

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

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**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.

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LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS