

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Monday, October 6, 2014

9:00 am Worksession

AGENDA

1. Citizen Comments (30 min)

- 1) The Board of County Commissioners will provide a 30-minute comment period at the beginning of its Worksession meeting on the first Monday of each month. Any citizen of Durham County wishing to speak shall have an opportunity to do so. The Board may direct staff to research and reply to the concerns, if appropriate. Speakers must sign in prior to the start of the meeting providing a mail/email address and telephone number so that staff may reply to comments and/or questions. Citizens who request an immediate response from the Board are encouraged to submit a brief description of the issue to the Clerk to the Board two weeks prior to the Worksession to allow an opportunity for research prior to the meeting. **All speakers shall have three minutes to speak and are requested to refrain from addressing issues related to personnel matters.**

Resource Person(s): V. Michelle Parker-Evans, Clerk to the Board

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive citizen comments and direct staff to respond, as deemed appropriate.

2. Conversation about Courts, Detention Center and Pretrial Services (45 min)

- 1) The Board is requested to have a conversation with District Attorney Roger Echols, staff from the Sheriff's Office and Criminal Justice Resource Center Director, Gudrun Parmer regarding court scheduling, the Detention Center and pretrial services.
- 2) At the Board of County Commissioners' June 2, 2014 Worksession, a number of questions regarding the courts, pretrial services and the Detention Center were asked by Commissioners. A document outlining answers to those questions was distributed to the Board in September and is attached as information. During the June 2, 2014 discussion, the Board asked the District Attorney, staff from pretrial services and staff from the Sheriff's Office to attend a Worksession for more conversation on the subject.
- 3) Also attached are statistics from the pretrial program.
- 4) **Alignment with Strategic Plan:** Work in the courts, pretrial services and the Detention Center directly support the goal of a Safe and Secure Community as discussed in the County's Strategic Plan.

Resource Persons: District Attorney Roger Echols; Brian Jones, Durham County Sheriff's Office Director of Operations and Planning; Gudrun Parmer, Criminal Justice Resource Center Director; Lee Worsley, Deputy County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board have a conversation with staff regarding courts, the Detention Center and Pretrial Services.

3. Alliance Behavioral Healthcare Organizational Overview (45 min)

- 1) The Board is requested to receive the presentation. It includes background information about the organization, how it is funded, an overview of the network of providers, and the beneficial impact on Durham citizens.
- 2) Alignment with Strategic Plan: This presentation will depict an overview of Alliance's efforts to improve the quality of life for Durham citizens through behavioral health services as referenced in Durham County's Health and Well-being for All goal.

Resource Persons: Amanda Graham, Chief of Staff; Beth Melcher, Chief of Program Development and Evaluation; Al Ragland, Chief HR Officer

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the presentation.

4. Proposal to Amend the Membership and Charter of the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (15 min)

- 1) The Board is requested to hear a request made by the Durham County Criminal Justice Advisory Committee to amend and expand its membership and charter.
- 2) The Durham County Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) was established in 2012 to assist in developing a comprehensive continuum of services for the adult criminal justice system, identifying services gaps, and developing intervention strategies. The initial make-up of the advisory group was intended to allow for more participation from organizations that address specific offender needs in the community and those that have emerged as critical criminal justice partners within the last decade.
- 3) Over the past two years, the NC Department of Public Safety has begun to establish Local Reentry Councils (LRC) in several jurisdictions across the State. More LRCs are expected to be initiated in the near future and the members of CJAC feel amending the charter and membership could position the committee to serve as the Local Reentry Council for Durham County and to request state or federal funds if they become available for this purpose.
- 4) The purpose of the conversation is to review the CJAC's proposal and allow the presenters to offer suggestions to the Board on additional members or categories. The Resolution establishing the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on April 9, 2012, is attached for information.
- 5) Alignment with Strategic Plan: This agenda item supports the Strategic Plan's Goal 3: Safe and Secure Community. The Criminal Justice Advisory Committee works to improve coordination and services among stakeholders and service providers in the criminal justice system.

Resource Persons: The Honorable Marcia Morey, Chief District Court Judge and CJAC Chairperson; Lao Rubert, CJAC Vice-Chairperson; Gudrun Parmer, Director, CJRC

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the presentation and provide further input.

5. Discussion about Purchasing Courthouse Sculpture (15 min)

- 1) The Board is requested to discuss the option(s) for purchasing the sculpture placed in front of the new County Courthouse as part of the Bull City Sculpture Show.
- 2) In April of 2014, the County secured the front plaza of our new courthouse as one of the sites where sculptures part of the 12-piece Bull City Sculpture Show would temporarily be placed. The sculpture, called "Twist of Fate," is a large, stainless steel, mobile sculpture made by Carrboro sculptor and metal artist Mike Roig. It is very popular among staff in the courthouse building.
- 3) The cost of the sculpture is \$36,000. If the Commissioners desire to make the sculpture a permanent fixture at this building, there are several options for purchasing it, including an outright purchase out of construction project funds or by seeking to raise part of the funds for the purchase through one of several crowd-funding mechanisms.
- 4) Alignment with Strategic Plan: Investing in public art aligns strongly with the Goal 1 objective of "enhancing cultural and creative opportunities."

Resource Persons: Drew Cummings, Assistant County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board discuss the option(s) for purchasing the sculpture placed in front of the new County Courthouse as part of the Bull City Sculpture Show and direct staff accordingly.

6. Discussion of the Creation of a Durham County Community Giving Fund (30 min)

- 1) The Board is requested to receive a brief report on the concept of a Community Giving Fund, possibly in collaboration with the Triangle Community Foundation, as a mechanism for encouraging and facilitating private, tax-deductible donations to specific public-purpose projects that the County might undertake.
- 2) Alignment with Strategic Plan: The purpose of setting up one or more of these funds could facilitate any of our County strategic plan goals, depending on the nature of the funds set up.

Resource Persons: Drew Cummings, Assistant County Manager; Lowell Siler, County Attorney

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the report and direct staff as appropriate.

7. Durham Workforce Development Program (10 min)

- 1) The Board is requested to receive an update regarding the County's intent to participate in the Durham Workforce Development Program.
- 2) Alignment with Strategic Plan: The County's participation in this program will facilitate the development of a skilled workforce.

Resource Persons: Wendell M. Davis, County Manager; Cora S. Wilson, HR Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the information.

8. Review of BOCC Directives (10 min)

- 1) The Board is requested to review the previous month's directives for staff and make comments as necessary. This set of directives covers June, July, August and September of 2014.
- 2) Alignment with Strategic Plan: Following up on the directives from the Board of County Commissioner meetings aligns with Goal 5 of the Strategic Plan: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government.

Resource Persons: Dionne Hines, County Intern

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board review the BOCC directives and make comments to staff as necessary.

9. Closed Session (20 min)

- 1) The Board of Commissioners is requested to adjourn to Closed Session to consult with an attorney *In the Matter of the Shaner v. County of Durham et al 12 CVS 1634*, and to preserve the attorney-client privilege pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3).

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board adjourn to Closed Session and direct staff as appropriate.