

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’
BRIEFING OF DECEMBER 7, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on December 7, 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
Amanda Edwards, Commissioner
Robert Pressley, Vice Chair
Parker Sloan, Commissioner
Terri Wells, Commissioner
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Donald Warn, Finance Director; Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director; Sharon Burke, Human Resources Director; Stoney Blevins, Health and Human Services Director; Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnerships Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney; Heather Hockaday, Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

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

Swear In of New Commission Members. The Honorable Calvin Hill, Chief District Court Judge, performed the swearing-in ceremony for newly-elected Commissioners, Brownie Newman, Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Parker Sloan and Terri Wells.

Staff Updates:

COVID-19 Discussion. Stacie Saunders, Public Health Director, and Fletcher Tove, Preparedness & Security Officer, provided information related to the Thanksgiving holiday cases, vaccine distribution, and metric data (3 categories coded red). NC Executive Order 180 requirements were reviewed and updates of enforcement violations were discussed.

COVID Violations and Enforcement. Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, requested and the Board agreed to add this item to the evening’s regular meeting agenda under New Business to discuss updating the fire code ordinance.

Input on Duke Energy’s Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). Jeremiah LeRoy, Sustainability, explained the IRP. The goal would be to provide input to the plan that recognizes the County’s interest. A “petition to intervene” will be developed and submitted that identifies the County’s strategy of a 100% renewable roadmap.

Racial Equity Plan Check-In. DK Wesley, Rachael Nygaard, Lynn Smith, Zo Mpofo of the Equity & Inclusion Team explained the policy direction of equity as a value, introduction of the workgroup, and the planning process. In the timeline, there are community and foundational goals defined.

Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP). Don Warn, Finance Director, discussed the development of the LGIP for the County. The LGIP was defined as a cooperative investment product designed primarily for the investment of short-term funds of participating jurisdictions that invest the cash in securities allowed under the state’s laws regarding government investments. The next steps in the development of the LGIP will be to enter into an interlocal agreement with Wake County as a sponsoring organization, finalize trust documents, and contract with service providers.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
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