



# Durham County

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## Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

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Monday, January 5, 2015

9:00 AM

Commissioners' Chambers

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### Worksession

#### “Public Charge”

The Board of Commissioners asks its members and citizens to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous manner, both with the Board and fellow citizens. At any time, should any member of the Board or any citizen fail to observe this public charge, the Chairman will ask the offending person to leave the meeting until that individual regains personal control. Should decorum fail to be restored, the Chairman will recess the meeting until such time that a genuine commitment to the public charge is observed.

As a courtesy to others, please turn off cell phones during the meeting.

#### 9:00 am Worksession Agenda

##### 1. Citizen Comments (30 min)

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Citizen Comments (30 min)

Agenda Text:

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.**

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN:** Citizen engagement aligns with all five of the strategic goals by allowing the Board to receive comments and

concerns from the community related to important issues in Durham County.

**RESOURCE PERSONS:** V. Michelle Parker-Evans, County Clerk to the Board

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:** The County Manager recommends that the Board receive citizen comments and direct staff to respond, as deemed appropriate.

## 2. Discussion Items:

### [15-185](#) Combined Update on Senior Issues in Durham

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to receive a combined report on senior issues in Durham from various senior-serving agencies in the County and to ask any questions they desire of the represented agencies.

Staff received numerous separate requests for updates on what various senior-serving agencies were doing and what issues they were facing here in Durham County. Rather than scheduling separate presentations, staff requested that they develop a joint presentation on their activities as well as major issues facing a growing senior population in Durham in the coming years. Agencies which have taken part in preparing this presentation include the Durham Center for Senior Life, Senior PharmAssist, the Triangle Area Agency on Aging, the Community Resource Connection, the Department of Social Services, Meals on Wheels, and the local branch of the AARP.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN:** The well-being of our senior population relates clearly to Goal 2 (health) and Goal 3 (safety for vulnerable populations).

**RESOURCE PERSONS:** Cathy Stallcup, Executive Director, Durham Center for Senior Life

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:** The County Manager recommends that the Board receive this combined report and ask any questions they desire of the represented agencies.

### [15-184](#) Presentation - LIFE Skills Foundation (15 min)

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to collaborate and assist with LIFE Skills Foundation's effort to increase our ability to provide housing to Transition Age Youth, ages 18-22, in Durham. We have secured a loan to purchase a small apartment complex near NCCU that will provide an additional 12 beds, along with comprehensive wrap-around services for Transition Age Youth. Currently the majority of our housing and services are specifically targeted to youth who have aged out of foster care, however there is a great need for these services outside of this sub-population of Transition Age Youth.

LIFE Skills Foundation also provides Independent Living Skills training and wrap-around case management to youth ages 15-24. Many of the youth we work with have aged out of the foster care system or lack family/financial resources and are inadequately prepared for independence.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN:** *Goal 1-A Strong and Diverse Economy-* LIFE Skills Foundation is invested in preparing young adults to obtain educational goals, establish financial literacy and develop the skills necessary to successfully compete in the job market. *Goal 3- Thriving, Livable Neighborhoods-* LIFE Skills Foundation is committed to increasing access to safe and affordable housing, especially for Transition Age Youth, who struggle to participate in current housing programs. We will be able to expand on this effort greatly over the course of the next few years.

**RESOURCE PERSONS:** Alex Protzman, LCSW, Executive Director; Tim Brooks, LCSW, Board Chair

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:** The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the presentation by the LIFE Skills Foundation and direct staff as appropriate.

**Attachments:** [LIFESkills Presentation.pptx](#)

**15-180**

James A. Whitted School Update and Direction (30 min)

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to receive updates from staff on questions asked during a December 15, 2014 joint Board of County Commissioners/Board of Education meeting and to provide staff direction regarding whether the redevelopment plan proposed by Integral Development, FortyAM and the Durham Public Schools as part of a May 1, 2012 RFP is to move forward.

The project has received approval for \$6,787,359 in State and Federal Low Income Tax Credits to be applied toward the renovations of the building. The Tax Credits have deadlines that are imminent and as a result, a decision to move forward with this proposal is necessary by the end of the month in order to remain on track to receive the approved tax credits.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN:** The redevelopment of James A. Whitted School is an initiative under the Community and Family Prosperity Goal of the County's Strategic Plan.

**RESOURCE PERSONS:** Lee Worsley, Deputy County Manager; Mary Nash Rusher, Hunton and Williams; Hugh Osteen Deputy Superintendent, Durham Public Schools; Daryl Jones, Integral Development.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:** The County Manager

recommends that the Board receive updates from staff on the James A Whitted School redevelopment project and provide direction to staff regarding the Integral Development, FortyAM and Durham Public Schools proposal.

[15-186](#)

**Update from Urban Ministries on Facility Upgrades and Program Enhancements (30 min)**

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to receive this report from Urban Ministries staff and ask any questions they desire.

Durham County has added to its normal allocation for Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD) in the last two years, and at least part of the purpose of this report is for UMD to elaborate how these investments are facilitating new, expanded, and improved programming to meet more of the needs of our homeless population in Durham.

In FY13-14, \$65,000 was added as a contribution towards facility upgrades which are helping. On April 14, 2014, the BOCC approved a capital project not to exceed \$475,000 to provide for a sprinkler system and other, associated upgrades in the County-owned shelter building. In the FY14-15 budget, the annual allocation to UMD was increased by \$35,000 (to a new total of \$199,440).

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN:** The investments the County has made in UMD related to Goal 1 (community and family prosperity); Goal 2 (health and well-being for all: improve quality of life through preventive, behavioral, and physical care services); and Goal 3 (safe and secure community: improve outcomes for vulnerable children, youth, adults, and animals).

**RESOURCE PERSONS:** Patrice Nelson, Executive Director, Urban Ministries of Durham

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:** The County Manager recommends that the Board receive this report from Urban Ministries staff and ask any questions they desire.

[15-191](#)

**Durham County ACCESS and Transportation Advisory Board Presentation on Transportation Programs and Services (30 min)**

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to receive a presentation from Cooperative Extension Services staff along with members of the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) highlighting the programs, coordinated service, grants, purchases, operating statistics, successes and challenges in meeting the growing transportation demand. Durham County ACCESS will highlight significant changes to several of the grants that warrant further attention due to the overall impact to the provision of services. Specifically, ACCESS will discuss substantial changes in the funding of the Administrative grant funded by the state and federal government through the 5311 Community Transportation Grant and a reduction in funding and change in the administration of the 5310 grant previously

administered by the State and now under the administration of the MPO.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN:** This action supports Strategic Plan goals 1 and 2 as the demand response service provides access to safe and coordinated transportation that improves the mobility and quality of life of seniors, disabled and transportation disadvantaged residents. Through ACCESS, Durham County residents are able to reach destinations geared to enhance their educational, health, work opportunities.

**RESOURCE PERSONS:** Linda Thomas-Wallace, Transportation Program Manager and Delphine Sellars, Director, Durham County Cooperative Extension

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:** The County Manager recommends that the Board received the presentation from Durham County ACCESS.

**Attachments:** [ATTACHMENT.doc](#)

[15-175](#)

Discussion-Proposed 2015 Legislative Agenda (15 min)

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to receive a report from staff concerning proposed items for the 2015 General Assembly Session which convenes at 9:00am on January 14th in Raleigh. Following a communication to County Department heads a few items were received as possible legislative proposals to be considered for inclusion in the 2015 Legislative Agenda. Staff will conduct a discussion of the items and hear any other items members of the BOCC would like included. The goal is to prepare a focused, strategic package of items that can be aggressively supported by members of the Durham Delegation. Following the direction to staff, we will place the item on the next regular session for a vote. A meeting has been scheduled with the Durham Delegation for 8:00am on January 23rd to discuss these items and to hear from the delegation.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN:** Goal 5, Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government.

**RESOURCE PERSONS:** Deborah Craig-Ray, Assistant County Manager and Lowell L. Siler, County Attorney

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:** The County Manager recommends that the Board receive a report from staff concerning proposed items for the 2015 General Assembly Session, and provide direction.

**Attachments:** [2015 Durham County Legislative Agenda for Jan 2015.doc](#)

### 3. Adjournment