

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2023 AT 5 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 17, 2023, 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
Martin Moore, 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; Donald Warn, Finance Director; John Hudson, Budget Director; Sharon Burke, Human Resources Director; Sheriff Quentin Miller; Taylor Jones, Emergency Services Director; Allison Dains, Parks & Recreation Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Edwards motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and the remainder of the agenda. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- Approval of January 3, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes
- Approval of January 3, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Architectural Services Contract Amendment for the New Fleet Services Complex
- Approval of Architectural Services Contract with Stewart-Cooper-Newell Architects for the Backup 911 Dispatch Center at 35 Woodfin Street
- Approval to Accept FY21 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Funding
- Budget Amendment for Duke Energy Grant - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for NC Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 2
 - Ordinance
- Budget Amendment for Collaborative Mobile MAT Team Grant Reallocation - Dogwood Health Trust
 - Ordinance
- Budget Amendment for the High-Top Road Repair Project Increase
 - Ordinance

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mignon Durham, Scott Kuhlman, Ande Flavelle, Margaret Stanley, Trevor Lewis, Doug Kalish, Celeste Selman, and Lisa Wagner expressed their concerns and disapproval for the Pinners Cove (rezoning) new construction project by KLP Pinners EAT, LLC.

Don Yelton stated that growth is tie to infrastructure and the Board should be concerned.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Human Trafficking Awareness Month Proclamation**

Commissioner Edwards read and presented the proclamation. Paulina Mendez, Justice Services, and Jenn, Our Voice, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Board for their support.

- **Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (DVFRT) Findings**

Paulina Mendez, Justice Services, and Rebecca Smith and Kelda Harrison, DVFRT members, provided a timeline of the domestic violence fatality review, findings, and recommendations for system change and improvement of that first case.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Resolution Authorizing a Grant of Franchise for Convalescent Ambulance Transportation to Mountain Area Ground Non-Emergency Transportation, LLC, (MAGNET)**

Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, previewed the Board on an application for grant of convalescent ambulance franchise from Mountain Area Ground Non-Emergency Transportation, LLC ("MAGNET"). This service would have a marginal impact on revenues, however the savings in time will free up County ambulances for emergency responses rather than having a truck out of emergency service for several hours while engaging in a non-emergency transport.

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

- **Resolution in Support of Friends of Fonta Flora State Trail**

Allison Dains, Parks & Recreation Director, stated that the Friends of Fonta Flora State Trail was selected to participate in NCDOT's Great Trails State Plan and identified the segment of the Fonta Flora State Trail between Point Lookout at the Buncombe/McDowell border through the Town of Black Mountain for a general planning study.

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

- **Budget Amendment to Establish Budget for 2022 GO Bonds**

John Hudson, Budget Director, explained the budget amendment.

Vice Chair Wells moved to approve the budget amendment and establish two bond funded full-time employee positions as presented. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Newman moved to reappoint **Gary Ray**, and appoint **Kim West** to the **Community Transportation Advisory Board**. Vice Chair Wells seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Chairman Newman moved to appoint, by general consensus of receiving the most votes, **Dewayne McAfee** (regular), **Ronnie Copeland** (alternate), and **Jesse Ray** (alternate) to the **Community Reparations Commission**.

Chairman Newman moved to appoint, by general consensus of receiving the most votes, **Mark Mickey**, **Amy Russell**, and **Catherine Kiser-Ray** to the **Strategic Partnerships Grants Committee**.

Chairman Newman moved to appoint, by general consensus of receiving the most votes, **Gordon Maybury** to the **Woodfin Water District Board of Trustees**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- *January 25 @ 12:30 p.m. - Joint City/County National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) Work Session at Harrah's Cherokee Center, 87 Haywood Street, Asheville, NC 28801.*
- *January 30 @ 10:30 a.m. - Commissioners' Legislative Agenda at 115 Hendersonville Road, Burghley B Room, Asheville, NC 28803.*
- *February 7 @ 3 p.m. - Commissioners' Briefing at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*
- *February 7 @ 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 6:26 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
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