

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
BRIEFING OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 1, 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 Chairman called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Brownie Newman, Chairman
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner (via phone)
Joe Belcher, Commissioner
Amanda Edwards, Commissioner
Anthony Penland, Commissioner
Robert Pressley, Vice Chair
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Tim Love, Business Officer; Sharon Burke, Human Resources Director; 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:

CARES Funding for Individual Assistance and Childcare. Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager, and Phillip Hardin, Social Services, presented the programs for individual assistance and childcare that have funding of \$400K each. The programs will run through the end of the year.

High Performance Building and Efficient Fleet Policy. Jeremiah LeRoy, Sustainability, explained the standards and benefits that constructing high performance buildings and using efficient vehicles. He is scheduled to bring the resolution to the Board for adoption at the September 15th Regular meeting.

COVID-19 Discussion. Stacie Saunders, Public Health Director, and Fletcher Tove, Preparedness & Security Officer, provided information on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic trends. The percentage of positive tests and daily confirmed cases are decreasing. The Board received an update on the new NC Executive Order that Governor Cooper released.

Open Discussion: The Board discussed the Early Childhood Education and Development Committee member appointments that had interviews before the new process was established.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
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