

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’  
BRIEFING OF August 15, 2023 AT 3:00 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on August 15, 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; Keith Miller, Tax Assessor; Rafael Baptista, Strategy & Innovation 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 3:05 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:**

**2025 Reappraisal Schedule.** Keith Miller, Tax Assessor, provided an update on the upcoming 2025 Reappraisal Schedule, that included implementing recommendations for the Ad Hoc Committee process. The property assessment will feature improvement to the data quality. The appeal period will go from January – April, 2025.

**Vibrant Economy w/ Department of Commerce Economy Presentation.** Jeff DeBellis, NC Department of Commerce, explained the workforce and employer conditions in Buncombe County and took a look at the regional employment projections for 2030.

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

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LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS