

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’
PRE-MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on June 2, 2020, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 3 p.m. where and when the following business was transacted:

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner
Joe Belcher, Commissioner
Amanda Edwards, Commissioner
Anthony Penland, Commissioner
Robert Pressley, Vice Chair
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Brownie Newman, Chairman, was absent from the meeting.

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Tim Love, Business Officer; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney; Heather Hockaday, Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

During the meeting, the Board and staff will review and discuss agenda items and receive staff updates with discussions as noted:

Staff Updates:

Broadband Update. Tim Love, Business Officer, provided the Board with the status of establishing adequate broadband accessibility throughout Buncombe County. Short term and long term activities were summarized in the presentation. A workgroup will be created to support activities, such as developing a request for proposal.

COVID-19 Discussion. Dr. Mullendore, Interim Public Health Director, and Fletcher Tove, Preparedness & Security Officer, provided information of the status of the COVID-19 pandemic. Community testing numbers are up and contact tracing capacity has increased. Data trends were discussed and will be examined to determine where resources can be applied effectively.

Open Discussion:

Name of meeting. The Board discussed renaming the pre-meeting and settled on “Briefing” as the new name.

July Board Meeting Schedule. For the past few years, the Board has juggled the schedule of board meetings in July. They decided to schedule one meeting in the month on July 21, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS