

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

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 3, 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; Melissa Moore, Finance Director; John Hudson, Budget Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Allison Dains, Parks & Recreation Director; 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 3:07 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:**

**Frontier – Broadband Implementation Schedule.** Allison Ellis, Frontier Communications, explained their implementation plan and benefits of providing service to the area. A project timeline was detailed and is currently underway.

**MedTrust Franchise Agreement.** Amy Broughton, Staff Attorney, shared that MedTrust, is a mobile healthcare organization and has applied to operate convalescent and nonemergency ambulance service in the County. MedTrust has fulfilled the requirements of Buncombe County Ordinance § 22-42.

**Barnardsville Flood Mitigation.** Jennifer Harrison, Agriculture & Land Resources, provided a project overview with information that the infrastructure (mainly the bridge and culvert) has aged and is deteriorating. The project is located near the intersection of NC HWY 197 and Paint Fork Road, as well as the nearby intersection of Dillingham Creek, Ivy Creek, and the North Forks of Ivy Creek. It has long been subject to flooding events and was severely impacted by Tropical Storm Fred in 2021.

**Passive Recreation Criteria.** Jill Carter, Open Space Bond Project Manager, explained that the Open Space Bond allocates \$30 million to Conservation, Greenways, and Passive Recreation Lands projects. Staff, with input from the Passive Recreation Lands Subcommittee, Environmental & Energy Stewardship Subcommittee, and the public have developed a set of criteria for evaluating Passive Recreation Lands project proposals.

**Combined Recreation Master Plan with Greenways and Trails Master Plan.** Thomas Gull, Parks & Recreation, provided information on the background, proposal and implementation, and estimated costs and savings for the plan. The staff proposed that an Open Space Plan and the Greenways and Trails Master Plan be incorporated into the Systemwide Parks & Recreation Master Planning process.

**Woodfin Greenway Update.** Allison Dains, Parks & Recreation Director, updated the Board on the Design and Construction, Timelines, and Current Financial components of project. The funding request is to establish a GO Bond Project from the Open Space Bond for Woodfin Greenway County match.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

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LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS