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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

1:30 pm 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. Removal of Board and Commission Members Due to Poor Attendance

10 min.

On February 28, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Christle J. Glosson to serve a full term on the Durham County Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee. Based on information from Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee Ombudsman Carmelita Karhoff, Ms. Glosson has failed to comply with the Policy and Procedures for Appointments to the County Boards, Commissions, Committees or Authorities, set forth by the County Commissioners.

On June 28, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners reappointed Timothy A. Burris to serve a full term on the Durham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. Based on information from Ms. Gudrun Parmer, Mr. Burris has failed to comply with the Policy and Procedures for Appointments to the County Boards, Commissions, Committees or Authorities, set forth by the County Commissioners.

Section 1.(F) of the Policy and Procedures for Appointments to the County Boards, Commissions, Committees or Authorities states, *“If an appointee has absences (excused or unexcused) which constitute more than 50% of the meetings in any calendar year which he or she is required to attend pursuant to his or her appointment, he or she is obligated to resign.”*

The Clerk to the Board has attempted to contact both Ms. Glosson and Mr. Burris via telephone, courier mail, and email to request their resignations.

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

County Manager’s Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board suspend the rules and remove Ms. Glosson from the Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee, and remove Mr. Burris from the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

3. **Medicaid 1915 (b)/(c) Waiver Update**

30 min.

The Durham Center requests the opportunity to update the Board on Medicaid Waivers it is in the process of seeking. Ellen Holliman will be joined by Area Director Hank Debnam and Area Board Chair Luis Collazo from Cumberland County Mental Health Center, and by Area Director Janis Nutt and Area Board member DeVan Barbour from Johnston County Mental Health Center. Mr. Barbour also serves on the Johnston County Board of Commissioners.

The Department of Health and Human Services is pursuing a policy for statewide expansion of an existing Medicaid 1915(b)/(c) Waiver that has been in operation since 2005 in Davidson, Rowan, Cabarrus, Stanly and Union counties.

In April the Department of Health and Human Services solicited applications for additional LMEs to apply to operate managed care under a Medicaid waiver, and The Durham Center applied as Lead LME in a partnership including Cumberland and Johnston Counties.

The update will include:

- An overview of the Waiver application process – where we started and where we are today;
- The benefits to Durham County and its citizens from operating in a Waiver environment;
- The importance of succeeding in our application and the significant risks to the survival of The Durham Center and County control of services resulting from an unsuccessful effort;
- What is needed by The Durham Center to help ensure a successful application.

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

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the update on Medicaid Waivers.

4. Naming Opportunities in Durham County Library Locations

20 min.

In accordance with the Durham County Library Public Library Facilities Naming Policy approved by the Board of County Commissioners on May 9, 2005, Durham Library Foundation requests the approval to name the following areas in the Durham County Library system:

- 1) Periodicals Room, South Regional Library in memory of Drs. Valerie and Anton Schindler. Both were research scientists in the Research Triangle Park and enjoyed quiet reflection while reading. Bequest-\$118,795.54;
- 2) Meeting Room, North Regional Library, in honor of Ms. Dorothy Gier. A frequent patron of North Regional Library, Ms. Gier used library resources to build and manage a significant portfolio. While now residing in St. Louis, Ms. Gier wanted to give back to the Durham County Library through donating her home and its contents to Durham Library Foundation. Proceeds were netted in the amount of \$200,669.20;
- 3) Children's Program Room, Southwest Regional Library, in memory of Mrs. Frances Brinkley. As an elementary teacher, Mrs. Brinkley instilled, in many young children of Durham, the value of and love for reading. Bequest of \$70,143.02.

Durham Library Foundation would memorialize the naming of these locations with an appropriate plaque at each named area in the library locations.

Background

Durham Library Foundation submitted the appropriate Durham County Library Public Facility Naming applications, in the name of the four individuals named above, to the Durham County Library Development Officer. The Library Director oversaw the verification of information contained in the applications. All information was verified as correct. After the completion of the verification process, the Director forwarded the applications to the Chair of the Library Board of Trustees.

The Chair of the Library Board of Trustees created an ad hoc committee made up of the Trustee Chair, the President of the Durham Library Foundation, the President of the Friends of the Durham Library, Inc. and two representatives of each of their boards. This committee reviewed the applications. The unanimous committee recommendation to the Board of Trustees was to name the designated library areas as outlined in their applications.

At the March 17, 2011 meeting, the Library Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the ad hoc committee and moved that the request be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.

Resource Person(s): Ann Craver, President, Durham Library Foundation; Michael Schoenfeld, Chair, Durham County Library Board of Trustees; Dr. Henry Felder, Trustee and Chair, Naming Opportunities Committee; and Tammy Baggett, Durham County Library Director.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the recommendation from the Durham County Library Board of Trustees to proceed with naming opportunities in the above listed library locations.

4a. Request from Southern Development

20 min.

Coulter, Jewell & Thames on behalf of its client, Southern Durham Development, has requested the County consider wastewater services for its development on 751 South. According to the request, transmitted by letter on September 1, 2011, the County system is within 7,000 of linear feet of the property.

Resource Person: Daniel A Jewell, President, Coulter, Jewell & Thames

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

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. Each month at Worksession, the County Manager's Office will seek the feedback of the Board of County Commissioners. Since your last update on August 1, the County Manager's Office has continued working on the early stages of the Strategic Planning Process. Key developments include:

- 29 key stakeholders were interviewed in person and over the phone in early August;
- Almost 50 people provided input during six external focus groups, held August 17-18;
- Approximately 1,600 community surveys were completed and more than 950 employee surveys were completed;
- Spanish-language survey has been shared with the community;

- Two employee-based focus groups to be held Sept. 7

Lou O'Boyle and her staff at the consulting firm of Zelos have prepared a preliminary analysis of information gathered thus far in the Strategic Planning Process and that analysis will be shared today. In mid-September, the Direction Setting Team (which is the County Manager's Management Team) and the Plan Development Team will meet to review data collected this summer and begin drafting goals and objectives for the Strategic Plan.

Resource Person: Michael Palmer, Interim Deputy County Manager

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

6. **Review of August BOCC Directives**

5 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.

7. **County Commission Candidates Review and Discussion**

120 min.

Interviews for the ten prospective candidates to fill the seat vacated by Becky Heron were conducted on September 6, 2011. The Board has requested time during the Worksession to discuss the candidates, and determine the next course of action.

Resource Person(s): Mike Ruffin, County Manager; Lowell Siler, County Attorney; Michael Palmer, Acting Deputy County Manager; Michael Davis, Assistant to the County Manager; and Michelle Parker-Evans, Clerk to the Board

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board advise the staff if additional information is necessary.

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