



Durham County

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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

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Monday, April 6, 2015

9:00 AM

Commissioners' Chambers

"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)

[15-170](#) 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:

[15-350](#)

Introduction of Susan Schreffler, M.D., new EMS Medical Director (7 min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to welcome Durham County EMS System's new Medical Director. Dr. Schreffler replaces Dr. Eric Ossmann, who resigned from Duke to accept a position in Greenville, South Carolina.

On March 10, Dr. Susan Schreffler, a new member of the Duke University Health System Division of Emergency Medicine, was appointed Medical Director for the Durham County EMS System. Dr. Schreffler was an experienced paramedic in the State of Texas prior to attending medical school. She recently completed a three-year residency in emergency medicine, followed by a one-year specialty fellowship program for EMS physicians.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN: Aligns with Goal #2 (Health and Well-Being for All), Goal #3 (Secure Community), and Goal #5 (Accountable, Efficient, and Visionary Government).

RESOURCE PERSONS: Skip Kirkwood, EMS Director

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: The County Manager recommends that the Board welcome Dr. Susan Schreffler to the position of Durham County EMS System Medical Director.

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Introduction - Dr. A. Eugene Washington - Duke University Health System (7 min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to welcome Dr. A. Eugene Washington. Dr. A. Eugene Washington has joined Duke University Health System as Chancellor for Health Affairs and President and CEO. He was formerly Dean of the David Geffen School of Medicine and Vice Chancellor of health sciences at UCLA.

Dr. Washington completed undergraduate studies at Howard University, graduate studies at UC Berkley and Harvard schools of public health and residency training at Stanford University.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN:

RESOURCE PERSONS: Wendell Davis, County Manager

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: The County Manager recommends that the Board extend a warm welcome to Dr. Washington along with best wishes for success in his new position.

[15-373](#)

Discussion of Sidewalks in the County (20 min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to continue their discussion of the possibility of adopting a new County policy to accept maintenance responsibilities for certain kinds of sidewalks meeting a very stringent set of criteria.

Several years ago, the NC General Assembly took away municipal authority to unilaterally annex urbanized areas. Despite this change in annexation authority, the population of Durham County will continue to expand and more portions of unincorporated County will *feel* urban or suburban.

Since all public roads in unincorporated areas are NCDOT roads, sidewalks built along those roads would require NCDOT permission and would be built in NCDOT right-of-way. Typically, neither counties nor NCDOT have been in the sidewalk construction or maintenance business. Though NCDOT does sometimes add this kind of pedestrian infrastructure within the context of broader road improvement / construction projects, they always require that another entity assume long-term maintenance responsibilities.

The attached PowerPoint explores the issue in greater detail, including input from a variety of different policy documents, stakeholders, and exploring some of the positive and negative trade-offs that could be associated with adopting the draft policy contained in the presentation.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN: Increasing and improving alternative transportation options is a goal clearly stated the County Strategic Plan (Goal 4) as well as the joint City-County Economic Development Strategic Plan (Strategic Focus Areas 1 and 3).

RESOURCE PERSONS: Drew Cummings, Assistant County Manager

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: The County Manager recommends that the Board continue their discussion of the possibility of adopting a new County policy to accept maintenance responsibilities for sidewalks.

[15-365](#)

Open Data Update (30 min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to receive a status update on the Open Data initiative underway by the County and the City of Durham. The County and City Chief Information Officers will provide the Commissioners with a short presentation on the current status.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN: Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient

and Visionary Government

RESOURCE PERSONS: Greg Marrow, Chief Information Officer

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the status update on the City/County Open Data Initiative.

[15-336](#)

Quarterly Management Report for Q2 of 2014 (10 min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to receive and discuss this inaugural Quarterly Management Report.

Staff have prepared this initial version of an executive report on a selection of County projects and programs known to be of recent Commissioner interest. Staff are working towards having an online tracking system so that staff can respond quickly with considerable, current detail on *any* County program or project.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN: Clear, high-level reporting from staff to the Board of County Commissioners relates to Goal 5 as it serves accountable and efficient government.

RESOURCE PERSONS: Marqueta Welton, Deputy County Manager; Drew Cummings, Assistant County Manager

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive and discuss this inaugural Quarterly Management Report.

[15-345](#)

Public Comment Period for Nonprofit Agencies Applying for FY 2015-16 Funding

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to hear presentations from nonprofit agencies that have applied for funding in the 2015-16 Fiscal Year.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN: The Nonprofit Funding Program aligns with Goal 5 of Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government and the objective of harnessing community resources, expertise and intellectual capacity by financially supporting nonprofits that further the County's Strategic Plan.

RESOURCE PERSONS: Claudia Odom Hager, Budget and Management Services Director; Andy Miracle, Budget Analyst

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive comments from presenting nonprofit agencies that have applied for funding in the 2015-16 Fiscal Year.

3. Adjournment