

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

Monday, March 19, 2007

9:30 A.M. Capital Improvement Plan Tour

MINUTES

Place: Commissioners' Foyer, second floor, Durham County Government Administrative Complex, 200 E. Main Street, Durham, NC

Present: Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow, Vice-Chairman Becky M. Heron, and Commissioners Lewis A. Cheek and Michael D. Page

Absent: Commissioner Philip R. Cousin Jr.

Presider: Chairman Reckhow

Motion to Excuse

Commissioner Heron moved, seconded by Commissioner Cheek, to excuse Commissioner Cousin from the March 19, 2007 CIP Tour.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Cheek, Heron, Page, and Reckhow

Noes: None

Absent: Cousin

Criminal Justice Resource Center

The County Commissioners and several County staff toured the Criminal Justice Resource Center (CJRC) at 326 E. Main Street.

Gudrun Parmer, Director, CJRC, lead the group through the basement and 1st floor of the Center, which offers classes, job training, therapy, and addiction services. She stated that the building was last renovated several years ago to house the program for juvenile and adult offenders.

Glen Whisler, County Engineer, lead the walk-through on the 2nd floor. Mr. Whisler mentioned that the building held a temporary jail to house overflow inmates before a new detention center was built in the late 1990s. Before the County acquired the building, it housed a car dealership.

The Commissioners asked questions and spoke about plans to renovate the building, particularly the perimeter walls and the 2nd floor.

Durham County Memorial Stadium

The County Commissioners and staff toured the County Stadium's locker room, concession area, men's restroom, bleachers, and press box at 2700 Stadium Drive.

Mike Turner, General Services Director, lead the tour while explaining that the Stadium, housed on a 32-acre lot, was built in 1959. Northern High School's football team still plays at the Stadium, as well as several middle school teams. The red wooden seats were covered with blue material in 1979; in 1997, they were covered with a sealant.

The Commissioners commented about the current conditions and recommended upgrades to the County Stadium.

EMS Station No. 2

Mike Smith, EMS Director, provided the group tour at EMS Station No. 2, 1201 Old Fayetteville Street. He stated that construction is nearly complete; the County expects to have a certificate of occupancy within the week. The station will house two vehicles with two crews of two people each, with room for an extra ambulance and crew during emergencies. The tour included the garage area, kitchen, day room, and bedrooms. A shower room off the garage will allow contaminated workers to shower and wash their clothes without affecting the rest of the station.

The Commissioners and staff made positive comments about the new EMS Station.

Adjournment

Commissioner Reckhow adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vonda Sessoms
Clerk to the Board