

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

Monday, March 12, 2007

AGENDA

“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 P.M. Regular Session

1. **Opening of Regular Session**—Pledge of Allegiance 5 min.
2. **Agenda Adjustments** 5 min.
3. **Announcements** 5 min.
4. **Minutes** 5 min.
 - a. February 12, 2007 Regular Session
 - b. February 26, 2007 Regular Session
5. **Professional Social Work Month Proclamation** 5 min.

Professional Social Work Month is a national effort to promote the important work done by social workers in history, such as Jane Addams, and the continued work done today by thousands of social workers across the country. Professional Social Work Month increases the awareness of and respect for the social work profession, educates the public on the breadth and depth of social work practice, expands perceptions of who can benefit from social work services, and attracts young people and career changers to the profession.

In Durham County, social workers are employed by the Department of Social Services, making a positive impact on the lives of many of Durham’s most vulnerable families. DSS social workers invest in people so that they can contribute more to the economic and social wellbeing of our community. DSS Social Workers help families get their basic economic needs met; provide access to health care and nutrition; help people find

jobs, develop strong work habits and a career path; keep children and vulnerable adults safe; and help children to be ready for and succeed in school.

Resource Person(s): Sammy R. Haithcock, DSS Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends approval of the proclamation declaring March as Professional Social Work Month in Durham County to raise community awareness of the important contributions of social workers in the Department of Social Services.

6. **March Anchor Award Winner—Joe Pearce**

5 min.

Joe Pearce of County Engineering is the recipient of the March Anchor Award. Mr. Pearce is being recognized for superior work, and particularly for his unending dedication to the Durham County Sedimentation and Erosion Control Program and the Stormwater Ordinance.

Mr. Pearce has been with the County since 2005 and has greatly improved the coordination between the various departments, agencies, and jurisdictions involved in stormwater, erosion control, and flooding matters that citizens often inquire about.

Chairman Ellen Reckhow will lead the presentation.

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the March Anchor Award be presented to Joe Pearce along with congratulations of the entire organization.

6a. **RDU Airport Authority Annual Update**

15 min.

RDU Airport Authority members will provide the Board of Commissioners with an annual update that will include information on new air service, restaurants in the terminals, and a status report of the new terminal construction.

Resource Person(s): Steve Toler and Craigie Sanders, RDU Airport Authority

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

7. **Consent Agenda**

15 min.

a. Approve Grant Application from the Criminal Justice Resource Center to the NC Department of Corrections, Division of Community Corrections, for Criminal Justice Partnership Program Funds (this is a recurring grant application and approval process the County participates in each year);

- b. Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 07BCC000052—Appropriate Issuance Costs for 2/3 Bonds Series 2006A and GO Bonds Series 2006B (approve to appropriate \$123,167 for bond issuance costs associated with the Bond issuances);
- c. Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 07BCC000053—Technical Change to Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 07BCC000030;
- d. Interlocal Agreement with the City of Durham—911 Emergency Communications Department—Community Alert Notification System (approve to fund half of the CodeRED system);
- e. Offer to Purchase County Surplus Properties—300 East Main Street (Eligibility Building) and 306 East Main Street (vacant) (approve the sale by General Warranty Deed to Mr. David Revere of 300 E. Main LLC for \$324,900);
- f. Legislative Proposal to Regulate the Sale of Handgun Ammunition (direct staff to prepare a letter to the Durham County Legislative Delegation supporting a bill which would regulate the sale of handgun ammunition);
- g. Approve the Sale of County Surplus Properties (approve the sale of 2304 Hart Street to Briscoe Enterprises for \$7,400 and the sale of 1206 Linwood Avenue to Sampson Harrell for \$1,380);
- h. Approval of Construction Contract for the Modernization and Upgrade of Elevators at the Durham County Judicial Building. Project No. DC072-48, Bid No. IFB 07-009 (authorize the execution of a construction contract with Progressive Contracting Company Inc. in the amount of \$327,300 [Base Bid Only] and any other related contracts including change orders, if necessary, not to exceed the available construction budget of \$360,030); and
- i. Execution of Design Contract Amendment with The Freelon Group, P.A., for the Proposed Durham County South Regional Branch Library. Project No. DC076-50/58 (authorize the execution of the amendment in the amount \$223,900 for additional architectural design services).

8. **Public Hearing to Consider Allocating Economic Development Investment Funds to Nitronex Corporation**

15 min.

The Nitronex Corporation is considering relocating its headquarters and establishing its manufacturing facility in Durham County. Nitronex designs and manufactures semiconductor products. The proposed investment for the RTP facility is estimated to be in excess of \$24 million and would include the establishment of 200 new jobs within five years.

Staff is recommending that the County participate in this economic development project by reimbursing Nitronex up to \$100,000 for the costs of relocation and employee training.

This public hearing was advertised on Thursday, March 1, 2007, as required by Statute.

Resource Person(s): Carolyn P. Titus, Deputy County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board hold the public hearing, and based upon the information received, approve entering into the standard reimbursement contract between the County of Durham and Nitronex Corporation in the amount of \$100,000 to allow for the reimbursement of costs associated with relocation and employee training.

9. **Closed Session**

30 min.

The Board is requested to adjourn to closed session to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of business or industry pursuant to G. S. 143-318.11(a)(4).

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