

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2012 AT 4:30 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 18, 2012, in the Commissioner Chambers, 30 Valley Street in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 4:30 p.m. where and when the following business was transacted:

The Chairman called the meeting to order with the following members present:

David Gantt, Chairman
K. Ray Bailey, Commissioner
Carol Peterson, Commissioner
Holly Jones, Commissioner

Bill Stanley, Vice Chairman, was out of town and absent from the meeting.

Staff present were: Mandy Stone, Assistant County Manager; Jon Creighton, Assistant County Manager; Mike Frue, County Attorney; Donna Clark, Finance Director; Kathy Hughes, Clerk to the Board.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Chairman Gantt gave the invocation.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL TO FOLLOW AGENDA

The Chairman reminded the Board that in accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict. He asked if any Board member had any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matter coming before the Board. None were stated.

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented (*moving Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 19690 Creating the Asheville Fair Housing Commission to new business*).

- **Approval of Minutes of September 4, 2012 Regular Meeting**
- **Budget Amendment: Fund 10 – Carry forward encumbrance reserve, restricted and grant balances \$4,534**
- **Resolution Approving Pyrotechnic Experts for Firework Displays (WNC Ag Center)**
- **Special Project Ordinance**
- **Grant Projects Ordinance**

Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Ordinance Adopting Schedules, Standards and Rules to be Used in Appraising Real Property for the 2013 Revaluation**

Gary Roberts, Tax Director, said that the tax bills had been mailed out and as of this year will be returned to 35 Woodfin locally and not to an out of town bank. The reappraisal work was on schedule and staff was in neighborhoods gathering data for the 2013 values. He said that the values would be set as of January 1, 2013. Property values set on that date could remain for up to 8 years. Current property values were set on January 1, 2006. He encouraged the Board to consider revaluation every four years.

Commissioner Bailey moved to adopt the schedules as presented. Commissioner Peterson seconded thanking the Tax Assessor for keeping the Board informed. The motion passed 4-0.

- **Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 19690 Creating the Asheville Fair Housing Commission**

Curt Euler, Associate County Attorney, explained that in 1990 the City and County created a joint agency called the Asheville Buncombe Fair Housing Commission and had the Asheville Buncombe Community Relations Council handle the fair housing complaints. In 2011 HUD decertified the Asheville Buncombe Community Relations Council and transferred the enforcement of fair housing to the State Human Resources Commission. Based on this action, the City had repealed their ordinance creating the Commission and he recommended that the County do the same.

Commissioner Bailey moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Commissioner Peterson seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Jones moved to reappoint **Laurie Cammarata, James Wilson, Peggy Mann,** and **George Lycan** to the **Board of Adjustment**. The motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Peterson moved to appoint **Vicki Eatman** to the **Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee**. The motion passed 4-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *The next regular meeting of the Board will be October 2 at 4:30 p.m.*
- *The November 6 regular meeting has been canceled to allow staff time to move all equipment from the Chambers at 30 Valley to their new location at 200 College Street.*
- *Commission meetings can be seen on:*
 - *BCTV Charter Cable Channel 2*
 - *AT&T U-Verse Channel 99*
 - *Live on buncombecounty.org during the meetings or*
 - *Online anytime at buncombecounty.org*

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chairman reviewed the rules for public comment.

The official business of the County has concluded and we will now hold public comment.

- *The time limit for any comment to the Board is three minutes.*
- *If your time expires then you may leave any questions along with your name, address and phone number with the County Manager.*
- *Board members are not expected to comment on matters during public comment.*
- *Comments should be limited to subjects that are within the jurisdiction of this Commission or pertain to matters upon which it may act.*
- *Any individual speaking during public comment shall address the entire Board. Any polling of Board members is inappropriate.*
- *Persons addressing the Board are expected to observe the decorum of the Chamber, and to be respectful of everyone in the room.*
- *Any person who willfully interrupts, disturbs, or disrupts the session will be asked to leave the meeting.*
- *The Board reserves the right to deny public addresses on a subject previously presented to the Board.*

Don Yelton suggested that the County's website include information on how to apply for tax discounts. He suggested that the Board allow tax reductions for non-development of small acreage.

Milton Byrd spoke about the greenway system and the possibility of an entrepreneurial plan that would generate revenue.

Jerry Rice asked how the County got an AAA bond rating in the current economy. He asked for a report from the Tax Director on the value trend since 2006.

Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

KATHY HUGHES, CLERK TO THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS