

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’
BRIEFING OF APRIL 4, 2023 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 4, 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 Vice Chair called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner
Martin Moore, Commissioner
Parker Sloan, Commissioner
Terri Wells, Vice Chair
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Brownie Newman, Chairman; and Amanda Edwards, Commissioner, were absent from the meeting.

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; John Hudson, Budget Director; Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services Director; Taylor Jones, Emergency Services Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Allison Dains, Parks & Recreation Director; Jennifer Harrison, Agriculture & Land Resources Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:02 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:

NC Medicaid & Potential Expansion. Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services Director, explained some of the components of the expansion, that included background, timeline, local impact, and advance planning. There will be no County operational cost expected through FY2025.

NC Child & Family Specialty Plan. Rebecca Smith, Health & Human Services, provided awareness of the plan and its purpose. It was explained that the single statewide provision is not believed to be an effective plan for the County and would not include the partnerships with the local management entities, such as Vaya Health. Staff proposed send a letter to the State to express concerns related to the plan.

Spivey Mountain. Allison Dains, Parks & Recreation Director, discussed the use of Spivey Mountain as a potential park project location. The property is privately owned by conservation-minded individual with the partnership with SAHC (Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy). A portion of the funding is from a grant and there is a need for additional funding.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS