

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
BRIEFING OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 6, 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: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; John Hudson, Budget Director; Sharon Burke, Human Resources Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Bob Haynes, Permits & Inspections 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:

Septic System Repair Program. Jessica Silver, Permits & Inspections, explained the functionality of a septic System, the typical reasons they fail, and why repairs are not completed. The repair program will provide financial assistance to individuals that are unable to have repairs completed.

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 (low category-coded green). There continues to be a steady decline in the infection rate of COVID, cases, and hospitalizations for the last four consecutive weeks. 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. An update in the Monkeypox cases was provided.

Easement to Dominion Energy for Property off Old US 70. Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, explained the request to use two County-owned parcels by Dominion Energy to install a gas line.

Small Business Employee Downtown Parking Access. Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations, provided the background and some potential options for parking in downtown Asheville. The discussion included monthly rates, availability and accessibility, revenue and expenses, application process, and next steps. The Board was interested in hearing the community feedback.

DFI Kick-Off. Matt Cable, Planning, & Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations, introduced Sarah Odio, from DFI (Development Finance Initiative), to explain the plan for starting the scope of work with the County regarding property development. Affordable housing, public engagement, feasibility analysis, and the timeline were some major aspects of the discussion.

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

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS