

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

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

9:00 am Worksession

AGENDA

1. Closed Session

60 min.

The Board is requested to adjourn to 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 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).

The Board is requested to adjourn to closed session pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board adjourn to Closed Session and direct staff accordingly.

2. Citizen Comments

30 min.

The Board of County Commissioners will provide a 30-minute comment period at the beginning of its Worksession meeting on the first Monday of each month. Any citizen of Durham County wishing to speak shall have an opportunity to do so. The Board may direct staff to research and reply to the concerns, if appropriate. Speakers must sign in prior to the start of the meeting providing a mail/email address and telephone number so that staff may reply to comments and/or questions. Citizens who request an immediate response from the Board are encouraged to submit a brief description of the issue to the Clerk to the Board two weeks prior to the Worksession to allow an opportunity for research prior to the meeting. **All speakers shall have three (3) minutes to speak and are requested to refrain from addressing issues related to personnel matters.**

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

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive citizen comments and direct staff to respond, as deemed appropriate.

3. Proposal for the Establishment of a new Durham County Criminal Justice Advisory Group

15 min.

The Board is requested to hear a request and suggestion made by the Durham County Criminal Justice Partnership Program Advisory Board for the establishment of the Durham County Criminal Justice Advisory Group.

The Durham County Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board was established in 1995 as a statutory requirement to participate in the state-local Criminal Justice Partnership Program grant process. The enabling legislation, Article 6A of Chapter 143B of the General Statute, was repealed in June 2011 as part of HB 642, the Justice Reinvestment Act of 2011.

Since July 2011, the Durham County Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board has continued to meet at the request of the Criminal Justice Resource Center. At a meeting on November 16, 2011 the members of the CJPP Advisory Board, along with the management staff of CJRC, discussed a proposed advisory committee with a new purpose and membership structure. This proposal is presented to the Durham Board of County Commissioners for consideration and feedback.

Resource Persons: Gudrun Parmer, Director of Durham County Criminal Justice Resource Center; Marcia Owen, Chair, CJPAB; Gayle Harris, Vice-Chair CJPAB; and Nina Bullock, Secretary CJPAB

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the presentation and provide further input.

4. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Update and Review of the City-County Electric Vehicle and Charging Station Plan

20 min.

The Board is requested to receive an update on the County's electric vehicle charging station program and the City-County Electric Vehicle and Charging Station Plan.

Electric vehicles hold great promise to reduce Durham's greenhouse gas emissions from transportation and improve air quality. Both vehicles and charging station technologies and practices are changing rapidly. A team representing several City and County departments as well as community partners has worked diligently to understand the current market and policy environment to make sure Durham is ready for electric vehicles now that they are showing up on our roads. This team developed a plan to guide the County and City's internal and community practices and policies regarding electric vehicles and charging stations.

The County received a grant from the Triangle J Council of Governments as part of their ARRA-funded Blue Skies & Green Jobs initiative. The County is using the funds to install several public charging stations for electric vehicles at five locations.

- Justice Center Parking Deck
- Human Services Parking Lot
- South Regional Library
- North Regional Library
- Main Library

Resource Persons: Tobin L. Freid, Sustainability Manager; Glen Whisler, County Engineer

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the update, review the plan, and provide guidance to staff, as needed.

5. **Strategic Plan Update**

10 min.

The Board is requested to hear an update of the County's Strategic Planning Process. The County Manager's Office continues to seek the input of the BOCC in helping craft a meaningful Strategic Plan. Key December developments include:

- Youth focus groups completed at Southern H.S. (This finishes youth focus groups; sessions completed at Hillside, Northern, Riverside, Youth Commission and Southern).
- In early and mid December, the Plan Development Team (PDT) and Direction Setting Team (DST) met to brainstorm and later refine initiatives of the Strategic Plan.
- The PDT and DST also met with department heads for an interactive session designed to get feedback on the draft plan, including specific plan initiatives.
- County staff completed a Strategic Plan branding logo for early stages of implementation.

In January, the BOCC will be briefed on the draft of the plan through individual input sessions. The PDT will then take feedback from the BOCC as well as department heads and refine the plan. The plan will be placed on board agenda for February adoption. Also, the Communications Team will keep working on branding and communication strategies to inform the general public as well as county employees. And staff members are taking steps to ensure a seamless transition to implementation, which will begin in February following plan adoption.

Resource Persons: Michael Davis, Assistant to the County Manager; Dr. Tyrone Baines, Consultant; Michael Palmer, Consultant

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board hear the Strategic Plan update and ask staff and consultants questions as needed.

6. **Review of December BOCC Directives**

10 min.

The Board is requested to review the previous month's directives for staff and make comments as necessary. This set of directives covers September, October, November and December of 2011.

Resource Person: Michael Davis, Assistant to the County Manager

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

2 hrs. 20 min.