

June 4, 2012 Budget Worksession

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Monday, June 4, 2012

2:00 P.M. Budget Worksession

MINUTES

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

Present: Chairman Michael D. Page, Vice-Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow and Commissioners Brenda A. Howerton, and Pam Karriker

Absent: None

Presider: Chairman Page

Nonprofit Recommendations

Laura Jensen, Budget Analyst, spoke to the Board about the nonprofit process adopted in 2008. She highlighted the following:

- Two-Step Process
- Application Process
- Funding Recommendations
- What is allowable under the current policy?
- Contract Performance History
- Stop-light Ratings
- Strategic Goals

The Board thanked staff for their work and for acknowledging the Commissioners' role in the process.

Chairman Page made comments as it relates to feedback from citizens about the status of their applications.

Ms. Jensen explained staff's willingness to assist nonprofits with the process in order to help strengthen their application.

Carol Hammett, Deputy County Attorney, shared research regarding the use public funds for religious-based programs. She responded to questions from the Board regarding the matter.

Directives

1. Make sure nonprofits are aware of how the applications are reviewed.
2. Consider setting the application deadline sooner.
3. Utilize leadership roles to bring key players together to have a discussion on how to establish a Unified Child-Care Subsidy Program.
4. Commissioners to consider having a discussion with United Way in regards to a common nonprofit application.

Engineering – Utility Rate Increase/Sustainability

Tobin Freid, Sustainability Manager, gave the following presentation regarding the Sustainability Program Coordinator Position:

- Continuation of the Energy Program Specialist Position after City ARRA funding ends
- Move position from the City to the County
- 10 months of funding for FY13
- Enable maintenance and improvement of current level of service to employees and the community
- Improved implementation of the City and County Strategic Plans

Maintain Current Level of Service

- Tracking and reporting of grant program impacts
- Greenhouse gas tracking and analysis
- Social media and website outreach
- Green team initiative implementation
- Participation in regional and statewide sustainability efforts

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- Events

Increase Current Level of Service

- Outreach to businesses and citizens
- Government energy use analysis and benchmarking
- Electric vehicle and charging station analysis
- Employee education
- Researching and applying for funding opportunities

Budget Request

<i>Item</i>	<i>Budget Increase</i>	<i>County Portion</i>
Personnel	\$51,844	\$25,922
Phone	\$ 630	\$ 315
Travel	\$ 900	\$ 450
Other	\$ 755	\$ 378
Total	\$54,129	\$27,065

Glen Whisler, P.E., County Engineer, gave the following presentation:

- Wastewater Fee Increases
- Why are Sewer Rates being increased?
- Comparison to Other Sewer Consumption Rates
- Example Monthly Sewer Bill Increases
- Total Monthly Bill Comparison for Family (5000 gallons/month)
- Total Monthly Bill Comparison for Commercial (30,000 gallons/month)
- Total Monthly Bill Comparison for Large Industrial (750,000 gallons/month)

Directives

1. Signage should emphasize electric and hybrid cars are able to park in said spaces.
2. Consider additional trainings.
3. Send a report to the Board that indicates how much money is being saved by having energy efficient buildings versus non-energy efficient buildings.

General Services – New Buildings and Solid Waste Increase

Motiryo Keambiroiro, General Services Director, highlighted the following:

- Mission
- Vision
- Values
- Facility Maintenance and Grounds
- Human Services
- Durham County Courthouse
- Judicial Parking Deck
- General Services' Staff Plan
- General Services' Staff Equipment
- Budget Request for Detention Center
- Durham County Convenience Sites

Deborah Booth, Assistant Director of Solid Waste, continued the presentation discussing the following:

- Solid Waste Rate Increase
- Solid Waste Permit History
- Illegal Dumping—Old Fish Dam Road

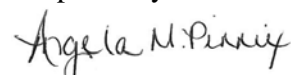
Directive

Inform the Board on how much is being saved for a lead certified building.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Page adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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