

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

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on December 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 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; Sheriff Quentin Miller; Dane Pedersen, Solid Waste Director; Rafael Baptista, Strategy & Innovation Director; Taylor Jones, Emergency Services 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 3:08 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:

Comprehensive Plan Implementation Process. Nathan Pennington, Planning Director; Gillian Phillips, Planning; and Rafael Baptista, Strategy & Innovation Director; provided an update of the process that consisted of the order of the text amendment modules and led the discussion of options for short-term rental conversion incentive.

Waste Collection RFP. Dane Pedersen, Solid Waste Director, provided information for the key items of the waste collection Request for Proposal (RFP) and requested feedback from the Board. The timeline and next steps were presented for the process.

NC CLASS Investment Pool. Mason Scott, Finance, explained the investment pool and informed the Board of the County's investment policy and history. Recommendation was given to adopt the resolution and approve agreement to join NC Class Investment Pool at next regular Board meeting.

Sheriff's Safety Presentation. Herbert Blake, Sheriff Chief Deputy, and Donnie Parks, Sheriff Administrative Investigator, reviewed the handout that addressed the cited problems and concerns expressed by owners, managers, and employees in the Downtown Business District. The Sheriff office is requesting support and funding in the amount of \$186,000.00 from the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners. The requested funds will be used to cover the cost of providing a higher level of law enforcement presence and engagement in the Downtown Business District.

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

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS