

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

Monday, November 7, 2011

9:00 am Worksession

AGENDA

1. 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.

2. Recognition of Softball Challenge Participants

10 min.

The Board is requested to recognize staff of The Durham Center and the Durham County Sheriff's Office for participating in the first annual Durham County Government Softball Challenge. After a game was postponed by rain during the Employee Appreciation Event in September the Sheriff's Office accepted a challenge from The Durham Center to a game on October 26. Both teams and their supporters displayed exemplary good sportsmanship, camaraderie and team spirit at the game and in the weeks of preparation leading up to it.

Resource Persons: Ellen S. Holliman, Area Director, The Durham Center and Mike Andrews, Chief Deputy, Durham County Sheriff's Office

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board recognize the participants of the Softball Challenge.

3. **Update on Pending Merger of Durham and Wake LMEs and Request for Board Consideration and Approval**

30 min.

The Durham Center and the Wake County LME, with input from other representatives of their respective County governments, have conducted informal discussions over the past several months investigating the potential for some form of operational collaboration between the two organizations.

Particularly since The Durham Center was chosen by the NC Department of Health and Human Services to operate as a Managed Care Organization (MCO) for behavioral health and disability services under Medicaid 1915 (b)/(c) waivers beginning January 1, 2013, there has been a mutual recognition of the benefits for citizens, consumers, providers and taxpayers of both counties of merging the two LMEs to operate the MCO.

A Merger Proposal has been developed for consideration by the Boards of County Commissioners of Durham and Wake counties and it is submitted along with this document. The Area Board of The Durham Center voiced its support for the Proposal in special session on October 31 and will vote to formally approve it at its regular meeting on November 3.

Ms. Holliman will update the Commissioners on the rationale of and terms for the merger and will request that the Proposal be placed on the Agenda for consideration and approval at the Board's next Regular Session.

Resource Person: Ellen Holliman, Area Director, The Durham Center

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the update and advise the staff if it has any concerns about the understandings that have been reached to date.

4. **Durham Convention and Visitors Bureau Facility**

15 min.

In 1994, the County purchased, and leased to the Durham Convention and Visitors Bureau (DCVB) the property located at 101 E. Morgan Street for the operation of a visitors information center and business facility. The lease is set to expire on June 30, 2014. A more detailed background is provided in the attached memo from Jane Korest, dated September 29, 2011.

The DCVB has requested that the County terminate the lease early and convey the property to the DCVB.

The DCVB is deemed a Public Authority under SL 2002-36, thus pursuant to N.C.G.S. §160A-274, the County may sell to the DCVB any interest in real property with or without consideration.

Resource Persons: Mike Ruffin, County Manager; Shelly Green, President, Durham Convention and Visitors Bureau.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board discuss the transaction and if appropriate, move the item to the November 14 Consent agenda to terminate the lease and approve the fee simple conveyance to DCVB for \$10.00 along with lump-sum payment of the remaining monthly payments on the lease from date of closing through June 30, 2014.

5. Informational Item – Landmark Designation – Golden Belt Manufacturing Complex II (LD1100001)

15 min.

The Board is requested to receive information on the proposed landmark designation – Golden Belt Manufacturing Complex II (LD1100001).

Resource Persons: Lisa Miller, Senior Planner; Steven L. Medlin, AICP, City-County Planning Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the information on the proposed complex.

6. DSS Investigation

30 min.

County Attorney Lowell Siler will speak with the Board regarding the status of the DSS investigation.

Resource Person: Lowell Siler, County Attorney

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the County Attorney's report and advise staff if additional action is necessary.

7. 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. Since your last update on October 3, the County

Manager's Office has continued working on the plan development phase of the Strategic Planning Process. Key developments include:

- Commissioner briefings with County Manager and Dr. Tyrone Baines.
- In mid-October, the Direction Setting Team (DST) and the Plan Development Team (PDT) met to discuss Strategic Plan goals and other components of the plan. The PDT also met to begin drafting objectives, outcome and intermediate measures, and data.
- Spanish-language survey analysis completed.
- Staff publicized four November Town Hall Forums throughout community.

Consultants Lou O'Boyle and Kathy Keeley will meet with the BOCC during today's briefing and will discuss the Town Hall Forums, which take place Nov. 7, 10 and 21. Also in November, the PDT and the Measures Team (a subset of the PDT) will meet again to discuss objectives, measures and data sets that will fall under plan goals. Meanwhile, staff and consultants also are conducting several youth focus groups in November.

Resource Persons: Michael Palmer, Consultant; Michael Davis, Assistant to the County Manager

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

8. Board and Commission Appointment - JCPC

10 min.

Michelle Parker-Evans, Clerk to the Board, will distribute ballots to the Board to make an appointment to the following board and commission. The appointment was on the October 24 agenda, but there was a tie vote for the fifth appointee:

- Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Resource Person: 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 a member to the above-mentioned board/commission.

9. Review of October BOCC Directives

10 min.

It was requested that at each month's Worksession, the Board of County Commissioners has the opportunity to review the previous month's directives for staff and make comments as necessary.

Resource Persons: Michael Ruffin, County Manager; Michael Davis, Assistant to the County Manager

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

10. Closed Session

75 min.

- (a) The Board is requested to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to G. S. 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of a business or industry.
- (b) 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).

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

3 hrs. 55 min.