MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’
BRIEFING OF MAY 21, 2024 AT 3:00 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 21, 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
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner (absent)

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; Lillian Govus, Communications and Public Engagement Director; Bob Haynes, Permits & Inspections Director; John Hudson, Budget Director; Eric Grau, Information Technology Director; Nate Pennington, Planning Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Raphael Baptista, Strategy and Innovations Director

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:07 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:

**Public Safety Intergovernmental Agreements (PSIP & CDE).** Eric Grau, Information Technology Director, provided an overview of the Public Safety Interoperability Partnership (PSIP) and Centralized Data Entry (CDE) agreements which define a shared cost model for services provided by County programs. He discussed Buncombe County IT Support and Agreement foundational statements for PSIP, and the reason for a new agreement including a Cost Model Breakdown. Lee Crayton, Management Analyst Supervisor, discussed Centralized Data Entry (CDE) and covered the Services and Cost Model Breakdown and next steps. Eric added that the County will have signed agreements from our municipal partners before the June 4, 2024 Regular Commission Meeting.

**Quarterly Continuum of Care Update.** Lacy Hoyle, Homelessness Program Manager, provided a Continuum of Care Update which included an overview of the Point in Time Count (PIT) (required every two years, but Buncombe County does it yearly), the results of the count, and demographic characteristics. She discussed the HUD Continuum of Care (COC) Funding, Code Purple, the Temporary Shelter Bed Expansion, the Shelter Planning Update and the COC transition.

**Affordable Housing Project Funding.** Melissa Moore, Finance Director, provided a Project Funding Overview for Ferry Road and Coxe Avenue. She discussed Ferry Road Funding Options including General Obligation (GO) Bonds and Limited Obligation Bonds (LOBS) and the requirements of each. Commissioners had a discussion and asked several questions. They would like for staff to come back after more research in LOBs and loan alternatives.

**Just Home Grant.** Chloe Donohoe, Affordable Housing Bond Program Project Manager, presented an overview of a grant opportunity – the Just Home Project. She went over the proposed project partners, the purpose and structure of the project, and the alignment with other initiatives. She discussed the timeline, next steps and grant funded activities.

**Open Discussion:**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

STACEY WOODY, INTERIM CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
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