

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’
BRIEFING OF MAY 18, 2021 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 18, 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 (virtually)
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; Sharon Burke, Human Resources Director; Jim Blanton, Library Director; Michael Mace, General Services Director; Stoney Blevins, Health and Human Services Director; 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 (no category coded red). Vaccinations performed by the County was consolidated into one site at A-B Tech with an introduction of walk-in availability on May 10th. Outreach will continue for homeless, homebound, detention center, migrant farmworkers, and African Americans communities.

Facility Study Work Session. Rachael Nilson, CPL, and Maureen Arndt, 720 Design Inc., gave a more detailed review the comprehensive facilities study, focusing on the library and Coxe Avenue new project options. Location, availability, and community needs were some of the key components of the study, involving these specific projects.

The overall study included the assessment of all the County building sites and a plan to efficiently provide the use of the facilities and space. The plan consolidated information regarding space needs analysis, future growth, telecommuting, and building analysis.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS