

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'**  
**BRIEFING OF August 1, 2023 AT 3:00 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on August 1, 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; Sharon Burke, Human Resources Director; Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services 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:**

**Election Equipment Purchase.** Corinne Duncan, Elections Services Director, explained that the purchase is for the system software upgrade that will enhance the voting experience for the staff and the voters. The NC State Board of Elections certified the equipment and the software upgrade on July 20, 2023.

**Economic Development Policy-Wage Rate Refresh.** Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations, provided an overview of the current Economic Development Policy and explained the revision options. The Board provided feedback and will consider the revisions at a future regular meeting.

**Social Worker Recruitment and Retention.** Rebecca Smith, Health & Human Services, stated that Child Protective Services is facing a critical staffing situation and explained that the staffing recommendations would look to address several issues, with no additional County funds requested.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS