

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’  
BRIEFING OF JULY 19, 2022 AT 3:00 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on July 19, 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  
Robert Pressley, Commissioner  
Parker Sloan, Commissioner  
Terri Wells, Commissioner  
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Amanda Edwards, Vice Chair, was absent from the meeting.

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Donald Warn, Finance Director; John Hudson, Budget Director; Rafael Baptista, Strategy & Innovation Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Nathan Pennington, Planning Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:06 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:**

**Opioid Settlement Planning Update.** Victoria Reichard, Behavioral Health, provided a timeline of the settlement process and the remediation strategies that will accompany the process. The Behavioral Health Justice Collaborative has been established to assist in identifying priorities. Buncombe County will receive \$16,175,039 over a 17-year period.

**Town of Weaverville Stormwater Intergovernmental Agreement.** Victoria Hoyland, Planning, explained that the County currently applies and enforces the county's Stormwater and Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinances within the Town of Weaverville boundaries. The agreement requires clarified documentation of how the Town is complying with several permit requirements for which the county currently provides services. The clarifying language does not change the services that the County is providing, it simply helps meet the requirements of the State.

**Workforce Development Board Consolidation.** Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations, updated the Board on the opportunities to realign the workforce system that the NC Works Commission asked local governments to consider to better support economic development. Challenges, guiding principles, and realignment zones were presented. Staff and the Board agreed that maintaining the current Workforce Development Board alignment was best.

**Composting Drop-off Site Pilot Update.** Casi Lohmeyer, Solid Waste, presented the data and results of the current composting drop-off site pilot. The pilot has been beneficial and moving from three to potentially seven sites is part of the grant timeline plan.

**Open Discussion:** Commissioner Sloan introduced a plan to support the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians’ resolution to restore the name “Kuwahi” to the mountain presently known as Clingman’s Dome. The Board decided to gather more information to consider the proposal at an upcoming meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

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LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS