MINUTES

Place: Commissioners’ Room, second floor, Durham County Government Administrative Complex, 200 E. Main Street, Durham, NC

Present: Chairman Michael D. Page, Vice-Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow, and Commissioners Joe W. Bowser, Becky M. Heron, and Brenda A. Howerton

Absent: None

Presider: Chairman Page

Opening of Regular Session—Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

County Manager Mike Ruffin noted the following revisions to the agenda:

- Consent Agenda Item No. i. Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 11BCC000032 to appropriate $1,145,076 of Division of Medical Assistance funds to the Mental Health budget for the creation of a Utilization Management and Utilization Review (UM/UR) program and the approval of 22.00 new FTEs related to the program—removed from the agenda and would be placed on the December 6 Worksession agenda; and
- Consent Agenda Item No. p. Approve the extension to the agreement with the Durham Affordable Housing Coalition for implementation of the Ten-Year Plan through January 31, 2011—added to the agenda.

Chairman Page asked if Consent Agenda Item No. i was time sensitive.

County Manager Mike Ruffin explained that he spoke to Ellen Holliman, The Durham Center Director, about the matter and that she was comfortable with deferring the item. He stated that he would continue to work with Human Resources to remain on schedule.

Commissioner Bowser inquired about adding an item to discuss the Animal Control Ordinance. He relayed a suggestion from a concerned citizen that a panel be appointed by the Board to review and revise the current Ordinance to add more protection for the citizens. He also stated that per citizens’ concerns, the Ordinance leaves much to interpretation by Animal Control officials.

Vice-Chairman Reckhow recommended forwarding Commissioner Bowser’s concern to the Animal Control Advisory Committee.
Commissioner Heron echoed Vice-Chairman Reckhow’s comment. She added that the Animal Control Advisory Committee would be meeting Tuesday night at the Animal Shelter and invited Commissioner Bowser to attend to express his concerns. Commissioner Heron also stated that barking dogs are governed by the noise ordinance, which is enforced by the City.

County Attorney Lowell Siler informed Commissioner Heron that the County has a noise ordinance as well.

Commissioner Bowser agreed to relay his issues to the Animal Control Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Heron moved, seconded by Commissioner Bowser, to accept the agenda revisions as outlined by the County Manager.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Page requested to be excused from the December 6 Worksession.

Vice-Chairman Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Heron, to excused Chairman Page from the December 6 Worksession.

The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Chairman Page made the following announcements:

- “In Touch with Durham County,” the Durham County Television show, airs on Cable TV Channel 8 at 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon daily; 4:00 p.m. on Mondays; and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sundays. Our County Commissioners’ meetings are also rebroadcast on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m., Saturdays at 9:00 p.m., and Sundays at 9:00 p.m.
- Each year since 2004, the United States Surgeon General had declared Thanksgiving to be National Family History Day as a part of the Surgeon General’s Family History Initiative. On this day, families are encouraged to openly discuss and write down the health problems that seem to run in their families. Learning about their family’s health history may help ensure a longer, healthier future together. The Durham County Health Department encourages families to take a health portrait on Thanksgiving Day. To learn more about this day, citizens may visit www.surgeongeneral.gov.
- The FY 2011-2012 Nonprofit Agency Funding process would begin November 5, 2010 with the opening of the pre-application submission period. All Durham community nonprofits interested in applying for FY 2012 nonprofit funding MUST first submit a Pre-Application Questionnaire no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 15, 2010. All nonprofits who meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the County’s nonprofit policy would then be invited to apply for FY 2012 funding. The Pre-Application Questionnaire and the Nonprofit Agency Funding Program policy would be available on the County’s website from November 5, 2010 through December 15, 2010. Early submission of the Pre-Application Questionnaire is encouraged. Please contact Laura
Jensen in the Budget and Management Services Department at 560-7065 for additional information.

Chairman Page read a detailed announcement for Durham Technical Community College’s (DTCC) newest initiative, the Facilities and Critical Support Systems Maintenance training program. The program would be offered through DTCC’s Corporate and Continuing Education division and would provide the skill set required for the National Building Operators Certification, Levels I and II. Duke Energy contributed nearly a quarter of a million dollars towards the program, and Eisai Inc., a longtime DTCC pharmaceutical manufacturing corporate partner, would collaborate with college instructors to develop the new curriculum. Durham Technical Community College would launch a pilot program with Eisai employees in the spring. The college then would offer the program to the public in the summer. Chairman Page encouraged citizens to contact DTCC directly for additional information or view the informational pamphlet located in the Clerk to the Board’s office.

Commissioner Bowser recapped a concern that was discussed during a PAC1 meeting on November 20, which he, Vice-Chairman Reckhow, and Commissioner Howerton attended. He stated that PAC1 had previously requested that Governor Bev Perdue attend one of its meetings to address a concern regarding lottery funds to be used for education; however, Governor Perdue declined. He asked the public to contact the Governor’s office to request her attendance at a PAC1 meeting.

Vice-Chairman Reckhow mentioned that she had followed up via email on PAC1’s concern in regards to the crossing at South Mangum Street near the jail.

Vice-Chairman Reckhow urged the public to explore programs offered by Durham County Library. Programs for the next three months are reported in the Library’s booklet, which is inserted in The Herald-Sun and is available online at www.durhamcountylibrary.org.

**Minutes**

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Heron, to approve as submitted the November 1, 2010 Worksession and November 8 Regular Session Minutes and as corrected the November 1 Budget Session Minutes of the Board.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Presentation of the Commissioners Community Circle Award to Urban Ministries of Durham**

Chairman Page recognized Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD) as the November 2010 recipient of the Commissioners Community Circle Award. He gave the following remarks:

“It is my pleasure to recognize Urban Ministries of Durham as the November recipient of the Commissioners’ Community Circle Award. Since 1982, Urban Ministries of Durham has played a critical role in providing food, clothing, shelter, and supportive services to thousands of our citizens in need. According to Urban Ministries of Durham, in the past five years, they have witnessed a notable increase in the number of indigent and homeless people
in a time of limited resources. To address the evolving needs of our population in need, Urban Ministries of Durham has worked diligently to improve its services and interactions with our citizens.

Urban Ministries of Durham, our Board applauds your efforts. Thank you for your commitment to addressing the wellbeing of our homeless population and striving to end homelessness in Durham.

Tonight, Susan Amey, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Urban Ministries of Durham, will be accepting this award on behalf of UMD.”

Ms. Amey thanked the Board for recognizing Urban Ministries for the award. She praised Urban Ministries staff for their outstanding work within the past few years.

Peter Donlon, Director of Programs, UMD, extended thanks to the Board and elaborated on work performed by UMD.

Commissioner Heron noted that UMD successfully moved 45 individuals from its shelter to permanent living situations between January – May 2010. She commended UMD on their remarkable efforts.

Chairman Page congratulated UMD on their committed work with Durham’s homeless.

Commissioner Howerton expressed appreciation for UMD’s work in the community. She articulated her desire for alternative resources for the homeless when shelter options become limited.

County Manager Ruffin added to Commissioner Howerton’s comment, stating that staff would be presenting an update at an early 2011 worksession on the progress made towards remedying homelessness in Durham.

Ms. Amey and Mr. Donlon accepted the award from Chairman Page.

Chairman Page beseeched volunteer support at UMD.

**Kids Voting Durham Recognizes Commissioner Ellen Reckhow as Champion of Democracy**

On Thursday November 11, Kids Voting Durham held its annual Celebration and Champion of Democracy Awards at Hayti Heritage Center. The Champion of Democracy Award, begun in 2009, annually recognizes community partners who deepen Kids Voting’s impact and further the mission of engaging Durham’s young people in active citizenship and a lifetime of informed voting.

Donna Rewalt, Kids Voting Durham-Cooperative Extension, announced that Vice-Chairman Ellen Reckhow received the “Volunteer Award” from the group. Ms. Rewalt stated that Vice-Chairman Reckhow had headed up the Kids Voting polling station in her neighborhood at Cole Mill Church of Christ for 10 years, giving hundreds of young people the opportunity to cast
a ballot like their parents. Along with Mike Shiflett, the 2009 award winner, Vice-Chairman Reckhow was the only volunteer to participate in Kids Voting Durham continuously since its founding in 2000.

Vice-Chairman Reckhow remarked on her work with Kids Voting over her 10-year volunteer period. She commended Cooperative Extension, staff, and the advisory board for their work.

Chairman Page invited citizens to volunteer with Kids Voting.

**Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Heron, to approve the following consent agenda items:

*a.* Accept the property tax release and refund report for October 2010 as presented and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined by the report;

*b.* Authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract amendment to increase the existing contract with Midwest Tape, LLC by $13,900.00 for a total amount not to exceed $305,300.00;

*c.* Authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with Southeastern Specialty Vehicles, in the amount of $221,998 for the purchase of two (2) replacement vehicles for Durham County EMS (1) and Redwood Volunteer Fire/EMS Department (1);

*d.* Approve Budget Amendment Ordinance No. 11BCC000028 in the amount of $49,000 for the Child and Family Team Support program to establish one provisional social work position (1 FTE);

*e.* Approve Budget Amendment Ordinance No. 11BCC000029 with an increase to $6,777 to provide domestic violence services to Work First eligible clients;

*f.* Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 11BCC000030 to authorize the Sheriff’s Office to accept the award in the amount of $124,193 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance and approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 11BCC000030 appropriating $124,193 to the Detention Center budget as requested;

*g.* Approve the addition of three FTEs for Bethesda Volunteer Fire Department; and approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 11BCC000031 to transfer $61,190 in funds from the Bethesda Fire District to the County of Durham to cover salary costs for the three additional FTEs in the Fire Marshal’s agency in the general fund;
*h. Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 11BCC000032 in the amount of $8,646 to recognize Home and Community Health Care Block Grant (HCCBG) funds; 
   i. Removed prior to meeting; 
*j. Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment 11BCC000034 appropriating $20,150.37 of insurance reimbursement funds for the purchase of a vehicle for the Sheriff’s Department Narcotics Unit; 
*k. Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 11BCC000035 appropriating $357,868 from the Home Health Sale Proceeds into the Public Health budget for the requested use; 
*l. Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 11BCC000036 appropriating $286,076 from the Home Health Sale Proceeds into the Public Health and Non-departmental budget for various costs related to the sale and an appropriation of the remaining $2,756,066 of Home Health Sale proceeds to the Community Health Trust Fund; 
m. Authorize the County Manager to execute a contract with Lee Electrical Contractors, Inc. (LEC) for the construction of the Durham County Fiber Optic Network Infrastructure Project, in an amount not to exceed a construction cost of $643,574.85, and to execute any other related contracts including change orders, if necessary, not to exceed the construction budget of $695,060.84; 
n. Grant an easement to Duke University Health Systems, Inc. for the installation and maintenance of fiber optic conduit and cable along the south side of the now closed Wisteria Avenue, and authorize the Manager to execute an easement agreement; 
o. Authorize the County Manager to execute the project upgrade services contract with Sage Group as the primary vendor with Adea, Inc. as the subcontractor for the ERP upgrade to SAP/ERP 6.0, not to exceed 1,728,309 to be paid from the Capital Project Amendment No. 10CPA000015 which appropriated $2,500,000.00 to the capital project, ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) Upgrade Project (42001910DC135); and 
p. Approve the extension to the agreement with the Durham Affordable Housing Coalition for implementation of the Ten-Year Plan through January 31, 2011.

*Document(s) related to this item follow: 

Consent Agenda Item No. a. Accept the property tax release and refund report for October 2010 as presented and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined by the report. 

Due to property valuation adjustments for over assessments, listing discrepancies, duplicate listings, and clerical errors, etc., the attached report details releases and refunds for the month of October 2010.
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Total for 2010 Taxes and Fees $160,285.60

Prior years’ (2002-2009) releases and refunds for October 2010 are in the amount of $130,648.01. The total current year and prior years’ releases and refunds amount to $290,933.61.

(Recorded in Appendix A in the Permanent Supplement of the October 25, 2010 Regular Session Minutes of the Board.)

Consent Agenda Item No. d. Approve Budget Amendment Ordinance No. 11BCC000028 in the amount of $49,000 for the Child and Family Team Support program to establish one provisional social work position (1 FTE).

DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FY 2010-11 Budget Ordinance
Amendment No. 11BCC000028

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the FY 2010-11 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

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All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 22nd day of November, 2010.

Consent Agenda Item No. e. Approve Budget Amendment Ordinance No. 11BCC000029 with an increase to $6,777 to provide domestic violence services to Work First eligible clients.

DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FY 2010-11 Budget Ordinance
Amendment No. 11BCC000029
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Consent Agenda Item No. f. Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 11BCC000030 to authorize the Sheriff’s Office to accept the award in the amount of $124,193 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance and approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 11BCC000030 appropriating $124,193 to the Detention Center budget as requested.

DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FY 2010-11 Budget Ordinance
Amendment No. 11BCC000030

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Consent Agenda Item No. g. Approve the addition of three FTEs for Bethesda Volunteer Fire Department; and approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 11BCC000031 to transfer $61,190
in funds from the Bethesda Fire District to the County of Durham to cover salary costs for the three additional FTEs in the Fire Marshal’s agency in the general fund.

DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FY 2010-11 Budget Ordinance
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This the 22nd day of November, 2010.

Consent Agenda Item No. h. Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 11BCC000032 in the amount of $8,646 to recognize Home and Community Health Care Block Grant (HCCBG) funds.

DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FY 2010-11 Budget Ordinance
Amendment No. 11BCC000032

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This the 22nd day of November, 2010.

Consent Agenda Item No. j. Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment 11BCC000034 appropriating $20,150.37 of insurance reimbursement funds for the purchase of a vehicle for the Sheriff’s Department Narcotics Unit.

DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FY 2010-11 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 11BCC000034

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This the 22nd day of November, 2010.

Consent Agenda Item No. k. Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 11BCC000035 appropriating $357,868 from the Home Health Sale Proceeds into the Public Health budget for the requested use.

DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FY 2010-11 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 11BCC000035

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This the 22nd day of November, 2010.

Consent Agenda Item No. 1. Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 11BCC000036 appropriating $286,076 from the Home Health Sale Proceeds into the Public Health and Non-departmental budget for various costs related to the sale and an appropriation of the remaining $2,756,066 of Home Health Sale proceeds to the Community Health Trust Fund.

DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FY 2010-11 Budget Ordinance
Amendment No. 11BCC000036

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All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 22nd day of November, 2010.


**Public Comments**

Kathy R. Everett-Perry, Assistant County Attorney, requested that the Board of Commissioners vote on the proposed amended changes to the County’s procedure on Public Hearings and the Public Comment Period for worksessions. She presented the proposed changes directed by the Board at its October 4 Worksession.

Commissioner Bowser inquired about a line in Section III. Citizen Comment: “The Board may not comment on issues presented, but may address its concerns through staff, if a response is warranted.” He questioned the usage of “may not”.

Ms. Everett-Perry clarified that the Board may respond to citizen comments; the usage of “may not” is to caution citizens that they may not receive a response from the Board if their issue requires research by staff.

Vice-Chairman Reckhow suggested that the terms “may or may not” be used in lieu of “may not”.

Chairman Page recognized signed speaker Steven Hopkins, 1113-a Gurley Street, Durham 27701, for comments.

Mr. Hopkins expressed concerns regarding the allotted 30 minutes for citizen comments and the Board being prohibited from discussing personnel issues (i.e. Board-appointed employees) during citizen comments. He urged the Board not to approve the proposed changes.

The Board addressed Mr. Hopkins’ comments and concerns.

To elaborate on Commissioner Bowser’s comment relating to exceeding the 30-minute allotment, County Attorney Lowell Siler noted that the Board would have the option to suspend its rules to exceed the time limit.

County Attorney Siler emphasized Vice-Chairman Reckhow’s comment in relation to deletions of portions in the policy that required citizens to sign up in advance and to provide a synopsis of their issue.

Ms. Everett-Perry responded to a question posed by Chairman Page, explicating that the Citizen Comment section in the original policy did not address yielding one’s time to another speaker; however, it is outlined in the Public Hearings section.

Vice-Chairman Reckhow reminded Chairman Page that allowing/disallowing time yields would be at the Chair’s discretion.

Per Commissioner Howerton and Commissioner Heron’s requests, County Attorney Siler provided clarification of rebuttals during public hearings being at the discretion of the Chairman.

Vice-Chairman Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Bowser, to approve the proposed changes to the County’s procedure of Public Hearings and Public Comment Period with the
following additional change: “The Board may or may not comment on issues presented, but may address its concerns through staff, if a response is warranted.”

The motion carried unanimously.

**Board and Commission Appointments**

Michelle Parker-Evans, Clerk to the Board, distributed ballots to the Board to make appointments to boards and commissions. The following appointments were made (incumbents are underlined):

*Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee*
Christa Gaston
Harvey E. Kirby

*Community Child Protection Team/Child Fatality Prevention Team*
Jeffrey Clark (Law Enforcement)

*Durham Convention & Visitors Bureau*
Wib Gulley (Retail/Transportation)

*EMS Council*
Henrietta Cooke (Hospital—Duke University Medical Center)

*Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee*
Dr. Iris Carlton-LaNey

*Women’s Commission*
Clayborne Brooks

**Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Howerton requested to ask questions about Consent Agenda Item No. p as it was newly added to the agenda; however, the item had been approved.

Vice-Chairman Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Bowser, to reconsider Consent Agenda Item No. p.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Chairman Reckhow rescinded her motion as to allow Commissioner Howerton to ask questions, and then the Board could decide whether to reconsider the item.

Consent Agenda Item No. p, Approve the extension to the agreement with the Durham Affordable Housing Coalition for implementation of the Ten-Year Plan through January 31, 2011.
Lorisa Seibel, Durham Affordable Housing Coalition Interim Executive Director, responded to Commissioner Howerton’s question regarding report submissions.

Per Commissioner Heron’s request, County Manager Ruffin elaborated on the agreement extension.

County Manager Ruffin informed Commissioner Heron that a progress report on the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness would be presented to the Joint City-County Committee at its January 11, 2011 meeting and to the Board of County Commissioners at a future meeting.

**Closed Session**

Vice-Chairman Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Heron, to adjourn to closed session to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of a business or industry pursuant to G. S. 143-318.11(a)(4); and to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee, pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(6).

The motion carried unanimously.

**Reconvene to Open Session**

Chairman Page announced that the Board met in closed session; directives were given to staff.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Page adjourned the meeting at 10:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne R. Jones
Deputy Clerk to the Board