

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 1, 2022 AT 5 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 1, 2022, 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
Amanda Edwards, Vice Chair
Robert Pressley, Commissioner
Parker Sloan, Commissioner
Terri Wells, Commissioner
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director; Sheriff Quentin Miller; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney; Brandon Freeman, Staff Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Chairman Newman requested a moment of silence for Ukraine in reference to the Russia invasion.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Pressley motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, add **Ukraine Pastor Leonty Ostapovich to Presentations**, move **Good News** before **Public Comment**, and the remainder of the agenda. Commissioner Wells seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- Approval of February 15, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes
- Approval of February 15, 2022 Briefing Meeting Minutes
- Approval of February 15, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Tax Collection Report
- Resolution Awarding a Service Firearm to a Retiring Deputy of the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department - Mike Sparks
- Resolution Awarding a Fire Helmet to a Retiring Deputy Fire Marshal - Jerry Leatherwood
 - Resolution
- Budget Amendment for Additional LINKS Funding
 - Ordinance
- Budget Amendment for VAYA's American Rescue Plan Act Child and Family Grant
 - Ordinance

GOOD NEWS

- **Recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Society – Walt Ward**

Heath Smith, Veterans Service Officer, acknowledged the dedication of Walt Ward and congratulated him on the award for his work at the County .

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals spoke against the current National Forest plan of logging some areas of the Pisgah Forest/Craggy Mountain region:

Bob Wagner	Braethun Bharathae	Katherine Pesce	Miles Woody	Scott Karas
Ed Stein	Rob Lenfestry	Mary Crowe	Sherrod Brady	Rebecca King
Anna Littman	Hannah Furgurde	Karin Heiman	Laurie	
Sam Evans	Victoria Reiser	Jennifer Alaine	Timmerman	

Matt Barker, Sophia Phosalophus, Kathy Stillwell, Gabrielle Price, and Jenny Wilds expressed issues with the construction of the Dollar General on Rowland Road.

Don Yelton stated that uncut forests are an issue and referenced Barnardsville.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Ukraine Pastor Leonty Ostapovich**

Pastor Leonty Ostapovich explain the Russia conflict with the invasion of Ukraine and the need for assistance.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Avril Pinder, County Manager, announced the opening of the American Rescue Plan Act request for proposals and the upcoming Southern Conference Basketball Tournament (SoCon).

NEW BUSINESS

- **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Special Warranty Deeds to Buncombe County Board of Education**

Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, explained that the reason for the resolution is the indebtedness secured by these properties have been satisfied, and pursuant to agreement of the parties, Buncombe County is required to re-convey the properties to the Buncombe County Board of Education.

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

- **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Non-Warranty Deed to Asheville City Board of Education**

Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, explained that the reason for the resolution is the improvements are completed, and, pursuant to agreement of the parties, Buncombe County is required to re-convey the Properties to The Asheville City Board of Education.

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

- **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to the Design Build Construction Contract Between Buncombe County and AstroTurf Corporation**

Tim Love, Interim Recreation Services Director, explained that the agreement needs to be amended by updating the scope of the project and increasing the amount to be paid under the agreement from \$3,500,000 to an amount not to exceed \$4,754,726. The reason for the increase is the cost of turf procurement and installation which were impacted by inflation and supply chain issues.

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

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

- **Budget Amendment for FY2022 Joint Committee Recommended Projects**

John Hudson, Budget, explained the budget amendment.

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

- **Budget Amendment for Communicable Disease and Infection Prevention Mobile Team (CDIP)**

John Hudson, Budget, and Stacie Saunders, Public Health Director explained the budget amendment.

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Vice Chair Edwards moved to appoint **Joseiah Rogers**, **Julie Risedorf** and reappoint **Ruth O'Donnell** to the **Library Board**. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- *March 15 @ 3 p.m. - Commissioners' Briefing at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*
- *March 15 @ 5 p.m. - Commissioners' Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*

Commissioner Whitesides moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wells seconded and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.