

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

Monday, December 9, 2002

12:15 A.M.

Closed Session

Minutes and General Accounts

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

Present: Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow, Vice-Chairman Joe W. Bowser, and Commissioners Philip R. Cousin Jr., Becky M. Heron, and Mary D. Jacobs

Absent: None

Staff: County Manager Michael M. Ruffin, Deputy County Manager Wendell Davis, County Attorney S. C. Kitchen, Library Director Philip Cherry, and Clerk to the Board Garry E. Umstead

Call to Order

Chairman Reckhow called the Closed Session to order.

Request for Board Action

Deputy County Manager Wendell Davis said the purpose of the Closed Session was to instruct the County staff concerning the position to be taken in negotiating a proposed contract for the acquisition of real property owned by Crown of Righteousness Community Church at 6122 Barbee Road and the adjacent lot.

Mr. Davis began his presentation to the Board of County Commissioners by providing a brief history of the actions taken to purchase the property.

During the week of September 23, 2002 staff scheduled a meeting with Pastor Gregory David to discuss the acquisition. Pastor David implied that he must place the matter before his board at its next meeting in November.

On November 25, 2002 staff received a response from Pastor David that the Church was unwilling to sell the land.

Given the outcome of these negotiations, the staff recommendation was to consider other, alternative locations in the south.

The Commissioners and staff had a lengthy discussion about the purchase of property in southern Durham County.

The Commissioners authorized the staff to move forward and seek other sites in the south.

Sealed Minutes

The Commissioners did not take action to seal the minutes.

Open Session

Chairman Reckhow adjourned the Closed Session and returned to Open Session to instruct the staff to move forward and to consider other alternative locations in southern Durham County.

Adjournment

Chairman Reckhow adjourned the meeting at 12:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Garry E. Umstead, CMC
Clerk to the Board