

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’
BRIEFING OF MARCH 7, 2023 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 7, 2023, 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, Commissioner
Martin Moore, Commissioner
Terri Wells, Vice Chair
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; John Hudson, Budget Director; Sharon Burke, Human Resources Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; 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:

WNC Farmers’ Market. Phil Jacobus, WNC Farmers Market Manager, updated the Board on the economic impact, regional outreach, partnerships, capital investment, and customer experience of the market.

Quiet Zone for Private Railroad Crossing. Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, explained the request form the area hotels to have the Quiet Zone Railroad Crossing located near the 1400-1500 block of Tunnel Road. The request resolution will be presented at the next regular meeting and not require any County funding.

McCormick Field Update. Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations, provided an update on the ongoing financial discussions between the City of Asheville, Tourists, Tourism Development Authority (TDA) and the County. The City staff presented history, financial scenarios and vision of future use at their February 14th work session. A financial scenario summary was provided as such:

- Full Project: \$37.5M (\$56.1M w/ interest)
- Minimum Project: \$29.2M (\$43.1M w/ interest)

Current status, project details and cost breakdown, financial plan, frequently asked questions, and next steps were explained during the presentation.

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

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS