcher seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Chairman Newman moved to appoint **Amanda Edwards** to the **French Broad Metropolitan Planning Organization**. Vice Chair Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christine Collins, of Candler, express her concern with a leaky water meter that has caused damage to her property. She stated that the leak was created by a neighbors' project on their property.

Tom Bailey elaborated on Ms. Collins issue. He said that the project caused a drainage issue on her property.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- *March 5 @ 5 p.m. - Commissioners' Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*
- *March 19 @ 5 p.m. - Commissioners' Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*

Commissioner Belcher moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (3) to hear legal matters for the County of Buncombe vs. Wanda Skillington Greene, Amanda Louise Stone, Jon Creighton and Joe Wiseman as recorded in Buncombe County Superior Court File #: 18 CVS 4206. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board heard the legal update and had discussion regarding the previous mentioned legal matter. No action was taken.

Vice Chair Beach-Ferrara moved to go back into open session. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Vice Chair Beach-Ferrara moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS