

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
BRIEFING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2023 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on November 7, 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; Melissa Moore, Finance Director; John Hudson, Budget Director; Dane Pedersen, Solid Waste Director; Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Taylor Jones, Emergency Services 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:

MicroTransit Test Study. William High, Planning, & Kai Monast, NC State University Institute for Transportation Research & Education, explained the results of the case study for microtransit in the state. The work is a collaboration with the NC Department of Transportation and public transportation systems across the state. The area objectives are to discuss microtransit's potential application served by the North Buncombe Trailblazer route, share an analysis of microtransit's potential, and discuss options, answer questions and discuss next steps.

Safety & Justice Strategies and Grant Update. Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services Director, detailed the background, jail population data, and strategy with initiative overview. The Community Diversion and Community Re-entry grants will enhance pretrial release strategies and help reduce recidivism.

Waste Pro Contract. Dane Pedersen, Solid Waste Director, and Chip Gingles, Waste Pro, provided information on the contract background and focused on the extension options. Discussion points with pros and cons were part of the presentation that will assist the Board in making decisions at an upcoming meeting.

Q1 Strategic Discussion. The Board agreed to move this item to a future briefing or meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS