

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

Monday, September 10, 2012

County Commissioners' Chambers  
200 East Main Street, Durham, North Carolina

**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.

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**7:00 pm. Regular Session**

1. **Opening of Regular Session**—Pledge of Allegiance (5 min)
2. **Agenda Adjustments (5 min)**
3. **Announcements (5 min)**
  - 1) "In Touch with Durham County," the Durham County Television show, airs on Cable TV Channel 8 at 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon on Mondays; and 8:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6:30 pm on Tuesday–Sundays. Our County Commissioners' meetings are also rebroadcast on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m., Saturdays at 9:00 p.m., and Sundays at 9:00 p.m.
  - 2) Durham County needs you! If you have a few hours to commit, Durham County has a number of boards and commissions that can benefit from your participation. We invite you to make a difference in our community. Contact the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025, visit the County's website, or email [Clerk@durhamcountync.gov](mailto:Clerk@durhamcountync.gov) for more information. Please note that all City and County taxes must be current at the time of application.
  - 3) Durham County Women's Commission and NC Women United invite you to attend the 2012 Durham County Women's Agenda Assembly on Saturday, September 22 from 9 am – 12 noon. The event will be held at NC Central University, Miller Morgan Building, 1801 Fayetteville Street. Come learn, listen, discuss and ask questions regarding public policy issues facing women in Durham County. Please RSVP at [DurhamAssembly2012@gmail.com](mailto:DurhamAssembly2012@gmail.com).

- 4) The **Durham Reads Together** series, featuring North Carolina bestselling author, Margaret Maron continues on **Sunday, September 16 at 3pm** at the Main Library. The first book in her Deborah Knott series, *Bootlegger's Daughter*, addresses the challenges faced by judicial candidate Knott when her father's bootlegging past becomes an issue. Join **historian Todd Johnson** for a look at the illegal liquor trade, from the Whiskey Rebellion to the present, including speeches and stories from personalities on both sides of the law.

#### 4. Minutes (5 min)

- a) August 27, 2012 Regular Session

#### 5. Introduction – Department of Social Services Director (5 min)

- 1) Michael Becketts was appointed as the Director of the Durham County Department of Social Services on August 6, 2012. Mr. Becketts comes to us from Baltimore, MD where he served as Deputy Director of the Baltimore Department of Social Services and oversaw a workforce of 1100 staff and a budget of approximately \$100 million. One of his major accomplishments in Baltimore was the implementation of strategies which led to the transition of over 800 children from the foster care system.
- 2) Mr. Becketts holds master degrees in social work from the University of Maryland and health administration from the University of Baltimore, both providing him with a strong understanding of the health and human services systems. He also served an adjunct faculty member of the University of Maryland's School of Social Work. His work with health care agencies, educational institutions and public welfare agencies provide a depth of experience that will help move Durham forward.
- 3) Mr. Becketts brings a wealth of diverse experiences from his roles as Deputy Director for the State of Maryland's Office of Licensing and Monitoring, Social Work Director at Johns Hopkins Infectious Disease Department, and Clinical Manager for a sex offender treatment program. He has a demonstrated ability to develop and build community partnerships and think creatively. And, he brings an understanding of the challenges this agency has experienced over the last year, with a willingness to support and lead staff in changing the organizational culture and morale.
- 4) The DSS Board is confident that Mr. Becketts will provide excellent leadership for the Department of Social Services and support the agency's mission to partner with families and the community in achieving well-being through prosperity, permanence, safety and support for all Durham residents.

**Resource Persons:** Marqueta Welton, Deputy County Manager; Michael Becketts, Social Services Director

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board officially welcome Mr. Becketts to Durham County Government.

**6. Recognize Durham County EMS 2012 Recipient of the Vic Pearson Memorial Award (5 min)**

- 1) The Board is requested to recognize Rick Johnson, Paramedic, Durham County EMS, as the recipient of the **2012 Vic Pearson EMS Memorial Award**. Rick was recently recognized at the annual EMS Week celebration in May for his clinical competency and compassion to those he responds to and treats, within the Durham community who suffer from sudden illness or trauma.
- 2) The Vic Pearson Memorial Fund and Award was established in April 1995 in memory of Vic Pearson, who was a Paramedic with Durham County EMS and died after complications from cancer surgery. In remembrance of Vic, this award is presented to the EMS employee who has displayed the highest levels of competency and compassion to his/her patients during the year. These were strong attributes Vic exhibited while employed with Durham County EMS. Each year Durham Regional and Duke Emergency Departments select the individual whom they feel best displays these attributes, and recognizes him/her during EMS Week in May. Mr. Johnson was unanimously selected as this year's award winner.

**Resource Persons:** Mike Smith, EMS System Director

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board recognize and congratulate Mr. Johnson for his selection as the 2012 Vic Pearson EMS Memorial Award winner.

**7. Resolution Honoring the Life of Mrs. Joyce Clayton Nichols (5 min)**

- 1) A resolution has been prepared honoring the life of Mrs. Joyce Clayton Nichols, who was the first woman and first African American woman to become a Physician's Assistant in the United States. In addition to her lifetime of outstanding and compassionate work in the healthcare field, Mrs. Nichols also served with distinction as a member of the Durham County Public Health Board. She is being remembered for her strong advocacy on behalf of others in need.

**Resource Persons:** Michael D. Page, Chair

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve the resolution and present to the family of Mrs. Joyce Clayton Nichols.

**8. Resolution Honoring Olympic Medalist Meghan Hodge (5 min)**

- 1) A resolution has been prepared to honor Meghan Hodge, who is a member of the United States Indoor Volleyball Team and won a silver medal in the London Olympics last month. Ms. Hodge, who was the national player of the year at Riverside High School

and the NCAA player of the year at Penn State University, played in her first Olympic competition in the position of outside hitter.

- 2) Meghan Hodge has been called the best girls' volleyball player in North Carolina history.

**Resource Persons:** Michael D. Page, Chair

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners extend sincere congratulations to Ms. Hodge and present the resolution to her family.

**9. Proclamation - Recovery Month in Durham County (5 min)**

- 1) The Board is requested to adopt the attached proclamation designating September as Addiction Recovery Month in Durham County.
- 2) Recovery Month is a national observance that educates Americans on the fact that addiction treatment and mental health services can enable those with a mental and/or substance use disorder to live a healthy and rewarding life. The observance's main focus is to laud the gains made by those in recovery from these conditions, just as we would those who are managing other health conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, asthma, and heart disease. Recovery Month spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover.
- 3) The 2012 Recovery Month theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: It's Worth It," emphasizes that while the road to recovery may be difficult, the benefits of preventing and overcoming mental and/or substance use disorders are significant and valuable to individuals, families, and communities. People in recovery achieve healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally, while contributing in positive ways to their communities. They also prove to family members, friends, and others that prevention works, treatment is effective, and people recover.
- 4) The Durham County Criminal Justice Resource Center supports and promotes Recovery Month through and with its various substance abuse treatment services.

**Resource Persons:** Gudrun Parmer, Director, CJRC; Ellen Holliman, CEO, Alliance Behavioral Healthcare

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Proclamation be adopted.

**10. Consent Agenda (15 min)**

- a. Amend the contract with Tax Management Associates Inc. for the property value discoveries and approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 13BCC000012 in the amount of \$350,000. Payment is made to TMA only after the County has collected the

tax, at a rate of 30% of the amount collected. There is no additional cost to the county whereas this fee is deducted from new revenue collected;

- b. Amend the contract with County Tax Services Inc. for the property value discoveries and approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 13BCC000013 in the amount of \$150,000. Payment is made to CTSI only after the County has collected the tax, at a rate of 30% of the amount collected. There is no additional cost to the county whereas this fee is deducted from new revenue collected;
- c. Approve Budget Amendment No. 13BCC000014 to recognize \$250 for activities related to National Recovery Month;
- d. Approve Budget Amendment No. 13BCC000015 to recognize \$22,331 for the Mental Health Outreach Project;
- e. Approve Budget Ordinance No. 13BCC000016 to recognize additional revenues in the amount of \$3,678,534 for Child Care, LIEA & CIP Administration, LINKS Program, and Progress Energy's Energy Neighbor Program;
- f. Approve employment contract for Clerk to the Board;
- g. Approve the proportional match of the 40 hours of special leave awarded to eligible employees from the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service by the 2012 General Assembly;
- h. Authorize the County Manager or his/her designee to execute all documents and give the assurances necessary to accept Federal Aviation Administration Discretionary Grants to be utilized by the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority at the Raleigh-Durham International Airport, and to authorize the County Attorney or his/her designee to execute all related documents and give the related necessary assurances;
- i. Approve the attached Scattered Site Housing Administration contract and delegate authority to the County Manager to execute the contract. The County Manager also recommends approval of the attached resolution giving him authority to sign all future administrative, financial, and regulatory paperwork associated with this CDBG grant;
- j. Accept the recommendation as presented and approve the attached revenue agreement with Compass Group USA, Inc. to provide, supply, install, maintain and service drink and snack vending machines to twenty (20) Durham County Government buildings;
- k. Authorize the County Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Durham for services to be provided by its Solid Waste Management Department for fiscal year 2013. The compensation paid to the City of Durham shall not exceed \$89,470;

- l. Authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with Schneider Electric to perform the Andover Continuum security surveillance computer upgrade at the Durham County Detention Center as defined in the attached proposal not to exceed \$65,936.00;
- m. Approve the proposed revised Trip Reduction Ordinance;
- n. Approve the NCACC Legislative Goals for 2013 and transmit to NCACC for consideration;
- o. Authorize the execution of an architectural design contract with MHAworks, PA for renovations to the Durham County Storage Facility in the amount of \$48,000.00 plus reimbursable expenses not to exceed \$5,000.00, thus totaling \$53,000.00 (See Attachment 1, Pages 1-3);
- p. Appoint Youth Home Director, Angela Nunn; Ann Oshel, Alliance Behavioral Healthcare designee; and County Manager designee, Lee Worsley, to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council;
- q. Award the HVAC maintenance contract to Schneider Electric Buildings Americas, Inc. for certain County facilities in an amount not to exceed \$46,449.75 and authorize the County Manager execute same.

**11. Public Hearing for Private Activity Bonds – Voyager Foundation, Inc. (15 min)**

- 1) The Board of Commissioners is requested to hold a public hearing concerning the issuance and sale by the Public Finance Authority, which is a public authority existing under **Wisconsin** law (the “Authority”), of its Charter School Revenue Bonds (Voyager Foundation, Inc. Project) Series 2012A (the “Bonds”), in an amount not to exceed \$17,000,000, and if appropriate approve the attached Resolution authorizing the issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds will be used to (1) finance the acquisition and equipping of charter school buildings with an aggregate square footage of approximately 76,000 square feet on a site of approximately 8.5 acres located at 4302 Ben Franklin Boulevard in Durham, North Carolina (the “Project”), (2) fund a debt service reserve for the Bonds and (3) pay all or a portion of the costs of issuing the Bonds.
- 2) The Project will be owned by Voyager Foundation, Inc. Pursuant to Section 147(f) of the IRS Code, prior to their issuance, the Bonds are required to be approved by the “applicable elected representative” of a governmental unit having jurisdiction over the entire area in which the Project is located, after a public hearing held following reasonable public notice. Since the Project is in Durham County, the Board is the applicable elected representatives of the County.
- 3) **Voyager Foundation, Inc is solely responsible for the repayment of the bonds. The County has no financial responsibility for the debt.**
- 4) Representatives from Voyager Foundation, Inc will be present at the public hearing to further explain the Project.

**Resource Person(s):** Carol Hammett, Deputy County Attorney

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The Manager recommends that the Board hold the public hearing on the issuance of the bonds for the expansion of Voyager Foundation, Inc whose operations are currently located in Durham County, and approve the Resolution authorizing the issuance of the Bonds.

**12. City Local Historic Landmarks, Background Information (15 min)**

- 1) The Board is requested to receive a report on the proposed landmark designations – Greystone (LD1200001) and East Durham Graded School (LD1200002).
- 2) The following two (2) attachments are referenced throughout the staff memo for further information regarding these cases:

Attachment A, Greystone Landmark Designation Staff Report

Attachment B, East Durham Graded School Landmark Designation Staff Report

**Resource Persons:** Lisa Miller, Senior Planner; Steven L. Medlin, AICP, City-County Planning Director.

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the report.

**13. RESERVED FOR ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA (20 min)**

**14. Closed Session (45 min)**

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

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) and instruct staff accordingly.