

RESOLUTION # _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR 2024

WHEREAS, the Buncombe county Commissioners have worked with governmental relations personnel at Ward & Smith to develop a 2024 Legislative Agenda;

WHEREAS, this Legislative Agenda includes appropriations and policy priorities that will be pursued during the 2023 Biennium;

WHEREAS, this Board is of the opinion that it is in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the County to pursue these legislative goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the Buncombe County 2024 Legislative Agenda is established as follows:

Appropriations Priorities

- Seek state funding for State Employees, including K-12 and Community College education, and related capital needs.
- Seek additional state funding and/or direct earmarks for water quality, flood resiliency, and stormwater mitigation projects in the French Broad River basin, including targeted funding for the Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP).
- Seek state funding for water and/or sewer projects to extend service to Southwestern Buncombe County towards Canton.
- Seek and advocate for additional state funding to address the Innovation Waiver slots waiting list for IDD individuals in the Buncombe community.
- Seek state funding resources for repairs and improvements to McCormick Field.

Policy Priorities

- Seek additional state funding support for early childhood education and Pre-K programs including simplifying or modifying the subsidy formula for Buncombe County.
- Oppose any proposals that would limit local government ability to regulate short-term rentals or online marketplaces.
- Seek authorization of a General Assembly study for property tax relief and related exemptions for permanent residents of the State of North Carolina.

- Continue to evaluate methods to modernize NC House Occupancy Tax guidelines to meet the evolving visitation and infrastructure needs of Buncombe County.
 - Seek additional state investment in broadband including the re-allocation of unspent State or Federal funds to the GREAT Grant program, as well as additional flexibility for local government investment in broadband infrastructure.
2. That all acts and doings of officers, employees and agents of the County, whether taken prior to, on, or after the date of this Resolution, that are in conformity with and in the furtherance of the purposes and intents of this Resolution as described above shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.
 3. That this resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

This the 2nd of April, 2024.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Stacey Woody, Interim Clerk

By: _____
Brownie Newman, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM

County Attorney