

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
BRIEFING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2021 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on November 16, 2021, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 3:00 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
Terri Wells, Commissioner
Al Whitesides, Vice Chair

Parker Sloan, Commissioner, was absent from the meeting.

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director; Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services 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 3:07 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, 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 and deaths have leveled out but remain high. Information about vaccination boosters and vaccinations for 5-11 year olds was discussed. The conversation ended with of holiday tips and recommendations on how to stay COVID safe.

Waste Pro CPI Adjustment/Contract Update. Dane Pedersen, Solid Waste Director, and Melinda Barkley, Waste Pro, updated the Board on the residential waste collection contract. The number of subscribers, service data, customers complaints, and challenges were detailed in the presentation.

Sports Park Community Input. Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations/Interim Recreation Services Director, informed the Commissioners of the completed community listening sessions and the themes that were take-a-ways. Next steps were detailed.

Skyland Transport Service. Jamie Judd, Emergency Services, explained that the County will take over this service on Jan. 1, 2022, which is located in EMS District 5. Some equipment and facilities will be gained in the take over transition.

Appointments to the Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority. Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, explained the history and background of the authority. The reappointments and appointments were a part of the regular agenda board appointments.

Open Discussion: The Board discussed and had questions about the Homeowner Grant process that staff was tabbed to provide information.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
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