

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

Monday, October 4, 2010

9:00 A.M. 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 Joe W. Bowser, Becky M. Heron, and Brenda A. Howerton

Presider: Chairman Page

Citizen Comments

Dr. Harvey McMurray addressed the Commissioners about Durham Companions. He also addressed concerns about the Durham Companions program. He concluded by asking the Board to continue to support programs that help at-risk youth in the community.

Chairman Page thanked Dr. McMurray for his comments.

Durham Technical Community College - CIP

Dr. William Ingram, President, Durham Technical Community College, introduced this item. He stated that the Board requested to receive an update from Durham Technical Community College officials regarding its Capital Improvement Program (CIP). In 2007, the County issued General Obligation Bonds for the purposes of expanding and improving the facilities for Durham Technical Community College. The intent of the County and Durham Tech at that time was to renovate an existing building known as the Newton Building. Recent due diligence on the project has brought Durham Tech officials to the conclusion that the project is not financially viable.

Dr. Ingram informed the Commissioners that the County Attorney's Office reviewed the bond issuance, consulted with bond attorneys, and concluded that the bond funds may be used for expanding and improving the facilities for Durham Tech, which includes the renovation or construction of a facility other than the Newton Building. Therefore, Durham Tech is in the process of exploring other solutions to meet their classroom space needs. Durham Tech officials would work with the County Budget Office to devise a plan which would be included in the Board's CIP Update early next year.

The Board suggested that the funds not be spent until the master plan is complete.

Dr. Ingram responded to the following concerns and questions:

- Is the Northern Durham facility being fully utilized?
- Are people interested in driving to this location?
- What type of support is received from Orange County Commissioners that supports the Orange County campus?
- Are there any expenses for operating in Orange County?
- How old is the Phillips Building and has it been renovated?
- What is the square footage of the Treyburn campus?
- How many properties are currently being leased?
- To what extent is Durham Technical Community College (DTCC) working with Durham Public Schools (DPS) to provide training for the youth for trades such as auto mechanic, construction, plumbing, etc.?
- How many students are from Durham Public Schools?
- Where does the instruction staff originate from for the students that have dropped out of high school?

The Board thanked Mr. Ingram for his presentation.

Directives

1. Dr. Ingram to consider associating training programs with industries that allow the need to utilize the facility.
2. Consider including a study on how to repurpose the Northern campus to make it vibrant.
3. Dr. Ingram to have a discussion with the DTCC Board of Trustees about offsetting the additional funds needed by 2015.
4. Have discussion with County Manager Ruffin about facilitating the administrative issues
5. Consider utilizing the Holton Career and Resource Center.
6. Bring the master plan back to the Board.
7. Keep the Board apprised on capital needs; take into account the usage of the Holton facility and the Northern Durham Center.

Presentation by the Durham County Child Fatality Prevention Team

Gayle Harris, Public Health Director, presented this item, stating that the Board requested to receive a presentation regarding child fatalities in Durham County from the Durham County Child Fatality Prevention Team, a state-mandated entity through the Health Department. A report to the Board is now mandated annually under the Health Department's agreement with the state.

Sue Guptill, Co Chair of Child Fatality Prevention Team, discussed the following:

- Background
- Team Goal
- Membership
- Procedures

- Fatality Reviews: 2008
- Fatalities 2008
- Comparison 2004-2008
- Comparison: Durham to North Carolina
- Highlights

Ms. Guptill explained the reason for waiting a year to do a review. She also informed the Board of the Community Child Protection Team/Child Fatality Prevention Team's meeting date and time. She continued to discuss issues surrounding disparity and infant mortality.

Commissioner Bowser highlighted the natural causes of death for infants.

Ms. Harris and Ms. Guptill responded to questions posed by the Board.

Durham Chamber Of Commerce – Update On Workforce Development Initiatives

Casey Steinbacher, President and CEO, Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce, introduced this item. She stated that the Board requested to receive an update from the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce on efforts to link Durham citizens to available jobs in the County. She discussed the following:

- Three Innovative Programs
- Durham Chamber's Role In Programs
- Education
- College2Careers
- Straight-Line Program
- Connecting
- Recommendations

Kathy Hoffmeier, Director of Talent and Workforce Development, Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce, discussed the Career Expo and its results.

Per Chairman Page's request, Ms. Steinbacher explained the importance of the Joblink Center at NCCU.

Keith Burns, Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP, continued the presentation, explaining the Straight-Line Program.

In addition to Mr. Burns's presentation, Ms. Steinbacher added highlights regarding the Straight-Line Program and gave a brief synopsis regarding the statistics.

Ms. Steinbacher and staff responded to the following questions:

- Do the applications go through the Joblink Center?
- Is the Chamber of Commerce working with Durham County's Criminal Justice Resource Center?

- How are students informed about the Joblink facility?
- Is work being conducted to retain graduates in Durham; are partnerships being created with universities and companies to keep graduates in the area?

Chairman Page made comments about the Straight-Line Program; however, it was inaudible.

The Board held discussions about the difficult-to-hire population.

Commissioner Bowser thanked Ms. Steinbacher and staff on their efforts.

Directives

1. Look at how other counties are impacting their communities.
2. Consider ways to get the youth involved in summer jobs and internships.

Interlocal Agreement between Department of General Services and ABC Board for the Maintenance Services of ABC Locations

Motiryo Keambiroiro, General Services Director, presented this item. She stated that since 1998, the Department of General Services has collaborated with Durham County ABC Board to assist with the building maintenance of owned and operated ABC facilities. General Services provides ground, building, pest control and administrative services at a rate which covers the cost of labor and materials. This has been a successful partnership which utilizes County resources and provides cost effective maintenance services to the ABC Board.

The Board pulled this item from the consent agenda at the July 26, 2010 Regular Session with concerns that the proposed fee was not sufficient for services rendered. Staff provided Commissioner Reckhow with the calculations and justification for the fee.

Ms. Keambiroiro stated that since that time, the ABC Board has attained an adjoining piece of property to Store #1 and provided the following statement:

Last Thursday, we purchased the property at 1928 Holloway Street, which is adjacent to our current store at 1930 Holloway Street. We would like to add the property to our General Services agreement at this time for lot and grounds upkeep. Over the next nine months or so, the property would undergo major renovation and expansion to become our new store facility. It has not been finally decided, but there is strong possibility that we would keep the current property, using the building for storage and keeping the parking access.

The new Holloway Street property would be billed under the Special Services rate, hourly rate based on services performed, until the County has had sufficient experience working on this additional property and renovations have been completed.

The Board thanked Ms. Keambiroiro for the update.

Directive

Place on the October 11 consent agenda.

Follow Up Discussion on Public Comment Period

Kathy R. Everett-Perry, Assistant County Attorney, introduced this item, stating that the Board of Commissioners requested to hear a follow-up presentation by the Office of the County Attorney from the August 2, 2010 Worksession on the statutorily required public comments period to be held during regular board meetings.

The Board discussed the following:

- The proposed amendment that addresses the public comment period
- Citizens not being able to yield their time
- Citizens being able to discuss personnel matters

Lowell Siler, County Attorney, offered his recommendation as it relates to the public comment period.

Ms. Everett-Perry addressed Vice-Chairman Reckhow's concern regarding public hearings and the amount of time speakers are allowed to address the Board.

Directives

1. Make the necessary changes per the Board's request
2. Include language that encourages citizens to inform the Board in advance about their issues; however, indicate that it is not required.
3. Bring back to the Board at a future regular session.
4. County Attorney Siler to research the issue regarding the revised law that affects the release of information regarding employees.

Review of August and September BOCC Directives

County Manager Ruffin, introduced this item stating that it was requested that at each month's worksession, the Board of County Commissioners have the opportunity to review the previous month's directives for staff and make comments as necessary.

The Board thanked County Manager Ruffin for the updates.

Closed Session

Vice-Chairman Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to adjourn into closed session to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment

of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee, pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(6) and to adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to G.S. §143-318.11(a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to G.S. §143-318.10(e).

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene from Closed Session

Chairman Reckhow announced that the Board met in closed session; direction was given to staff.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Page adjourned the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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