

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'**  
**BRIEFING OF June 20, 2023 AT 3:00 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on June 20, 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; Dane Pedersen, Solid Waste Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Nathan Pennington, Planning Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Curt Euler, 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:**

**Wildlife Commission Resources Bold Bear Reports.** Ashley Hobbs, NC Wildlife Resources Commission, and Curt Euler, Staff Attorney, provided presentations about bear education and potential changes to ordinances to protect bears and the community.

**Medicaid Expansion Update.** Stoney Blevins, HHS Director, explained the background, customer data, anticipated financial overview, staffing plan, and next steps of the Medicaid expansion.

**Quarterly HIAC Update.** Matt Cable, Planning, updated the Board on the Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee (HIAC) activities that involved workgroups, short-term tasks with deliverables, and next steps.

**Enka Recreation Destination & Woodfin Greenway Update.** Allison Dains, Parks & Recreation Director, provided an update of the projects that included the goals, processes, and timelines.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

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LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS