

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’
REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 AT 5 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 17, 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; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Donald Warn, Finance Director; Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director; Tim Love, Business Officer; Nathan Pennington, Planning Director; Dane Pederson, Solid Waste Director; Kathy Brady, IT Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney; Brandon Freeman, Staff Attorney; Heather Hockaday, Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence to honor and remember the people that lost their lives during the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Commissioner Fryar motioned to add **Residential Waste Collection Update (Waste Pro Contract)** to the agenda under **Old Business**. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Chairman Newman stated that after reading the current Rules and Policies of the meeting, the Board will follow them without any changes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Whitesides motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and the remainder of the agenda. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- Approval of September 3, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- State Lottery Application Project–Buncombe County Schools/Community High School Additions & Renovations
 - Application
- Commercial Donation for the Family Nurse Partnership
 - More Information
- Resolution Approving Revisions to the System Safety Plan for Mountain Mobility, Buncombe County’s Community Transportation System
 - Resolution & Review Report
- FY2020 Consent Agenda Budget Amendment Summary
 - General Fund Public Health Viral Hepatitis Prevention Funding
 - Amendment

GOOD NEWS

Commissioner Pressley announced the birth of his fifth granddaughter, Jessi Jewel Pressley.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **FY 2021 Annual Section 5311 Administrative and Capital Grant Applications**

Matt Cable, Planning Manager, explained and requested approval for the applications for public transportation funding provided by the North Carolina Division of Transportation (NCDOT).

The Chairman opened the hearing at 5:13 p.m.

Don Yelton requested the ridership of each route for Mountain Mobility.

The hearing was closed at 5:14 p.m.

Commissioner Belcher moved to approve the resolution authorizing the Chairman to execute the application and enter into an agreement. Commissioner Pressley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Avril Pinder, County Manager, introduced and welcomed Trisha Burnett as the new Internal Audit Director.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Residential Waste Collection Update (Waste Pro Contract)**

Dane Pederson, Solid Waste Director, described the residential waste collection contract process and presented a PowerPoint with key points of the Waste Pro contract. He explained that the current contract will end this year and stated that the department evaluated the business trends, service effectiveness and cost to negotiate the new contract. Chip Gingles, Waste Pro, and Mr. Pederson communicated the benefits of the cart and subscriber-based system.

Mr. Gingles expressed that Waste Pro wanted to service and be a part of the Buncombe County community. He stated that the company has invested over \$19 million and with the new contract will invest another \$7 million.

Waste Pro will partner with the county to address issues and concerns to make the service successful.

Commissioner Fryar expressed his concerns of the price increase and the transferring of the carts for some customers.

Don Yelton questioned the service effectiveness and suggested the addition of a bag tag system.

Jerry Rice stated the trash is a money making business but the county should be concerned about solutions and the retirement community.

Tony White stated that safety is the main concern and the new service will be a better system.

Commissioner Belcher suggested that the County report back after the new service has started to see how it is working.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Resolution Approving Surplus Personal Property Policy**

Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, explained that the policy wording was streamlined to give authority to County Manager or designee to declare a single item or group of items of personal property valued at less than \$30,000 as surplus and dispose of the property.

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

- **Fee Schedules**

Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director, stated that the fees are combined in a single document for convenience and highlighted the change in fees for four departments: Human and Health Services (HHS), Permits and Inspections, Planning, and Solid Waste.

Vice Chair Beach-Ferrara asked why some of the HHS fees were increased and Jan Shepard, Public Health Director, explained the increase.

Commissioner Belcher stated that fee increases associated with Permits and Inspections needed to be explained.

Commissioner Belcher moved to adopt the fee schedules as presented. Vice Chair Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **FY2020 New Business Budget Amendment Summary**

Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director, explained the budget amendment outlined in the amendment summary and identified below.

- **General Fund Budget Carry Forward**

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

- **Public School ADM Sales Tax and Lottery Projects Fund - North Carolina Education Lottery Project-Fairview Elementary**

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

- **Sheriff Forfeitures Fund**

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

- **Solid Waste Budget Carry Forwards**

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Belcher moved to appoint **Jennings Gibbs-Barger** to the **Juvenile Crime Prevention Council**. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Walton, Mountain Xpress, stated his concerns with the fee schedule for public records requests.

Don Yelton said that the County should not have gate keepers of information and stated that Waste Pro should improve service for the elderly.

Jerry Rice expressed his concerns for a protest at North Buncombe High School over bathroom usage.

Thomas Preister stated his concerns with the playground equipment deteriorating at Johnston Elementary School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- *October 1 @ 3 p.m. - Commissioners' Pre-Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*
- *October 1 @ 5 p.m. - Commissioners' Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
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