

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2020 AT 5 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 7, 2020, 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, Commissioner (via phone)
Joe Belcher, Commissioner
Amanda Edwards, Commissioner
Anthony Penland, Commissioner
Robert Pressley, Vice Chair
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; Sheriff Quentin Miller; Tim Love, Business Officer; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney; Brandon Freeman, Staff Attorney; Heather Hockaday, Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

The Chairman requested a moment of silence and prayers for the doctors, nurses and first responders during the public health crisis of COVID-19 (coronavirus).

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chair Pressley 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 March 10, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes
- Approval of March 17, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of March 24, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes
- Resolution Approving Pyrotechnic Experts for Firework Display
- Resolution Awarding a Service Firearm to a Retiring Deputy of the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department
 - Darrell Waldrop
 - Darrell Saucier
 - Sharon Archer
 - Jeffrey Lemons
- Tax Collection Report

PRESENTATIONS

- **COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update**

Dr. Mullendore, Physician Director, Fletcher Tove, Preparedness & Security Officer, and Taylor Jones, Emergency Services Director, provided updates on coronavirus (COVID-19). Thanks were given to the local medical providers, organizations and individuals that are supporting the effort to mitigate the effects of the virus. The County will adopt a new declaration that will start on April 9th at 6:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **One Buncombe Fund**

Tim Love, Business Officer, explained that the One Buncombe Fund is a COVID-19 relief fund created for the purpose of providing a donation portal to support relief efforts, and to provide relief to individuals and businesses. The local governments and other entities formed the partnership to financially assist the community.

The Chairman opened the hearing at 6:24 p.m.

Chairman Newman read the public hearing comments that were sent in electronically. (Comments are attached to packet)

The hearing was closed at 6:27 p.m.

Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, asked that additional action items be added to the resolved clause and are included in the resolution to be approved by the Board.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- **Budget Amendment for One Buncombe Fund**

Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director, explained the budget amendment.

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

- **Budget Amendment for Buncombe County and Asheville City Schools Meal Services**

Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director, explained the budget amendment.

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Whitesides moved to reappoint **Patty Turbyfill, Stephan Ihde** and **Nancy Kniffin** to the **Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee**. Commissioner Belcher seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Edwards moved to reappoint **Kendra Ferguson** to the **Audit Committee**. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Newman read the public comments that were sent in electronically. (Comments are attached to packet)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- *April 21 @ 3 p.m. - Commissioners' Pre-Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*
- *April 21 @ 5 p.m. - Commissioners' Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*

Commissioner Whitesides moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS