

MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 6, 2023 AT 5 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on June 6, 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, Commissioner
Martin Moore, Commissioner
Parker Sloan, Commissioner
Terri Wells, Vice Chair
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; John Hudson, Budget Director; Sharon Burke, Human Resources Director; Jennifer Pike, Tax Collector; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Dane Pederson, Solid Waste Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of May 16, 2023 Briefing Meeting Minutes
- Approval of May 16, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Resolution Awarding a Service Firearm to a Retiring Deputy of the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department – Sandra Edmonds
- Tax Collection Report
- Resolution Approving Pyrotechnic Experts for Firework Display
 - Resolution
- Approval of Request to Waive Occupancy Tax Penalty – Abbington Green Bed & Breakfast
 - Request to Waive
 - More Information
- Approval of State Lottery Project Application for Buncombe County Schools – Multiple Schools
 - More Information
- Approval of Design Services Contract with LS3P Architects for Projects on Asheville City Schools Campuses
 - Contract
- Approval of Architectural and Engineering Services Contract with ADW Architects for a new Emergency Management Services (EMS) Base
- Approval of Design Services Contract with Building Envelope Consultants and Scientists for the Exterior Remediation of 200 College Street
 - Contract
- Resolution Authorizing an Inter-Local Agreement between the City of Asheville and the County of Buncombe Regarding a Parcel in Split Jurisdiction on Fanning Bridge Road
 - Resolution
 - More Information
- Budget Amendment for State Lottery Projects for ACS - AHS Renovation and Baseball Field Lighting
 - Ordinance
- Budget Amendment for Housing Trust Program Income Realization
 - Ordinance
- Budget Amendment to Establish Two Conservation Easement Projects
 - Ordinance
 - Maps
- Budget Amendment to Transfer to 911 Fund for Ineligible Expenditures
 - Ordinance

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bobbette Mays and Pastor Hardaway advocated for County funding for the Project Lighten Up.

Roy Harris expressed support for Board's work.

Christina Mason thanked the Board for their support of the LGBTQIA+ students and community that was stated during the press conference.

GOOD NEWS

- **CAPE receives NC3C Awards**

Lillian Govus, Communicatio & Public Engagement Director (CAPE), congratulated the department staff for receiving four awards at North Carolina City and County Communicators Conference (NC3C).

PRESENTATIONS

- **Asheville Buncombe Regional Sports Commission**

Chris Smith, President, provided an update to the Commissioners on the past year events, upcoming events, and thanked the Board and the County for their support.

- **Gun Violence Prevention Month Proclamation**

Commissioner Edwards read and presented the proclamation to the Justice Services staff. The proclamation was accepted and staff thanked the Commissioners for their support to stop violence.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **Economic Development**

Avril Pinder, County Manager, presented the appropriations for the economic development projects for the FY2024 Budget.

The Chairman opened the hearing at 5:49 p.m.

The hearing was closed at 5:50 p.m.

- **Recommended FY2024 Budget**

John Hudson, Budget Director, presented a detailed overview FY24 Recommended Budget to the Board and explained that budget adoption will be considered at the June 20, 2023 Regular meeting.

The Chairman opened the hearing at 5:55 p.m.

The following individuals spoke in support of the public schools' budget that included wage increases:

Shanna Peele	Daniel Withrow	Brooke Heaton	Kristina delos Santos
Joan Hoffman	Kristin Kelihe`	Samantha Gallman	Mike Mitchell
Timothy Lloyd	Lissa Pedersen	Nicole Washburn	Everette Leggat
Paul Garrity	Abbey Hessling	Soren Pedersen	JP Bolen
Shannon Hunt	Matthew Leggat	Pepi Acebo	Hensley Hurts
Matt Dickens	Maggi Mohr	Amy Ray	Rebecca Strimer
Cathy Nichols	Christina Mason	Eden Ward	

The hearing was closed at 6:59 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Waste Pro Franchise Extension**

Dane Pederson, Solid Waste Director, explained that Waste Pro currently holds the exclusive franchise for collection and disposal of residential solid waste. The County may extend the franchise for two (2) additional terms of two (2) years each.

Vice Chair Wells moved to direct staff to proceed with the Waste Pro Franchise extension for two (2) additional terms of two (2) years each. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

- **Board Meeting Time/Schedule Change**

Commissioners discussed the proposed day/night meeting option with a request for the staff to gather data on community/public opinion before making any changes to the meeting time or schedule.

Vice Chair Wells moved to adopt the change in the meeting schedule and Commissioner Sloan seconded. The motion and the second were withdrawn.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Vice Chair Wells moved to reappoint **Charles Hubbard** to the **Agricultural Advisory Board for Farmland Preservation**. Chairman Newman seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Beach-Ferrara moved to reappoint **Elizabeth Ward** and **Mark Mickey** to the **Strategic Partnerships Grants Committee**. Chairman Newman seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Beach-Ferrara moved to reappoint **Mark Taft** (At large) and **Linda McDaniel** (At large) to the **Early Childhood Education & Development Fund Committee**. Chairman Newman seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Whitesides moved to reappoint **Allison Blake** (Business Owner/CEO), **Andy Nadeau** (At large), **Robby Russell** (At large), **Sabrina Rockoff** (Chamber appointee), and **Jael Skeffington** (Business Owner/CEO), to the **Economic Development Coalition**. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

REPORTS ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The Commissioners discussed the recent activities of the boards and commissioners that they serve on as members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- *June 20 @ 3 p.m. - Commissioners' Briefing at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*
- *June 20 @ 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 7:29 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS