

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
BRIEFING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2024 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 20, 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
Terri Wells, Commissioner
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner; Martin Moore, Commissioner; and Parker Sloan, Vice Chair were absent from the meeting.

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Melissa Moore, Finance Director; John Hudson, Budget Director; Rachael Sawyer, Strategic Partnerships Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Nathan Pennington, Planning Director; Keith Miller, Tax Assessor; Stoney Blevins, HHS Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Stacey Woody, Deputy 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:

Upcoming Debt Issuance Update. Melissa Moore, Finance Director, introduced Ty Wofford of Davenport who provided an overview on upcoming debt issuance of the Limited Obligation Bonds.

School Consolidation Feasibility Study. Rachael Sawyer, Strategic Partnership Director, provided an update including the project background, roles and responsibilities, the timeline and the requirements of the selected vendor.

Shelter Team Recommendation. Lacy Hoyle, Planning, gave an update on the shelter planning process and the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) recommendations regarding shelter and the next steps in the process.

Reappraisal Update. Keith Miller, Tax Assessor, discussed the Ad Hoc Appraisal Committee's recommendations and the Tax Department's accomplishments in working towards these goals.

Q2 Strategic Discussion. Rafael Baptista, Strategy & Innovation Director, provided updated information about the current strategic plan in the areas of Educated & Capable, Resident Well-Being, Environmental & Energy Stewardship, Vibrant Economy, Foundational, and Equity.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS