

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

Monday, November 24, 2014

**7:00 P.M. Regular Session**

**MINUTES**

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

Present: Chairman Michael D. Page, Vice-Chair Brenda A. Howerton, and Commissioners Fred Foster, Jr., Wendy Jacobs, and Ellen W. Reckhow

Absent: None

Presider: Chairman Michael D. Page

**Opening of Regular Session**—Chairman Page opened the meeting and invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Adjustments** – There were no adjustments.

**Announcements**

Chairman Page made the following announcements:

- 1) Don't miss open enrollment under the Affordable Care Act. You can get personal help signing up on December 6th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at Lincoln Community Health Center, 1301 Fayetteville Street; and December 13th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at Centro de Alabanza Naciones Unidas at 2100 Chapel Hill Road. You may also call 1-855-733-3711 to speak with an expert.
- 2) "In Touch with Durham County," the Durham County Television show, airs daily on Durham Television Network (DTN) Channel 8 or 97-5 at 10 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. 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.
- 3) Durham County needs you! If you have a few hours to commit, Durham County has a number of boards and commissions that can benefit from your participation. We invite you to make a difference in our community. Contact the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025, visit the County's website, or email [Clerk@concd.gov](mailto:Clerk@concd.gov) for more information. Please note that all City and County taxes must be current at the time of application.
- 4) "Living Healthy," the Durham Diabetes Coalition Television show, airs daily on Cable TV Channel 8 or 97-5 at 7 p.m. Each episode features Durham County resources and residents successfully living with diabetes. This is also an initiative that supports Durham County's strategic goal Health and Well-being for All.

- 5) As Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, I will hold office hours for citizens each Wednesday from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Appointments can be made by calling me at (919) 949-4022;
- 6) The Fiscal Year 2015-16 Nonprofit Funding Program pre-application process will be open from December 1st-December 31st. All Durham community nonprofits interested in applying for FY 2015-16 funding must first submit a Pre-Application Questionnaire by midnight on December 31st, 2014. Agencies meeting the eligibility criteria will be invited to apply for funding. Paperwork and additional information can be found on the County's Budget & Management Services webpage. For additional information, contact Andy Miracle at 919-560-7065.

Commissioner Jacobs shared information she learned while attending a Durham Public School (DPS) program at the City of Medicine Academy. DPS students could earn a cosmetology or barber certificate from Holton Resource Center while in high school; or graduate with an EMT license or CNA license from the City of Medicine Academy. She encouraged students and parents to learn more about the opportunities offered that would provide life skills.

Commissioner Jacobs also shared information about downloading ebooks and audiobooks at the library. The library would begin a new free service that would enable downloads of music on smartphones and tablets.

Chairman Page acknowledged that Downtown Durham Inc. awarded Durham County government with a plaque for "Outstanding Downtown Development Project" for the Human Services Complex.

### **Minutes**

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Vice Chair Howerton, to approve as submitted the October 27, 2014 and November 10, 2014 Regular Session Minutes of the Board.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Recognition – Commissioner Jacobs Earns LELA Certificate**

Mr. Neil Emory, Outreach Associate with the NC Association of County Commissioners, thanked the Board for its support and active participation in the Association. He briefly explained the levels of the LELA Certification. Commissioner Jacobs earned the Practitioner level. Mr. Emory commented that Durham County had obtained more levels than any other county. He presented Commissioner Jacobs with the pin and letter from the Association.

Vice Chair Howerton commented and thanked the Association for continuing to develop courses for commissioners.

Commissioner Jacobs thanked the Board and commented on the great support that North Carolina had for assisting commissioners in their roles as leaders.

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**Recognize Paramedic Brandon Pittman, Recipient of the Hometown Hero Award from the Emergency Chaplains Association**

Mr. Skip Kirkwood, Director of EMS introduced Mr. Ralph Thompson, Chief Chaplain of the Emergency Chaplains Association. The Association shared a brief video that exemplified Paramedic Brandon Pittman's extraordinary rescue.

The Board and audience applauded Paramedic Pittman. Mr. Pittman thanked the Board.

Chairman Page thanked the Chaplains for their service and support in Durham County during difficult times.

**Consent Agenda**

Chairman Page asked if anyone desired to pull any consent items from the following list. No items were pulled.

- a. \*Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 15BCC000022 for grant funds in the amount of \$173,203 from the Division of Social Services, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services for the Public Health Nutrition Division DINE for LIFE program expansion and Approve Two Provisional FTEs;
- b. \*Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 15BCC000023 to recognize Communicable Disease funds from NC DHHS, Division of Public Health in the amount of \$1,000 for the STD/HIV Program;
- c. Approve assignment of the 2013 economic incentive agreement between Durham County and Syngenta Biotechnology, Inc. (SBI) to Syngenta Crop Protection LLC, subject to the December 31, 2014 merger of SBI into Syngenta Crop Protection LLC;
- d. \*Approve Capital Project Amendment No. 15CPA000009, appropriating \$175,250 of allocated Lottery funds to three Durham Public School capital projects;
- e. \*Accept the property tax release and refund report for October 2014 as presented and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined by the report;
- f. Approve the requested sole source exemption for this purchase of PowerFlex Stretchers and StatTrac stretcher fastening systems from Ferno Washington in the amount of \$101,235.97;
- g. Authorize the execution of the contract with Moseley Architects to provide professional services for the evaluation and space planning for Durham County's EMS facilities in the amount of \$149,200.00;
- h. \*Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 15BCC000024 appropriating General Fund fund balance to support a contract (attached) with Dixon Hughes Goodman, LLP. to perform a Sales tax audit for a three year period ending June 30, 2015 and authorize the Chief Financial Officer to sign the contract.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Vice Chair Howerton to approve items #a-h.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Page commented on item #c. He was concerned after reading an article regarding a massive layoff. The Board asked that staff follow up on the numbers of employees impacted and whether the Company would meet their targets for the incentive payment.

\*Document(s) related to this item follow:

Consent Agenda Item No. a.

DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
FY 2014-15 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment No. 15BCC000022

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the FY 2014-15 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$54,348,376	\$173,203	\$54,521,579

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$86,936,275	\$173,203	\$87,109,478

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

This the 24th day of November, 2014.

Consent Agenda Item No. b.

DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
FY 2014-15 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment No. 15BCC000023

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the FY 2014-15 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$54,521,579	\$1,000	\$54,522,579

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$87,109,478	\$1,000	\$87,110,478

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

This the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

Consent Agenda Item No. d.

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
 2014-15 Capital Project Ordinance  
 Amendment Number 15CPA000009**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the 2014-15 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.

<b>Capital Project</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Inc./Dec.</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>
Hillandale Elementary Roof Replacement (SH229)	\$0	\$65,000	\$65,000
Githens Middle School Restroom Upgrades (SH230)	\$0	\$56,250	\$56,250
Jordan High School Chiller Replacement(SH231)	\$0	\$54,000	\$54,000

Adopted this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

Consent Agenda Item No. e.

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, 2014.

Releases & Refunds for 2014 Taxes

Real Property	\$ 25,005.81
Personal Property	\$ 433,982.23
Motor Vehicles	\$ 187.48
Vehicle Fees	\$ 15.00
Solid Waste Fees	<u>\$ 1,668.00</u>
Total for 2014 Taxes and Fees	\$ 460,858.52

Prior year's (2007-2013) releases and refunds for October 2014 are in the amount of \$5,485.17. The current year and prior year's releases and refunds amount to \$466,343.69.

Consent Agenda Item No. h

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
 FY 2014-15 Budget Ordinance  
 Amendment No. 15BCC000018**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the FY 2014-15 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>			
Other Financing Sources	\$25,427,180	\$70,000	\$25,497,180

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
General Government	\$95,186,112	\$70,000	\$95,256,112

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

This the 24th day of November, 2014.

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### **Board Update on County Security Strategy**

County Manager Wendell Davis reminded everyone that the County began to embark on a security study in 2013, and the presentation and recommendations by Deputy Managers Welton and Worsley would be the results of the work since that time.

Deputy Manager Worsley shared the security background of security provided for consumers and employees at this time. A Security Manager position was approved by the Board in the current budget cycle. He discussed vulnerabilities and discrepancies in the current system.

Deputy Manager Welton discussed the following findings that included employee training, a centralized monitoring and badge system, decisions should be based on the risk/threat for the facility, and security should be managed by General Services.

Deputy Manager Worsley shared the following recommendations:

- An Organizational Assessment Team should be formed including the Deputy County Managers, General Services Director, and Emergency Management Director;
- That the Security Manager be hired, and placed in General Services;
- That the County issue an RFP for security services to support the new security strategy immediately.

Commissioner Reckhow inquired as to why the Sheriff's office was not included in the recommendations. Mr. Worsley responded that the Sheriff decided to be a part of the security team.

Vice Chair Howerton questioned the process in Wake County. Ms. Welton responded that Wake County used a hybrid system; however, that system would not work because the Sheriff was not interested in working with the hybrid model. The model here would have armed security officers by contract officers.

Ms. Welton indicated that staff would be moving forward immediately to advertise for the Security Manager.

Mr. Worsley confirmed that the Sheriff's office was playing a role in providing some training such as Active Shooter training.

Commissioner Jacobs stressed the urgency of moving expeditiously on the RFP.

Ms. Welton elaborated on the Wake County model. The General Services Department oversees the contract security guards. The Sheriff supplies the deputies. There is a communications line between the General Services Director and the Sheriff's delegate.

Chairman Page recognized the following citizens who signed up to speak on the item and allowed them one minute each to speak. All of the citizens expressed their concerns regarding the human rights practices of G4S and requested the Board to drop the G4S security contract:

Sandra Korn  
Beth Bruch  
Donna Hicks  
Gabriel Baldasare  
Emily McCoy  
Ahmad Jitan

Commissioner Reckhow suggested that staff continue conversations with the Sheriff regarding providing advice and assistance; and the Manager provide a timeline to the Board related to the RFP. Ms. Welton indicated that the RFP could take approximately 90 days; however, the holidays could impact that timeframe.

Vice Chair Howerton commented that although timeliness was important, it was important that staff be allowed to vet a thorough process.

### **Board and Commission Appointments**

Michelle Parker-Evans, Clerk to the Board, distributed ballots to the Board to make appointments to boards and commissions.

The Board made the following appointments:

#### **Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee**

Mildred Mayes (all)  
Deirdre Thornlow (all)

#### **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission**

Cynthia Fisher-Richardson (all)

#### **Boxing and Wrestling Commission**

Daniel Colvard (all)

#### **City-County Appearance Commission**

Michael Miller (all)

#### **Homeless Services Advisory Commission**

Angela Holmes (all)

#### **Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee**

Deirdre Thornlow (all)

#### **Public Health Board**

Art Ferguson (all)

#### **Transportation Advisory Board**

Doreen Johnson (all)

**Women's Commission**

Amy Alspaugh (all)  
Doreen L. Johnson (all)

Jina Dhillon (all)  
Davida Major (all)

**Adjournment**

Vice-Chair Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to adjourn the Regular Session meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

V. Michelle Parker-Evans  
Clerk to the Board