

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

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on August 3, 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; Keith Miller, Tax Assessor; Stoney Blevins; Health & Human Services Director; Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnerships Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Nathan Pennington, Planning Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

During the meeting, the Board and staff will review and discuss agenda items and receive staff updates with discussions as noted:

Review the Board’s Agenda.

Staff Updates:

COVID-19/Vaccine Update. Stacie Saunders, Public Health Director, and Dr. Bill Hathaway, HCA Healthcare, provided information on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic data and trends, vaccination update, and metric data (1 category coded red). The infection rate of COVID have increased, with the doubling rate at two weeks, and hospitalizations have increased as well. Vaccinations continue to be performed by the County with walk-in availability and \$100 cash cards will be giving to individuals 18 and older that get fully vaccinated through the end of August. Outreach for vaccinations will continue to include planning with neighborhoods, schools, worksites, recreation centers, and other local events.

Reval Ad Hoc Committee. Keith Miller, Tax Assessor, explained the vision of the committee to the Board. The goals of the committee are to identify citizen concerns, provide guidance on future assessments, and provide input into equity concerns. Membership is proposed to include seven community members and County staff.

Local Recovery Fund Workshop. Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnerships Director, gave an update on the funding assistance associated with the recovery of the COVID-19 pandemic. She reviewed the local allocation amounts and the timeline for the process. The review of requests for proposal has started by the designated team. The Board expect to have a special meeting at 10:00 a.m. on August 31st to conduct a review/approval for the initial round of awards.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
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