

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2020 AT 5 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 21, 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  
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; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney; Heather Hockaday, Attorney

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **INVOCATION**

The Chairman requested a moment of silence for the more than 43,000 lives lost and their families due to COVID-19, doctors, nurses, first responders, and essential workers for their efforts during this public health crisis.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Approval of April 7, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Resolution Approving Pyrotechnic Experts for Firework Display

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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

Dr. Mullendore, Physician Director, and Fletcher Tove, Preparedness & Security Officer, updated the Board on coronavirus (COVID-19). There has been an uptick in tests completed and more than 1,900 tests have been complete in Buncombe County. A self-checker tool will roll out on the County website to help with identifying COVID-19 cases and assist with safely reopening the community.

- **Financial Quarterly Report**

Don Warn, Finance Director, presented the third quarter report with an update on revenues and expenditures. He stated that everything looked good for this quarter but due to the current COVID-19 crisis, the fourth quarter will be affected.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Resolution Authorizing Inter-Local Agreement Between City of Asheville and Buncombe County Regarding Employee Redeployment**

Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, explained that the resolution will temporarily allow employees to be redeployed to one another's work force at the request of the other pursuant to NCGS 160A-461.

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

- **Resolution Supporting the Recommendation and Designation of Craggy Mountain Wilderness**

Chairman Newman briefed the resolution and stated that the interest and support began a couple of years ago. He also read the public comments that were sent in that were related to this resolution before the vote was taken.

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

- **Budget Amendment for GE Aviation OneNC Payment**

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 Dogwood Trust Foundation Grant - First Responder Alternative Housing**

Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director, explained the budget amendment.

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

- **Budget Amendment for Public School Capital Needs Fund - ADA Greenhouse Project and Debt Service**

Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director, explained the budget amendment.

Commissioner Whitesides moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Edwards 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:

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

Commissioner Whitesides moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS