

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
BRIEFING OF OCTOBER 5, 2021 AT 2:30 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 5, 2021, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 2:30 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; Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:37 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 Fletch Tove, Preparedness & Security Officer, provided information on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic data and trends, vaccination update, and metric data (2 categories coded red). The infection rate of COVID and hospitalizations are decreasing but remain high. Vaccination operations for the Fall and Winter were detailed.

Community Survey. Rafael Baptista, Strategy & Innovation Director, explained the purpose and the benefits of the community survey. The goal of the survey is to receive the residents' satisfaction with County services. Targeted understanding, benchmarking, and tracking progress of the Strategic Plan goals are some areas of focus. The survey will include the following qualities: randomness, gold standard methodology, multiple languages, anonymity, and multiple platforms.

Fiscal Recovery Fund – Organization Presentations. The Commissioners heard the second half of the Buncombe County Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund presentations virtually.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS