

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Monday, April 2, 2007

9:00 A.M. Worksession

AGENDA

1. **Annual Review of the Jail Population Management Contract with the District Attorney and Public Defender**

15 min.

In 2005, the County entered into an agreement with the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to fund one assistant district attorney (\$40,653) and one assistant public defender (\$45,402) for the ADA Bond Hearing Project (AOC Contract). The main purpose of the attorney positions is to handle bond reduction motions at first appearance hearings, early identification of cases eligible for expedited disposition, and the enhancement of jail population management reduction in Durham County. The attorneys work under the supervisor of the District Attorney and Public Defender.

The District Attorney and Public Defender will be present to discuss their performance under the agreements.

Resource Person(s): Mike Nifong, District Attorney; Lawrence Campbell, Public Defender

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the presentation and advise if any additional information or action is necessary.

2. **Review of Annual Contracts with Clerk of Court and District Attorney**

30 min.

The Board of County Commissioners approved contracts with the Clerk of Court in Fiscal Year 2006 for five (5) deputy clerks of court and three (3) assistant district attorneys to assist with the judicial process. The Clerk of Court and District Attorney will be present to discuss how the additional positions impact the judicial process.

Resource Person(s): Archie Smith, Clerk of Court; Mike Nifong, District Attorney

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the report and advise if any additional information or action is necessary.

2a. **Review of Performance Measures for the Durham County Judicial System**

15 min.

On September 27, 2005, Durham County court officials agreed to develop a court performance measurement system. Specifically, six (6) indicators were selected to assist with an assessment of the efficiency of the court system. Tracking of these indicators began in Fiscal Year 2006. Court officials will be present to discuss the findings.

Resource Person(s): Kathy Shuart, Trial Court Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the presentation and advise the staff if additional information or action is necessary.

3. **Review of Annual Contract for Downtown Durham Inc.**

15 min.

The Board of County Commissioners appropriated \$55,000 to Downtown Durham Inc. (DDI) in Fiscal Year 2007 pursuant to a contract that requires the organization to submit an annual report in April. DDI representatives will be present to report its finding and respond to any questions that Board may have.

Resource Person(s): Bill Kalkhof, President, Downtown Durham Inc.

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the report and advise the staff if any additional information or action is necessary.

4. **Review of Annual Contract for the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce**

15 min.

The Board of County Commissioners appropriated \$128,000 to the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce in Fiscal Year 2007 pursuant to a contract that requires the organization to submit an annual report in April. Chamber representatives will be present to report its finding and respond to any questions that Board may have.

Resource Person(s): Ted Conner, Vice President for Economic Development, Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the report and advise the staff if any additional information or action is necessary.

5. **Update from The Durham Center on its Local Business Plan for 2007-2010**

30 min.

Over the past several months, The Durham Center has been developing its Local Business Plan for the period 2007-2010 as mandated by the NC Department of Health and Human Services. This Plan incorporates input from multiple community stakeholders and highlights the missions of The Durham Center, its composition and operations, and its strategic planning and goals for the coming three years. Approval of the Board of County Commissioners is required before submission of the Plan to DHHS. Copies of a draft report have been submitted to the Clerk's office.

The Durham Center will elaborate on the contents of the Plan and address questions from the Commissioners.

Resource Person(s): Ellen Holliman, Area Director, and Vivian Harris, Compliance Officer, The Durham Center

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager requests that the Board of County Commissioners receive this report.

6. **The Eastern Durham Open Space Plan**

30 min.

The Board is requested to receive a presentation on the *Eastern Durham Open Space Plan*.

Resource Person(s): Frank M. Duke, AICP, City-County Planning Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive a presentation on the proposed *Eastern Durham Open Space Plan*.

7. **Medical First Responders Driving County Ambulances**

20 min.

At the last City-County Committee meeting, Commissioner Cheek requested that the County Attorney present information regarding the issue of City Firefighters driving County ambulances when they are acting in their role as Medical First Responders. The issue concerning liability arose when a City First Responder struck a car while driving a County Ambulance.

Resource Person(s): S. C. Kitchen, County Attorney

County Manager's Recommendation: Receive the report of the County Attorney.

8. **Fiscal Year 2007-08 Tax Base**

15 min.

The Tax Administrator requests to make a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners on the tax base for the upcoming budget year.

Resource Person(s): Kenneth L. Joyner, RES, Tax Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners receive the presentation from the tax valuation working group.

Lunch Break

1:00 P.M.

9. **Budget Presentation for Nonprofit Agencies Applying for FY 2007-2008 Funding**

2 hrs.

To hear presentations from nonprofit organizations that applied for funding in the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year.

Resource Person(s): Pam Meyer, Budget & Management Services Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends receiving the nonprofit presentations.

5 hr. 5 min.