

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
BRIEFING OF JANUARY 19, 2021 AT 3:00 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 19, 2021, 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, Commissioner  
Parker Sloan, Commissioner  
Terri Wells, Commissioner  
Al Whitesides, Vice Chair

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; Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnerships Director; Keith Miller, Tax Assessor; Stoney Blevins, Health and Human Services Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Nathan Pennington, Planning Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney; Heather Hockaday, Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:03 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:**

**COVID-19/Vaccine Update.** Stacie Saunders, Public Health Director, and Fletcher Tove, Preparedness & Security Officer provided information on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic data and trends, vaccine prioritization rollout update, and metric data (2 categories coded red). The registration for vaccinations will move to a waiting list process and the vaccination operation will expand its efforts and locations.

**Budget Retreat Follow-up.** Rafael Baptista, Performance Management Director, and Rusty Mau, Budget, provided the Board with information requested at the December budget retreat. Employment, economic, and property tax data for the County was detailed with comparison to other areas.

**Facility Study.** Mike Mace, General Services Director, introduced Rachael Nilson, CPL, who gave an overview of the comprehensive facilities study. The study involved the assessment of all the County building sites and a plan to efficiently provide the use of the facilities and space. The plan included information regarding space needs analysis, future growth, telecommuting, and building analysis.

**Emergency Paid Sick Leave.** This agenda item was moved to the 5 p.m. regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

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LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS