

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

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 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: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Donald Warn, Finance Director; Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director; Margaret Ellis; Interim HR Director; Eric Hardy, Performance Management Director; Terri Orange, Internal Auditor; Tim Love, Business Officer; Nathan Pennington, Planning Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Staff Attorney; Brandon Freeman, Staff Attorney; Heather Hockaday, Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

The Chairman mentioned the first day of Spring and asked for a moment of silence in appreciation of our mountain community and the surrounding beauty of nature.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Pressley moved to approve the consent agenda and the remainder of the agenda as presented.

Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- Approval of March 5, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes
- Approval of March 5, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Hall Fletcher Elementary School Roof Replacement and Restroom Renovation Design Contract
 - More Information
- FY2019 Budget Amendment Summary 3-19-19
- FY2019 Grants Project Fund
 - Envirothon & Camp Wild 2019 Grant

GOOD NEWS

- **"Do The Write Thing" Middle School Writing Challenge-Buncombe County Schools**

Eric Grant, Buncombe County Schools, stated that writing contest was collaboration between Asheville City Schools, Buncombe County Schools, U.S. Attorney's Office, Asheville Police Department, and Buncombe County Sheriff's Office to combat violence. Alex Gast, North Buncombe Middle School eighth-grader, recited his poem "7,000 Pairs of Shoes on the Capitol Lawn" that received national recognition.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Various Updates**

Avril Pinder, County Manager, updated the Board on the following items:

- HHS Health Rankings were released and Buncombe County is 14th in North Carolina.
- Meet & Greet for Crime Victims' Rights Week on April 9, 8:30-10:00 p.m., in the 1st floor conference room.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Resolution Authorizing a Grant of Franchise for Emergency Medical and Convalescent Transportation to Medical Emergency Ambulance Transport, Inc. D/B/A MEDIC**

Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, explained the resolution was being brought back from the March 5th meeting

and stated that the only things not in the agreement are the fees and the schedule.

Commissioner Belcher moved to approve the resolution and the agreement. Commissioner Pressley seconded and the motion passed 4-3. (NOES-Newman, Beach-Ferrara, Edwards)

Dan Friday stated that he had the same issues that expressed during the last meeting about MEDIC.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Resolution Setting the Number of Members on the Buncombe County Health and Human Services Board**

Michael Frue explained that the resolution would set the total numbers of members to a maximum of 25 retroactively to 2013.

Vice Chair Beach-Ferrara moved to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Belcher seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

- **Resolution Setting Commission Pre-Meeting and Regular Meeting Schedule**

Michael Frue stated that the house keeping item would establish the pre-meeting schedule for the remainder of the year.

Commissioner Whitesides moved to approve the resolution as presented. Vice Chair Beach-Ferrara seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

- **Approval of AB Tech FY19 Capital Plan Maintenance (Phase 2) CMAR Construction Contract**

Pamela Freeman-King, Interim General Services Director, stated that maintenance would cover four buildings and include repairs of electrical and HVAC upgrades, roof replacement and exterior repair. Bids have been received by the CMAR, James R Vannoy & Sons Construction Company Inc. and they were the CMAR for Phase 1 of this project.

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

- **Three Building Exterior Remediation, Repair & Cleaning (Courthouse, County Administration Building, and Detention Center)**

- **Approval of Vannoy CMAR Pre Construction Agreement**

Ms. Freeman-King stated that Vannoy is fully qualified and this project would include repairs of tuck points, window seals, control joint rework, brick replacement, curtain wall repair and expansion joint rework. Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director, stated that these projects were approved during FY19 Budget under the Capital Improvement Plan.

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

- **Approval of SKA Engineer Design Contract**

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

- **Approval of 50 Coxe Avenue Single Prime Construction Contract**

Ms. Freeman-King explained that renovation would provide the Board of Elections a distribution center and centralize their operations.

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

- **Resolution in Support of a Statewide Initiative for Legislative Funding to Re-Establish a Passenger Rail Connection for Western North Carolina (requested by Edwards, Newman and Whitesides)**

Ray Rapp, former Democratic member of the North Carolina General Assembly, explained that the resolution is to support the passenger rail project that has pushed back for a few different reasons. Amtrak's Thruway Bus Service from Salisbury to Asheville will be a trial service for two years and it will take 6-12 months to get started.

Jerry Rice expressed the need for safety within this project.

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Belcher moved to reappoint **Sonya Greck** to the **Health & Human Services Board**. Vice Chair Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry Wells, Diane Frisby, Angela Pittman and Rachael Brown thanked the Board for the Sandy Mush Hi-Speed Internet funding. They explained how this has helped them with their businesses, children's homework, and created an economic impact.

Jerry Rice called for public comments to be added to the minutes of the sub-committees. He also expressed concerns over the ICE position that the Sheriff supports and the pre-meeting adding too much in one day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- *April 2 @ 12 p.m. - Commissioners' Pre-Meeting at 200 College Street, 1st Floor Conference Room in downtown Asheville.*
- *April 2 @ 5 p.m. - Commissioners' Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*
- *April 16 @ 12 p.m. - Commissioners' Pre-Meeting at 200 College Street, 1st Floor Conference Room in downtown Asheville.*
- *April 16 @ 5 p.m. - Commissioners' Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*
- *April 19 - County Offices will be closed for Good Friday*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
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