

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’
BRIEFING OF APRIL 16, 2024 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 16, 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 (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; 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 3:06 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:

Solid Waste Franchise Agreement. Dane Pedersen, Solid Waste Director, introduced Dan Brazil, Chief Operating Officer, Charles Merkley, Director of Municipal Sales, Rob Canciamille, Senior Logistics Manager, and Luly Escar from FCC Environmental Services, who presented a slide show introducing the FCC Environmental Services Team, how the company began, global presence, and US footprint and an overview of their services provided in the United States. They explained the benefits of contracting with FCC including having a smooth transition, quality of service, and enhancements to current service, and discussed the contract. Dane Pedersen expressed the staff recommendation to move forward to the second reading of the contract.

Letter of Support – Advent Health. Chairman Newman discussed sending a letter to the Certificate of Need Section of the Division of Health Service Regulation in support of AdventHealth Asheville’s proposal to expand their acute care bed capacity. By consensus, the Commissioners expressed their support for the letter.

Ferry Road Development Solicitation. Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations, and Sarah Odio, Associate Director of Development Finance Initiative (DFI), a program of the School of Government (SOG), discussed the next steps in the Ferry Road Master Development and Infrastructure Improvements. They presented the key milestones, the Master Development Partner Solicitation, the Key Features of the Ferry Road Community, and the Partner Timeline.

911 Non-Emergency Call Automation. Lillian Govus, Communications & Public Engagement Director, gave background on the need for the automation - identifying the problems we have in the call center, and the proposed solution.

Volunteer Fire – District Line Adjustment. Ryan Cole, Assist Department Director of Emergency Services, provided a report regarding the proposed change in boundaries of the Woodfin and Reems Creek Fire Protection and Ambulance and Rescue Service Districts which included maps depicting the current and proposed boundaries of the districts, the service plan for the area affected, and next steps. The report will be made available in the Clerk’s Office for a period of two weeks before the hearing.

Open Discussion:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

STACEY WOODY, INTERIM CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS