



Durham County

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Meeting Minutes

Board of County Commissioners

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
James Hill, Vice Chair
Heidi Carter, Commissioner
Brenda A. Howerton, Commissioner
Ellen W. Reckhow, Commissioner

Commissioners' Chambers

Monday, July 31, 2017

7:00 PM

7:00 pm Regular Session

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Chair Jacobs announced that Commissioner Reckhow was excused from the meeting.

Announcements

Chair Jacobs read the following announcements:

- 1)The Community is invited to attend the Durham Local Reentry Council's Kick-Off event hosted by the Criminal Justice Resource Center on Monday, August 7, 2017 from 4pm – 6pm. The purpose of the event is to inform the community about a new resource designed to assist justice involved individuals. The kick-off will be held at the Durham Human Services Building located at 414 East Main Street. Light refreshments will be served. This is a collaborative effort that continues to grow and evolve to meet the needs of citizens who have been involved with the justice system. For more information or to rsvp for the event, please contact Karen Shaw at 919-560-0514 or klshaw@dconc.gov.
- 2)Please plan to participate in one of the 99 registered National Night Out sites tomorrow throughout the City and County. This is a joint partnership between local law enforcement and neighborhoods to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Most activities begin by 5:00 pm and end by 9:00 pm. For more information, visit the City of Durham's website – National Night Out, or contact the Public Relations Office at 919-560-4322.

Commissioner Howerton stated there was some confusion with a non-county email address and asked all citizens and organizations to please email her at bhowerton@dconc.gov for any comments or requests. She also added many Commissioners attended the National Association of Counties (NACo) Conference

and she would like to provide an update. Chair Jacobs stated that time would be allowed during the August 7, 2017 Worksession meeting for all Commissioners to provide updates.

Minutes

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to approve the April 4, 2017 Rougemont Ruritan minutes, June 5, 2017 Worksession minutes, January 19, 2017 Strategic Plan Retreat minutes and the June 26, 2017 Regular Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Citizen Comments

There were no citizens signed up to speak.

Ceremonial Items

Resolution Honoring the Life of Former State Senator Ralph A. Hunt, Sr.

Chair Jacobs read the following resolution:

RALPH A. HUNT, SR.

WHEREAS, Ralph A. Hunt, Sr. an esteemed statesman who served the people of Durham and the State of North Carolina made his transition on May 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, he was born in Oxford, NC and educated in Granville County Public School where we graduated from the Mary Potter High School in 1950; and

WHEREAS, he continued his formal education at Johnson C. Smith University until he was drafted by the US Army to serve in the Korean Conflict; fortunately he was able to return to finish his degree graduating with a BS in Mathematics in 1956; and

WHEREAS, Hunt worked in aviation, as an educator and athletic director, a computer programmer, executive director of the Durham Business and Professional Chain before moving into elective politics; and

WHEREAS, he was elected to the Durham City Council in 1973 and served for 12 years including a 3 year stint as mayor pro tem; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Ralph Hunt began his noteworthy career as a State Senator where he became a trusted colleague and leader in the Chamber until 1993 when he was appointed to the State Utilities Commission by Governor James B. Hunt.; and

WHEREAS, we pause to honor this insightful and dedicated public servant and civic champion who will always be remembered for his love of others and his strong work ethic.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED we, the members of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby resolve to honor

RALPH A. HUNT, SR.

for a life of distinguished public service. We call upon all citizens of Durham County to remember this phenomenal man who labored unselfishly to improve the quality of life for others all across his beloved state of North Carolina

This the 31st day of July, 2017.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair

James Hill, Jr., Vice Chair

Heidi Carter

Brenda Howerton

Ellen W. Reckhow

Ralph Hunt, Jr. introduced his family and thanked the Board for the recognition.

Commissioner Howerton thanked the family for their service. She stated that Mr. Hunt was an extraordinary leader who would be deeply missed in the community.

Ms. Hunt stated her husband loved Durham and the citizens. She added it was a very heart-breaking occasion yet heart-warming to know that his efforts were appreciated.

Chair Jacobs stated Mr. Hunt was a role model in the way he conducted himself. She added the resolution did not mention his recent role as Interim Chair of the Durham Committee as well being a visionary and model on how leaders should conduct themselves.

Proclamation - Youth Home Celebrates 70 Years of Service

Commissioner Howerton read the following proclamation:

**DURHAM COUNTY YOUTH HOME
70 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, the purpose of juvenile detention is for the protection of minors and the community providing a safe, secure, and positive environment for juveniles pending a court deposition; and

WHEREAS, in 1945 Judge Mamie Dowd Walker, the first female judge in North Carolina and the first Juvenile Court judge for Durham, believed that juvenile offenders needed a separate facility for detention and should not be housed with adult offenders in jail; and

WHEREAS, Durham County provided land for a detention facility and in 1947 the Durham County Youth Home was opened as the first county facility in the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, through the years the Durham County Youth Home has been managed by chief court counselors and personnel directors and became the direct responsibility of the County Manager's Office on July 1, 1986 with Mr. Arnold Dennis appointed as its first director; and

WHEREAS, the Durham County Youth Home meets the physical and emotional needs of Durham's juveniles by helping to improve their self-esteem, encouraging them to consider the consequences of their behavior, and by providing them an opportunity to change; and

WHEREAS, having this service in the community has allowed parents and families to stay connected with detained children and maintain continuity of vital services including essential educational services; and

WHEREAS, to prepare for the future the Durham County Youth Home has implemented a master plan process to address the new “Raise the Age” state legislation which will positively impact Durham youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim July 12, 2017 as

“70 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE DURHAM COUNTY YOUTH HOME”

in Durham County, North Carolina.

This the 31st day of July 2017.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Angela Nunn, Youth Home Director, thanked the Board for the proclamation and explained the services offered by the Youth Home. She stated that a community celebration would be held at a future date and an invitation would be provided to the Board and County citizens.

Billy Lassiter, Deputy Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS), stated on Friday, July 28, 2017 he joined Roy Cooper, Governor, in signing a proclamation that affirmed the “*Raise the Age*” Campaign in the state of NC. He added this would raise the age from 16 to 18 years old and services would be provided to give them an opportunity in life. Mr. Lassiter commended the staff for providing outstanding service to the community.

Tasha Jones-Butts, Chief Court Counselor, recognized the work of the Youth Home and thanked them for their service.

Commissioner Howerton expressed her excitement for the support of the state with the “*Raise the Age*” Campaign.

Chair Jacobs stated it was appropriate to celebrate the milestone of the youth home and was excited that Durham was an innovator. She also stated that she looked forward to its continued partnership with the state.

Consent Agenda

Chair Jacobs asked if there were any items that Commissioners wished to comment on or pull from the agenda. Hearing none, she entertained a motion for approval.

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Vice Chair Hill to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda.

17-0256 Approval of the Updated Interlocal Agreement with Chatham County for Fire Protection Services

17-0332 Approval of the 1st Lease Amendment for 309 Crutchfield Street between the County of Durham and Alliance Behavioral Healthcare and Authorize the County Manager to Execute the Amendment

17-0335 Records Retention and Disposition Schedule for the Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Department

*17-0338 Capital Project Amendment No. 18CPA000001 - FY 2017-18 Appropriation of Approved County Contribution Funds (\$5,305,585) for Multiple Capital Projects

*17-0339 Capital Project Amendment No. 18CPA000002 Closing and Reducing Multiple Completed Capital Projects Allowing Closed Projects to Become Final Assets and Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 18BCC000002 Closing One Related Capital Project Fund Transferring the Balance of Funds to the Debt Service Fund to Service the Debt

17-0345 Contract Amendment for Vincent Valuations LLC

*17-0346 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 18BCC000001 to Recognize Grant Funds in the Amount of \$750.00 from Shift NC “All Together Now” Award for the Youth Home

17-0347 Appoint Voting Delegate to NC County Commissioners’ Conference

17-0349 Approve Needed Fee Schedule Changes for Public Health Family Planning Contraceptives

The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Item # 17-0338

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
2017-18 Capital Project Ordinance
Amendment Number 18CPA000001**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the 2017-18 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.

Project	Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Revised Budget
Ongoing Roof Replacement (4190DC073)	\$2,840,521	\$54,118	\$2,894,639
Ongoing Parking Resurfacing (4190DC074)	\$1,104,714	\$141,918	\$1,246,632
Ongoing HVAC Replacement (4190DC076)	\$1,769,467	\$92,887	\$1,862,354
County Building Envelope Upgrades (4190DC078)	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
County Security Improvements (4190DC081)	\$202,568	\$243,798	\$446,366
IT Major Laserfiche Upgrade (4200DC102)	\$280,000	\$150,000	\$430,000
Open Space & Farmland Acquisition (4730DC083)	\$12,539,375	\$500,000	\$13,039,375
Elections Equipment (4170DC001)	\$0	\$860,000	\$860,000
Bethesda VFD Building Support (4190DC082)	\$0	\$145,864	\$145,864
18 IT Hardware Upgrade (4200DC106)	\$0	\$2,177,000	\$2,177,000
EMS MLK BLVD Station (4410DC134)	\$0	\$240,000	\$240,000
Stormwater Retrofit (4730DC143)	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000

Adopted this the 31st day of July, 2017.

Consent Agenda Item #17-0339

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
2017-18 Capital Project Ordinance
Amendment Number 18CPA000002**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the 2017-18 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.

Project	Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Revised Budget
New Justice Center (4190DC066)	\$113,796,455	(\$208,620.22)	\$113,587,834.78
County Storage Facility (4190DC069)	\$3,100,000.00	(\$14,694.26)	\$3,085,305.74)
FY12 County IT Hardware Project (4200DC099)	\$7,911,913.28	(\$53,691.68)	\$7,858,221.60
Human Services Complex (4730DC070)	\$89,787,600.54	(\$385,042.25)	\$89,402,558.29
07 GO Bond Mangum Elementary (SH142)	\$2,608,603.25	\$0	\$2,608,603.25
07 GO Bond Parkwood Elementary (SH144)	\$7,271,154.92	\$0	\$7,271,154.92
07 GO Bond Fuller Building (SH150)	\$11,183.12	\$0	\$11,183.12
07 GO Bond DPS/Lakewood YMCA Purchase and Renovation (SH153)	\$12,853,436.80	\$0	\$12,853,436.80
07 GO Bond Burton Elementary (SH200)	\$741,006.22	\$0	\$741,006.22
07 GO Bond Oak Grove Elementary (SH210)	\$863,193.99	\$0	\$863,193.99
07 GO Bond George Watts Elementary (SH213)	\$682,672.22	\$0	\$682,672.22
07 GO Bond Githens Middle School (SH217)	\$637,096.42	\$0	\$637,096.42
07 GO Bond Lowes Grove Middle School (SH218)	\$630,420.15	\$0	\$630,420.15
07 GO Bond Staff Development Center (SH226)	\$511,135.10	\$0	\$511,135.10
DTCC Campus Improvements (5920CC007)	\$12,080,000.00	\$0	\$12,080,000.00
NCML&S Bioquest (6190CD032)	\$15,140,812.00	\$0	\$15,140,812.00

Adopted this the 31st day of July, 2017.

Consent Agenda Item #17-0346

**Durham County, North Carolina
2016-2017 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 18BCC000001**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2017-2018 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	\$60,261,540	\$750	\$60,262,290

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Public Safety	\$63,133,100	\$750	\$63,133,850

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

This the 31st day of July 2017

Public Hearings

Public Hearing - The Hill Center, Inc.

Jeffrey Poley, Partner with Parker Poe Attorneys at Law, stated in 2008 the Hill Center embarked on an expansion/renovation project. He stated they were seeking approval of refinancing the bonds to extend the maturity and reduce the rate.

Chair Jacobs asked for an explanation on the use of the funds. Attorney Poley stated in 2008 the Hill Center borrowed \$5 million dollars to renovate the Center, and that loan had been paid down. Since that time, the Center has expanded, and would now like to do additional renovations and technology upgrades.

Chair Jacobs opened the public hearing. No one was signed up to speak; the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Howerton asked if this was the first time the County approved something for the Hill Center. Attorney Poley responded yes; in 2008 the funds were provided by the North Carolina Capital Facilities Financing Agency.

Chair Jacobs stated the Board was requested to adopt the resolution entitled as follows:

“RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY (WISCONSIN) OF UP TO \$4,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF ITS EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES REVENUE BONDS (THE HILL CENTER), SERIES 2017 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFINANCING CERTAIN FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY OF DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA”

Chair Jacobs asked what was the consideration of the Board regarding the resolution.

Vice Chair Hill moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to adopt the resolution.

The motion carried unanimously.

Board and Commission Appointments

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

The Board made the following appointments (Incumbents are identified with an (i).

Individuals who are recommended by a board are underlined.) Individuals listed in bold print were appointed.

Convention Center Authority

(i)Alice Sharpe (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs)

Homeless Services Advisory Committee

(i)Angela Holmes (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs)

Library Board of Trustees

(i)Mrinmay Biswas (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs)

(i)Luis Olivieri-Robert (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs)

(i)Dawn Trembath (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs)

(The Durham-Wake Counties Research and Production Service District was on the agenda, but it was determined after the meeting that there was a tie vote so it will be placed on the next meeting agenda.)

Chair Jacobs asked if there was a way to educate the board and commission chairs on the difference between requesting an absence and excused absence from the members. Ms. Parker-Evans responded there was a training scheduled for chairs and this topic would be placed on the agenda to discuss.

Adjournment

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to adjourn the Regular Session meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Monica W. Toomer
Deputy Clerk to the Board