MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’
BRIEFING OF APRIL 20, 2021 AT 3:00 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 20, 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
Parker Sloan, Commissioner
Terri Wells, Commissioner
Al Whitesides, Vice Chair

Robert Pressley, Commissioner, was absent from the meeting.

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Donald Warn, Finance Director; Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnerships Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:04 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, vaccination update, and metric data (1 category coded red). Vaccinations performed by the County will consolidate into one site at A-B Tech with an introduction of walk-in availability and conduct outreach around the community in small batches.

Old Landfill Solar Farm Update/Solar Project Update. Jeremiah LeRoy, Sustainability, gave an update of solar projects in the County that include Woodfin Solar Farm and 39 rooftop projects on public facilities.

Black Mountain MOA. Matt Stone, Permits & Inspections Director, provided an overview of the Black Mountain Inspections Agreement that will increase the amount per inspection from $40 to $80.

Public Engagement Process for Federal Relief Program. Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnerships Director, reviewed the program that allots nearly $51 million with a deadline to spend by December 31, 2024. The process to determine how to use the funds will include community input and employee involvement with a focus on equity, collaboration, and leverage of other funding sources.

Open Discussion: The Commissioners discussed how to conduct the public comment session for the regular meeting later that evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS