



Durham County

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Board of County Commissioners

Michael D. Page, Chair
Brenda A. Howerton, Vice Chair
Fred Foster, Jr., Commissioner
Wendy Jacobs, Commissioner
Ellen W. Reckhow, Commissioner

Monday, February 9, 2015

7:00 PM

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.

7:00 pm Regular Session

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Announcements:

Chairman Page read the following announcements:

- 1) "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. County Manager Wendell Davis was the current guest.
- 2) 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@dconc.gov for more information. Please note that all City and County taxes must be current at the time of application.

- 3) "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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Chairman Page welcomed Union Baptist Boy Scout Troop 411. He thanked them for their leadership and mentioned they were attending the Regular Session meeting to complete a requirement for a community badge.
- 6) Commissioner Jacobs invited the public to the Durham City-County Martin Luther King Celebration on February 20, 2015 at 12:00pm at the First Presbyterian Church. She added that Debra Saunders-White, Chancellor of North Carolina Central University would be the keynote speaker.

Duke Energy Residential Neighborhood Program

Valencia Roner, Duke Energy Program Manager shared a presentation on the *Residential Neighborhood Program (RNP)* which highlighted the following: Overview, RNP Target Market-Eligibility, RNP Energy Conservation Measures, Program Implementation, RNP Neighborhood Selection, Neighborhood Kick-Off Events, Neighborhood Partners, RNP Sweepstakes Highlights, The RNP Crew and Installation Photos, RNP Program contact number and email address.

Ms. Roner stated the program was implemented in 2013 and had installed energy efficient products to over 11,770 low income customers. She mentioned the next kick-off event would be held on March 3, 2015 from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Holton Career Resource Center and invited all Commissioners to attend.

Commissioner Jacobs thanked Ms. Roner for her presentation and mentioned the 2014 meeting at the Hayti Heritage Center. She asked if there had been contact with the Housing Task Force. Ms. Roner concurred, adding a pre-meeting was scheduled to occur two (2) weeks prior to the event to ensure optimal participation. Commissioner Jacobs asked if renters were invited to attend and were there plans to branch out. Ms. Roner responded yes, renters were invited to attend the kick-off event. She added the target was designed to service 800-1200 customers at a time. Ms. Roner continued to say if a customer lived within one mile, they would also be serviced.

Commissioner Reckhow thanked Ms. Roner for this initiative. She mentioned the need to add to the marketing materials that renters would be allowed to participate. Ms. Roner stated letters were sent to all bill payers so they were aware of the initiative. She added it was also on the website and would be mentioned at the meetings.

Vice Chair Howerton also thanked Ms. Roner and asked how it was determined which homes would be serviced. Ms. Roner responded the selection was based on the low poverty area and the US Census tracking. Vice Chair Howerton inquired about citizens who lived outside of the census track. Ms. Roner stated the census track was used as a recommendation. She continued to say that Durham was an area that requested service again and due to the need, Duke Energy was able to respond.

Vice Chair Howerton asked how could citizens not on the census track be included. Ms. Roner responded there was no way to apply for the program; interested citizens should call 1-855-767-9853 to be added. She added if they were not in the census track, they could be added to other energy efficient programs available for customers.

Minutes:

Vice Chair Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015 Worksession, and the January 12, 2015 Regular Session meetings.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ceremonial Items:

Recognition – Honoring Mr. Jason Jowers as 2015 Vice Principal of the Year

Commissioners thanked Mr. Jowers and congratulated him for this honor and wished him luck on winning the national prize.

Mr. Jowers thanked the Board for their acknowledgement. He mentioned that education was not his first choice but was grateful for his progression. Mr. Jowers highlighted many of his achievements that led to him becoming the 2015 Vice Principal of the Year and invited the Board to tour Hillside High School.

Chairman Page presented Mr. Jowers with a certificate signed by the Board congratulating him on this achievement.

Resolution Honoring the Life of Attorney B. B. Olive

This item would be presented at a future Board meeting.

Recognition of Justice Center’s 2014 Justice Facilities Review Award by AIA

Chairman Page acknowledged the team that managed the construction of the new Durham County Courthouse. He stated the team received recognition by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) with the 2014 Justice Review Award.

Mr. Peri Manns, Senior Project Manager thanked the Board for allowing them to move forward with the visions and making them become a reality. Mr. Kevin Montgomery, Architect for O’Brien Atkins stated it was an honor to be a resident of Durham and give back to the community. He added there were numerous courthouses submitted across the country and Durham County was selected as the winner. Mr. Montgomery stated he was glad that the County had a facility that exceeded everyone’s expectations.

Commissioners thanked Mr. Manns and Mr. Montgomery for receiving the award. They commented on both the interior and exterior of the building and mentioned it was completed earlier than expected and under budget.

Consent Agenda:

Chairman Page asked the Commissioners if they desired to pull any items from the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Jacobs stated she wished to comment on item 15-228. She stated she was proud to see two different governmental agencies partnering together for a great program. Commissioner Jacobs also

commented on item 15-239. She mentioned there were more open space projects being funded than last year and commented on the money being used for leveraging. Commissioner Jacobs stated she was pleased with the range of projects the funds were used for.

Chairman Page thanked Bo Gattis, Budget Analyst and Claudia Hager, Director of Budget. He expressed his disappointment that some groups were not able to get funding for projects because they could not receive matching grants. Chairman Page inquired about things that could be done in the future to help as many citizens as possible. Commissioner Reckhow stated to receive the open space funds, one did not have to put in cash to match the grants; they could also volunteer their time. She noted several projects such the Few Gardens Neighborhood and the John and Avery Boys and Girls Club both received enhancements of their playground area thanks to volunteered time.

Chairman Page noted that no items were being pulled and asked for a motion to approve the following consent items:

15-176 Kitchen Floor Replacement at Durham County Detention Center IFB 15-010

*15-226 Approval of NCDOT and Syngenta Agreements to Facilitate State Support for Syngenta Expansion and Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 15BCC000038 to recognize the additional revenue and off-setting expenditure

15-227 Building Automation System (BAS) Annual Software and Verification Maintenance

*15-228 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 15BCC000036 - Recognition of Revenue to Cooperative Extension from a Contract from Durham Public Schools for Parent & Family Advocacy and Support Training (PFAST)

15-239 Durham Open Space and Trails (DOST) Commission Matching Grants Funding Recommendation

15-240 Life Safety Inspections for Durham County Buildings RFP No. 15-008

15-242 Advertising of Tax Liens

15-251 Durham County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

*15-261 Budget Ordinance Amendment No.15BCC000039 Appropriating \$150,000 of Public Health Medicaid Cost Settlement Over-collection to Allow the Evaluation and Space Planning for Durham County's EMS Facilities

*15-262 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 15BCC000040 Appropriating \$1,748,130.00 of Debt Service Fund Fund Balance and Capital Project Amendment No. 15CPA000012 Appropriating \$1,748,130.00 to the Judicial Building Renovation Capital Project (4730DC073) and Execution of Architectural Design Service Agreement with O'Brien/Atkins Associates, P.A. for the Durham County Judicial Building Renovation Project

Vice Chair Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Item 15-226

**Durham County, North Carolina
2014-2015 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 15BCC000038**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2014-2015 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	\$56,258,995	\$350,000	\$56,608,995

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Economic and Physical Development	\$5,400,682	\$350,000	\$5,750,682

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

This the 9th day of February, 2015.

Consent Agenda Item 15-228

**Durham County, North Carolina
2014-2015 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 15BCC000036**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2014-2015 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	\$57,164,214	\$8,000	\$57,172,214

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Economic and Physical Development	\$5,392,682	\$8,000	\$5,400,682

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

This the 9th day of February, 2015.

Consent Agenda Item 15-261

**Durham County, North Carolina
2014-2015 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 15BCC000039**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2014-2015 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	\$56,608,995	\$150,000	\$56,758,995

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Public Safety	\$54,621,024	\$150,000	\$54,771,024

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

This the 9th day of February, 2015.

Consent Agenda Item 15-262

**Durham County, North Carolina
2014-2015 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 15BCC000040**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2014-2015 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>Debt Service Fund</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$59,782,947	\$1,748,130	\$61,531,077

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>Debt Service Fund</u>			
General Government	\$60,566,168	\$1,748,130	\$62,314,298

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

This the 9th day of February, 2015.

Public Hearings:

15-241 Public Hearing – Resolution of the Durham County Board of County Commissioners Approving the Issuance by the Public Finance Authority of Bonds on Behalf of Contemporary Science Center, Inc.

Mr. Drew Cummings, Assistant County Manager introduced the item. He stated the Public Finance Authority was authorized to issue a variety of bonds for public and private entities. Mr. Cummings continued to say that any issuance must be done by a resolution of support by a unit of government having jurisdiction over the entire area where the facility would be located. He introduced Pamela Blizzard, Managing Director for External Engagement (Research Triangle High School) and Mary Nash Rusher, Counsel to the School.

Ms. Rusher stated the school had the opportunity to purchase a new building. She added the goal was to finance the purchase through tax exempt bonds. Ms. Rusher continued to say that County and State dollars were not involved and they were just seeking an approval to receive the financing.

Commissioner Reckhow asked Ms. Blizzard if the new facility would be larger than the current facility. Ms. Blizzard responded the new facility would be 52,000 square feet, almost double the size of the current facility. Commissioner Reckhow asked would that allow room for expansion. Ms. Blizzard stated the school accommodated grades 9-11 with about 350 students. She added they would eventually expand to accommodate 500 students. Commissioner Reckhow inquired about the location of the new building. Ms. Blizzard responded the new building would be moving to the old Sigma Xi Headquarters which was less than one mile away.

Commissioner Foster asked were they currently located in Wake or Durham County. Ms. Blizzard responded the school was located in Durham County, across from the old Radisson Hotel. Commissioner Foster inquired about increasing the enrollment and athletic opportunities. Ms. Blizzard stated they had three (3) grades being offered and they were looking to add about 150 students. She continued to say that land was available for athletics, but building the facilities was not in the immediate future or in the bond plans.

Chairman Page opened the public hearing. As there were no individuals signed up to speak, Chairman Page closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded Commissioner Jacobs, to approve issuance by Public Authority of Bonds.

The motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Adjournment

Chairman Page made an additional announcement to the community that United States Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez would be hosting a round table discussion centered around the My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Initiative. The event would be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 from 12:30pm-1:30pm in the Commissioners' Chambers. Chairman Page also announced that he and Wendell Davis, County Manager would be traveling to Washington DC on Thursday, February 12, 2015 for a meeting at the White House. This meeting would be to discuss the County's MBK program and hear about other programs around the nation.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Monica Toomer".

Monica W. Toomer
Deputy Clerk to the Board