

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
BRIEFING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2022 AT 2:30 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 1, 2022, 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, Vice Chair
Robert Pressley, Commissioner
Parker Sloan, Commissioner
Terri Wells, Commissioner
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; 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 2:38 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 (3 categories coded red). The infection rate of COVID is declining but hospitalizations lag and remain high for the Omicron variant. Vaccinations continue to be performed by the County with walk-in availability and information about vaccinations, vaccination boosters, and testing was detailed during the discussion.

Internal Audit Meeting Schedule. Dan Keister, Internal Audit Director, presented the goals of the Internal Audit department and outlined the reporting process as it relates to the Audit Committee and the Board of Commissioners.

Homelessness Overview. Jennifer Teague, HHS, and Emily Ball, City of Asheville-Community Development, explained the County's and the City of Asheville's role in the homelessness partnership. Statistical data and funding contributions were presented. Current planning and next steps concluded the conversation.

Community Survey Results. Rafael Baptista, Innovation & Strategy Director, introduced Ryan Murray, from ETC Institute, to lead off the Community Survey results discussion. The presentation included the purpose and methodology, things to know, major findings, and summary. The survey was a random sample of County households.

COVID Recovery Funds Process. Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnerships Director, discussed the recap, current status, and planning for next phase for the Fiscal Recovery Funds. Recommendations and ideas were shared for the next round of awards.

Performance Review Scheduling. The Commissioners decided to conduct annual review after the budget Process of positions that report to the Board.

Affordable Housing Goals and Policies. The Commissioners, agreed to move this item under Presentations of the evening's regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS