

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’
BRIEFING OF JUNE 7, 2022 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on June 7, 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: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services Director; Stacie Saunders, Public Health Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:05 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 (medium category-coded yellow). There continues to be a slight uptick but comparatively the infection rate of COVID, cases, and hospitalizations continue to remain low. Vaccinations continue to be performed by the County with walk-in availability, and at-home tests, with the test-to-treat initiative, are made available for the public.

Internal Audit Update. Dan Keister, Internal Audit Director, updated the Board on the risk assessment and audit plan development. Risk factors involving Strategic Risk, Financial Risk, Legal & Regulatory Risk, Environmental Health & Safety Risk, Information Technology, Fraud Risk, Human Capital Risk, and Reputational Risk will be a part of the assessment. The schedule and timeline of next steps were explained to detail the audit process.

Community Safety Initiative Update. Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services Director, informed the Board that the key safety initiatives are Justice System Analysis/Intervention and Community Engagement Intervention. These initiatives will provide strategies to reduce jail numbers by addressing the main drivers of the County’s jail population, address racial disparities, and increase community engagement. Community organizations are stepping up to invest in the initiatives.

Real-Time Intelligence Center (RTIC). Scott Bissinger and Lynn Smith, Sheriff’s Office, explained the FUSUS tool that is used by the Sheriff’s Department in the RTIC. The law enforcement tool allows the Sheriff’s Office and the dispatch center to live stream cameras in the event of an emergency situation. The RTIC and FUSUS provides efficiency and proficiency to law enforcement and first responders.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
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