

MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
BRIEFING OF MARCH 19, 2024 AT 3:00 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 19, 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

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Melissa Moore, Finance Director; Stacey Woody, Interim Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney; Matt Baker, Interim Audit Director; Lillian Govus, Communications and Public Engagement Director; Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services Director; Rafael Baptista, Strategy and Innovation Director

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:04 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:

Cease the Harm Audit report. Dr. Noreal Armstrong, Chief Equity and Human Rights Officer, introduced Dr. Adrian Carter and Dr. La'Shana Wiggs of Carter Development Group who presented the findings of the Cease the Harm Audit report. Focus areas were Criminal Justice, Economic Development, Education, Health and Wellness, Housing, Internal Workforce, and Equity, Inclusion, and Human Rights. They gave an overview of the approach and methodology, thematic observations, and gave key recommendations. Commissioners asked questions and discussed the report.

Internal Audit Update. Matt Baker, Interim Internal Audit Director, discussed key initiatives - including filling vacancies on the Audit Committee, training plans, the Audit budget, supervisor review of the Cash Management Audit, and how Internal Audit is working with Compliance/Risk to shore up processes. He gave an update on Quarter 4 initiatives such as the onboarding of new staff, risk assessment procedures and the FY2025 risk assessment, and the FY 2025 Audit Plan.

LOBS 2024 Finding Resolution and Notice. Melissa Moore, Finance Director, provided background and gave updates on the Findings Resolution on the 2024 Limited Obligation Bonds (LOBs) Installment Financing Contract: and discussed the Not-to-exceed amount, Reimbursement, Modifying the 2015 Deed of Trust, and Application to the Local Government Commission (LGC).

Execution of Deeds. Michael Frue, County Attorney, provided maps and an overview of two properties the County owns which are not economically feasible to develop and are adjacent to City parks. Given their proximity to City parks facilities, it was determined these properties be dedicated to a public purpose as a part of these public parks and transferred to the City of Asheville.

Open Discussion:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.


STACEY WOODY, INTERIM CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS