

Board of Commissioners' Agenda

July 18, 2023

Commission Meetings are held at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment is taken at the beginning of the meeting.

The meeting will broadcast via Facebook Live @Buncombegov.

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 - Matt Kern

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- August 1 @ 3 p.m. - Commissioners' Briefing at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.
- August 1 @ 5 p.m. - Commissioners' Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.

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Adjournment

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MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 18, 2023 AT 5 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on July 18, 2023, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 5 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
 - Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner
 - Amanda Edwards, Commissioner
 - Martin Moore, Commissioner
 - Parker Sloan, Commissioner
 - Terri Wells, Vice Chair
 - Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Mason Scott, Interim Finance Director; Jennifer Pike, Tax Collector; Jennifer Harrison, Agriculture & Land Resources Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Whitesides motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and the remainder of the agenda. Vice Chair Wells seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- Approval of June 20, 2023 Briefing Meeting Minutes
- Approval of June 20, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Tax Collection Report
- Resolution Approving Pyrotechnic Experts for Firework Display
 - Resolution
- Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 - Animals of the County Code of Ordinances
 - Ordinance
- Budget Amendment for Conservation Easements Budget Realignment
 - Ordinance

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephanie Phillips expressed support for National World Peace Day festivities and state her issues with government.
Andrew Clark expressed support for veterans and Women’s Veterans Day.
Robert Stevenson shared concerns about noise around the Newfound Community Center and the noise ordinance.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Parks & Recreation Month Proclamation**

Commissioner Sloan read and presented the proclamation. Allison Dains, Parks & Recreation Director, and the staff accepted the proclamation was and expressed gratitude.

- **Economic Development Coalition**

Clark Duncan, Executive Director, provided details about the public-private partnership of Buncombe County, the City of Asheville and the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce. Job growth, entrepreneurial development, community partnerships, and accomplishments were highlighted during the presentation.

- **Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority - Annual Report**

Lew Bleiweis, Executive Director, provide an update of the past year’s activities and highlighted the economic growth, passenger and flight data, and community impact.

COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT

- **Broadband Update**

Avril Pinder, County Manager, and Commissioner Wells shared the update that SkyRunner Internet received a GREAT Grant in Buncombe County and the award will provide high speed fiber internet to 500 unserved households by December 2026. Since 2020, Buncombe County has received three GREAT Grants impacting 2000+ unserved households.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Board Meeting Time/Schedule Change (Survey Results)**

Angelica Tyler, Communications & Public Engagement, shared and explained the survey results with the Board.

Commissioners briefly discussed the day/night meeting option and stated that they would keep the current meeting schedule with the possibility to revisit the change.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Resolution Updating Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Standards**

Jeremiah LeRoy, Sustainability, explained that the Energy and Environment Subcommittee has proposed changes to the County’s LEED building resolution and the changes would include Life-Cycle Cost Analysis for design alternatives that will apply to both new construction, as well as major equipment replacement to assist the Commission in the decision-making process.

Vice Chair Wells moved to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Sloan seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement for Asheville Community Reparations Commission Audit**

Dr. Noreal Armstrong, Equity & Human Rights, explained that the agreement for the audit would include a contract price for deliverables in the amount of \$174,375 to be shared between the City of Asheville and the County on a 50% - 50% basis. The County will provide funding from its Reparations Project Fund.

Commissioner Whitesides moved to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Budget Amendment for FY23 to Replace Varsity Gym Bleachers & Lighting - Asheville High**

Heather Holsey, Budget, explained the budget amendment. Ronnie Lunsford, General Services, stated that the amendment is to reallocate \$410,000 from the auditorium project to the varsity gym project to allow all work on the gym to be completed in a timely manner.

Vice Chair Wells moved to approve budget amendment and recommend executing the Construction Manager at Risk contract with Vannoy Construction. Commissioner Moore seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Budget Amendment for State Lottery Projects for BCS - Multiple Schools Paving Projects**

Heather Holsey, Budget, explained the budget amendment.

Commissioner Edwards moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Sloan seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Moore moved to appoint **Brien Griffen** (Chief of Police/designee) and **Andy Bobowski** (At-Large), to the **Juvenile Crime Prevention Council**. Chairman Newman seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Vice Chair Wells moved to appoint **Mark Diaz** (Northwest) to the **Agricultural Advisory Board for Farmland Preservation**. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Beach-Ferrara moved to appoint **Taylor Cox** to the **Home & Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee**. Commissioner Moore seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Edwards moved to reappoint **Matt Kern** to the **A-B Tech Board of Trustees**. Chairman Newman seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

REPORTS ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

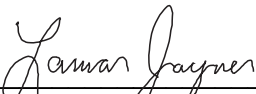
The Commissioners discussed the recent activities of the boards and commissioners that they serve on as members.

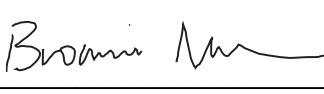
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- *August 1 @ 3 p.m. - Commissioners' Briefing at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*
- *August 1 @ 5 p.m. - Commissioners' Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*

Commissioner Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.


LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Buncombe County Tax Collections

Jennifer Pike
Tax Collector

CONSENT

DEPARTMENT: Tax Collections

PRESENTER: Jennifer Pike

CONTACT: Jennifer Pike

SUBJECT: Approval of May 2023 Tax Collection Report

BRIEF SUMMARY:

NCGS 105-350 requires the Tax Collector to submit a report showing the amount of taxes collected.

The settlement for Mission Health/HCA for prior tax years will continue to be reported as a reduction for prior year collections. Adjustments to the total levy through the remainder of fiscal year 2023 will be due to registered motor vehicle levy and regular property value discoveries or releases.

As of May 31, 2023, the total levy billed for fiscal year 2023 is 99.68% collected, as compared to 99.61% for fiscal year 2022.

Below is Buncombe County year to date reporting for fiscal year 2023, as of May 31, 2023.

Current Year Collections

Fiscal Year 2023	Personal Property	Public Service	Real Estate	Motor Vehicles	Total
Total Levy	\$ 14,232,480.60	\$ 4,749,004.93	\$ 209,497,987.26	\$ 13,904,015.89	\$ 242,383,488.68
Amount Collected	\$ 13,948,319.52	\$ 4,747,684.41	\$ 209,049,487.71	\$ 13,857,513.17	\$ 241,603,004.81
Unpaid Balance	\$ 284,161.08	\$ 1,320.52	\$ 448,499.55	\$ 46,502.72	\$ 780,483.87
Interest Collected	\$ 30,747.88	\$ 445.73	\$ 415,183.01	\$ 106,650.95	\$ 553,027.57
FY23 Collection %	98.00%	99.97%	99.79%	99.67%	99.68%
FY22 Collection %	97.51%	100.00%	99.73%	99.67%	99.61%

Total fiscal year 2023 year to date collections, property tax and interest

\$ 242,156,032.38

Prior Year Collections

Prior Years 2013-2022	Personal Property	Real Estate	Total
Amount Collected	\$ 73,228.29	\$ (313,734.83)	\$ (240,506.54)
Interest Collected	\$ 11,958.58	\$ 29,285.29	\$ 41,243.87

Total prior year collections, fiscal year to date

\$ (199,262.67)

***Total property tax released May 2023 due to taxable value adjustments**

\$ 19,664.86

***Total refunds processed May 2023**

\$ 20,149.58

***Detailed information for releases and refunds is available in Tax Collections.**



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 7/18/2023

Consent Agenda

Department: Emergency Services

Presenter(s): Kevin Tipton, Fire Marshal

Contact(s): Kevin Tipton, Fire Marshal

Subject: Resolution Approving Pyrotechnic Experts for Firework Displays

Brief Summary:

- Request from ATL Special FX, LLC and William Brown to conduct a fireworks display on 8/12/23 at Harrah's Cherokee Center, 87 Haywood Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Approve resolution.

County Manager's comments and Recommendation: County Manager recommends approval.

RESOLUTION #:23-07-01

RESOLUTION APPROVING PYROTECHNICS EXPERTS FOR CONDUCTING
FIREWORKS DISPLAYS

- WHEREAS, pursuant to NCGS §§ 14-410 and 14-413 the Board of Commissioners is authorized to review and approve the qualifications of persons applying for approval as pyrotechnics experts for the purpose of conducting fireworks displays; and
- WHEREAS, application has been made by ATL Special FX, LLC for pyrotechnic displays;
- WHEREAS, the Fire Marshal has reviewed and determined that the application meets the standards set forth in the general statutes and the required proof of insurance has been provided; and
- WHEREAS, this Board is of the opinion that the application received to conduct firework pyrotechnic displays should be approved.

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

1. That the following be granted permission to conduct fireworks displays at the location and on the dates shown, to-wit:

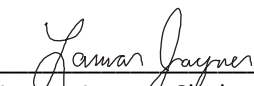
<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
ATL Special FX, LLC	87 Haywood Street, Asheville	August 12, 2023

That should inclement weather prevent the presentation of said display on said date(s), then the pyrotechnics display may be rescheduled to a postponement date with the consent of the fire Marshal or designee.

2. That pursuant to NCGS §§ 14-410 and 14-413 this Board finds that the above-named individual/company is a qualified pyrotechnic expert for the purpose of conducting fireworks displays.

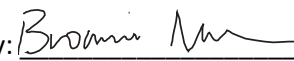
ADOPTED this the 18th day of July, 2023.

ATTEST



Lamar Joyner, Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

By: 

Brownie Newman, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM



County Attorney



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners
Request for Board Action
Meeting Date: 7/18/2023

Consent Agenda

Department: Sheriff / Legal & Risk

Presenter(s): Curt Euler

Contact(s): Curt Euler / Sgt. Jim Robinson

Subject: Ordinance Amending Ch. 6, Art. II, the Animal Control Ordinance

Brief Summary: By authority granted to counties in N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 153A-121, 153A-127, and 153A-131, Buncombe County previously adopted Chapter 6, Article II, Animal Control of the Code of Ordinances County of Buncombe, North Carolina. Following a review by Buncombe County personnel certain amendments to the animal control ordinance have been suggested relating to the feeding of wild animals.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Approve the Ordinance Amending Ch. 6, Art. II, the Buncombe County Animal Control Ordinance.

County Manager's comments and Recommendation: Approve as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-07-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 - ANIMALS
OF THE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, by authority granted to counties in N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 153A-121, 153A-127, and 153A-131, Buncombe County previously adopted Chapter 6, Article II, Animal Control of the Code of Ordinances County of Buncombe, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, following a review by Buncombe County personnel certain amendments to the animal control ordinance have been suggested relating to the feeding of wild animals; and

WHEREAS, this Board is of the opinion that it is in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the County to amend the Animal Control Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:

Section 1. The Buncombe County Code of Ordinances Chapter 6 is hereby revised as follows:

- a. Add the definition of "Attractant" to Section 6-28 of the Ordinance as follows:

"Attractant means any substance which could reasonably be expected to attract a wild animal or animals or does attract a wild animal or animals, including, but not limited to, food products, pet food, feed or grain."

- b. Delete Section 6-57(3) in its entirety and replace it with the following:

"(3) The keeping, possession, harboring, feeding, or attracting of animals, being wild, livestock or domesticated, which threaten the public health, safety and welfare of the community in a manner including, but not limited to, attracting the presence of bears or wild animals that creates a danger to humans, wildlife, or domestic animals, or causes damage to other properties; provided, that nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit keeping or maintaining a bird feeder, or from feeding birds, unless said activity constitutes an attractant and its cessation is ordered by the animal control officer pursuant to this section."

- a. *For the purpose of this section, danger shall mean the potential for human injury or death, the potential for increased risk of disease transmission between animal species and humans, or the increased potential for death or injury to the bears, livestock or companion animals."*

Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Commissioners hereby declare that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that anyone or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

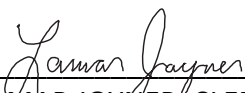
Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. This ordinance is effective upon adoption.

Read, approved and adopted this 18th day of July 2023.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE



LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK

BY: 

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM



COUNTY ATTORNEY



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: July 18, 2023

Consent Agenda

Department: Agriculture & Land Resources

Presenter(s): Heather Holsey, Budget Analyst

Contact(s): Jennifer Harrison, Agriculture and Land Resources Director
Avni Naik, Program Coordinator

Subject: Conservation Easements Budget Realignment

Brief Summary: Seven Conservation Easement Projects are complete with \$61,355 of remaining budget. \$32,500 is being moved to existing projects requiring additional funding, \$15,000 to a project to pay for pre-appraisals on potential Bond Conservation Easement Projects, \$10,000 to a project to pay for legal work associated with the Charitable Conservation Easement Program Integrity Act, and \$3,855 to Future Conservation Easements to be reallocated to new projects at a later date.

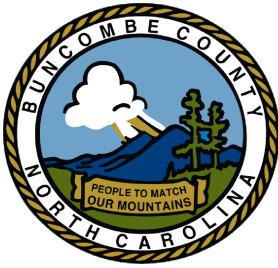
The Buncombe County Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB) requests \$10,000 for the legal work associated with the Charitable Conservation Easement Program Integrity Act passed in December 2022. This Act effectively shuts down a tax avoidance scheme that took advantage of the federal conservation easement tax incentive and allows the opportunity to record an amendment to ensure compliance with IRS Notice 2023-30.

The Buncombe County Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB) requests the reservation of \$15,000 to a pre-appraisal project to complete Restricted Use Appraisals. These appraisals will be used to determine estimates of easement purchase costs for potential Open Space Bond Conservation Easement projects before they complete board approval process. This would ensure the responsible and equitable use of Open Space Bond Conservation Easement funds.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation: County Manager recommends as presented

ORDINANCE #23-07-03



BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Special Projects Ordinance

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 18, 2023

WHEREAS, the Budget Director recommends and the Board now desires to amend the FY2023-2024 Special Projects outlined below in Exhibit "A" to the budget,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the FY2023-2024 amendments listed in Exhibit A below be hereby adopted.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 18th day of July, 2023

Project Name: Conservation Easement Budget Realignment

Description:

Seven Conservation Easement Projects are complete with \$61,355 of remaining budget. \$32,500 is being moved to existing projects requiring additional funding, \$15,000 to a project to pay for pre-appraisals on potential Bond Conservation Easement Projects, \$10,000 to a project to pay for legal work associated with the Charitable Conservation Easement Program Integrity Act, and \$3,855 to Future Conservation Easements to be reallocated to new projects at a later date.

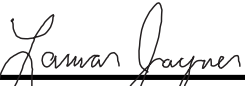
Funding Source:

Conservation Easement funds - no new County dollars required.

Exhibit A: Account Description	Increase (Decrease)	
	Revenues	Expenditures
Robert Harvey and Denis O'Doherty Farm	\$ (6,171)	\$ (6,171)
Hart/Currie Preservation	\$ (10,804)	\$ (10,804)
Art McCurry Family Farm	\$ (6,306)	\$ (6,306)
Burleson Preservation	\$ (14,000)	\$ (14,000)
Diane Rosseter Family Farm	\$ (11,244)	\$ (11,244)
Diaz Preservation	\$ (10,101)	\$ (10,101)
Dorothy and David Sneddon Farm	\$ (2,729)	\$ (2,729)
Pre-Appraisals	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Anthony, Gary, and Ormond Cole Farm	\$ 23,500	\$ 23,500
Gary and Sara Cole Farm	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
Anthony Cole Farm	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
Charitable Conservation Easement Program Integrity Act	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Future Conservation Easements	\$ 3,855	\$ 3,855
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE:**


Clerk to the Board

By: 
Chairman of the Board



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners
Request for Board Action
Meeting Date: 7/18/2023

Presentations

Department: Recreation Services

Presenter(s): Allison Dains

Contact(s): Allison Dains, Parks & Recreation Director

Subject: Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation

**Brief Summary: Recognition of Parks and Recreation Month
in Buncombe County for July 2023.**

County of Buncombe
Proclamation

Parks and Recreation Month

WHEREAS, parks and recreation are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Buncombe County; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promote health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who utilize parks; and

WHEREAS, through events like the Lake Julian Park campout and kids' fishing events, parks and recreation promote time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation encourage physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools, greenways, and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, park and recreation programs and events are critical to social interaction and enhanced self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

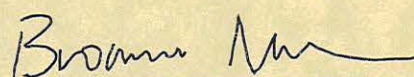
WHEREAS, Buncombe County offers river parks, sports complexes, natural areas, for families and neighbors to gather, celebrate and recreate; and

WHEREAS, residents and visitors celebrate with Buncombe County Parks and Recreation Services each July and December with fireworks and Festival of Lights; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County proudly partners with Special Olympics and celebrates our award-winning teams that competed recently at the state level; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY Buncombe County Board of Commissioners that July is recognized as **Park and Recreation Month in Buncombe County.**



Brownie Newman, Chairman
Buncombe County Board of Commissioners



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 7/18/2023

Presentations

Department: Economic Development Coalition

Presenter(s): Clark Duncan, Executive Director

Contact(s): Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations

Subject: Economic Development Coalition Update

Brief Summary: Update Board of Commissioners on the Economic Development Coalition.

The Economic Development Coalition for Asheville-Buncombe County

Update for Buncombe County Board of Commissioners 2023



About Us



**ACCREDITED
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
ORGANIZATION**

International Economic Development Council

*The EDC is a 29 year, public-private partnership of **Buncombe County, the City of Asheville** and the **Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce** advancing opportunity, quality of life and economic sustainability in Buncombe County through workforce investment, high-wage job creation & economic diversification*



The EDC Team



Clark Duncan



Keevon Baten

Leading Business Retention, Industry
Expansion & New Business Recruitment



Samantha Cole



Tiarra Wilkie

Growing Workforce Partnerships
That Advance Equity & Skills Attainment



Jeff Kaplan



Desiree Monstrola

Building Resilient Entrepreneurs & Getting
Startups Funded



Heidi Reiber



Maggie Smith

Leveraging Data Analytics for Better Public &
Private Sector Decision Making



FY23 Activities & Accomplishments: Local Industry Expansion & Recruitment



HQ JOBS: 50
CAPEX: \$2.85M



MFG JOBS: 37
CAPEX: \$8M



HQ + MFG JOBS: 66
CAPEX: \$4.3M



Activities & Accomplishments: Strengthening Manufacturing, Sustainability & Job Growth



“Collaborating with our area’s manufacturers, whether they are local or multi-national, is a great way to continue learning and improving. The sharing of innovative ideas across all manufacturers has been key to manufacturing success in Asheville.”

— JAEI SKEFFINGTON
Co-Founder, French Broad Chocolates



Activities & Accomplishments: Entrepreneurial Development

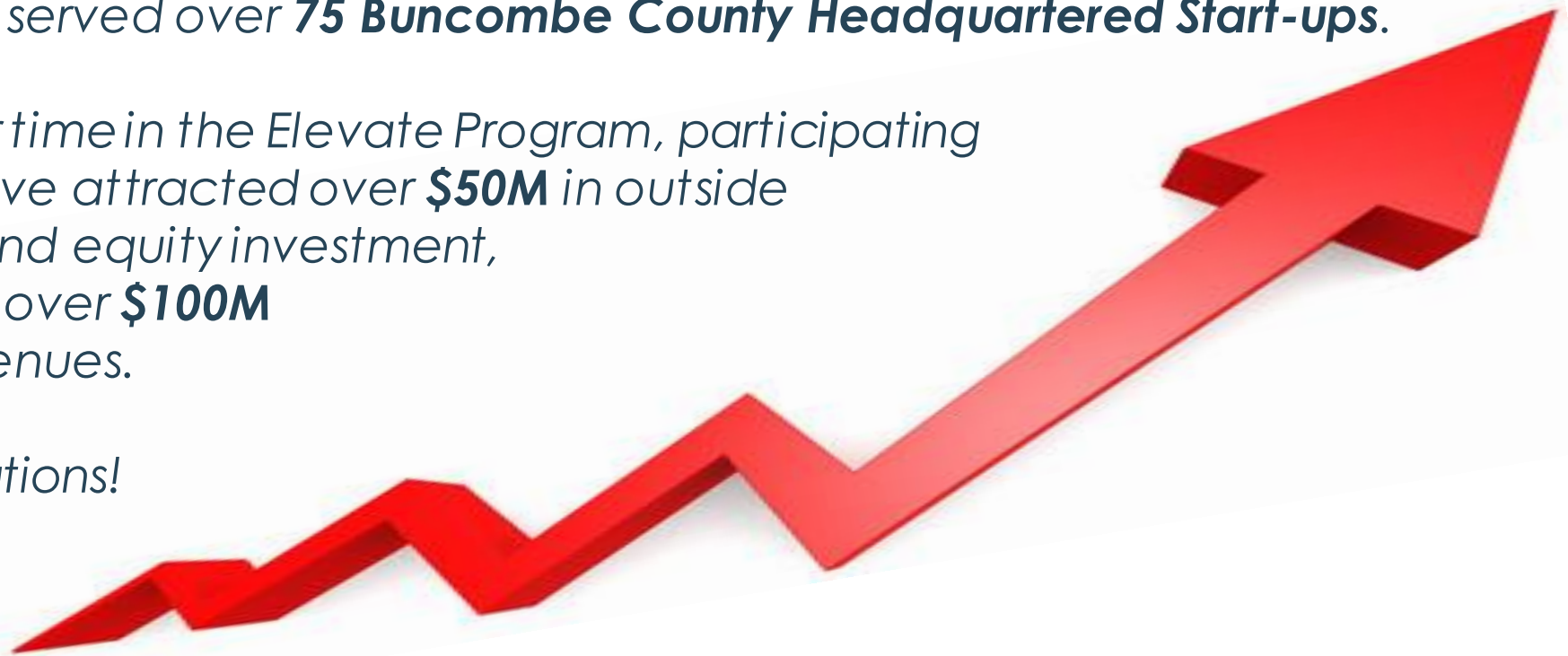


Activities & Accomplishments: Venture Asheville – Major Milestones

Since its founding in 2014, The **Venture Asheville Elevate** Team Mentoring Service has served over **75 Buncombe County Headquartered Start-ups**.

During their time in the Elevate Program, participating start-ups have attracted over **\$50M** in outside financing and equity investment, generating over **\$100M** in sales revenues.

Congratulations!



Activities & Accomplishments: Workforce Partnerships & Economic Mobility



WHERE YOU WANT TO BE



"I think that professional development is one of the most valuable skills I can hone during my academic career and the NEXT AVL program has assisted in building my confidence and curiosity in this area."

STUDENT MENTEE, Western Carolina University



9 Month
Mentorship

4 Pilot
Years

6 Colleges &
Universities

81 Students
Served

51 FY24
Enrollment



BUNCOMBE COUNTY



Activities & Accomplishments: Workforce Partnerships & Economic Mobility

Overcoming Barriers To Employment

Case management
& support services

Greater access
to economic opportunity

Work-based
learning



**INCLUSIVE
HIRING PARTNERS**

Building Better Workplaces Today

Front-line training from
Lenoir-Rhyne Diversity Institute

Guaranteed interviews

Case manager support
during onboarding

273

Reached

97

In Process

26

Placed



Activities & Accomplishments: Recognition of Workforce Partnerships



Community Action Opportunities
HELPING PEOPLE. CHANGING LIVES.



Activities & Accomplishments: Workforce Partnerships & Economic Mobility

Program Benefits & Innovations

45 County residents to earn
Post-secondary credentials

Advancing mobility in high-wage
& high-growth careers

Providing income continuity
With educational stipends

ACCELERATE
BUNCOMBE



NEW 2023 Pilot Initiative



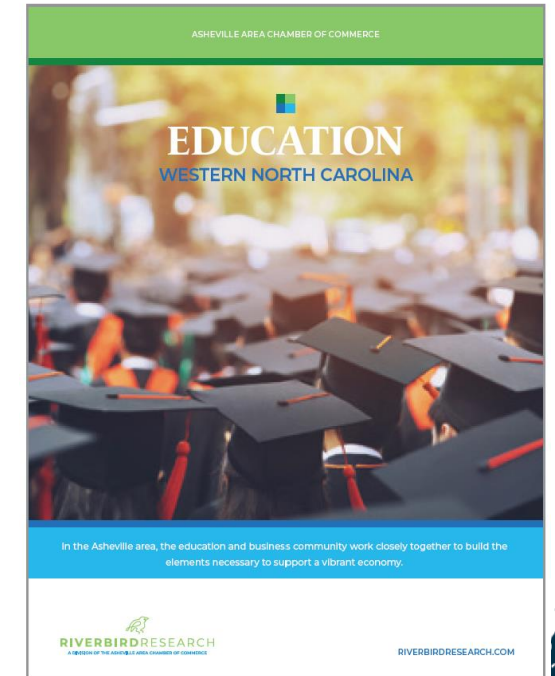
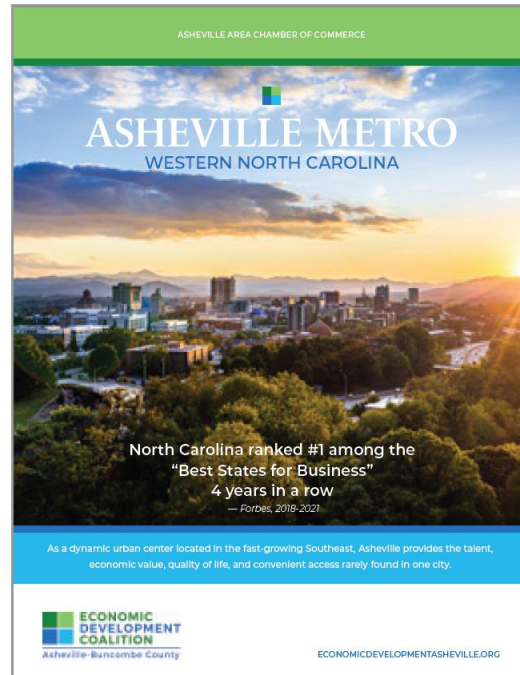
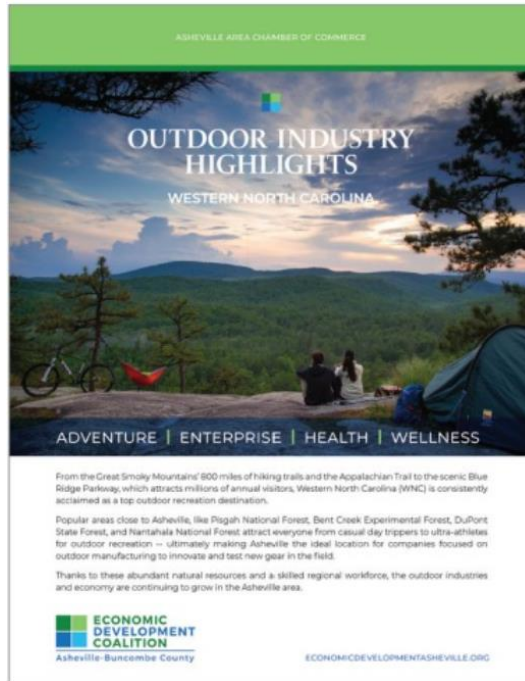
Program Funders & Partners

Funded by
the Buncombe County
Board of Commissioners

Funded new Community
Health Workers for:
Asheville Housing Authority
Land of Sky
& The YMI



Activities & Accomplishments: Data Driven Strategies and Decision Making

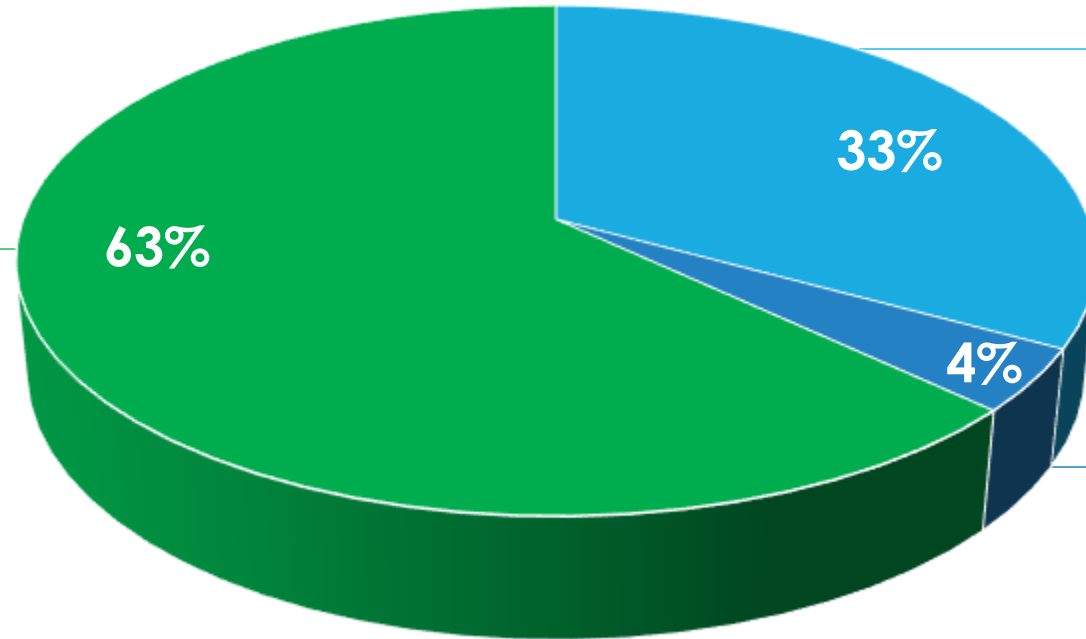


Financial Update

FY2024 Operating Budget \$1,384,098



- Staff Earned Income
- The AVL 5X5 Campaign 501(c)(3)







Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 7/18/2023

Presentations

Presenter(s): Lew Bleiweis, Executive Director

Contact(s): Lew Bleiweis, Executive Director

Subject: Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority Update

Brief Summary: Update Board of Commissioners on the Status of the Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority.



22 HORIZONS

WHERE TODAY MEETS TOMORROW

A YEAR IN REVIEW



Asheville
REGIONAL AIRPORT
a note:

HORIZONS

Where Today Meets
Tomorrow

Lew Bleiweis
President & CEO

It is one of my great privileges each year to spend time reflecting, revisiting the rewards of the hard work of the AVL team. Accomplishments were plentiful in 2022, a year that culminated in record numbers of passengers, significant progress toward major infrastructure enhancements, strengthening of important partnerships ... all paving the way for new horizons at our region's airport.

Much of our work involved the routine, day-to-day operations that our customers and business partners rely upon ... the kind of work that is often unseen by the public, but runs like clockwork behind the scenes, keeping the airfield and terminal safe, efficient and operational. Important work, to be sure.

The airport team also participated in our community in meaningful ways, with passenger-focused services, as well as community philanthropy. The team worked hard to expand professional knowledge and expertise, and to share talents through volunteerism. Positive corporate citizenship is important, and I am proud of the AVL team.

Equally important, we've continued to keep our vision focused on the future horizon ... on what must come in order to manage the significant growth happening at the airport and in our region. And what's coming is very exciting! Much progress was made toward these new horizons in 2022, so read on to learn more.

The theme of this "Year in Review" is "Horizons." This word helps me visualize the posture of our organization at this moment in history. We are looking squarely ahead – both at the nearby horizon, within quick reach, and also at the farther away place where today meets tomorrow with a promise of a new day. The course has been charted, and we've landed at numerous important stops along the way. 2022 was a significant year, and I hope you enjoy the recap.

Thank you for including AVL in your journeys.
We invite you to be a part of ours, as well.

Blue Skies,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lew Bleiweis". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "L" and "B".

Lew Bleiweis, A.A.E.
President & CEO

growth ON THE HORIZON

FIVE-YEAR ANNUAL PASSENGER TREND

YEAR	ANNUAL PASSENGERS	% CHANGE YR/YR
2018	1,134,568	+19%
2019	1,616,762	+43%
2020	704,972	-56% *PANDEMIC
2021	1,428,266	103%
2022	1,838,793	+29%

PASSENGER GROWTH

In 2022 AVL not only fully recovered to pre-pandemic levels but soared above and beyond to set new records. 2022 was by far the busiest year on record in AVL's history, with 1,838,793 passengers flying to or from the airport, a 29% increase over 2021.

THIRD BUSIEST AIRPORT IN THE STATE

Not only did AVL have a record-breaking year, but for the first time was named the third busiest airport in the state. The FAA released its annual list of all commercial airports in the country, ranked by enplanements, ranking AVL behind Charlotte Douglas International Airport and Raleigh Durham International Airport. AVL ranked 104 on the list of 478 commercial service airports in the U.S.

Impacting western North Carolina and beyond

ECONOMIC GROWTH

The most recent North Carolina Department of Transportation Division of Aviation economic impact study shows that AVL contributes **\$2.26 billion** in annual economic impact to the region. The airport supports 10,655 jobs, contributes \$118 million in tax revenue to the region, and more than \$700 million in personal income.

EMPLOYMENT GROWTH

A reflection of continued growth, the AVL team expanded in 2022. AVL budgeted for seven additional full-time employees for 2022/2023.

AMERICAN AIRLINES

AMERICAN AIRLINES ADDED NEW ROUTES TO MIAMI, FL AND AUSTIN, TX

June 2022 was a huge month for air travel at AVL, with American Airlines adding not one, but two nonstop destinations. American Airlines began nonstop service to Miami (MIA) and Austin (AUS) the first week of June. American Airlines also extended their popular seasonal Philadelphia (PHL) route to the end of November.

DELTA

DELTA GREW THEIR SERVICE AT AVL

Delta added a sixth daily flight to Atlanta (ATL) and began using larger aircraft to serve the nonstop Minneapolis-St. Paul (MSP) route in November and December 2022 with plans to expand to three times weekly in the spring of 2023. Additionally, Delta began serving New York (LGA) up to three times daily.

more flights
ON THE HORIZON

JETBLUE

AVL BEGAN A BLUE-TIFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH JETBLUE

On a beautiful June day, AVL celebrated a huge milestone with JetBlue officially joining the airport as the sixth airline. There was a celebration with cake, music, and gifts as the inaugural flight arrived from Boston. JetBlue offers summer seasonal service from AVL to Logan International Airport (BOS) in Boston.



expansion ON THE HORIZON

TERMINAL EXPANSION PROJECT

In 2022, preliminary work began on the estimated 4-year terminal expansion project. With construction happening in multiple phases, the project will more than double the size of the current terminal.

2022 was also the year the airport moved closer to building a new FAA air traffic control tower, with the completion of the new tower's design. A new tower must be built to make way for the terminal expansion.

PHASES

The groundwork was laid for the terminal expansion project to get underway next year. Some key projects were completed, including:

- **Hensel Phelps staging area** – A complex was constructed to house modular offices, space for equipment and deliveries for Hensel Phelps, the construction contractor.
- **Electrical vault** – A new electrical vault, to serve the entire airport's significant lighting and electrical needs, was constructed.
- **Central energy plant** – Work began on a central energy plant that will service the new terminal.

FAA GRANTS AND BONDS

In order to make the dream of expansion a reality, AVL needed to secure funding. For the first time in its history, AVL entered the bond market to secure additional funding for the expansion project. Additionally, AVL received \$10 million in federal grant funds as part of the Airport Improvement Program, and a \$15 million grant from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – Airport Terminal Program for the new air traffic control tower project.

COMING NEXT:

The AVL Forward terminal project is scheduled to launch in 2023, pending successful financing. The airport will provide key information and updates as the terminal expansion gets underway.

PARKING

With more traffic than ever at the airport, AVL needed to expand parking to meet the demand. Several new lots were added in 2022, with plans for more in the coming year.

- **Cell Phone Lot and expanded shuttle lot** — In August, AVL opened a new Cell Phone Lot across the street from the terminal. The lot gives those picking up passengers a complimentary place to park and wait. Also, the Shuttle Lot was expanded, adding approximately 70 additional spaces serviced by a shuttle.
- **North remote lot** — A temporary overflow lot was completed in November, just in time for the busy holiday season. The lot is located across the street from the viewing area.
- **Another remote lot (south) is coming** — Design continues to move forward for additional parking spaces on the property south of the gas station on Highway 280.



LAND DEVELOPMENT

This year brought some exciting developments for airport property. The Authority entered into a long-term lease centered around the airport-owned golf course to protect the land uses around the airport as well as to diversify the non-aeronautical revenues. The Authority-owned golf course has approximately 30 acres of land that is available for development.

The lease is with DreamCatcher Hotels, who will develop a 4 Diamond upscale hotel and 12,000 sq.ft. conference space. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2023. This hotel will be an anchor for future development.



SOUTH GENERAL AVIATION APRON REHABILITATION

More parking for aircraft was constructed in 2022. The project was completed in December, allowing additional room for parking of commercial and military aircraft.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The Master Plan process continued in 2022 and will result in a strategic document in 2023 to help guide future growth at the airport. Progress and opportunities for community input are available at flyavl.com/masterplan.

Brightening OUR HORIZONS

RUNWAY 5K

On a chilly October morning, surrounded by hundreds of spectators, 1,000 runners took off down Taxiway Bravo, parallel to the active runway. As planes took off and landed nearby, the runners propelled themselves towards the finish line as members of the community cheered them on.

2022 Runway 5K — a full team effort — raised \$20,000 for two local aviation scholarship funds: the A-B Tech Aviation Fund and the Western North Carolina Pilots Association Educational Foundation in partnership with sponsors Hensel Phelps, Hunter Subaru, AVCON, Gresham Smith, Star 104.3, Elevation Lofts Hotel, Parish & Partners, Parsons, S&ME, and Kelsan Inc.

AVL TEAM GENEROSITY

The AVL Team works hard to keep the airport running smoothly and safely, and they also work hard to serve the local community. AVL held two blood drives supporting The Blood Connection, who provides lifesaving blood to the local community. The team also gave more than \$7,000 to various charities through the employee giving program called AVL Gives. The crew also participated in fundraisers throughout the year including a toy drive for Elaida in partnership with Hensel Phelps, sponsoring eight children at Christmas through Crossnore Communities for Children, and raising money for local aviation education with the annual Runway 5K.

AVL PASSENGER PROGRAMS

PAWS FOR PASSENGERS

The beloved program grew in 2022, with seven new teams joining, bringing the count to 21 volunteer teams. The calming canines brought joy and comfort to passengers and employees in the terminal. They also tapped into their spooky side to hand out candy in the terminal on Halloween, all while sporting adorable costumes.

AVL WELCOME CREW

The new program continued in 2022, opening opportunity for people on the autism spectrum to volunteer time at the airport, welcoming passengers and offering directions to baggage claim. There is hope that the program will grow in the coming year. This program was born out of one young man's love of aviation and a family's inspiration and support, and has become a staple at AVL.

AVL AMBASSADORS

Our amazing team of volunteers continued to provide invaluable assistance to travelers and AVL crewmembers by providing valuable customer service at the airport. The ambassador team continues to grow, with 15 ambassadors total in 2022. (Some of our ambassadors have been at the airport as long as 13 years!)

MUSIC AND ART IN THE AIRPORT

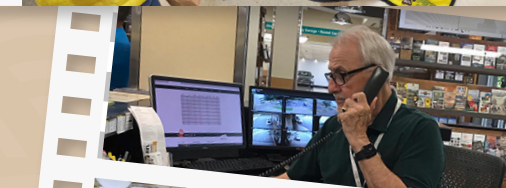
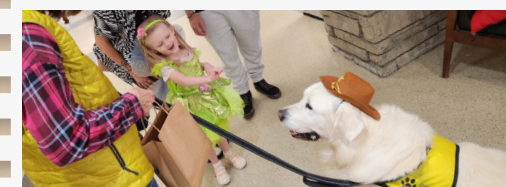
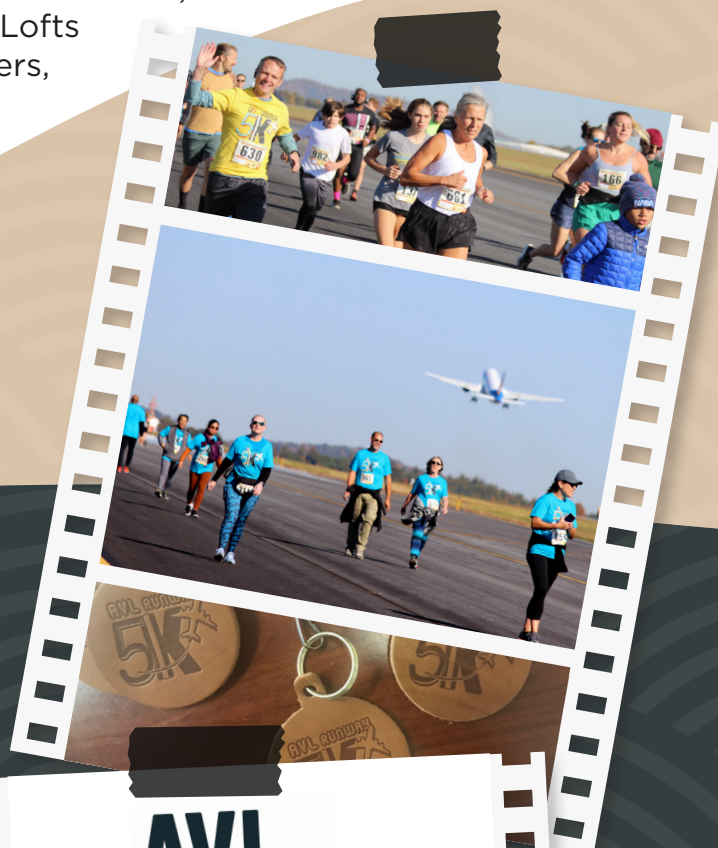
WNC is a community of creativity and AVL is proud to support local musicians and artists. Two art exhibits, *Journey* and *Revive*, allowed local artists to showcase their work and for passengers to enjoy the beauty of our local art. The Music in the Airport program grew with numerous local musicians who provided music for those travelling through AVL throughout the year. The Sounds of the Holidays program also made its return this year, in which local school choirs performed holiday music in the terminal in December.

BLUE RIDGE HONOR FLIGHT

AVL was honored to once again participate in the local Blue Ridge Honor Flight program. The airport partnered on two flights, both filled with groups of deserving WWII, Korea, and Vietnam veterans who traveled to the Capitol to see their respective memorials. The community filled the terminal with cheering and bright signs to give the veterans a resounding welcome home.

LACTATION SUITE

AVL unveiled a new passenger amenity— a lactation suite. The newly added Mamava lactation pod is equipped with comfortable seating, an electrical outlet, and hand sanitizing units. The complimentary private, lockable suite is ADA accessible, the perfect place for pumping or nursing while traveling through AVL.



broadering OUR HORIZONS



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Beauford Rice, ACE
Maintenance Technician IV
ACE - Airfield Lighting Maintenance
American Association Of Airport Executives - Airport Certified Employee (ACE) Designation



Wendi Sparks, ACE
OPERATIONS SPECIALIST II
ACE - Trusted Agent
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Strength through
teamwork & leadership

financial HORIZON

At June 30, 2022, the Authority's assets exceeded liabilities by \$236,575,780. That is an increase of almost \$30.6 million from 2021 and an increase of almost \$67.5 million from 2020.

SOURCES OF AUTHORITY REVENUE

PARKING	39%
RENTAL CARS	23%
AIRLINES	21%
FBO/GENERAL AVIATION	6%
CONCESSIONAIRES	5%
OTHER	4%
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	2%

THE GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS



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Buncombe County Board of Commissioners
Request for Board Action
Meeting Date: 7/18/2023

County Manager's Report

Department: County Manager's Office

Presenter: Avril Pinder, County Manager

Contact(s): Timothy Love

Subject: Broadband Update – GREAT Grants

Brief Summary: On July 6, Governor Roy Cooper announced SkyRunner Internet received a GREAT Grant in Buncombe County. This award will provide high speed fiber internet to 500 unserved households by December 2026. Since 2020, Buncombe County has received 3 GREAT Grants impacting 2000+ unserved households.

Broadband Update

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

July 18, 2023

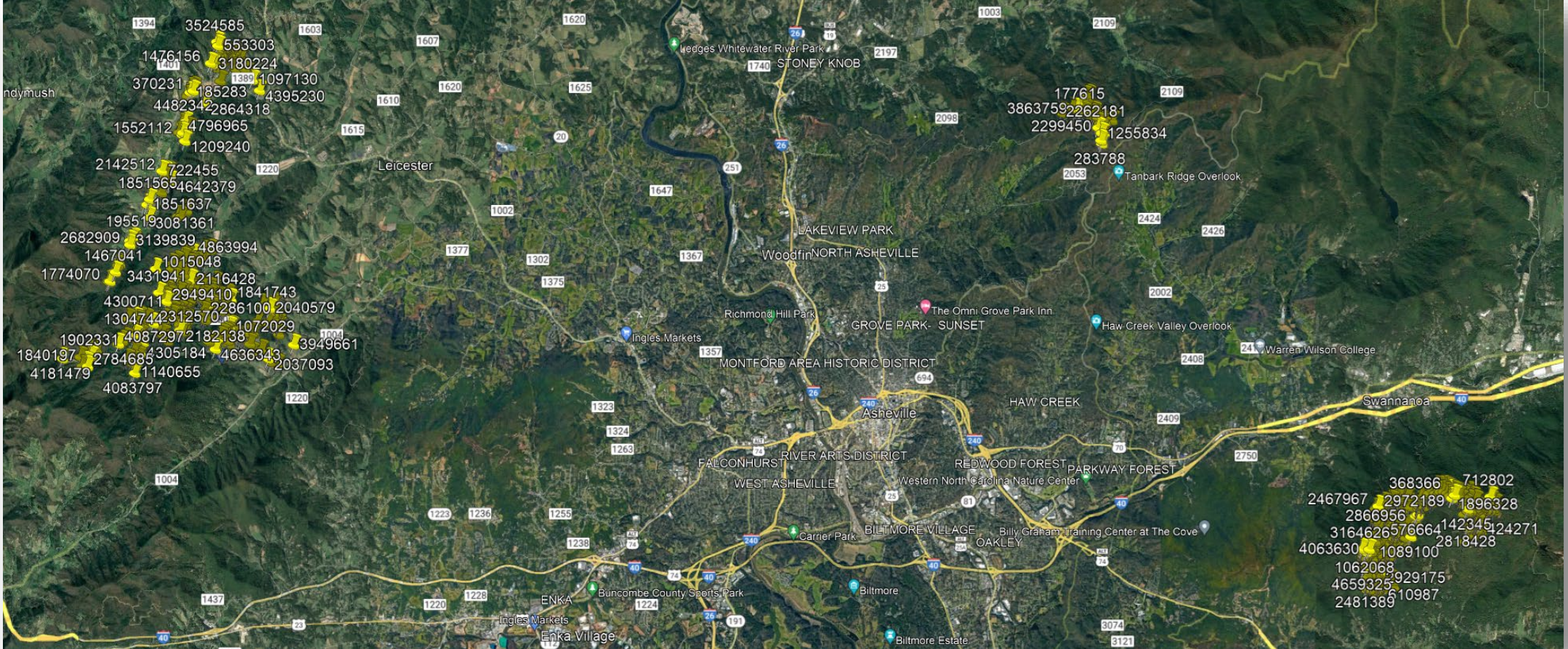


Broadband Update

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- This award will provide high speed fiber internet to 500 unserved households by December 2026.
- Preliminary impacted areas include:
 - Northwest Buncombe: North Turkey Creek, South Turkey Creek,
 - Southeast Buncombe: Fairview Forest
 - Northeast Buncombe: Reems Creek, Ox Creek
- Since 2020, Buncombe County has received 3 GREAT Grants impacting 2000+ unserved households.
- ARPA in action: County will utilize approximately \$500K in ARPA funds to match the North Carolina GREAT Grant.



Preliminary GREAT Grant Award Map





Buncombe County Board of Commissioners
Request for Board Action
Meeting Date: 7/18/2023

Old Business

Department: Governing Board

Presenter(s): Commissioners

Contact(s): Lamar Joyner

Subject: Survey Results on Board Meeting Time/Schedule Change

Brief Summary: Members of the BOC asked staff to conduct a survey and gather information from the community on changing the meeting times.

Staff had previously shared a day meeting and a night meeting each month, instead of two (2) night meetings. Commissioners discussed and expressed interest in trying a day meeting on the first meeting of the month that would start with the Briefing at 9am and the Regular Meeting at 10am, with a closed session as needed. The second meeting of the month would remain the same, with Briefing starting at 3pm and the Regular Meeting beginning at 5pm.

Day Meeting (1st Tuesday)

- 9am – Briefing
- 10am – Regular meeting
 - closed session (longer closed session items)
- *1pm - Subcommittee meetings (as needed)*
- *3pm – Interviews (as needed)*

Night Meeting (3rd Tuesday)

- *11am – Interviews (as needed)*
- *1pm - Subcommittee meetings (as needed)*
- 3pm – Briefing (longer Briefing items)
- 5pm – Regular meeting
 - public hearings (depending on the nature of the hearing)
 - closed session (only time-sensitive items)





Board of Commissioners' Meeting Schedule Survey RESULTS AND DATA

Presented by

Angelica Tyler

Communications and Public Engagement



Survey and Feedback

Engage Buncombe County > Board of Commissioners' Meeting Schedule Survey



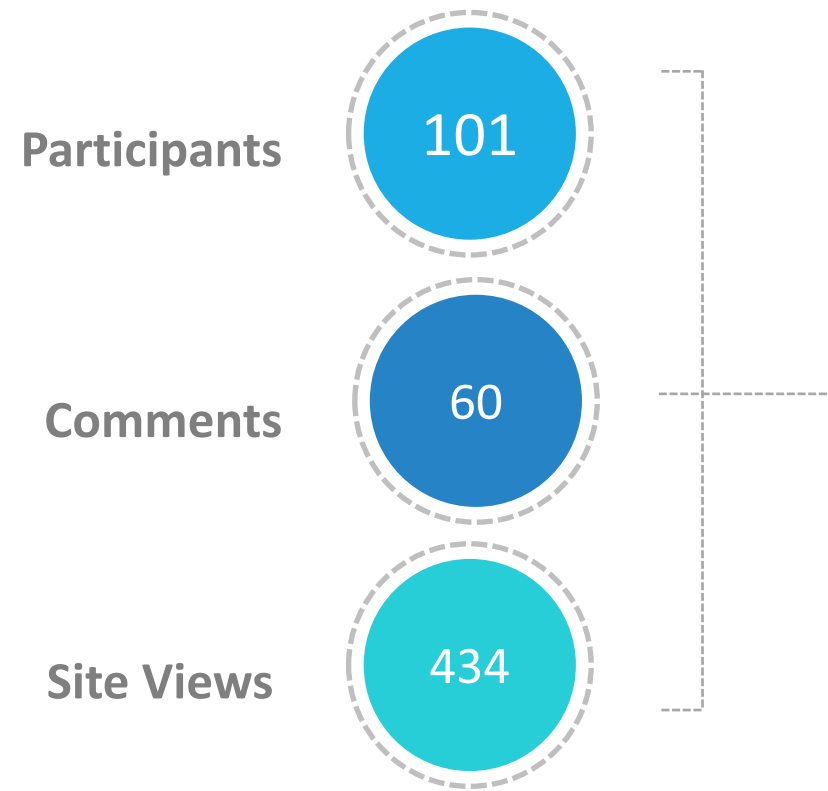
Board of Commissioners Meeting Survey



- Open June 12- July 3, 2023

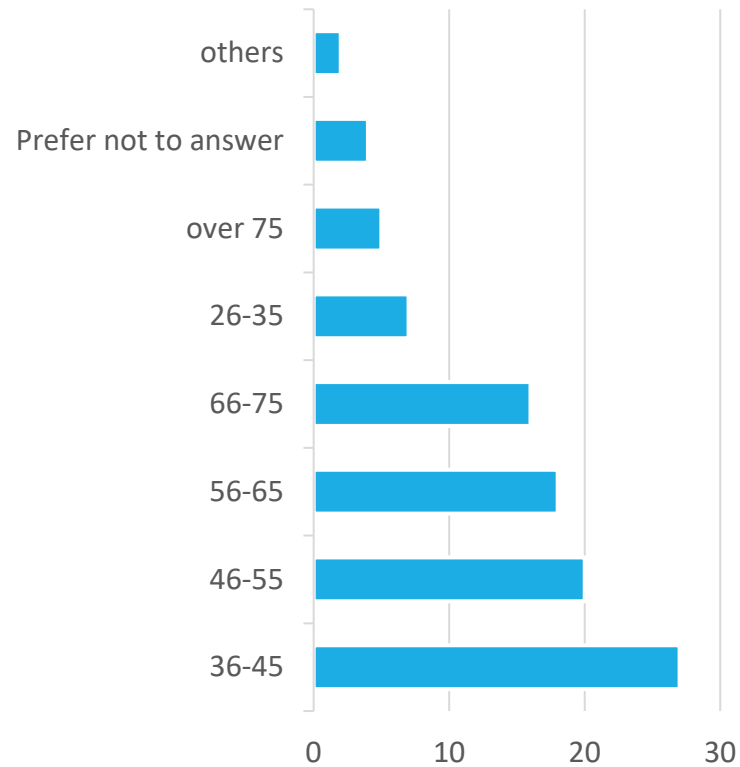


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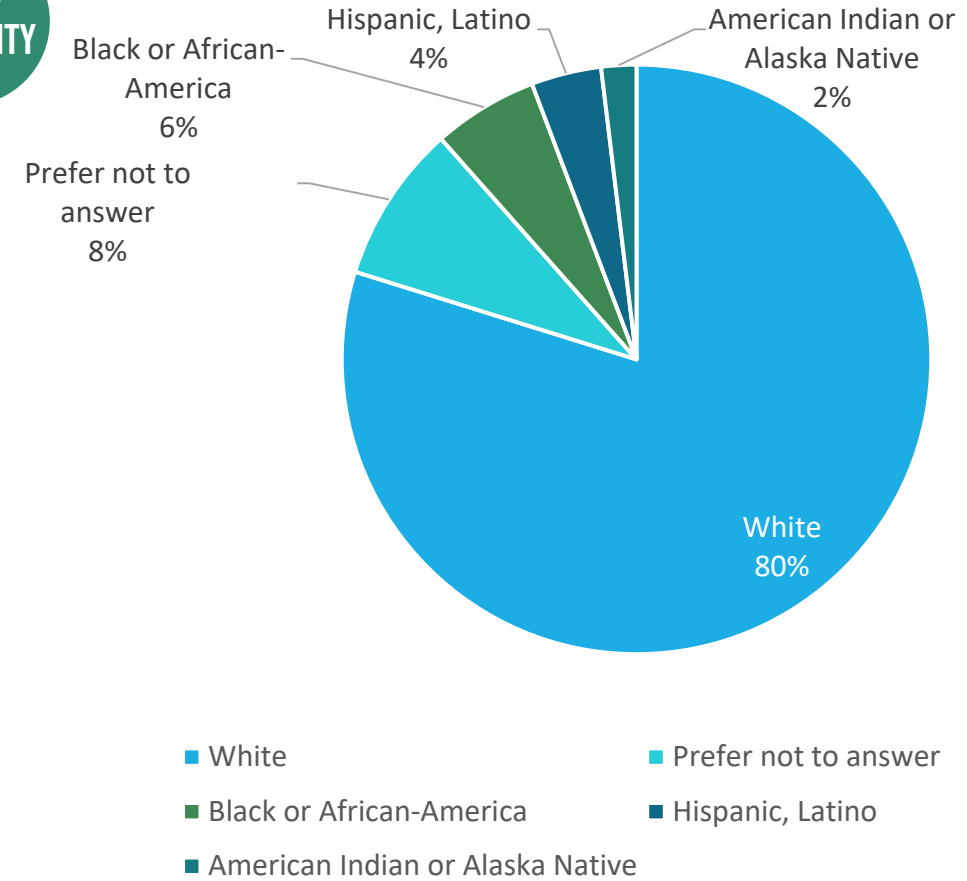


Participant Demographics

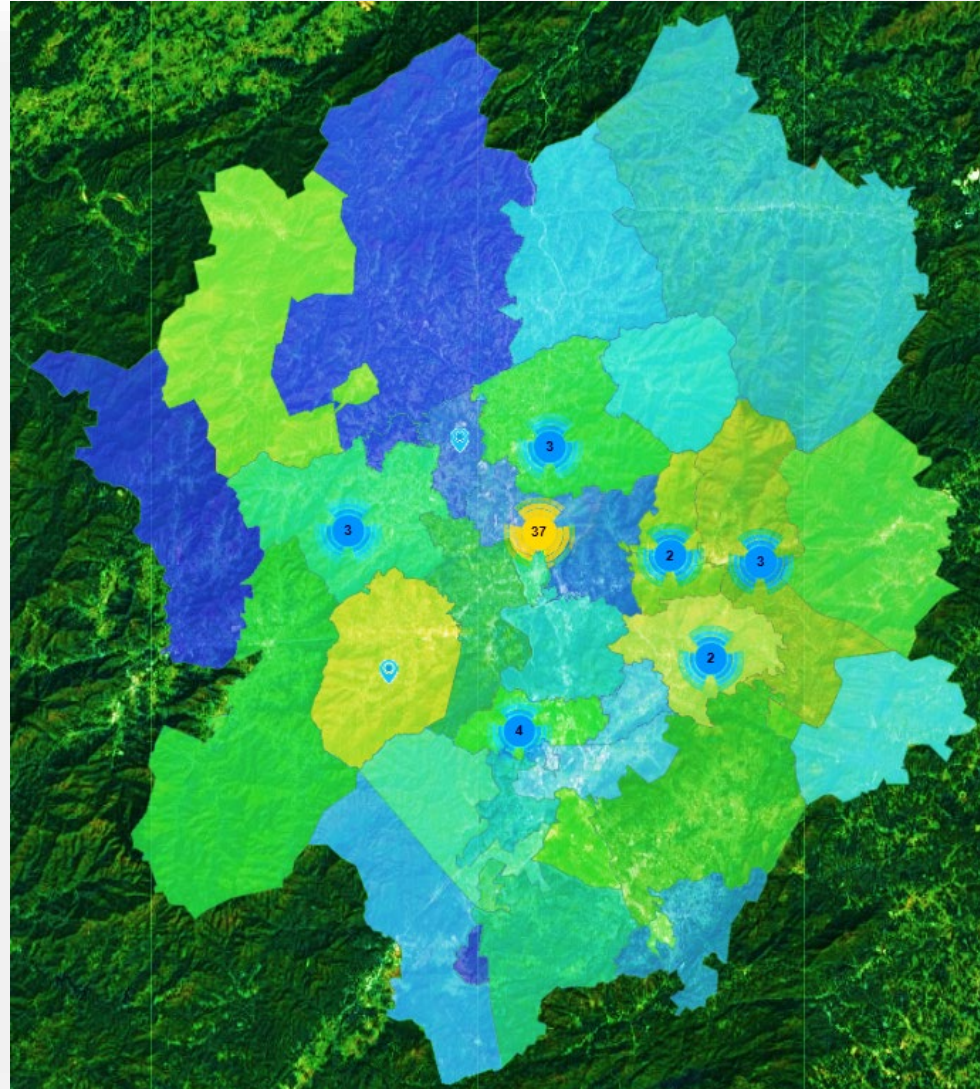
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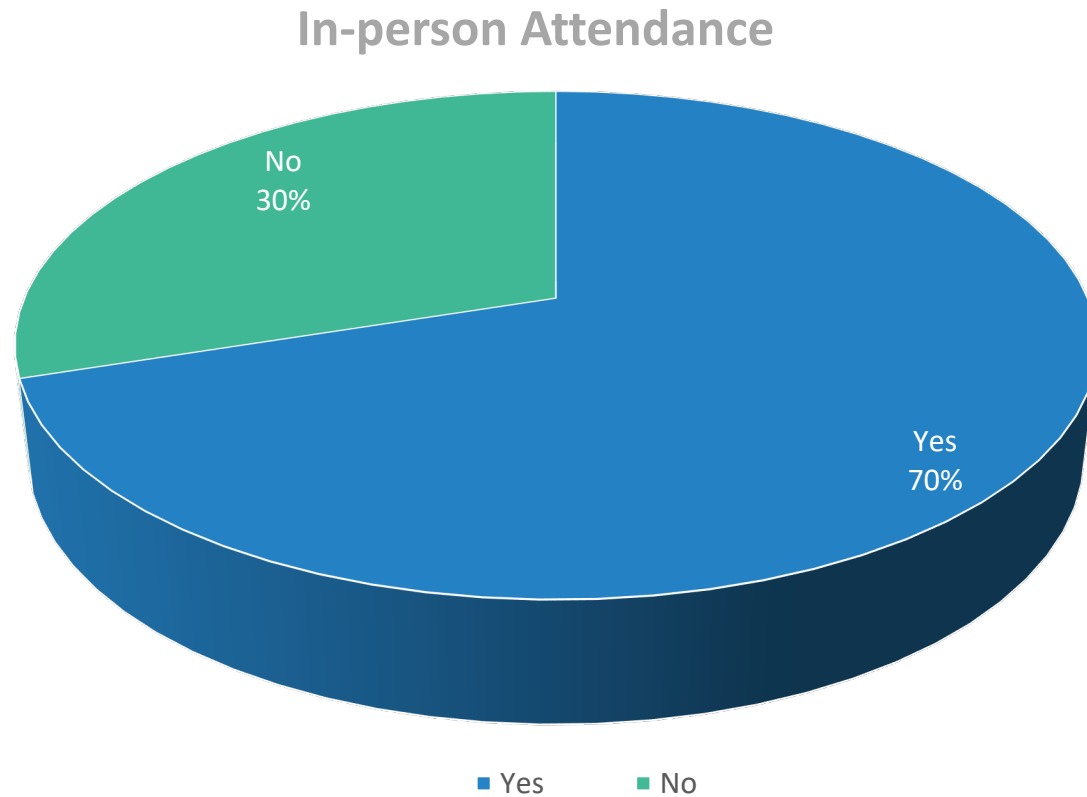


Participant Mapping by Zip Code



RESULTS & DATA

Have you ever attended a Buncombe County Board of Commissioners meeting in-person?

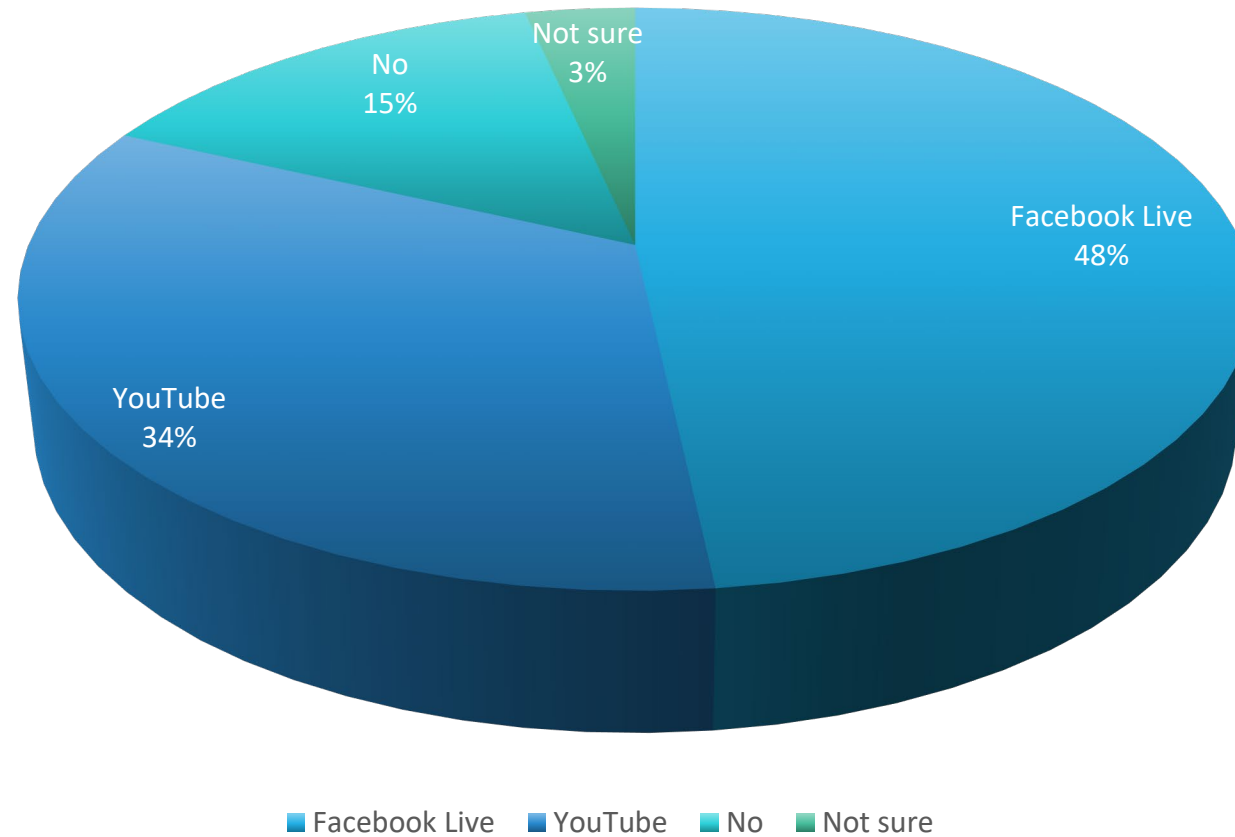


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Have you ever watched a Buncombe County Board of Commissioners meeting online?

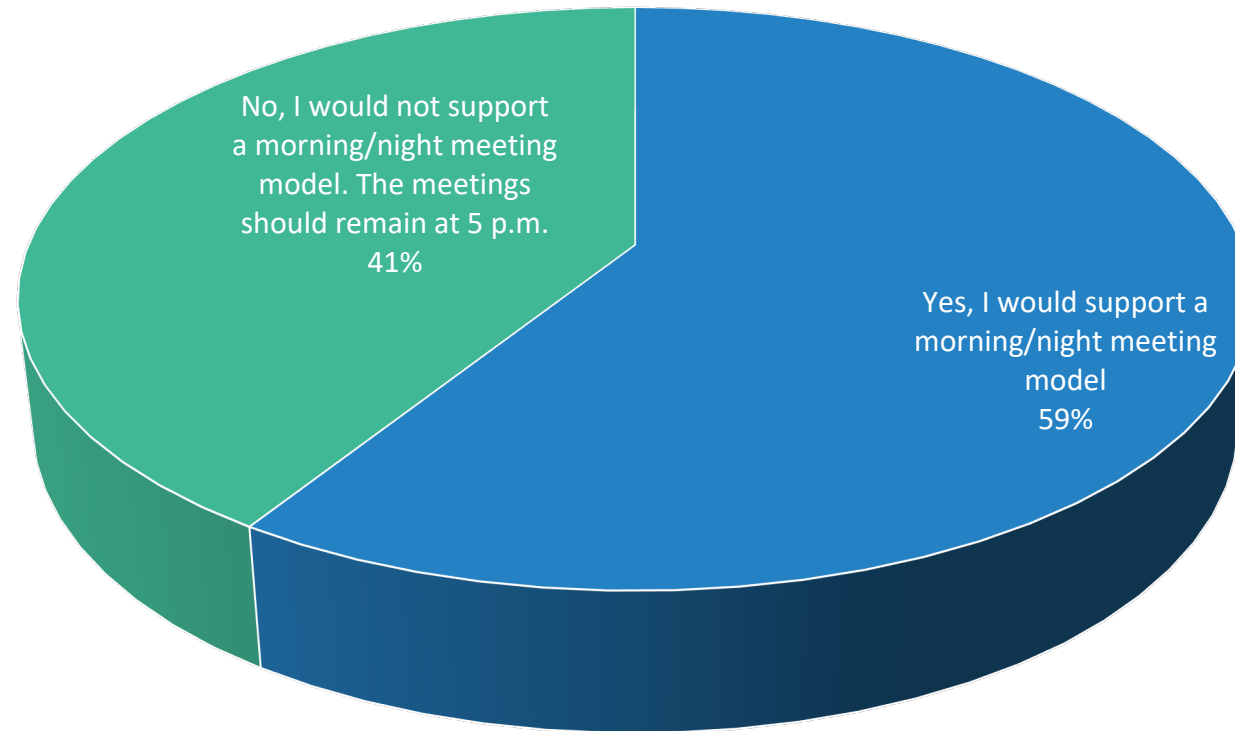
Online Board of Commissioners Attendance



RESULTS & DATA

Would you support a shift to a morning/night meeting schedule for the Board of Commissioners meetings?

Meeting Schedule Support



- Yes, I would support a morning/night meeting model
- No, I would not support a morning/night meeting model. The meetings should remain at 5 p.m.



Traffic Streams

Referral Traffic Sources

Count	Domain
63	www.buncombecounty.org
37	t.co
34	m.facebook.com
21	engage.buncombecounty.org
12	www.linkedin.com
10	l.facebook.com
10	wlos.com
8	publicinput.com
8	lm.facebook.com
8	www.citizen-times.com

211 Total



Q&A



QUESTIONS?



THOUGHTS



FUTURE PROJECTS





Buncombe County Board of Commissioners
Request for Board Action
Meeting Date: 7/18/2023

New Business

Department: Sustainability

Presenter(s): Jeremiah LeRoy

Contact(s): Jeremiah LeRoy

Subject: Update to LEED Building Resolution

Brief Summary: The Energy and Environment Subcommittee has proposed changes to the County's LEED building resolution. If approved, these changes/additions would include:

- Life-Cycle Cost Analysis for design alternatives now applies to both new construction, as well as major equipment replacement to assist the Commission in the decision-making process.

For New Construction

- Solar shall be included in design and construction rather than "solar ready"
- New facilities shall be designed as all-electric
- EV charging Infrastructure where County vehicles will be parked

For Existing Buildings

- Equipment shall be replaced with all-electric equivalent at end of useful life where possible and not cost prohibitive based on life-cycle analysis

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Approve updated LEED Resolution

County Manager's comments and Recommendation: Recommends as presented

RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-04

RESOLUTION UPDATING LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND
ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (LEED) STANDARDS

- WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Environmental and Energy Stewardship Subcommittee has recommended that the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners update its LEED design resolution to enhance the policy and reflect a desire toward electrification and decarbonization; and
- WHEREAS, Buncombe County is committed to improving the health of its employees and its citizens, improving energy efficiency, reducing waste, and conserving water; and
- WHEREAS, the County has committed to reducing its carbon emissions and reaching 100% renewable energy for its internal operations by 2030; and
- WHEREAS, the County is tasked with being a good steward of its taxpayers' dollars; and
- WHEREAS, the County has determined that LEED design by the County in construction and remodeling of County buildings will result in significant energy cost savings over the life of buildings; and
- WHEREAS, high performance buildings provide occupants and visitors with healthier and more productive environments; and
- WHEREAS, high performance buildings have financial benefits including lower maintenance and lifecycle costs, resulting in net savings for taxpayers; and
- WHEREAS, a building's initial construction costs represent only one part of the building's entire costs over its 30 to 40 years of life, emphasis should be placed on the "life cycle costs" of a public building rather than solely on its initial capital costs; and
- WHEREAS, the County commits to high performance building practices that protect the quality of our air, water, and other natural resources; provide employees and the public with safe and healthy indoor environments, minimize our environmental footprint; reduce operating and maintenance costs over the life of the building; and serve as a model to others.

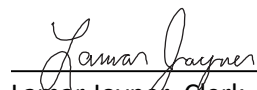
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BUNCOMBE, NORTH CAROLINA in public meeting assembled:

1. The County's construction management team will provide presentations to the County Board of Commissioners during the design or major equipment replacement planning process which will provide Life Cycle Cost Analysis for design alternatives as well as energy modeling which will inform the decision-making process.
2. New construction of occupied public buildings and facilities over 10,000 square feet shall achieve the minimum points needed to receive a rating of LEED Gold and strive to achieve the highest rating. While LEED certification will not be a requirement for all projects, certification will be pursued for selected projects where certification can be obtained for reasonable additional cost.
3. For new construction projects the County will also require certain sustainable design elements:

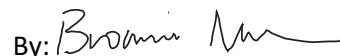
- Facilities will be designed and constructed to include solar photovoltaic systems unless it is found to be not technically feasible or cost prohibitive based on lifecycle cost analysis
 - Facilities will be designed and constructed to include all-electric equipment unless found to be not technically feasible or cost prohibitive based on lifecycle cost analysis. This requirement shall not apply to backup or emergency generators.
 - Where feasible and where County fleet vehicles will be parked on-site, facilities will install electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
 - Where feasible, facilities will be designed to achieve “net-zero” energy
4. Major renovations of public buildings, defined as renovations in excess of 50% of the aggregated area building, shall achieve the minimum points needed to receive a rating of LEED Gold and strive to achieve the highest rating. While LEED certification will not be a requirement for all projects, certification will be pursued for selected projects where certification can be obtained for reasonable additional cost.
5. Existing equipment and infrastructure should be replaced with an all-electric equivalent upon the end of the equipment’s useful life, unless found to be not technically feasible or cost prohibitive based on lifecycle cost analysis.
6. All other new construction, renovations, repairs, replacements, maintenance and operations of public buildings shall employ cost-effective, energy-efficient, green building practices to the maximum extent possible through the use of the USGBC LEED checklist or other comparable performance criterion in the planning, construction, renovation, maintenance and operation of the facility.

This the 18th day of July, 2023.

ATTEST


Lamar Joyner, Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

By: 
Brownie Newman, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM


County Attorney



LEED Resolution Update

Presented by

Jeremiah LeRoy

Sustainability Office



Quick Recap: LEED Resolution 2020

The LEED Gold requirement applicable to:

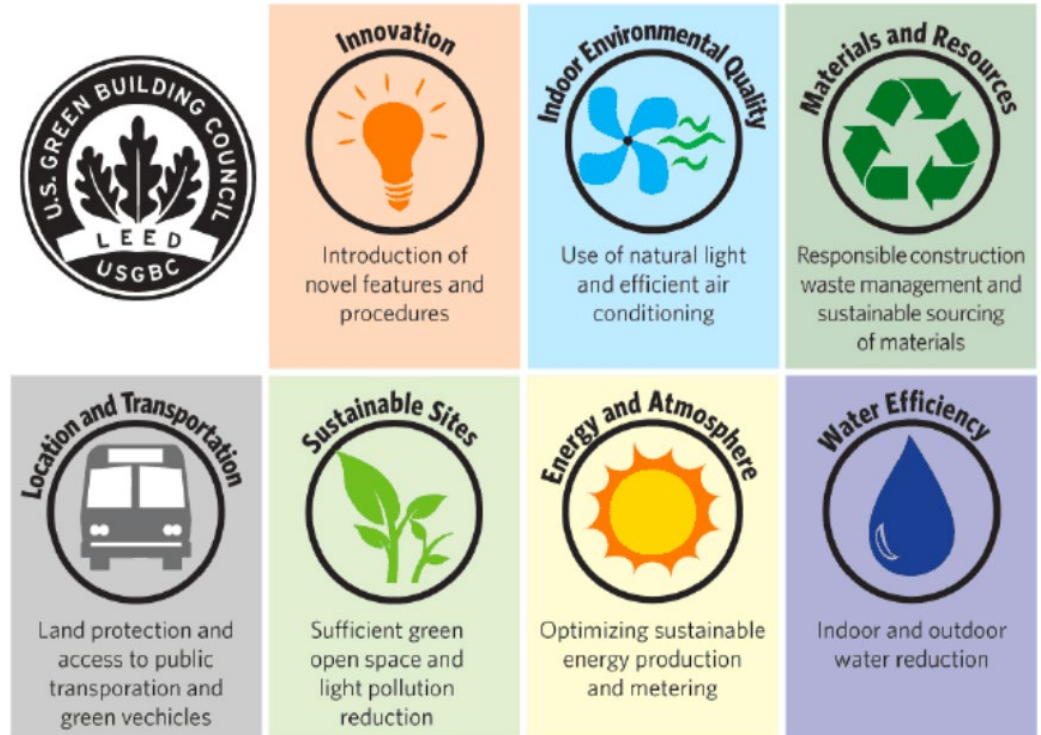
- New construction: facilities >10,000 ft²
- Major renovations >= 50% of the aggregated area of the facility

Other Components of the Resolution

- “Solar-Ready” design
- Net-Zero Energy where feasible
- Presentations to the Board on Life Cycle Costs Analysis prior to construction

LEED CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to achieve LEED certification, projects must earn points in these categories:



Updates to the Resolution

Life-Cycle Cost Analysis (LCA) for design alternatives now applies to both new construction, as well as major equipment replacement to assist in the decision-making process.

Updates for New Construction

- ~~“Solar Ready Design”~~
 - All projects will include installation of solar unless not technically feasible or cost prohibitive based on LCA
- Facilities will be designed and constructed to include all-electric equipment unless found to be not technically feasible or cost prohibitive based on LCA
 - This shall not apply to backup or emergency generators
- Where feasible and where County fleet vehicles will be parked on-site, facilities will have electric vehicle charging infrastructure installed



Updates to the Resolution

Updates to Existing Facilities

- Existing equipment should be replaced with an all-electric equivalent upon the end of its useful life, unless found to be not technically feasible or cost prohibitive based on life-cycle cost analysis



Questions?





Buncombe County Board of Commissioners
Request for Board Action
Meeting Date: 7/18/2023

New Business

Department: Equity and Human Rights Office

Presenter(s): Dr. Noreal Armstrong, Chief Equity & Human Rights Officer

Contact(s): DK Wesley, Assistant County Manager & Dr. Noreal Armstrong

Subject: Inter-Local Agreement between the City of Asheville and the County of Buncombe

Brief Summary: At its December 5, 2022 meeting, the Community Reparations Commission (CRC) unanimously approved an immediate recommendation for Buncombe County and the City of Asheville to stop further harm by ceasing the repetition of institutional processes that lead to racially disparate outcomes. This recommendation included a request that the City of Asheville and Buncombe County contract with an independent third-party firm to conduct an official audit to ensure compliance with federal and state laws, regulatory bodies, codes of conduct, court orders, and consent decrees.

On February 7, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the County Manager to develop a scope of work for this official audit. This work was completed and a request for proposals ("RFP") was issued inviting qualified firms to apply. A selection panel was convened that include City and County staff and four CRC members to evaluate the proposal and select a firm to complete the audit. The selection panel have reviewed responses to the RFP, interviewed applicants, and have selected the best qualified applicant to conduct this audit.

The proposal lists a contract price for deliverables in the amount of \$174,375 to be shared between the City and the County on a 50% - 50% basis. The County will provide funding from its Reparations Project Fund. An Interlocal agreement is required for such a mutual undertaking. Pursuant to GS 160A-461 a city and county may enter into agreements with

each other in order to execute any undertaking as ratified by resolution of the governing board of each unit of government. City Council is scheduled to consider and approve such a resolution and County staff are requesting approval of this Board.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Approve the execution of the Inter-Local Agreement between the City of Asheville and the County of Buncombe.

County Manager's comments and Recommendation: Approve as recommended.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-05

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE AND THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

- WHEREAS, the Asheville City Council passed Resolution 20-128 supporting community reparations for Black Asheville on July 14, 2020;
- WHEREAS, on August 4, 2020, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners passed its Resolution to Support Community reparations for Black People in Buncombe County;
- WHEREAS, the Community Reparations Commission ("CRC") requested a comprehensive audit targeted to cease the harms impacting the African American Community and a request for proposals ("RFP") was issued inviting qualified firms to apply;
- WHEREAS, City and County staff have reviewed responses to the RFP, interviewed applicants, and have selected the best qualified applicant for recommendation to the CRC membership, City Council and Board of Commissioners to conduct this audit;
- WHEREAS, the Parties are authorized to execute and enter into this Interlocal Agreement pursuant to G.S. § 160A-461; and
- WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is of the opinion that it is in the best interest of the parties involved to enter into this Interlocal Agreement with the City of Asheville.

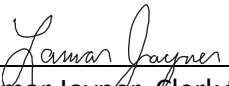
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the County Manager, or her designee, is hereby authorized to execute the attached Inter-Local Agreement between the City of Asheville and the County of Buncombe.
2. That this Resolution shall be upon its adoption.

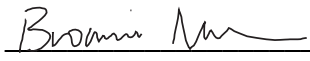
Adopted this 18th day of July, 2023.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE



Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board

By: 

Brownie Newman, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



County Attorney

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE
AND THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

This Agreement is entered into effective July 26, 2023 by and between the COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE, a body politic and corporate, organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina (hereinafter referred to as "County") and the CITY OF ASHEVILLE, a municipal corporation of the State of North Carolina (hereinafter referred to as "City"). Collectively hereinafter referred to as " Party" or "Parties".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Asheville City Council passed Resolution 20-128 supporting community reparations for Black Asheville on July 14, 2020;

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2020, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners passed its Resolution to Support Community reparations for Black People in Buncombe County;

WHEREAS, the Community Reparations Commission ("CRC") requested a comprehensive audit targeted to cease the harms impacting the African American Community and a request for proposals ("RFP") was issued inviting qualified firms to apply;

WHEREAS, City and County staff have reviewed responses to the RFP, interviewed applicants, and have selected the best qualified applicant for recommendation to the CRC membership, City Council and Board of Commissioners to conduct this audit;

WHEREAS, the Parties are authorized to execute and enter into this Interlocal Agreement pursuant to G.S. § 160A-461;

WHEREAS, City and Buncombe County find that it is in the best interests of both parties to agree as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises made in this Agreement and the mutual reliance placed by each party on the responsibilities of the other, and such other considerations as the parties agree are good and sufficient, it is agreed as follows:

1. Purpose: the parties will share financial responsibility under the audit contract to be entered into with the best qualified applicant for the comprehensive audit targeted to cease the harms

impacting the African American Community. Buncombe County will contract with the audit firm and the City of Asheville will be a third-party beneficiary to the contract.

2. Duration: this Agreement shall remain in force until completion of the audit and delivery of a final report and recommendations.

3. Payment: the RFP under consideration for contract lists a price of \$174,375 for the audit project. The City and County will share this cost equally. Any additional costs may be accepted by the Parties with express written consent. Provided, however, that either party may accept or request additional efforts by the audit firm outside of the RFP and scope of work. In such event the Party requesting such additional efforts shall be solely responsible for those additional costs and the Parties will cooperate in preparation of a contract change order identifying such additional work and financial responsibility.

4. Amendments: This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the Parties. This Agreement may be amended, supplemented or modified only by duly executed written instruments as an amendment to this agreement.

5. Termination: The agreement may be terminated by either party for cause and /or violation of the Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice.

6. Governing Law: This Agreement is entered into in North Carolina and shall be construed under the statutes and laws of North Carolina.

7. Severability: Should any provision or provisions contained in this Agreement be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be void, unenforceable or illegal, such provision or provisions shall be severable and the remaining provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

8. Notices: In the event either party hereunder desires or is required to provide any notice to the other party, the party desiring or requiring to provide such notice shall provide it in writing, by email to the other party at the address listed below:

City of Asheville: Brenda Mills, MPA
Director, Equity and Inclusion, city of Asheville
Phone: 828-232-4517
email: bmills@ashevillenc.gov

Buncombe County: Dr. Noreal Armstrong, PhD.
Chief Equity and Human Rights Officer
828-250-6523
email: noreal.armstrong@buncombecounty.org

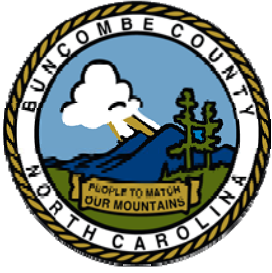
NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereby make, agree, and execute this Agreement by the below signatures of duly authorized officials or agents.

CITY OF ASHEVILLE

BUNCOMBE COUNTY

Debra Campbell, City Manager

Dakisha "DK" Wesley,
Assistant County Manager



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: July 18, 2023

New Business

Department: General Services

Presenter(s): Heather Holsey, Budget Analyst

Contact(s): Mike Mace, General Services
Ronnie Lunsford, General Services

Subject: FY23 Asheville High - Replace Varsity Gym Bleachers and Lighting

Brief Summary: The School Capital Fund Commission and the Board of Commissioners previously approved a project to renovate the varsity gym at Asheville High School, including bleacher replacement and lighting upgrades. An RFQ for Construction Manager at Risk at firms was posted and Vannoy Construction scored the highest of the two firms that submitted. A pre-construction contract was executed in February 2023 and during the pre-construction process, it was determined that the gym floor also needed replacement and would require additional funds.

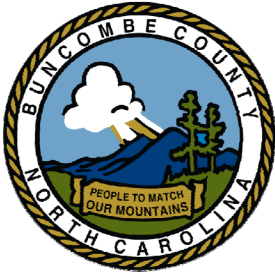
The Asheville High Auditorium project is also under pre-construction services and was originally budgeted to include an HVAC replacement. However, during pre-construction, it was determined that a complete replacement was not necessary, and minor changes could be made to extend the life of the system. This resulted in savings to the project during initial cost estimates.

This budget amendment is to reallocate \$410,000 from the auditorium project to the varsity gym project to allow all work on the gym to be completed in a timely manner. The School Capital Fund Commission approved for recommendation the budget reallocation during their July 10, 2023 meeting. The full contract amount for Vannoy Construction to complete the Varsity Gym Renovations project is \$919,829.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Approve budget amendment and recommend executing the Construction Manager at Risk contract with Vannoy Construction.

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation: County Manager recommends as presented

ORDINANCE #23-07-06



BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Public School Capital Needs Fund Project Ordinance

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 18, 2023

WHEREAS, the Budget Director recommends and the Board now desires to amend the FY2023-2024 Public School Capital Needs Fund Projects outlined below in Exhibit "A" to the **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the FY2023-2024 amendments listed in Exhibit A below be hereby adopted.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 18th day of July, 2023

Project Name: FY23 Asheville High - Replace Varsity Gym Bleachers and Lighting

Description: The School Capital Fund Commission and the Board of Commissioners previously approved a project to renovate the varsity gym at Asheville High School, including bleacher replacement and lighting upgrades. An RFQ for Construction Manager at Risk at firms was posted and Vannoy Construction scored the highest of the two firms that submitted. A pre-construction contract was executed in February 2023 and during the pre-construction process, it was determined that the gym floor also needed replacement and would require additional funds.

The Asheville High Auditorium project is also under pre-construction services and was originally budgeted to include an HVAC replacement. However, during pre-construction, it was determined that a complete replacement was not necessary, and minor changes could be made to extend the life of the system. This resulted in savings to the project during initial cost estimates.

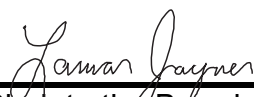
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Funding Source:

Savings from the FY23 Asheville High - Main Building Auditorium project

Exhibit A: Account Description	Increase (Decrease)	
	Revenues	Expenditures
FY23 Asheville High - Main Building Auditorium	\$ (410,000)	\$ (410,000)
FY23 Asheville High - Replace Varsity Gym Bleachers and Lighting	\$ 410,000	\$ 410,000
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -

ATTEST:


Clerk to the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE:**

By: 
Chairman of the Board



SCFC/BOC Request

Presented by

Ronnie Lunsford

Buncombe County General Services



BUNCOMBE COUNTY



AHS Auditorium Renovations

- Initial Budget - \$5,341,805
- Remaining Budget After Pre-Con Services - \$5,284,114
 - Schematic Design Estimate - \$4,601,915
 - Budget Surplus - \$682,119*
 - Construction Beginning 01/24

*HVAC Replacement Is Not Necessary



AHS Varsity Gym Renovations



AHS Varsity Gym Renovations



AHS Varsity Gym Renovations

- Initial Budget - \$549,080
- Remaining Budget After Design and Pre-Con Services - \$522,380
 - Construction Minus Bleachers - \$521,398
 - Construction With Bleachers - \$919,829
 - Budget Deficit - \$397,449
- Construction Beginning 07/23



Request

- Re-Allocate \$410,000 from the Auditorium Renovations to the Varsity Gym Renovations and approve the Construction Manager at Risk Contract with Vannoy Construction.





Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: July 18, 2023

New Business

Department: Budget

Presenter(s): Heather Holsey, Budget Analyst

Contact(s): Dr. Robert Jackson, Buncombe County Schools
John Hudson, Budget

Subject: State Lottery Projects - BCS - Multiple Paving Projects

Brief Summary: On June 6th, the Board of Commissioners approved submission of five paving projects for Buncombe County Schools to the Public School Building Capital Fund - NC Education Lottery. The full \$1,225,000 was approved by the Department of Public Instruction. This amendment adopts those five paving projects.

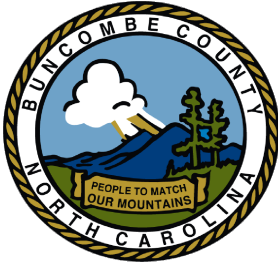
Paving at five schools. Total estimated cost is \$1,225,000.

Community High School - \$300,000
Oakley Elementary School - \$125,000
Pisgah Elementary School - \$100,000
Valley Springs Middle School - \$450,000
Enka High School - \$250,000

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Support and approve this request

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation: County Manager recommends as presented

ORDINANCE #23-07-07



BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Public School ADM Capital Fund Project Ordinance

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 18, 2023

WHEREAS, the Budget Director recommends and the Board now desires to amend the FY2023-2024 Public School ADM Capital Projects outlined below in Exhibit "A" to the budget,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the FY2023-2024 amendments listed in Exhibit A below be hereby adopted.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 18th day of July, 2023

Project Name: State Lottery Projects - BCS - Multiple Paving Projects

Description:

On June 6th, the Board of Commissioners approved submission of five paving projects for Buncombe County Schools to the Public School Building Capital Fund - NC Education Lottery. The full \$1,225,000 was approved by the Department of Public Instruction. This amendment adopts those five paving projects.

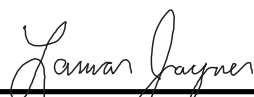
Funding Source:

NC Education Lottery Funding - Public School Building Capital Fund

Exhibit A: Account Description	Increase (Decrease)	
	Revenues	Expenditures
BCS - Valley Springs MS Campus Repaving	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000
BCS - Pisgah ES Campus Paving	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
BCS - Oakley ES Repave Bus Lane	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000
BCS - Enka HS Campus Repaving	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
BCS - Community HS Campus Repaving	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
TOTAL	\$ 1,225,000	\$ 1,225,000

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE:**


Clerk to the Board

By: 
Chairman of the Board