



Durham County

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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

Michael D. Page, Chair
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Monday, August 24, 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

1. Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance (5 min)
2. Agenda Adjustments (5 min)
3. Announcements (5 min)

[15-619](#)

Announcements

Agenda Text:

- 1) A public hearing will be held on September 15, 2015 on the 2016 General Tax Reappraisal (Revaluation) Schedule of Values Standards and Rules. The Schedule of Values will be available for inspection on September 25, 2015 within the Durham County Tax Administrator's Office, 1st floor, or can be found on the website at www.dconc.gov <<http://www.dconc.gov>>. Select the "Services" tab and the "2016 Revaluation" tab.
- 2) The Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement is available for Public Review. You may view the draft by visiting the website at www.ourtransitfuture.com <<http://www.ourtransitfuture.com>> or the GoTriangle administrative office (4600 Emperor Blvd, Suite 100, Durham NC). Two public information

sessions will be held September 15 (4-7 pm) at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill NC; and September 19 (2-5 pm) at the Durham Transportation Station.

- 3) Sister Cities of Durham-Arusha Committee presents Saba Saba Festival, its annual fundraiser. This year's theme is on water. Come hear how Sister Cities of Durham has been fostering People to People relationships globally since 1975. There will be food trucks, music, demonstrations by the City of Durham Water Departments and the County's Soil & Water Conservation District, and more-Sunday, August 30, 2015, 4-9 pm at Durham Central Park, 501 Foster Street.
- 4) Please contact the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025 or clerk@dconc.gov to find out about opportunities to serve on one of our volunteer boards or commissions.
- 5) We invite you to tune in to Cable TV Channel 8 or 97-5 to see rebroadcasts of tonight's meeting as well as other Durham County programming that may be of interest to you. Please contact the Public Information Office at 919-560-0008 or our website www.dconc.gov for more information.
- 6) These announcements can also be found on the County's website or you may call the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025.

4. Minutes (5 min)

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Minutes

Attachments:

[Regular Session 27-Jul-2015](#)

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5. Ceremonial Items

15-612

Proclamation - September as Recovery Month in Durham County

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to proclaim September as National Recovery Month in Durham County.

Recovery Month is a national observance that educates Americans on the fact that substance use and mental health services enable those with behavioral disorders to live a healthy and rewarding life. Recovery Month spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover.

The 2015 Recovery Month theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: visible, vocal, valuable", emphasizes that behavioral health is now recognized as an essential part of one's overall health and wellbeing. People in recovery achieve healthy

lifestyles, stable homes, meaningful daily activities, strengthen neighborhoods and contribute in positive ways to the larger community.

The Durham County Criminal Justice Resource Center supports and promotes Recovery Month through and with its various treatment services. In partnership with many community agencies, the staff of the Criminal Justice Resource Center has planned an exciting event for September 19 to commemorate National Recovery Month in Durham County.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Celebrating National Recovery Month aligns with the Strategic Plan Goals of Health and Well-being for All, as well as Safe and Secure Community.

Resource Persons: Robert Thomas, Quality Assurance Manager, Criminal Justice Resource Center

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board proclaim September as National Recovery Month in Durham County.

Attachments: [Proclamation - Recovery Month in Durham County](#)

15-626

Proclamation - Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Agenda Text: The Board is requested by the American Cancer Fund for Children to proclaim September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

The American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15. This tragic disease is detected in more than 15,000 of our country's young people each and every year.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 2 - Health and Well-Being for All

Resource Persons: Michael D. Page, Chair, Board of County Commissioners

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board Chair sign a proclamation on behalf of the Board to proclaim September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Attachments: [24aug15--Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.doc](#)

6. Consent Agenda (15 min)

15-593

Appointment to Durham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to appoint Elizabeth Shearer, Executive Director of Student Support Services, to serve a two-year term as designee for the Durham County Public School Superintendent on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

The Board of County Commissioners must appoint a Juvenile Crime Prevention

Council to receive funding for juvenile court services and delinquency prevention programs from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety. The council should include the local school superintendent(s), a chief police, the local sheriff, the district attorney, chief court counselor, the director of the area mental health, the director of the county department of social services, the county manager, a substance abuse professional, a member of the faith community, a county commissioner, two persons under the age of 18, a juvenile defense attorney, the chief district court judge, a member of the business community, the local health director, a representative from the united way or other nonprofit agency, a local parks and recreation program, youth home director, and up to six members of the public to be appointed by the county board of commissioners. The statute allows for some of the listed public agency heads to designate a representative from their agency for the council.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This appointment aligns with the Strategic Plan Goal of Safe and Secure Communities.

Resource Persons: DeWarren Langley, Chairman, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board appoint Elizabeth Shearer, Executive Director of Student Support Services to serve a two-year term as designee for the Durham County Public School Superintendent on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

15-600

2016 Reappraisal Schedule of Values - Submission

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to receive the proposed 2016 Reappraisal Schedule of Values, and to schedule and advertise a public hearing on September 15, 2015 concerning their adoption.

Per North Carolina General Statute 105-317(c) (1), the Tax Administrator must “submit the proposed schedules, standards, and rules to the board of county commissioners not less than 21 days before the meeting at which they will be considered by the board. On the same day that they are submitted to the board for its consideration, the assessor shall file a copy of the proposed schedules, standards, and rules in his office where they shall remain available for public inspection.”

The proposed schedules, standards, and rules will be available throughout the process in the office of the Durham County Tax Administrator, and can be found on the website at www.dconc.gov <<http://www.dconc.gov>>. Select the “Services” tab and the “2016 Revaluation” tab.

NCGS 105-317(c) (2) states, “upon receipt of the proposed schedules, standards, and rules, the board of commissioners shall publish a statement in a newspaper having general circulation in the county stating:

- a. That the proposed schedules, standards, and rules to be used in appraising real property in the county have been submitted to the board of county commissioners and are available for public inspection in the assessor's office; and
- b. The time and place of a public hearing on the proposed schedules, standards, and rules that shall be held by the board of county commissioners at least seven days before adopting the final schedules, standards, and rules.”

The Board is requested to schedule the public hearing on its next regularly scheduled meeting date of September 15, 2015.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The action requested is directed by state statute, but is also consistent with Goal 5, “Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government.”

Resource Persons: Kimberly Simpson, Durham County Tax Administrator

County Manager’s Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the proposed schedules, standards, and rules from the Tax Administrator; schedule the public hearing on September 15, 2015 concerning their adoption; and direct staff to publish in the Durham Herald-Sun the proper advertisements concerning the public inspection and public hearing times.

15-603

Amendment of Chapter 4 § 4-7 (a) of the Durham County Code of Ordinances Entitled: Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, to Add a Position to the Committee to be Appointed by the Director of Public Health for Durham County

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to amend Chapter 4 § 4-7 (a) of the Durham County Code of Ordinances entitled: Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, to add a position to the Committee to be appointed by the Director of Public Health for Durham County in accord with the consent of the Animal Advisory Committee and Gayle Harris, Director of Public Health for Durham County and to replace the term “animal control” with “animal services.”

Alignment With Strategic Plan: The addition on the Committee of a representative from Public Health serves Goal 2: Health and Well-being for all and Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government in that the addition of a perspective from the significant public health concerns associated with animals enhances the effective work of the committee and creates a direct liaison with all stakeholders represented on the committee. Replacement of the term “animal control” with the term “animal services” unifies the language used by the County and the Sheriff. This change serves Goal 3: Safe and Secure Community.

Resource Persons: Marie Inserra, Senior Assistant County Attorney and Lowell Siler, County Attorney

County Manager’s Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that

the Board amends Chapter 4 § 4-7 (a) of the Durham County Code of Ordinances entitled: Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, to add a position to the Committee to be appointed by the Director of Public Health for Durham County in accord with the consent of the Animal Advisory Committee and Gayle Harris, Director of Public Health for Durham County and to replace the term “animal control” with “animal services.”

Attachments: [Animal Ordinance Amendment 6-25-15 \(Redline\).docx](#)
[Animal Ordinance Amendment 8-06-15 \(v2Final\).docx](#)

15-604

Property Tax Releases and Refunds for July, 2015

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve the Releases & Refunds for July, 2015. 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 July, 2015.

Releases and Refunds for 2015 total equals \$346,513.96. Prior year's (2010-2014) releases and refunds for July, 2015 are in the amount of \$11,447.11. The current year and prior year's releases and refunds amount to \$357,961.07.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 5, Accountable, Efficient, Visionary Government. To ensure the County complies with North Carolina General Statutes ensures we are accountable to our citizens. The Board of E & R ensures that we are accountable and efficient as tax revenues are impacted by the actions of this Board. The actions of the tax department and this Board impact all strategic goals due to the revenues needed.

Resource Persons: Kimberly H. Simpson, Tax Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board accept the property tax release and refund report for July, 2015 as presented and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined by the report.

Sponsors: Board of County Commissioners

Attachments: [BackUp-Releases & Refunds Details-July, 2015-August 24, 2015](#)
[BackUp-Releases & Refunds-July, 2015-Aug. 24, 2015](#)
[NCVTS Tax Refund Interface-BackUp-Releases & Refunds-July 2015-Aug. 24,](#)

15-605

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000008 to Recognize Funds in the Amount of \$7,800 from the NC Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health for the CAPUS / Safe Spaces Program

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000008 to recognize funds in the amount of \$7,800 from the NC Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health to provide

evaluation and sustainability planning for the Safe Spaces Program, including conference planning and logistics, and scholarships for eligible participants for the MSM Leadership Conference. Safe Spaces is an intervention that reaches minority MSM who are newly or previously diagnosed with HIV to assist them in reducing their viral load.

The Board of Health has approved this amendment.

Please note that this amendment requires no additional County funds.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This grant aligns with Strategic Goal 2: Health and Well-being for All. Individuals with HIV will better manage their chronic condition through an intervention that links them to group support.

Resource Persons: Gayle B. Harris, MPH, Health Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000008 to recognize funds in the amount of \$7,800 from the NC Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health.

Attachments:

[901 - \(CAPUS\) Safe Spaces R-1 \(Unsigned\)](#)

[AAF-08 Legal Form Public Health NC DHHS Funds for CAPUS Safe Spaces Pr](#)

15-606

Request to Extend Durham County Fire & Rescue Insurance Rating District and Response District

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve an extension of the Durham County Fire Insurance Rating District and Response District.

The Parkwood Volunteer Fire Department formerly provided fire protection services in Durham County in two fire insurance rating and response districts. With the creation of the Durham County Fire and Rescue Service District, which merged the former Bethesda and Parkwood Fire Districts into one Fire and Rescue District, this action is required by the Office of the State Fire Marshal to establish one combined district for insurance rating purposes. Attached is the combined map of the new Fire and Rescue Rating District and Response District.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 3: Safe and Secure Community - Enhance capacity to respond to emergencies: Property owners in the former Bethesda and Parkwood districts will receive the benefit of the combined services delivered by Durham County Fire and Rescue.

Resource Persons: Mark Schell, Interim Fire Marshal

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve an extension of the Durham County Fire & Rescue Fire

Insurance Rating District and Response District.

Attachments: [Durham County Fire and Rescue Combined Bethesda Parkwood 4 2015.pdf](#)

15-621 Resolution of Support and Approval of \$37,498 Grant for NCDOT-PTD
Apprentice Program

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve a Resolution in support of the Apprentice Program for a \$37,498 grant administered by the North Carolina Department of Public Transportation-Public Transportation Division (NCDOT-PTD). Durham County ACCESS submitted an application for an Apprentice and was notified via a letter that the grant request was approved.

Durham County ACCESS is seeking BOCC approval to enter into a contract with NCDOT-PTD to fully implement the grant for the Apprentice Program in the amount of \$37,498. NCDOT-PTD will provide 90% of the cost (\$33,749) and the required match of 10% (\$3,749) will be provided by the County. This amount includes salary, benefits and travel allowance. The required 10% matching funds for the grant are in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Durham County ACCESS budget approved for Cooperative Extension.

The Apprentice Program is a year-long staff position intended to encourage college graduates to serve as an “apprentice” and ultimately result in the apprentice pursuing a career in the field of public transportation. NCDOT-PTD provides a pool of approved candidates for selection by the sponsoring organization. The selected Apprentice will fully participate in daily work tasks associated with the financial, administrative and management of a demand response transportation system. This includes participation in grant preparation, financial management, customer service, marketing and training activities. As part of the apprenticeship, a special project encompassing community outreach, marketing and transportation advocacy in the community will be developed and implemented.

A copy of the grant application, award letter, budget and additional documentation regarding the Apprentice Program are attached for your review.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This Project aligns with Strategic Plan Goal 1: Community and Family Prosperity and Enrichment. Durham County is a partner in creating a job and enhancing the economic position of a recent college graduate. The hands on work experience provides an environment to enrich knowledge and provide substantive work experience geared toward launching a stable career in the field of public transportation.

Resource Persons: Delphine Sellars, Cooperative Extension Director; Linda Thomas-Wallace, Transportation Program Manager, Durham County ACCESS.

County Manager’s Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the Resolution in support of the Apprentice Program for a

\$37,498 grant administered by the North Carolina Department of Public Transportation-Public Transportation Division (NCDOT-PTD).

Attachments: Apprentice Resolution 8-24-2015 Board of Commissioner's Mtg. for Adoption
Apprentice Grant Application Document
Apprentice Sponsorship Document

7. Board and Commission Appointments (10 min)

15-625

Board and Commission Appointments

Agenda Text: Michelle Parker-Evans, Clerk to the Board, will distribute ballots to the Board to make appointments to the following boards:

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
- Community Child Protection Team/Child Fatality Prevention Team
- Convention Center Authority
- Dangerous Dog Appeal Board
- Environmental Affairs Board
- Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

The Board of Commissioners recognizes the need to have a representative sample of the citizens of Durham County serve on boards, commissions, committees, and authorities. No citizen may serve more than four consecutive terms for 2-year term boards; three consecutive terms for 3-year term boards; two consecutive terms for 4-year term boards; and one consecutive term for 5 and 6-year term boards in any one position, unless otherwise stated by statute; or there are no other applicants who meet the eligibility requirements. The Equalization and Review Board shall be exempt from these term limits.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: When citizens are engaged and partners on our Boards and Commissions, the vision of our Strategic Plan is achieved - a thriving, vibrant, diverse community with abundant opportunity for all residents to live, work, learn, play and grow.

Resource Persons: V. Michelle Parker-Evans, County Clerk to the Board

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners vote to appoint a member to the above-mentioned boards and commissions.

8. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA (20 min)

9. Adjournment