

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
BRIEFING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 16, 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; Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Stoney Blevins, Health and Human Services Director; Keith Miller, Tax Assessor; Dane Pederson, Solid Waste Director; Jim Blanton, Library Director; Jennifer Harrison, Agriculture and Land Resources Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:20 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, provided information on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic data and trends, vaccine prioritization rollout, and metric data (2 categories coded red). Total vaccine administered to date is 37,733. A vaccination equity event was completed on February 13th at the YMCA.

PPA Agreement and Waste Stream Evaluation. Dane Pedersen, Solid Waste Director, discussed the power purchase agreement (PPA) that included information on the waste composition study. The current 10-year agreement expires in November 2021.

Reval Update. Keith Miller, Tax Assessor, updated the commissioners on the reappraisal process and the schedule. Data was presented on the 2021 preliminary reappraisal results for residential and commercial properties. Information was provided on the current appeal process as well.

FY21 Revenue Trends and Items for Consideration for Funding. Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director, explained the revenue trends related to the property tax, sales tax, and deed stamp excise tax. Some of the future initiatives for consideration included of a comprehensive plan, personnel, and new software.

Ferry Road and Economic Development Update. Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations, updated the Board on economic development projects for Borg Warner and Systems Logistics Corporation that will require future public hearings and the Ferry Road Property Analysis and Site Planning Contract.

Conservation Easement Overview. Commissioner Terri Wells, Jennifer Harrison, Agriculture and Land Resources Director, and Ariel Zijp, Agriculture and Land Resources, provided details and data about conservation easements that support our 2025 Strategic Plan goals.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
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