

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’  
BRIEFING OF MAY 16, 2023 AT 3:00 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 16, 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  
Parker Sloan, Commissioner  
Terri Wells, Vice Chair  
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

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; Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services 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:**

**CDBG-NR Quarterly Update.** Matt Cable, Planning, provided an update on the \$400,000 grant from the NC Department of Commerce that provides funding for the home repair program for low and moderate-income homeowners.

**Community Index Map.** Dr. Lee Crayton, Strategy & Innovation, and Dr. Noreal Armstrong, Equity & Human Rights, explained the components of the interactive web-based platform. The platform will help provide data for the Strategic Plan and inform community-focused decisions.

**City/County Interlocal Agreement for Airport Parcel.** Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney, informed the Board that the parcel is located adjacent to New Airport Road and Interstate-26 and the agreement will give the City of Asheville jurisdiction for approval needs.

**Opioid Settlement Planning & Fatal Overdose Update.** Victoria Reichard, Behavioral Health, and Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services Director, explained the strategic plan for the use of the Opioid Settlement funds by detailing the community perspectives, findings, and recommendations. The staff recommendation is to utilize a dual approach of maintaining the current support levels, while expanding identified services and support.

**Board Meeting Schedule.** Commissioners discussed the staff’s proposed day/night meeting option with further discussions and decisions to come in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

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LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS