

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’
BRIEFING OF AUGUST 2, 2022 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on August 2, 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
Parker Sloan, Commissioner
Terri Wells, Commissioner
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Staff present: Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Donald Warn, Finance Director; John Hudson, Budget Director; Sharon Burke, Human Resources Director; Rafael Baptista, Strategy & Innovation Director; Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services Director; Allison Dains, Parks & Recreation 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 3:04 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:

BCSP Field Management Update. Allison Dains, Parks & Recreation Director, explained the background information on the current management and maintenance agreement. There were concerns of equity, accountability, and oversight within the current management arrangement and the new project will address those issues. The three models for sports park operations for consideration are: Full Local Government Operation, Hybrid Models (Current model for BCSP), and Nearly Full Contracted Out. Financial impacts, draft Request for Proposals (RFP), and the project timeline were discussed.

Resolution Delegating Refund Authority for Overpayments of Excise Tax. Brandon Freeman, Staff Attorney, stated to the Board that deeds are recorded in the wrong county by accident and, when that happens, the tax is paid to the incorrect county. The General assembly amended the statute, which enables county commissions to authorize their managers or finance officers to grant excise tax refund requests and the resolution gives permission.

Strategic Plan Update. Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations, Rafael Baptista, Strategy & Innovation Director, and Nathan Pennington, Planning Director, provided an update to Strategic Plan from the Vibrant Economy Focus Area Workgroup. The presentation focused on land use strategies for affordable housing, economic development, community financial wellness, and broadband expansion.

Open Discussion: The Board discussed the representation for the NC Association of County Commissioners’ (NCACC) District 16 Caucus to select a district director. Appointment of a commissioner was agreed to be made during the regular 5:00 p.m. meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS