

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2022 AT 5 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on August 16, 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
Amanda Edwards, Vice Chair
Robert Pressley, Commissioner
Parker Sloan, Commissioner
Terri Wells, Commissioner
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner, was absent from the meeting.

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Donald Warn, Finance Director; John Hudson, Budget Director; Sharon Burke, Human Resources Director; Jennifer Pike, Tax Collector; Keith Miller, Tax Assessor; Sheriff Quentin Miller; Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services Director; Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnerships Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Nathan Pennington, Planning Director; Dane Pederson, Solid Waste Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney; Brandon Freeman, Staff Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Wells motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and the remainder of the agenda. Commissioner Pressley seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

- Approval of August 2, 2022 Briefing Meeting Minutes
- Approval of August 2, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes
- Approval of August 2, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Resolution Approving Pyrotechnic Experts for Firework Display
 - Resolution
- Resolution Delegating Refund Authority for Overpayments of Excise Tax
 - Resolution
- Budget Amendment for High-Top Tower Access Road Tropical Storm Fred FEMA Funding
 - Ordinance
- Budget Amendment for Grant Award - Dogwood Health Trust Grants Curriculum
 - Ordinance
- Budget Amendment for NC Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 2 Support Funding
 - Ordinance

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephanie stated grievances with different government agencies.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Strategic Partnership Grants Committee**

Annie Carpenter updated the Board on the background and the grant process. The grant categories align with the County's strategic plan and there is a continuous effort to improve process by the committee.

- **Mission Hospital Nurses**

Nurse Lori Hedrick, representing some nurses at the Mission Hospital, shared concerns over staffing levels and other issues that they have with HCA Healthcare.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Neighborhood Revitalization**

Nancy Williams, Planning & Development, explained that the CDBG funds are awarded to the State by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and a portion of the funds are awarded through the Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization (CDBG-NR) Program. The County must adopt a citizen participation plan that provides citizens access to information and participation in all project stages.

Commissioner Wells moved to adopt the resolution to approve the updated CDBG-NR Citizen Participation Plan. Vice Chair Edwards seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

The Chairman opened the hearing at 6:12 p.m.

The hearing was closed at 6:13 p.m.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Introduction of Lead for NC Fellow – Mylon Patton**

DK Wesley, Assistant County Manager, introduced and welcomed Mylon. He will complete his Lead For North Carolina (LFNC) year of service with the County Manager's Office, with a focus on the following projects: Homelessness Solutions, Racial Equity Action, and Countywide Apprentice/Internship Program.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Budget Amendment LOBs 2022A/2022B & Refunding 2014A**

John Hudson, Budget Director, explained the budget amendment.

Commissioner Wells moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

- **Budget Amendment for DWI Taskforce Grant FY2023**

John Hudson, Budget Director, explained the budget amendment.

Commissioner Whitesides moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Pressley seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

- **Resolution Establishing a General Obligation Bonds Community Oversight Committee**

Chairman Newman explained the effort to provide transparency and oversight to bonds process, if the bonds are approved by voters at special bond referendums on November 8, 2022.

Commissioner Pressley moved to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Wells seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Vice Chair Edwards moved to appoint **Anna Davis** (Business Private Sector) to the **Mountain Area Workforce Development**. Commissioner Wells seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Commissioner Whitesides moved to appoint **Carol Steen** and **Marsha Davis** to the **Early Childhood Education & Development Committee**. Commissioner Pressley seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- *September 6 @ 3 p.m. - Commissioners' Briefing at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*
- *September 6 @ 5 p.m. - Commissioners' Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*

CLOSED SESSION

Vice Chair Edwards moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (3) to hear legal matters for Hyatt and Barrett v. Buncombe County Sheriff, et al, United States District Court for the Western District of NC file # 19-CV-250 and other legal matters, with no possible action anticipated following the closed session. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

The Board heard the update and had discussion regarding the matters. No action was taken.

Commissioner Whitesides moved to go back into open session. Vice Chair Edwards seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Commissioner Sloan moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.