

MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
BRIEFING OF APRIL 6, 2021 AT 3:00 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 6, 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; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:09 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 (1 category coded red). The pandemic is trending in a positive direction but following safety guidelines and getting the community vaccinated is important to continue the positive trends. Total county vaccines administered to date is 154,299.

Enka TCC Building Plan. Dirk Wilmoth and Emily Kite of A-B Tech, outlined a presentation on the Enka Technology Commercialization Center Building plan on the A-B Tech campus. A cost comparison was provide on building renovation versus new construction. Currently, a portion of the building is unoccupied due to various issues.

Resolution/Proclamation Process. Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations, delivered an overview of the resolution/proclamation process for those documents that are not considered as normal business to the Commissioners for their consideration. The public-at-large, Commissioners, or County Staff would be able to make a request to have the document considered.

Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) Trustee Discussion. Don Warn, Finance Director, explained that Finance staff discovered that the trustees for OPEB Trust are no longer associated with County and need to be updated. The correction will be presented as a consent item on a future meeting agenda.

Road Closure. Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, explained the need for an ordinance to close Walnut Place, an unopened road in the Limestone Township. The original approval of the closure was completed on March 19, 2002 but was not executed. The ordinance will be considered during the April 20, 2021 regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
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