

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’
BRIEFING OF DECEMBER 5, 2022 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on December 5, 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
Martin Moore, Commissioner
Parker Sloan, Commissioner
Terri Wells, Commissioner
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Taylor Jones, Emergency Services Director; John Hudson, Budget Director; Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services Director; Sharon Burke, Human Resources Director; Sheriff Quentin Miller; Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services Director; Rafael Baptista, Strategy & Innovation Director; Stacie Saunders, Public Health Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Nathan Pennington, Planning Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney; Brandon Freeman, Staff Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

During the meeting, the Board and staff will review and discuss agenda items and receive staff updates with discussions as noted:

Swear In of New Commission Members. The Honorable Calvin Hill, Chief District Court Judge, performed the swearing-in ceremony for newly-elected Commissioner, Al Whitesides. The Honorable Patricia Timmons-Goodson, Supreme Court Associate Justice (retired), performed the swearing-in ceremony for newly-elected Commissioner, Martin Moore. The Honorable Alan Thornburg, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, performed the swearing-in ceremony for newly-elected Commissioner, Amanda Edwards.

Review the Board’s Agenda.

Staff Updates:

Waste Pro Fee Increases. Casi Lohmeyer, Solid Waste, and Chip Gingles, Waste Pro, provided an update of the contract cost increases for waste and recycling collections.

CDBG Analysis of Impediments to Affordable Housing. Phillip Hardin, Social Services, and Mary Roderick, Land of Sky Regional Council, delivered information on the Fair Housing Planning Overview that focused on analyzing impediments to fair housing choices.

Conservation Easement Bond Project Criteria. Ariel Zijp, Agriculture & Land Resources, reviewed the Conservation easement criteria and process. The two boards that will oversee the process are the Land Conservation Advisory Board (LCAB) and Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB). Evaluation and ranking systems are important part of the process.

Resident Well-Being Strategic Update. Rafael Baptista, Strategy & Innovation Director; Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services Director; and Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services Director provide an update of the Strategic Plan as it relates to the Resident well Being goal. The goal includes the following initiatives:

- Expand and maintain cultural and recreational assets
- Increase access to public transportation
- Eliminate deaths due to substance use
- Reduce jail population and enhance public safety

Progress status was highlighted for each initiative.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS