MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2022 AT 5 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on November 15, 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; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; John Hudson, Budget Director; Jennifer Pike, Tax Collector; Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney; Brandon Freeman, Staff Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chair Edwards motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, add a Proclamation Honoring Commissioner Pressley before Public Comment and the remainder of the agenda. Commissioner Sloan seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

• Approval of November 1, 2022 Briefing Meeting Minutes
• Approval of November 1, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
• Resolution Approving Pyrotechnic Experts for Firework Display
  o Resolution
• Resolution Approving Addition to State Highway System
  o Resolution
  o More Information
• Memorandum of Understanding between County of Buncombe & The Board of Trustees of A-B Tech for Demolition of Enka Tower Using ¼ Cent Sales Tax Revenues
  o Memorandum of Understanding
• Approval of Technical Correction to Drug-Free Workplace Policy
  o Drug-Free Workplace Policy
• Approval of Updated Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) FY 2022-2023 County Funding Plan
  o Funding Plan
• Budget Amendment for NC Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Program Grant Budget Revision
  o Ordinance
• Budget Amendment for School Health Liaison - Agreement Addendum 361
  o Ordinance
• Commissioner Robert Pressley Proclamation
  Commissioner Wells read and presented the proclamation. Commissioner Pressley accepted the proclamation and reflected on his service as a commissioner.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Kuhlman, Andy Flavelle, and Lee Barwick expressed their concerns and disapproval for the Pinners Cove (rezoning) new construction project by KLP Pinners EAT, LLC.

Laurie Fisher issued a message on behalf of the sovereign people.

Pat Bryant thanked the Board for the partnership with the Buncombe County School Board.

PRESENTATIONS

• Adoption Awareness Month Proclamation
  Vice Chair Edwards read and presented the proclamation. Heather Sellers, Health & Human Services, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Board for the support.

• Native American Heritage Month Proclamation
  Commissioner Sloan read and presented the proclamation. Sonja Saunooke, Justice Services, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Board on behalf of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee.
COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT

• Asheville Community Reparations Commission Update
  DK Wesley, Assistant County Manager, and Christine Edwards, Civility Localized, provided a quarterly update on the progress of the Reparations Commission that is a partnership with the City of Asheville and Buncombe County. Project management, project process, timeline, and commission appointments were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

• Budget Amendment to Establish Three New Conservation Easement Projects
  John Hudson, Budget Director, explained the budget amendment. Commissioner Wells moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Pressley seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

• Approval of Cross Functional Line - Item Transfers Memo
  John Hudson, Budget Director, explained the transfer memo and no action was needed.

• Budget Amendment for Affordable Housing Services Program Budget Consolidation
  John Hudson, Budget Director, explained the budget amendment. Commissioner Wells moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Vice Chair Edwards seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Newman moved to appoint Jaime Benshoff to the Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee. Vice Chair Edwards seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Chairman Newman moved to appoint Miranda Poe, Jorge Redmond, reappoint Jeremy Bricker and Tim Henderson to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Chairman Newman moved to appoint, by general consensus of receiving the most votes, Elizabeth Putnam to the Tourism Development Authority.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

• December 5 @ 3 p.m. - Commissioners’ Briefing at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.

• December 5 @ 5 p.m. - Commissioners’ Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.

Commissioner Whitesides moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Pressley seconded and the motion passed 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.