

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
BRIEFING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 5, 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:

Amanda Edwards, Commissioner
Martin Moore, Commissioner
Parker Sloan, Commissioner
Terri Wells, Vice Chair
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Brownie Newman, Chairman, and Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, 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; Eric Grau, Information Technology Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; 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 3:03 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:

Pack Square Visioning Project Update. Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager, Stephanie Dahl, City of Asheville, and Mitch Silver, McAdams, provided an update on the visioning process of Pack Square. Many ideas and considerations were included in reimagining the space and the surrounding area.

Water Quality Data & Grant. Ann Marie Traylor, Environmental Quality Institute, and Jennifer Harrison, Agriculture & Land Resource Director, explained the efforts and analysis that contribute to the local water quality.

Quarterly HIAC Update. Lacy Hoyle, Planning, informed the Board of Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee (HIAC) recent activities with workgroups progress, partnerships, and funding consideration.

Public Safety Interoperability Program (PSIP) Agreement Update. Eric Grau, Information Technology Director, provided an update on the history and future PSIP agreements. The goal of the PSIP Agreement is to cooperatively leverage technology to improve public safety operations and a formal agreement is needed with all relevant jurisdictions to provide appropriate access to and support for public safety technology systems and data.

Tower Utilization Contract. Vance Bell, Information Technology, explained the Milestone Tower Management contract. The agreement goal is to manage existing tower sites, market tower sites to 3rd party service providers to collocate on County towers, and review County owned properties for additional wireless communication potential for both County & services providers.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS