

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

Monday, March 14, 2011

7:00 P.M. Regular Session

MINUTES

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

Present: Chairman Michael D. Page, Vice-Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow, and
Commissioners Joe W. Bowser, Becky M. Heron, and Brenda A. Howerton
(departed at 7:05 p.m.)

Absent: None

Presider: Chairman Page

Opening of Regular Session — Pledge of Allegiance

Musical Presentation

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KidZNotes launched in 2010 as an enrichment and after-school program. KidZNotes, led by Ms. Kathryn Wyatt, is an El Sistema-inspired program that transforms futures through classical, orchestral music training beginning in the pre-school year to combat poverty, strengthens inner-city education, and fosters positive decision-making to unlock the world.

The KidZNotes orchestra came forward and performed a few selections.

State of the County Address

Chairman Page requested that the Commissioners move to the front row of the Chambers during the State of the County Address. He delivered the County's Annual State of the County Address highlighting accomplishments, goals, and challenges of County Government in 2010 as follows:

Good evening to my fellow Commissioners, our County Manager Michael Ruffin, Durham County administrative staff, department heads and employees, special guests, my fellow citizens, those who are present in the Chambers, and those who may be watching us on television or on the Internet. Tonight, it is both my privilege and honor to stand before you this evening to deliver my third Annual State of the County Address.

If you follow Durham County Government, you know that it's been our tradition over the past few years to reflect upon our accomplishments and to take a look ahead at what may be facing us in the coming year.

I would like to say that I am thankful for the opportunity to work with and lead the Durham Board of County Commissioners another year. Additionally, I appreciate the confidence the community has placed in me as a leader. I assure you that our Board will continue to work collaboratively, in a professional manner, to review issues and make the best decisions that we can for the entire community.

We have an outstanding Board of Commissioners, and it is my pleasure to recognize them now. Please hold your applause until I have introduced them all.

Meet our Vice Chairman Ellen Reckhow, Commissioner Brenda Howerton, Commissioner Becky Heron, and Commissioner Joe Bowser.

I want to thank these incredible elected officials for their time, talent, and tremendous vision and insights. Working on behalf of this community is not for the faint-hearted, and I say "thankssomuch" to each of you.

My task this evening is to quickly revisit the conditions under which we labored last year in order to maintain positive and productive service levels in our departments to assist our citizens. Despite many challenges, most of them beyond our span of control, I am pleased to report that we made progress in many areas. I plan to reflect on some of our successes in these remarks.

Next, I will spend time talking with you about the current economic condition in which we find ourselves as we plan for the upcoming budget year. And finally, I will address some of the challenges and opportunities that we will face over the coming months.

(Reflections on 2010)

In my remarks last year, I pledged that the Board of County Commissioners and our senior management team would weather the economic slowdown and continue to move together in a positive direction. You may recall that our Board held three community conversations in various areas of the county to allow our residents to weigh in on their priorities as we began working on our spending plan.

What we heard most often was the call to preserve teaching jobs for Durham Public Schools. Because of proposed sweeping cuts by the state, we had the potential to lose 237 teaching jobs.

At the same time we were also looking at massive state cuts to county services that are partly funded by the state.

After much deliberation, meetings with our Durham lawmakers and more, we were able to save teaching jobs by increasing property taxes last year. In addition, Durham County, like many other counties in our state, made internal cuts including freezing vacant positions, reducing library hours and increasing various fees. Our budget relied on a modest tax increase to preserve teaching jobs and pay debt service on capital projects. The state eventually agreed to use excess lottery funds to protect classroom cuts in its final budget.

Simply put, we labored to use every resource available to maintain an acceptable level of services.

Understand that Durham County's budget situation was not unique. At our recent February retreat, we heard from Kevin Leonard, government relations director for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. He shared with us an overview of how other counties dealt with the economic conditions and actions by the state last year.

2010 was a tight year for county governments. Taxes were increased in 16 of the 100 counties, on an average of 3.3 cents. As I just noted, we were in that category. 49 counties cut budgets again from the previous year. We too were in that number. 44 counties cut positions netting a loss of nearly 600 county workers. 7 counties implemented furloughs.

Overall, North Carolina county governments used a variety of strategies including reducing paid holidays, salary decreases and reductions or eliminations of employee 401K plans. 50 counties utilized fund balance to make up for huge losses of state funding. 20 counties used some, or all, of their lottery funds to pay school debt service. 22 counties reduced funding for schools systems. 57 counties put off moving forward with planned capital projects such as schools, jails, and courthouses. A few even delayed renovations and repairs.

The state's budget situation is linked to our budget conditions since counties are essentially an arm of the state. In 2010, Governor Perdue characterized the \$19 Billion dollar budget approved last July as one structured with "big cuts and hard choices."

There were no raises for state employees, and there were major cuts in funding levels for capital dollars, education, human services, criminal justice and more. Once again, actions in Raleigh forced some of the hard choices we had to make right here to balance our County budget.

As you know, the General Assembly convened in late January with a change in leadership.

For the first time since the late 1800's, both legislative chambers are controlled by the Republican Party. At the same time the Governor is a Democrat. I mentioned that to say that there are competing political perspectives operating at this time as our state continues to grapple with this struggling economy. One main point of contention is around the sales tax that was to sunset this year.

Already we have seen some of the differences reflected as the Governor unveiled her budget for the coming year. While the Governor favors continuing the temporary sales tax set to expire this year, the House and Senate leadership on the General Assembly has already gone on record indicating that approach will not receive support. The expectation is that the state budget will be approved later this year with a combination of reductions across the spectrum. What areas are cut, how deeply the cuts are made, and how much counties will lose remains to be seen.

As an example, some of the impacts to counties from the Governor's budget include: shifting school bus replacement funding to counties, shifting defense and claims payments for local

school tort claims, mainly arising from school bus workers' compensation costs for and other employees to state funded teachers and employees.

accidents and transferring the cost of benefits such as retirement and health

Other areas that will hit counties hard may include county funding of the daycare allotment, reducing or eliminating funding for child and family teams in S

human service areas such as reducing funds to help our senior citizens, social services.

The governor's budget is just a starting point, and then in the Senate. Therefore, it will be months before the budget. We have heard that a final state budget will

with deliberations first in the House and before we realize the full impact of the state's bill likely be approved in early June.

(Financial Vitality, Economic Development)

Economists indicate we are seeing some small improvement a bit better than many parts of state and nation. Our tax, budget and finance directors indicate again revenues were low in this budget season.

ment to the economy, we continue to on, and the recovery is still very sluggish. In very little economic growth in the

Durham County continues to be a financially well managed county. Of 3,000 counties in this country, we remain one of 22 with a Triple A bond rating from the three rating agencies; S&P, Moody's and Fitch, despite the economic downturn. Our excellent credit rating and our prudent financial management continued to help us save money when it comes to borrowing for capital projects.

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Thanks to Tax Administrator Kimberly Simpson and her staff for achieving the county's highest ever percentage of collections, which was 98.88% of taxes for this period. We are confident that she and her staff are working very effectively to help taxpayers meet their obligations sometimes, under challenging financial situations.

r staff for achieving the county's 8.88% of taxes for this period. We are efficiently to help taxpayers meet their situations.

In September, the Board provided an economic incentive contract of \$2 million for Cree, a Durham homegrown business. Cree is a leading developer and manufacturer of LED lighting. The capital investment for this project is approximately \$392 million, with \$135 million dedicated to machinery for the new production line. Cree is expected to create 244 new jobs in Durham by the end of 2013. A portion of the \$2 million from Durham County will be used to pay for training expenses of new employees hired who are Durham residents.

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In December, during a visit to this community sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, North Carolina Secretary of Commerce Keith Crisco stressed the state's priority of job creation in this economy. He complimented Durham as being one of the "drivers out of the recession," and noted our winning combination of a higher education, a strong community college and our leadership in the new creative economy.

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Working with our economic development partners at Development Inc., and the City of Durham we will continue to work tirelessly to seek companies that will provide much needed jobs for our community.

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(Capital Improvements)

While conventional wisdom may view this time as less than favorable for building new facilities, Durham County Government continues to benefit from a combination of an excellent credit rating, low interest rates, and reduced building costs.

We launched another major capital project when we held the groundbreaking for the Durham County Courthouse in March 2010. Again, we were able to take advantage of the work slow down and saved \$25 million on the project from the original budget. Construction jobs continue to be created and that helps our economy.

The first phase of the Human Services Complex is nearing completion and our Health Department will be relocating later this spring. Then, the work will continue on the remaining portion of that structure to eventually bring the Department of Social Services and The Durham Center all under one roof in a couple more years.

In addition, we opened the new South library on Alston Avenue and reopened the Southwest Regional Library. The Southwest Regional Library, on Shannon Road, was expanded and renovated to a full service 25,000-square-foot building. Both of these facilities will serve our community for years to come.

In the fall, our historic Durham County Memorial Stadium was dedicated, and the community was able to see firsthand the nearly \$8 million upgrades to the playing field, track, locker rooms, concessions, bleachers, and press box. This enhancement will allow Durham to attract national and regional sporting events and the revenue stream that follows.

Bonds approved in 2007 continue to provide for building projects at Durham Public Schools. A groundbreaking for City of Medicine Academy, a high school program that provides a four-year health care curriculum for students interested in pursuing health care careers, was held. Sandy Ridge Elementary School, set to open later this year at 1417 Old Oxford Road, is located in northern Durham and will feature a visual and performing arts theme.

Though not funded by previous bond funds, work continues on the Montessori Middle School located at the former Lakewood YMCA, also set to open this fall.

(Durham County Collaborates)

In challenging times, the best way to provide services is to look for every opportunity to collaborate with others in serving our community.

2010 was the year of the Census, and we know that the Census is successful only with collaboration. Many thanks to our City-County Planning Department and departments from both units of government for a successful recount process. We collaborated to reach as many households as possible to ensure that Durham will receive its fair share of federal dollars for critical infrastructure, education, and human services.

Our Health and General Services departments joined the N.C. Missions of Mercy free adult dental clinic conducted over two days at the Durham National Guard Armory. The clinic was a collaborative effort between the N.C. Dental Society, the City and County of Durham, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Foundation, and numerous public service agencies. The effort included 60 plus dental chairs and 500 dental and local volunteers who assisted nearly 1,000 patients.

Durham County held our first ever "Stand Down" for area veterans in the fall. The effort was part of the fourth annual Project Homeless Connect, a day long program to provide the homeless with the social and medical services they need. Attendees received kits with basic necessities, food, free haircuts, job assistance, and more.

Durham was named one of the Nation's 100 Best Communities for Young People by American's Promise and ING. The competition recognizes communities taking action to help reduce dropout rates and create brighter futures for young people.

Just last month a celebration was held to recognize this achievement. This is the second time Durham has received this distinction.

(Accomplishments)

During 2010, Durham County continued its services and we were delighted again to receive accolades for various innovations across the spectrum.

The success of Durham County cannot be achieved without the innovative and creative public servants that work for our citizens, day in and day out. Congratulations to our employees who have received awards in their professional endeavors:

Sharon Davis, Deputy Register of Deeds received the Charles Moore Award for leadership from the North Carolina Association of Registers of Deeds.

Lt. Will Oakley, III became the 5th member of the Durham County Sheriff's Office to graduate from the FBI National Academy Program at Quantico, Virginia.

Karlene Fyffe, Youth Services Administrator was named the Reading Is Fundamental Ambassador for North Carolina.

Jennifer Lohmann, Southwest Regional Library Reference Manager was named the Romance Writers of America's Librarian of the Year.

While we are talking about our employees, I want to sincerely thank all of Durham County employees that work hard to deliver these services to our constituent each and every day. You have worked without a merit pay raise for several years, and you continue to deliver great service our community! Know that we appreciate you sticking with Durham County during these challenging times. I am glad that we were able to provide many of you with a modest bonus in December to at least demonstrate that we do value you.

In addition to individual achievements, I'd like to recognize some department honors and major grants that were received last year:

The *Durham County Tax Department* received the Joseph E. Hunt Distinguished Jurisdiction Award for its license plate recognition program for motor vehicle delinquent collection purposes. We are the only county to have this capability.

The Durham Assessment Team, a collaborative effort between the *Criminal Justice Resource Center* and *The Durham Center* received the 2010 LGFCU Employee Productivity Award from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. The Assessment Team offers Mental Health and Substance Abuse assessments, treatment recommendations and referrals, and case management services.

Durham Soil and Water Conservation District was named the 2010 "District of the Year" for the state of North Carolina.

The Durham Center received a 6-year, \$6 million dollar grant by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for a program to help high-risk 16-21 year-olds who have a serious mental illness and significant problems functioning in their relationships, at school, or in the community.

(In the News)

Durham County continued to inform citizens through the use of cable TV. Viewers can catch meetings of our Board of County Commissioners on TV Channel 8, or on our website. Last year, we added large screens in lobby areas in our administration building to provide directions, a list of news and events, TV shows and other special video features. The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' weekly update regarding the General Assembly's activities is among features aired.

Finally, the "In Touch With Durham County" TV show continue to provide exciting programming daily on Cable Channel 8 and features interviews with department heads, County Commissioners, and community partners who discuss a variety of informative topics.

We have done much this past year in which we can take pride. Despite the economy, we have tackled many challenges and succeeded. Let us take a look at where we go from here. There is no question that we must continue to be fiscally conservative in the management of our resources for the coming year.

(A Look Ahead)

We continue to be the envy of many communities far and wide. Our list of accolades is impressive, and we should not lose sight of that fact.

- Durham ranked the #1 Place to Retire
- Durham as the #4 Best City for College Graduates
- Durham was named the 4th most affordable city in America

(Strategic Plan 2011-2012)

While we are viewed positively, there is always room for improvement. Last fall, our Board agreed to undertake our first Strategic Planning Initiative. We have met with a consultant to begin that process which will eventually involve the community in a goal setting process. Elected officials and our citizens will collaboratively work to develop long-term goals that are measurable and goals that will serve this county for years to come. We have already worked to develop a new mission and vision statement for Durham County:

Our new Mission Statement is:

Durham County provides fiscally responsible, quality services necessary to promote a healthy, safe, and vibrant community.

Our Vision Statement:

Durham County—a thriving, vibrant, diverse community with abundant opportunity for all residents to live, work, learn, play, and grow.

With that as a backdrop, you will hear more about this new initiative in the coming months. We expect this process to create positive change in Durham County. This will help us focus and prioritize our resources in the best possible way.

(Budget 2011-2012)

One of the major dilemmas facing us as a county government is the efficient delivery of services in the midst of the continuing fiscal challenges in our state and nation. It's clear that governments on all levels continue to grapple with the effects of the weak economy in a slow recovery. The federal government has its own challenges that of course impact all of us.

Moving down the line, we know that most states are faced with billions of dollars worth of deficits. We have seen the headlines that show budget battles spinning out of control in statehouses across the country. In the state of Wisconsin, we've seen teachers marching on the statehouse and shutting down schools in an effort to keep their jobs and benefits.

Not far away from Wisconsin, in Cook County Illinois, County Commissioners recently passed a budget that requires county employees to take 10 days of furlough to balance their budget. Of those 10, five will be government shutdown days, meaning only critical county services such as hospital and jails will be open. Those actions helped avoid 550 layoffs.

Such scenes are being repeated in state and local governments across the country. I am sure you will agree with me that this is not an easy time for those of whom must make long-range financial decisions on behalf of our citizens.

Here at home, our able County Manager Michael Ruffin and his team are already busy, aggressively examining a variety of opportunities to ensure that we bring forward a responsive, balanced budget in June.

This year will bring more reductions to our County government. In the past two years, we have endeavored to make cuts to vacant positions, reduce some services, increase fees, and have held salaries and benefits flat for our employees.

Mr. Ruffin and his administrators will consider appropriate collaboration, consolidation, and explore all opportunities for greater efficiencies, and work to eliminate duplication of services as a strategy to help produce the level of budget that will be required in 2011-2012.

They are examining both required and optional services in all areas and seeking ways to help the County avoid future costs by operating more efficiently. The City and County have examined a possible merging of their fueling operations and their fleet maintenance operation to determine if we might save Durham taxpayers money in the process.

We already have seen the Governor's budget which details some fiscal cuts to counties. As the House and then the Senate work on finalizing the State's budget, we must be prepared to deal with whatever level of fiscal impact or cost shifting will be passed along to us. We expect that as the session continues, we will hear more about planned state cuts to our county budgets rather than increases. As a citizen, I urge you to follow the State budget process closely.

At the end of the day, we will meet the fiscal challenges head-on, with the dynamic leadership and experience of my fellow Board member and our administrative team.

We will work together with the resources we have at our disposal to provide the services that Durham County residents deserve. As we work through this budget season, we will hold various meetings and public hearings. Please, take advantage of the opportunity to follow the process.

I'm pleased to announce this evening that I am initiating regular office hours to meet with citizens in this building. Beginning April 6, I will hold office hours each Wednesday from 2:30 until 5:00 p.m. Citizens may call (919) 949-4022 to schedule meetings with me.

As your chairman, I want to hear from you directly. Your concerns, your questions, and your suggestions are of great interest to me.

At the end of the day, we must work together to keep Durham County a wonderful place to live, work and do business. Thank you for your support.

Motion to Excuse Commissioner Howerton

Vice-Chairman Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Bowser, to excuse Commissioner Howerton from the meeting due to sickness.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Bowser, Heron, Page, and Reckhow

Noes: None
Absent: Howerton

Announcements

ChairmanPage madethefollowingannouncements:

- “In Touch with Durham County,” the Durham County Television show, airs on Cable TV Channel 8 at 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon daily, 4:00 p.m. on Mondays, and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday – Sundays. Our County Commissioners’ meetings are also rebroadcast on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m., Saturdays at 9:00 p.m., and Sundays at 9:00 p.m.
- The last series of public workshops providing Triangle citizens with an opportunity to share input on the alternative analysis process as part of the Triangle Regional Transit Program (TRTP) to start on March 22. The TRTP includes proposed options for rail and expanded bus service in the region. The series of seven workshops in Wake, Durham and Orange counties would be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The workshops are part of a federally prescribed alternatives analysis required by the Federal Transit Administration. The Durham meeting would be held Wednesday, March 23, at the Durham Station Transportation Center, 515 W. Pettigrew Street. For more information, please visit www.ourtransitfuture.com.
- Congressman David Price to host a town hall meeting on Thursday, March 24, 7:00–8:30 p.m., at the Durham County Main Library, 300 North Roxboro Street, to discuss issues before Congress. The town hall would be open to the public and members of the media.
- Durham County Library North Carolina Collection to present “Sincere Forms of Flattery: Blacks, Whites, and American Popular Music” on Sunday, March 20, 3:00–4:30 p.m., in the first floor auditorium of the Durham County Main Library.

Minutes

Vice-Chairman Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Heron, to approve as submitted the February 7, 2011 Joint City Council-County Commissioners Meeting Minutes, February 18, 2011 Legislative Breakfast Minutes, February 24, 2011 Conversation with Commissioners Minutes, and February 28, 2011 Regular Session Minutes of the Board.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Bowser, Heron, Page, and Reckhow
Noes: None
Absent: Howerton

Proclamation—April 2011 as National County Government Month

National County Government Month is celebrated each April by the nation’s counties to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government.

The 2011 theme is "Serving Our Veterans, Armed Forces and Their Families". Durham County Government would recognize the month-long celebration by hosting planned events.

Chairman Page read the following proclamation into the record:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,068 counties provide a variety of essential public services to communities serving 300 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, Durham County and all counties take seriously their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare, and safety of its residents in sensible and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 theme for National County Government Month is "Serving Our Veterans, Armed Forces, and Their Families"; and

WHEREAS, Durham County honors and thanks its residents who have served this country through military service; and

WHEREAS, county government delivers many important services to America's veterans, military service members, and their families, including physical and mental health, housing, employment, and justice; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote county government programs and services to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of the nation's counties; and

WHEREAS, Durham County and the National Association of Counties are working together to restore the Partnership among all levels of government to better serve American communities:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Michael D. Page, Chairman of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2011 as

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

in Durham. I encourage all Durham County officials, employees, schools, and residents to take special note of this observance by participating in County Government Week activities.

This the 14th day of March, 2011.

/s/Michael D. Page, Chairman

Deborah Craig-Ray, Assistant County Manager, outlined events to occur during County Government Week and thanked the Board for proclaiming April as County Government Month.

Chairman Page presented the proclamation to Ms. Craig-Ray.

Proclamation—Child Abuse Prevention Month

Chairman Page read the following proclamation to recognize April as Child Abuse Prevention Month:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community, and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment occurs when parents find themselves in stressful situations without community resources and unable to cope; and

WHEREAS, 2,000,488 children were reported as abused or neglected nationwide; of those children, 709,939 cases were substantiated. In 2008, 1,740 children died as a result of abuse or neglect. This is five children per day nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the Durham County Department of Social Services conducted safety and risk assessments for 3,968 Durham County youth in FY 2009, creating protection plans for 1,432 children and took 61 children into custody; and

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse and neglect cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable with the help of an engaged and supportive community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be prevented by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment not only causes physical and emotional trauma to children but also increases the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems such as heart disease and obesity, and risk behaviors such as smoking; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should be involved in supporting families in raising their children in safe, nurturing environments, giving them the opportunity to grow up to be caring, contributing members of the community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social services agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Michael D. Page, Chairman of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 2011 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.

I commend this observance to our citizens and urge all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to join with the Department of Social Services to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child maltreatment and strengthen the communities in which we live.

This the 14th day of March, 2011.

/s/ Michael D. Page, Chairman

John Holtkamp, Assistant Director of Family Safety and Permanency, extended thanks to the Board for issuing the proclamation and elaborated on statistics and on the efforts performed by DSS programs to prevent child abuse.

Betty Hughes, Interim Child Protective Services Program Manager, invited the public to participate in the Annual Child Abuse Prevention Walk on April 19 at 10:00 a.m. in front of 220 East Main Street.

Vice-Chairman Reckhow highlighted statistics which showed a trend in declining numbers of child abuse and neglect cases in Durham County since 2000, which is attributed to partnering with the Center for Child and Family Policy, Durham Family Initiative, and System of Care.

Chairman Page presented the proclamation to Mr. Holtkamp and Ms. Hughes.

Proclamation—Professional Social Work Month

Each year, Professional Social Work Month is celebrated in March to recognize the many achievements and contributions of social workers. Chairman Page read the following proclamation to recognize the valuable contributions that social workers make in the community—at DSS, in hospitals, schools, community-based organizations, and in private practice:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, social workers have the right education and experience to guide individuals, families, and communities through complex issues and choices; and

WHEREAS, social workers connect individuals, families, and communities to available resources; and

WHEREAS, social workers are dedicated to improving the society in which we live; and

WHEREAS, social workers stand up for others to make sure everyone has access to the same basic rights, protections, and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, social workers help people help themselves, whenever and wherever they need it most; and

WHEREAS, social workers have been the driving force behind important social movements in the United States and abroad; and

WHEREAS, social workers in the Durham County Department of Social Services invest in people so that they can contribute more to the economic and social well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, social workers in the Durham County Department of Social Services assure families' basic economic needs are met; provide access to health care and nutrition; help people find jobs and develop strong work habits and career paths; keep children and families safe; and help children to be ready for and succeed in school:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Michael D. Page, Chairman of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 2011 as

PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH.

I commend this observance to our citizens and urge all citizens to join with the Department of Social Services in celebration and support of social workers and the social work profession.

This the 14th day of March, 2011.

/s/ Michael D. Page, Chairman

Montina Swift, Social Work Supervisor, Department of Social Services, praised Durham County DSS social workers for their steady commitment and heart.

Janice Williams, Social Work Supervisor, Department of Social Services, stated her appreciation for the Board's support of DSS social workers.

Chairman Page asked Ms. Swift and Ms. Williams to convey the Board's appreciation to the social workers for their service.

Ms. Swift and Ms. Williams accepted the proclamation from Chairman Page.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Bowser moved, seconded by Vice-Chairman Reckhow, to approve the following consent agenda items:

- *a. Approve Budget Ordinance No. 11BOCC000056 to increase the budget for Coordinated Transportation by \$65,254;
- b. Authorize the execution of a contract with Cameron and Cameron, Inc. for the moving services for the Phase I Relocation of Public Health and the Durham Center into the new Durham County Human Services (DCHS) building located at 414 East Main St. Durham, North Carolina in the amount of \$50,000.00 (Base Bid plus Alternate #1), and to execute any other related contracts including change orders, if necessary, not to exceed the project budget of \$55,000.00;
- c. Approve the proposed Lease Agreement with Coastal Horizons Center, Inc. and authorize the Manager to execute the lease;
- d. Approve the grant application from the Criminal Justice Resource Center to the NC Department of Correction, Division of Community Corrections in the amount of \$185,056. This is a recurring grant application and approval process the County participates in each year;
- e. Set a public hearing for April 11, 2011 to consider the permanent closing of a 257-linear foot portion of the Stone Road public right-of-way (located at the northern terminus of Stone Road at its intersection with Stone Park Court and Wrenn Road);
- f. Approve request to amend the contract with One Source in the amount of \$65,625 for the DSS Scanning project.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Bowser, Heron, Page, and Reckhow
Noes: None
Absent: Howerton

*Document(s) related to this item follow:

Consent Agenda Item No. a. Approve Budget Ordinance No. 11BOCC000056 to increase the budget for Coordinated Transportation by \$65,254.

DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FY 2010-11 Budget Ordinance
Amendment No. 11BCC000001

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the FY 2010-11 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

Category _____ Current Budget _____ Increase/Decrease _____ Revised Budget _____

GENERAL FUND

Intergovernmental	\$81,039,099	\$65,254	\$81,104,35	3
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Expenditures:

Function

GENERAL FUND

Human Services	\$114,818,874	\$65,254	\$114,883,628
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All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict therewith are hereby repealed.

This the 14th day of March, 2011.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Page adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Yvonne R. Jones
Deputy Clerk to the Board