

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’  
BRIEFING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2024 AT 3:00 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 6, 2024, 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  
Amanda Edwards, Commissioner  
Martin Moore, Commissioner  
Parker Sloan, Vice Chair  
Terri Wells, Commissioner  
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, 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; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services Director; Eric Grau, Information Technology 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:**

**Legislative Debrief and Upcoming Session.** Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations, introduced Whitney Christensen and Trafton Dinwiddie of Ward & Smith. They provided a detailed summary of the victories and accomplishments from the last 2023 Legislative session. The Board had a discussion and asked questions about the upcoming agenda items for the 2024 Legislative session.

**Laptop Donation.** Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations, proposed the laptop donation program partnership with Land of Sky. The County laptop surplus would be provided to Land of Sky for the donation program. The program refurbishes laptops and gives them to local individuals who are unable to obtain one.

**School Nurse Contract Update.** Ellis Matheson, Public Health Director, explained the current status for the School Nurse contract. The contract is with MAHEC to provide school nursing services across the school systems. MAHEC has notified the County that the current contract will leave a projected deficit of \$231,600. The staff’s recommendation is to evaluate the service with MAHEC and provide an additional \$100,000 in funding support through the current fiscal year.

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