

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
BRIEFING OF MARCH 15, 2022 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 15, 2022, 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, Vice Chair
Robert Pressley, Commissioner
Terri Wells, Commissioner
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Parker Sloan, Commissioner, was absent from the meeting.

Staff present: Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Donald Warn, Finance Director; Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director; Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services Director; Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnerships Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Bob Haynes, Permits & Inspections Director; Ashley Featherstone, Air Quality Director; Jennifer Harrison, Agriculture & Land Resources Director; Stacie Saunders, Public Health Director; Nathan Pennington, Planning Director; Dane Pederson, Solid Waste Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney; Brandon Freeman, 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:

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 (0 category coded red). Community briefings will transition from twice a month to once a month. The infection rate of COVID, cases, and hospitalizations continue to remain low. Vaccine impact was detailed, and vaccinations continue to be performed by the County with walk-in availability.

Strategic Plan Quarterly Update. Matt Baker and Burnett Walz, Strategy & Innovation, updated the Board on the ongoing work to meet the strategic goals in each of the categories: Educated & Capable Community, Resident Well-Being, Environmental & Energy Stewardship, and Vibrant Economy.

Code Enforcement Team Process. Department Directors and staff from Planning, Permits & Inspections, Environmental Health, Solid Waste, Legal, Sheriff, Air Quality, and Fire shared their experiences with code enforcement complaints and solutions. Resources were shared for investigation and resolution of code enforcement issues.

Open Discussion: Chairman Newman introduced and the Board briefly discussed the Affordable Housing Subcommittee Goals that will be further examined during the regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
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