

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2023 AT 5 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on November 21, 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; Melissa Moore, Finance Director; John Hudson, Budget Director; Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Dane Pederson, Solid Waste Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Curt Euler, Senior Staff Attorney

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Moore motioned to change the **Approval of External Audit Contract Extension – Mauldin & Jenkins (under the Consent Agenda)** contract date of 12-15-23 to 12-31-23, approve the Consent Agenda and the remainder of the agenda. Vice Chair Wells seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- Approval of November 7, 2023 Briefing Meeting Minutes
- Approval of November 7, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Resolution Granting Easement to Duke Energy Progress - Fleet & General Services Complex
  - Resolution
  - Easement
  - Map
- Approval of Construction Manager at Risk Contract with Vannoy Construction for the Lucy S. Herring Elementary School Renovations
  - Contract
- Approval of External Audit Contract Extension – Mauldin & Jenkins
  - Contract
- Budget Amendment for Safety and Justice Challenge FY2021
  - Ordinance
- Budget Amendment for HHS Foster Care Donation
  - Ordinance

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- **Native American Heritage Month Proclamation**

Commissioner Sloan read and presented the proclamation to Dr. Armstrong, Equity & Human Rights, and Sonja Saunooke, Justice Services. The proclamation was accepted with appreciation.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Waste Pro Contract**

Dane Pedersen, Solid Waste Director, and Chip Gingles, Waste Pro, provided information on the contract background and focused on the extension options. Discussion points with pros and cons were part of the presentation, including market rate analysis, increased costs, and the added benefits of staying with Waste Pro as the service provider.

After much discussion, Vice Chair Wells moved to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seek competitive bids for collection services. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Budget Amendment for ACS - Asheville High School Baseball Field Lights**

John Hudson, Budget Director, explained the budget amendment.

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

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Commissioner Edwards moved to appoint **Larry Harris** (Urban Transit Representative) to the **French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization**. Commissioner Whitesides 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:

- *November 30 @ 10 a.m. - Commissioners' Budget Retreat at East Asheville Library, 3 Avon Road, Asheville, NC 28805.*
- *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 Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS