

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

Monday, February 11, 2019

7:00 P.M. Regular Session

MINUTES

Place: Commissioners' Chambers, Second Floor, Durham County Government Administrative Complex, 200 East Main Street, Durham, North Carolina

Present: Chair Wendy Jacobs, Vice-Chair James Hill and Commissioners Heidi Carter, Brenda Howerton and Ellen Reckhow

Presider: Chair Wendy Jacobs

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Chair Jacobs announced that there were no agenda adjustments.

Announcements

Chair Jacobs read the following:

“The Durham County Board of Commissioners strongly condemns the recent ICE actions in the Durham community which has directly impacted at least 6 families in Durham. In one instance, a young man had just walked out of his apartment and was on his way to work. In another case, a father was pulled over after dropping off one child at school with another child sitting in the car.

These actions by ICE do not serve to make the Durham community safer. In fact, they serve to terrorize the immigrant and Latinx community in Durham to the point that it makes our community less safe. There is concern and evidence that the Latinx community in Durham is being disproportionately impacted by criminal activity. Local law enforcement is focused on preventing and stopping gun violence and violent crime in Durham. This work is dependent on the trust between the community and law enforcement. People need to feel they can report crimes and expect local law enforcement, the district attorney's office and the court system to be responsive to their needs as victims.

There is no evidence that undocumented people are making our community unsafe! These are hardworking, family orientated people providing for their families. Again, the Durham County Commissioners condemn the recent actions of ICE that are creating an environment of fear in our community, leaving children traumatized and families without a family member who is often providing the primary financial support for their families.

Finally, The Durham County Board of Commissioners supports Sheriff Clarence F. Birkhead who has made his position clear that the Durham County Sheriff's Office will not honor ICE Detainers nor will they facilitate the apprehension of persons suspected of being undocumented”.

Chair Jacobs read the following announcements:

1. **Durham Public Schools Town Hall Meeting** – Please join Superintendent Pascal Mubenga to learn about the Strategic Plan and to provide input on the 2019-20 budget and support district’s vision: Igniting Limitless Potential. The event will be held at Neal Middle School located at 201 Baptist Rd on February 12th from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. Please RSVP at www.dpstownhall.event.com
2. **Hayti Heritage Film Festival** – Mark your calendar for the 25th Anniversary of the Hayti Heritage Film Festival. The festival opens Thursday, February 14th and ends on Saturday, February 16th. For more information and to purchase tickets for this year’s festival, please visit <https://hayti.org/programming/film/>
3. **Durham YouthWork Program Seeks Local Employers to Host Youth Interns** - This program, now in its 16th year, has a goal to grow from serving approximately 200 youth each summer to serving more than 1,000 youth within the next three years. In 2019, the goal is to offer more than 300 paid youth summer internship opportunities, and local employers are needed to make this a reality.

This year’s expo will be held on Saturday, February 23 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Chesterfield Building, located at 107 W. Main St. in downtown Durham.

For more information about hosting summer interns and/or participating in the 2019 Durham YouthWork Job Expo, interested employers should visit the City’s website or contact Business Services Manager Jamie Vaughn with the City’s Office of Economic and Workforce Development at (919) 560-4965 ext. 15221 or James.Vaughn@DurhamNC.gov

4. **LIEAP - Low Income Energy Assistance Program:** LIEAP will be open to ALL Durham County residents, January 2 - March 31, 2019. Applications will be taken at the Department of Social Services in the Crisis Lobby #27 Monday - Friday at 414 East Main Street from 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Call 919-560-8000 to schedule your LIEAP appointment. Walk-ins are welcome. The LIEAP Program assists with heating only. Bring a photo ID, Social Security card, income verification and verification of heating source-heating bill to your appointment.

5. **Save The Date: Women’s Health Awareness 2019** – A Women’s Wellness Conference with **FREE** health screenings, education sessions, healthy living sessions and health resources will be held on Saturday, April 6th from 8:00am – 5:00pm at the Mary Townes Science Building located at 1900 Concord St (NCCU Campus).

Registration for this event is FREE and ends Friday, March 15th. Register at www.niehs.nih.gov/whad. For more information please email whad@niehs.nih.gov or call (984) 287-4414.

6. **Boys of Color Conference** – My Brother’s Keeper Durham and North Carolina Central University Male Achievement Center (M.A.C) will kick-off their inaugural conference on April 13, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Miller Morgan Auditorium located at 1801 Fayetteville St (NCCU Campus).

This year's theme is Be the Change: The Re-Dedication to Black Male Achievement. This event is free and is aimed for males ages 14 and up. Pre-registration is suggested at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-boys-men-of-color-conference-aami-tickets-54901674386?fbclid=IwAR1Q3fHsVyPKeXYDPHtW0-cUHk2rdzDGzSxPTUaJ1CMwTrtNsDuCyZqnyvk>

7. **2019 Golden Leaf Awards Nominations Now Being Accepted** - Do you know of a Durham property that's outstanding for its design, preservation, curb appeal, or stewardship of the natural and built environment? Nominate it now for the 2019 Golden Leaf Awards. The Durham City-County Appearance Commission and Keep Durham Beautiful are currently seeking property nominations to recognize new developments, buildings, and landscaping in Durham County that provide positive attributes to the community's built environment.

The award categories are Neighborhood Garden & Landscape; Hearth & Home; Adaptive Reuse—Old Building New Design; Small Development (under 12,000 sq. ft.); Large Development (over 12000 sq. ft.); and Keep Durham Beautiful. Nominations can now be submitted at www.DurhamGoldenLeaf.com and are due by Friday, February 15. Any projects completed within the last five years that have not already received a Golden Leaf Award are eligible. Awards will be presented at a ceremony in April 2019.

For more information, visit www.DurhamGoldenLeaf.com or contact Senior Planner Kayla Seibel with the Durham City-County Planning Department at Kayla.Seibel@DurhamNC.gov or (919) 560-4137, ext. 28271.

Volunteers and sponsors are also needed. Please contact mybrotherskeeper@dconc.gov if you are interested.

8. **We're 150 Years Old, Y'all!** As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Durham throughout 2019, we're honoring the changemakers who shaped Durham's unique sense of place, and we're rightfully touting Durham's position in the future. Home to scholars, artists, and entrepreneurs, we're accustomed to movement, creativity, and blazing new trails. SAVE THE DATE, April 13, 2019 - Durham 150 opening celebration. Visit www.DURHAM150.ORG and look for announcements in January for more on how to get involved.
9. **Alert Durham** - Sign Up Today: Durham County wants to keep its citizens informed and safe in the case of an emergency. Sign up for Alert Durham to receive notifications about severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. To sign up for Alert Durham, visit www.AlertDurham.com
10. **Get Involved!** It's your County. Durham County Government has approximately 43 active advisory boards referred to as Boards and Commissions. Citizens of Durham County may volunteer to participate by applying for a vacancy.

Interested citizens should fill out an application and send it to the Clerk to the Board's Office. A description of the boards as well as a list of vacancies can be found on the County's website at <http://www.dconc.gov/government/departments-a-e/board-of-commissioners/boards-and-commissions>. If you need additional information, please contact the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025 or email to: BoardsandCommissions@dconc.gov

Minutes

Commissioner Vice Chair Hill moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to approve the January 14, 2019 Regular Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ceremonial Items

Resolution to Protect FNS from Impact of Federal Government Shutdowns

Chair Jacobs read the following resolution:

TO PROTECT FNS FROM IMPACT OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS

- WHEREAS,** local governments are the frontline of providing services to citizens through local, state, and federal programs; and
- WHEREAS,** county governments rely on the support of federal dollars to deliver critical human service programs to its most vulnerable citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** a federal shutdown potentially threatens the flow of critical federal dollars to major human service programs that serve families, individuals, the disabled, and seniors; and
- WHEREAS,** these critical services include an array of human services that provide valuable safety nets to children, families, disabled, and seniors, including federal housing programs, SNAP, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Federal Drug Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, Women's Infants and Children, Social Services Block Grant, and Home and Care Community Block Grant; and
- WHEREAS,** local and state governments do not have the capacity to supplant federal dollars during a shutdown, thus creating gaps in service; and
- WHEREAS,** over 1.3 million people receive SNAP benefits in North Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** over 36,000 individuals receive SNAP benefits in Durham County, serving over 17,000 households; and
- WHEREAS,** In Durham County, 60% of the SNAP caseload had children under 18 years of age and 27.4% include people of 60 years old or older; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County issues on average \$4.5 million dollars in Food and Nutrition benefits that is pumped into the economy each month; and
- WHEREAS,** community non-profits, places of worship, and service providers do not have the capacity to expand services to meet needs during a federal shutdown; and
- WHEREAS,** local non-profits assisting with food insecurity issues only meet 5% of the need during normal operations; and
- WHEREAS,** a federal shutdown can interrupt funds that protect children and adults from abuse and neglect, creating additional financial burdens on an already strained system; and
- WHEREAS,** a federal shutdown could increase the risk of children and vulnerable adults and leave local governments without services; and
- WHEREAS,** human service programs help support economic viability through pumping critical dollars into the local economies through benefits; and
- WHEREAS,** a federal shutdown threatens the health and well-being of communities across the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we the members of the Durham County Board of Commissioners do respectfully ask that the SNAP program be considered an essential service that protects the most vulnerable citizens and be exempt from impact during any federal government shutdown.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we the members of the Durham County Board of Commissioners do respectfully ask Senator Burr, Senator Tillis and Congressman Butterfield and Congressman Price to work to maintain federal operations and pass funding resolutions so that the federal government will not shutdown at any time and threaten the health, safety, and well-being of our most vulnerable citizens.

This 11th day of February 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair

James Hill, Jr., Vice-Chair

Heidi Carter

Brenda A. Howerton

Ellen Reckhow

Rhonda Stevens, Assistant Director of Social Services, thanked the Board for the resolution.

Consent Agenda

Chair Jacobs asked the Board if they requested to pull or comment on any items on the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Reckhow requested to comment on item 19-0059. Commissioner Carter requested to comment on item 19-0079.

- Item 19-0059 – Commissioner Reckhow wanted to thank Brendan Moore, Open Space Land Manager for all his hard work. She added the funding was for (6) six diverse geographic projects.
- Item 19-0079 – Commissioner Carter inquired about the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP). Liz Herron, Family Justice Center Director, Durham Crisis Response Center (DCRC), responded one of two evidence-based models that were used to reduce domestic violence homicides and serious injury cases. Commissioner Howerton asked if the grant was the only funding and if DCRC had enough staff. Kathy Hodges, Deputy Director, DCRC, replied they received two grants and more staff was needed. Ms. Hodges announced it was Teen Dating Violence Month and introduced Kent Wallace-Meggs the new Executive Director of DCRC.

Hearing no additional comments, Chair Jacobs entertained a motion of approval.

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

*18-1120 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19BC000021 Contract for Upgrade of Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Systems Appropriating \$263,438 of General Fund Fund Balance

19-0008 Technical changes to the Environmental Affairs Board Interlocal Agreement with the City of Durham

19-0026 Wastewater Pretreatment Program Interlocal Agreement with the City of Durham

*19-0041 Budget Ordinance Amendment 19BCC000037 for the Department of Social Services – Appropriate Foster Care funds in the Amount of \$848,478 that includes a County share of \$548,838 which will be funded through a Fund Balance Appropriation.

19-0044 Approval to Amend Park Center Phase 1 Public-Private Projects Agreement with Research Triangle Foundation.

*19-0045 Budget Ordinance Amendment 19BCC000038 for the Department of Social Services to Recognize Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC – 2018 NC Rate Settlement Funds for \$85,966 and First Presbyterian Contribution of \$8,000

*19-0046 Capital Project Amendment No. 19CPA000012 – Moving 2016 General Obligation Bond Funds Between Multiple Durham Public School Capital Projects and Closing Five Bond Funded Capital Projects

19-0052 Approval of One Year Extension of Interlocal Agreement for the Durham Sports Commission

19-0056 Request to Award Contract for Sole Purchase of Control Systems Work to facilitate the Detention Center Officers’ Station Improvement Project.

19-0058 Request Refund of Overpayment of Excise Tax pursuant to N.C. General Statutes 105-228.37

19-0059 Durham County Matching Grants Program Recommendations

19-0079 Memorandum of Understanding to Support Durham Crisis Response Center (DCRC) Grant Extension Application – 2019 Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Grant Program.

Consent Agenda Item #18-1120

**Durham County, North Carolina
2018-2019 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 19BCC000021**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2018-2019 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>			
Other Financing Sources	\$29,087,827	\$263,438	\$29,351,265

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>General Fund</u>			
Public Safety	\$64,697,139	\$263,438	\$64,960,577

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

Approved February 11, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0041

**Durham County, North Carolina
2018-2019 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 19BCC0000037**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2018-2019 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	\$46,277,769	\$299,640	\$46,577,409
Other Financing Sources	\$29,310,280	\$548,838	\$9,859,118

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>General Fund</u>			
Human Services	\$83,099,647	\$263,438	\$64,960,577

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

Approved February 11, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0045

**Durham County, North Carolina
2018-2019 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 19BCC0000038**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2018-2019 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>			
Contributions & Donations	\$683,322	\$936,966	\$777,288

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>General Fund</u>			
Human Services	\$83,948,125	\$93,966	\$84,042,091

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

Approved February 11, 2019

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
2018-19 Capital Project Ordinance
Amendment Number 19CPA000012**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the 2018-19 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.

Project	Current Budget	Increase/ Decrease	Revised Budget
16 GO Bond – Middle School Gym Renovations (SH244)	\$457,315.30	\$0.00	\$457,315.30
16 GO Bond –School for Creative Studies Renovations (SH251)	\$369,177.92	\$142,289.02	\$511,466.94
16 GO Bond –Harris Roof Replacement (SH256)	\$808,391.87	(\$19,250.00)	\$789,141.87
16 GO Bond –Parkwood Roof Replacement (SH259)	\$250,000.00	(\$53,859.40)	\$196,140.60
16 GO Bond –Spaulding Roof Replacement (SH260)	\$425,000.00	(\$39,791.02)	\$385,208.98
16 GO Bond –Fuller Building Roof Replacement (SH263)	\$262,500.00	(\$17,759.02)	\$244,740.98
16 GO Bond –Lighting Upgrades (SH270)	\$1,453,606.00	(\$11,629.58)	\$1,441,976.42
Totals	\$4,025,991.09	\$0.00	\$4,025,991.09

Approved February 11, 2019.

Other Business

Presentation on Revised Durham Technical Community College Promise Scholarship Program

Bill Ingram, President of Durham Technical Community College (DTCC), shared a presentation titled “*Durham Tech Promise - Our Commitment to College Access*” which highlighted the following: *What We’ve Learned, #1: Sustain Current Eligibility, FTIC Student Retention Compared to Pell-Eligible and ConnectFunds Recipients, #2: Add Standards of Academic Progress, #3: Encourage Early Opt-In, Re-brand and Launch New Campaign.*

The Board asked how students would get access to the scholarship program information. Mr. Ingram responded he was working with Dr. Pascal Mubenga, Durham Public Schools Superintendent, DPS staff and college liaisons. He added mail was also being delivered to every household in the community with a child 15 to 18 years of age.

The Board inquired about the current eligibility requirements. Mr. Ingram replied the student must be a graduate of a Durham High School and must select DTCC as their first choice for higher education within a year of graduating from high school. The Board asked for the demographic information on the scholarship recipients. Mr. Ingram responded more recipients were of color and from low-income households. He added DTCC staff could provide actual demographic details later.

The Board inquired about the new implementations. Mr. Ingram responded the student must keep a

grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher to stay in the program. He added a student would be placed on probation after the first semester if the GPA was below 2.0 and would be removed from the program if the GPA was below 2.0 after the second semester. The Board asked what was done when a student was placed on probation. Mr. Ingram replied the student would receive tutoring services and academic support with selecting correct classes.

The Board asked what the average cost of tuition per semester was. Mr. Ingram responded the scholarship program provided a 40 percent discount. The Board recommended having the scholarship information on a website in conjunction with other scholarships the students could apply for.

Presentation of Durham Housing Authority Plans for Redevelopment of Downtown Projects

Chair Jacobs introduced Anthony Scott, Executive Director, Durham Housing Authority (DHA). She stated one citizen was signed up to speak about the item.

Kevin Primus, citizen spoke about the importance of public housing being tied to public transit. He added that Duke should come to an agreement with GoTriangle for the light-rail project.

Chair Jacobs thanked Mr. Primus for his comments.

Anthony Scott, Executive Director, Durham Housing Authority (DHA), shared a presentation titled “*DHA Downtown and Neighborhood Plan*” which highlighted the following: *Planning Team, Context Map, Key Components of DDNP, Resident Right to Return and Relocation, Planning Process, Development Opportunities, Preferred Architectural Character, Program Summary, Preferred Plans, Development Timeline and Budget.*

The Board inquired about the requirements for parking. Mr. Primus responded North Carolina Housing Financing Agency had some strict guidelines on parking due to the low-income tax credits. He added the plans included the least amount of parking.

The Board asked how the redevelopment would be affected if there was no light-rail. Mr. Scott responded the light-rail was fundamental to the redevelopment. He added the marketability of the housing and the amount of parking would be affected.

Directive:

- **Chair Jacobs requested staff work with Mr. Anthony Scott to address the proposed development opportunities with the Criminal Justice Research Center and other County owned locations.**

Quarterly Update on Durham Pre-K

Linda Chappel, Senior Vice President, Child Care Services Association, Inc. (CCSA), shared a presentation titled “*Durham PreK Update*” which highlighted the following: *Durham PreK Goals, Durham Development of Universal PreK, Build System Capacity - The Work Moving Forward July 2018 – June 2020, Children and Families, Durham PreK Eligibility and Sliding Scale, Strong Interest/High Need, Lead Teacher Salary Schedule, Teacher Salary Supplement, Meet Standards for High Quality Programs.*

The Board asked where the new Pre-K classrooms would be located and how many kids would be in each class. Ms. Chappel stated the Board would receive an update in the upcoming week outlining the

location of the new classrooms. She added 18 kids was the maximum for each class. The Board asked if Durham Public Schools (DPS) was contacted about spaces and locations. Ms. Chappel responded yes, she was working very closely with DPS however, there was no commitment just yet.

The Board inquired about the status of the current Pre-K classrooms. Ms. Chappel responded they were near capacity. The Board asked if the North Carolina Pre-K classes would be filled before the Durham Pre-K classes. Ms. Chappel responded any new North Carolina Pre-K spaces that became available, Durham Pre-K was ready and committed to accept the new spaces. The Board inquired about other ways to enroll kids. Ms. Chappel responded they were working with groups and organizations to help with enrollment. The Board recommended reaching out to groups, organizations and churches the families trust as well as Duke Pediatrics Roxboro Street.

Directive:

- **Chair Jacobs requested Linda Chappel to present more information about the sliding scale and teacher salary supplement at a Work Session Meeting. Commissioner Reckhow requested Ms. Chappel to compare Durham Public Schools sliding scale to Durham Pre-K sliding scale.**

2019 Reappraisal (Revaluation) Update

Teresa Hairston, Interim Tax Administration Director, shared a presentation titled “*Durham County Tax Administration 2019 Revaluation Update*” which highlighted the following: *General Information, Taxable Property Types, Reappraisal Objective, Tracking Market Value, Sale Locations, Included with the Notices, Appeal Process, Individual Meetings to Discuss Appraisal Process, Appeal Timing, Contact Information*

The Board asked about the revenue neutral rate. Ms. Hairston replied that information would be shared in the budget. The Board asked if size and location were factors used when trying to find comparable sales. Ms. Hairston responded size, location and condition were factors used with comparable home sales. The Board asked if two houses were built in the same year with one being recently renovated and other not, how would that affect comparable sales. Ms. Hairston responded measurements were done from the exterior of the home and appraisers do not go inside unless invited in by the homeowner. She added extensive changes were captured by building permits.

The Board asked if more seniors were calling about property tax increases. Ms. Hairston replied that response was about the same as previous reappraisals. The Board asked for clarity about the individual meetings. Ms. Hairston replied the meetings could be scheduled to discuss the appeal process, property characteristics, comparable sales, exemptions and appeal form. The Board asked how many appointments were made and once the individual slots were filled, would more slots be made available. Ms. Hairston responded 209 meeting appointments were made which included 106 phone appointments and more slots would be opened if all were filled.

The Board thanked Ms. Hairston and Ryan Vincent, Vincent Valuations for the great job with the reappraisal.

- **Chair Jacobs requested Teresa Hairston to create an announcement about the reappraisal and send to the Clerk to the Board for the weekly announcement.**

Chair Jacobs stated there was one citizen signed up to speak about the item.

Harley Walker, Jr., citizen, spoke about the reappraisal value notice he received which valued his home with a 60 percent increase. He informed the Board and Tax Staff of his decision to appeal the new value.

Adjournment

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 9:50 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Macio Carlton
Senior Administrative Assistant