

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

Monday, April 5, 2010

9:00 A.M. Worksession

AGENDA

1. **Citizen Comments**

10 min.

1. Ms. Thelma White has requested time on the agenda to address the Commissioners regarding elections.
2. Mr. Darius Little has requested time on the agenda to address the Commissioners regarding taxes.

2. **Update on Sustainability Initiatives**

20 min.

The Board is requested to receive the Sustainability Manager's report on the status of various sustainability initiatives.

The Sustainability Manager will report on four topics:

- Durham County Government transportation demand management programs
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction plan
- Progress of the Sustainability Office since April 2009
- Plans for the Sustainability Office for future initiatives

Resource Person(s): Tobin L. Freid, Sustainability Manager; Glen Whisler, County Engineer

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the Sustainability Manager's update report and provide direction as deemed appropriate.

3. **Review of March BOCC Directives**

5 min.

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.

Resource Person(s): Mike Ruffin, County Manager, and Laura Jensen, Assistant to the County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board review the March BOCC directives and make comments to staff as necessary.

4. **Board and Commission Appointments**

10 min.

Michelle Parker-Evans, Clerk to the Board, will distribute ballots to the Board to make appointments to the following boards and commissions:

- Planning Commission
- Workforce Development Board

Resource Person(s): Michelle Parker-Evans, Clerk to the Board

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners suspend the rules and vote to appoint members to the above-mentioned boards/commissions.

5. **Discussion of Board and Commission Appointment Survey and Possible Changes to Board and Commission Appointment Procedures**

30 min.

At the December 7, 2009 worksession, the Board of County Commissioners asked for staff to survey boards and commissions for their suggestions on improving board and commission appointment procedures. Four boards or commissions responded, and the Board of County Commissioners received the results of the survey on January 20, 2010 via e-mail.

Based on discussions by the Board of County Commissioners at the December 7, 2009 worksession and the survey results, the County Manager has made the following core recommendations for changes to the board and commission appointment procedures:

- 1) Continue to accept recommendations for appointments from the board or commission which has vacancies, but emphasize that the Board of County Commissioners is under no obligation to appoint individuals recommended by the board or commission. This is currently part of our board and commission procedures, but language will be strengthened to emphasize the point;
- 2) Do not conduct regular interviews for all individuals nominated to fill vacancies on boards or commissions. Commissioners may request interviews with nominees as necessary;
- 3) Do not pay for advertisement for board and commission vacancies, and continue to pursue free advertisement opportunities through e-mail distribution lists, the County website, the County television channel, and free space in local newspapers.

Resource Person(s): Mike Ruffin, County Manager; Laura Jensen, Assistant to the County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board review and discuss the core recommendations and advise staff if any changes to the board and commission appointment procedures are desired.

6. **Non-Profit Requests for Exemption from Application Deadline**

30 min.

Three currently funded non-profit agencies (John Avery Boys and Girls Club, Triangle Champions Track Club, El Centro Hispano) did not submit a FY 2010-2011 non-profit funding application by the published deadline, 5 p.m. on March 1, 2010. These agencies would like their applications to be considered for FY 2010-2011 non-profit funding and are requesting exemption from the application deadline.

Resource Person(s): Mike Ruffin, County Manager; Pam Meyer, Budget and Management Services Director; Laura Jensen, Assistant to the County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive comments from the non-profit agencies and advise staff if exemptions to the agencies will be granted.

7. **Closed Session**

90 min.

The Board of Commissioners is requested to adjourn to 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).

8. **Public Hearing for Non-profit Agencies Applying for FY 2010-2011 Funding**

120 min.

The Board is requested to hear presentations from non-profit agencies that applied for funding in the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year.

Resource Person(s): Pam Meyer, Budget and Management Services Director; Laura Jensen, Assistant to the County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive comments from presenting non-profit agencies.

5 hrs. 15 min.