

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

Thursday, April 1, 2013

9:00 A.M. Worksession

MINUTES

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

Present: Chairman Fred Foster, Jr., Vice-Chair Brenda A. Howerton, and Commissioners Wendy Jacobs, Michael D. Page, and Ellen Reckhow

Absent: None

Presider: Chairman Fred Foster, Jr.

Citizen Comments

The Board of County Commissioners provided a 30-minute comment period to allow Durham County citizens an opportunity to speak. Citizens were requested to refrain from addressing issues related to personnel matters.

The following citizens signed up to speak:

Dolly Fehrenbacher, 4 Oakwind Court; and Donna Rudolph, 8002 Somerdale Drive spoke about cell towers. They encouraged the Board to allow legislators to make decisions regarding cell towers in residential areas and not allow the Planning Director to make decisions. They expressed concern about residents having no voice in tower locations. Vice Chair Howerton invited the citizens to attend the Joint City-County Planning Committee meeting where the subject would be discussed.

Commissioner Reckhow suggested delaying action on technical amendments until decisions are made on the cell towers.

Lee Holden, 307 Bacon Road; Joe Haenn, 404 Shetland Road; and Karen Walker, 1171 Rougemont Road spoke about the Rougemont water contamination. They stated that they personally spoke with affected residents, and residents were in favor of the proposed solution for the contaminated wells. They requested that periodic testing be done of the wells to ensure that there is no change in the contamination.

Drew Cummings will follow up with the State to see whether they will continue well monitoring.

Removal of a Board Member Due to Poor Attendance

The Board was requested to remove Lisa Pineiro from the Durham Workforce Development Board due to poor attendance.

Mr. Steven Williams, Workforce Development Board's Chair, commented regarding Ms. Pinero's attendance, and encouraged the Board to remove her from the Workforce Development Board.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Vice Chair Howerton to suspend the rules.

The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow that Ms. Lisa Pineiro be removed from the Workforce Development Board due to poor attendance, in keeping with the County's policy on Citizen Appointments.

The motion carried unanimously.

Deal Points Related to the Redevelopment of the James A. Whitted School

Mr. Lee Worsley, Deputy County Manager, and Ms. Carol Hammett, Deputy County Attorney updated the Board on deal points related to James A. Whitted School.

Integral Development LLC has completed a public meeting with the community regarding the redevelopment. The developers are pursuing a rezoning of the property. City Council will act on the request which received a unanimous approval recommendation from the Planning Commission.

The deal points set out the conditions and responsibilities. The deal points have been reviewed and agreed on by all affected parties. The item will be placed on the Board's agenda for the April 11th meeting.

Chairman Foster inquired about the legal property transfer. Attorney Hammett explained that the County currently owns the property. With the deal points, the County puts forth a contribution of \$1.5 million in receipt of renovation of Whitted School building and the addition of 89 units of affordable housing and pre-K program managed by Durham Public Schools. The County will convey the property to the developer. The community benefits will be affordable housing and the pre-K, which are high priorities for the County.

Commissioner Page commended the developers for working with the community to resolve issues related to the project.

Commissioner Jacobs asked for the status of the preliminary application. The application has been completed. Commissioner Jacobs questioned the timeframe? Attorney Hammett responded that those questions would be addressed in the development agreement.

Commissioner Reckhow questioned the pre-K component. Has there been any discussion about the terms of the lease with Durham Public Schools? Attorney Hammett indicated that the

schools had not been involved as much at this point. Commissioner Reckhow urged that the lease be \$1.00 per year.

Annual Workforce Development Board (DWDB) Update

Kevin Dick, Director of Office of Economic and Workforce Development, introduced Mr. Steven Williams, Chair of the Workforce Development Board, and Ms. Del Mattioli, Board member. Mr. Dick clarified that the presentation was requested by Commissioners Jacobs and Howerton. The presentation represented an acknowledgement that the Workforce Development Board programs.

Workforce Development Board Strategic Plan is based on a five part strategy:

- Strengthen Private Sector Involvement and Impact
 - DWDB membership expanded
 - Exploring best practices to generate more private sector involvement
- Stronger Collaboration with Durham Public Schools
 - DPS and DWDB staff working together with County to expand Mayor's Summer Youth Program with 150 additional positions for youth. The Summer Youth program has been reformulated to become the Durham Youth Work Internship Program which is a collaboration between the City, County, and DPS.
 - Key component to connect every young person with pre-employment training before they are sent to businesses
 - Letters will go out to businesses signed by Chairman Foster and the Mayor to
- Strengthen Collaboration with the State and other Job Link Partners
 - The State will no longer allow unemployment claims to be filed in person. Hopefully the State staff will be able to provide more employment services
 - DWDB has started using Monster.com along with Joblink for job search purposes
- Strengthen County participation
 - If County matched adult/dislocated worker and out of school youth programs at the City level, it could provide services to 300 – 400 additional individuals per year; and send a strong public message about the County's commitment to increase employment and educational success in Durham.
- Program Efficiency Strategies
 - DWDB is looking at ways to lessen administrative costs. They are exploring what it might look like to have the Office of Workforce Development in a lower cost rent location, and put the extra rent back into programs.

In summary, the goal is to make services more efficient and to expand contributions from the private sector.

Commissioner Reckhow questioned the number of private sector members. There are roughly 16 private sector representatives. Mr. Dick will send an updated list.

Mr. Dick explained the funding sources for Workforce Development. He clarified that City funding comes from the General Fund.

Commissioner Reckhow commented that the County has a comparable amount of funding going into the Criminal Justice fund.

Commissioner Page asked if there was any improvement in the hiring of ex offenders. Mr. Dick responded that there is limited success. The placement percentage is about 60 percent per year.

Vice Chair Howerton asked for a breakdown of the City funds. The total dollar amount is \$160,000 for the ex offender program by the City of Durham.

Mr. Dick expounded on the youth program. It is anticipated that 315 intern youth positions will be funded by the City at the average of \$2400 per young person. The County is expected to fund 30 positions. If the County matched the City's funding at 50 percent, there would be 160 youth that could be added to the program. 475 youth would receive subsidized positions. This would cover an 8-week internship.

Commissioner Jacobs asked where the youth jobs were located. Mr. Dick responded that there is a combination of city departments, non-profit organizations, and some for-profit organizations that place the students. There are 1200 youth applicants at this time. The goal of the program is to have the private sector place 150 students.

Commissioner Jacobs encouraged the Board to consider expanding funding for the program.

Commissioner Reckhow noted that the County had been at a higher level of intern funding in the past. Mr. Cummings responded that the funding was increased to \$50,000, but that did not increase the number of youth served.

Commissioner Reckhow asked for a breakdown of \$2400 per youth. Mr. Dick responded that the youth are paid \$8.25 per hr for an 8-week program, plus other employment costs. She suggested looking at options such as working 6 hour days to allow more youth to be engaged.

Mr. Dick invited everyone to assist in interviewing youth between April 8 and April 22.

Vice Chair Howerton expressed her support for increasing the County's support for the youth initiative.

Mr. Dick commented that there were instances where there have been on the job training funds to help entice a company. The Holland Hotel project is an example of where funds will be used for on-the-job training.

Manager Ruffin announced that the County spends net \$1,537,000 on the ex-offender programs and \$2,051,000 for criminal justice resource center programs.

Vice Chair Howerton asked about transportation for the youth. Mr. Dick replied that DATA gives free or discounted passes. The mode of transporting the youth is a combination of drivers, parents, and public transportation.

Commissioner Page commended Mr. Dick for partnering with businesses in the community, especially in the North-East Central area. He acknowledged a very pleasant experience in dealing with the youth.

Commissioner Reckhow encouraged Workforce Development to look at starting an internship program.

Vice Chair Howerton asked who would manage the students. Mr. Dick responded that there are a number of individuals, including Duke Interns and DPS. He again invited others to assist in mentoring, interviewing, and facilitating life skills.

Commissioner Jacobs stressed the need to better publicize efforts and partnerships with businesses. Best practices should be shared with the community.

Bethesda Fire Department

Mr. Lee Worsley, Deputy County Manager; Mr. Jeff Batten, Fire Marshal; and Ms. Carol Hammett, Deputy County Attorney presented the item. Mr. Worsley introduced Fire Chief Andrews, Bethesda Fire Department; and Mr. Marshal Ross, President of Bethesda Fire Department. He thanked the Bethesda Fire Department Board for their assistance and cooperation during the process.

Mr. Worsley gave a brief history and timeline. County governments provide fire and emergency medical first response protection. Durham County funds fire protection thru special tax districts. Bethesda currently uses a Rural Fire Protection tax district which has a levy cap of \$.15 per \$100. Bethesda has a cap of \$.10. Fire service tax districts are set up by the Board of Commissioners. The total tax for the district cannot exceed \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

The Bethesda Volunteer Fire Company Inc. was formed in 1964 and has had a long tradition of providing fire and medical first response services within the Bethesda Rural Fire Protection Tax District pursuant to a service contract with Durham County. Over the years, the district that Bethesda Fire Company serves has become increasingly urban and includes a portion of the Research Triangle Park. Because of the complexity of this District, the Bethesda Fire Company is required to function, and have similar capabilities, as many larger urban fire departments. As volunteers have decreased, the Bethesda Volunteer Fire Company has worked with Durham County to adequately staff the Department through County employees. Currently, the Chief of the Bethesda Fire Department is a County employee and 19 full time County firefighters work at Bethesda. The Bethesda Volunteer Fire Company supplements the firefighters needed by employing part time personnel, which equate to 11 FTEs. Bethesda has two stations—a main station on Miami Boulevard one on Leesville Road.

Bethesda requested a tax rate of \$.1307 during last budget season. The request was denied because of the cap. The Manager informed the Board that further discussion would be forthcoming regarding emerging financial issues for Bethesda.

Over the last couple of years, Bethesda Volunteer Fire Company has faced financial issues and the funds available within the Bethesda Rural Fire Tax Fund have depleted. Due to the manner in

which the District was created back in 1964, the tax rate was capped at \$.10. The maximum rate of \$.10 is no longer sufficient to fund the department at the level necessary to provide adequate fire protection to the District. This deficit would not allow for funding of staff, and the second station would have to close.

After looking at several options, on February 12, 2013, the Bethesda Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. Board of Directors voted unanimously to cease operations as of July 1, 2013 and transfer all of their assets to Durham County. If authorized by the Board of County Commissioners, the public will see no change in service on July 1, 2013 as a result of this change.

In order to begin moving forward, the Board of County Commissioners will need to consider the creation of a County Fire and Rescue Service District, under N.C.G.S. Chapter 153A, Article 15, to be overlaid on the existing Bethesda Rural Fire Tax District. The boundaries will be contiguous. Following the creation of the Service District, the Board will be requested to acquire the assets of the Bethesda Volunteer Fire Company and set the tax rate at \$.13. Eleven part time firefighters would become full time employees for the County. The response rate would remain the same.

Safety concerns would be the ability to fight fires in the RTP. Bethesda has the only platform ladder truck in the district. Some properties would become unrated because of the response time.

Commissioner Reckhow commented about the service areas. There are islands of the City surrounded by Bethesda. She emphasized the need to have conversations regarding the tax district rates and service areas.

Mr. Worsley clarified that long range issues would be addressed in the Fire Study.

Next steps – the Fire Service District would need to be created. A public hearing would be required on June 10, 2013 for implementation on July 1, 2013 for the service district and governance. There would be no change in the district lines.

Commissioner Page asked for clarification of the ownership of property and equipment. Mr. Worsley confirmed that there is one piece of property and one piece of equipment that has a lien. The County will assume this debt, and will also acquire all other property and equipment at no cost by transfer from the nonprofit.

Chairman Foster asked about transferring the part time positions to full time. Chief Batten responded that there would likely be savings due to the amount of part time employees and hours worked. There are approximately 25 part time employees who have flexibility in deciding when they want to work. Chief Batten added that there would be a more consistent level of service.

In May, all property owners would require notice about the Service Fire District. The Commissioners would hold a public hearing on June 10, 2013 to hear comments.

Chairman Foster asked if we were in similar situations with Parkwood and other fire departments. Why are we not doing them all at the same time? Mr. Worsley responded that it is

his hope we don't run into the same issues with other fire departments. All fire departments are currently being studied. Recommendations from the study will come to the Board at a later date.

Mr. Worsley clarified that counties are responsible for providing fire service, although Durham County has contracted out those duties. He assured the Board that the Fire Chief and other leaders currently manage the fire department.

Commissioner Jacobs thanked the Bethesda Board for their work. She felt the issue was a safety issue. She questioned the County cost. Lee responded, "It is our hope right now that there will be no general fund money in this." He felt there would be enough funds in the fire district to counter the County putting in any funds in this fiscal year.

Vice Chair Howerton asked for a further clarification of the funds. Mr. Worsley responded that for the first year or two, if there was a major equipment repair needed or major emergency, there may be a need for a supplement. Otherwise, the rate proposed would carry the fire department.

Commissioner Reckhow revisited her earlier comments. She encouraged involvement of the Planning staff in the Fire Study. She envisioned that the City limits would expand to take over land that had not been annexed. She felt it was important to determine where the City would be going over the next decade. Chief Batten remarked that there was an agreement with the City that the closest and most appropriate unit serve the need, regardless of the location.

Rougemont Community Water System Update

Drew Cummings, Assistant County Manager, reported that Commissioners would receive a report on the Village of Rougemont at the May Worksession. He gave a brief overview of the well contamination problems in Rougemont. No responsible parties remain in existence today.

The Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR) completed the latest tests in December, 2012. DENR has assisted residents with high levels of water contamination to get clean water—some with filtration, and in some cases, DENR has supplied bottled water to affected properties.

Mr. Cummings clarified that the County was not trying to solve the problems of residents who were unhappy with their well water. The County is trying to deal with public health risks of those with contaminated wells. The solution is a \$1.8 million venture from the County and DENR involving community wells and a small distribution system.

The County received a \$600,000 CDBG grant that will help the County contract for needed assistance to complete the project. Federal stimulus funds that were to be used were not applicable for use on the pipes. The State will absorb the cost.

Mr. Cummings remarked about his attempts to make sure those directly affected were well informed as well as other residents of Rougemont.

Staff is currently working on an RFP for a contract administrator for the CDBG grant and to help with the entire project. Work will begin soon on setting policies.

Commissioners Reckhow and Howerton thanked Mr. Cummings for his work, and spoke about conveying the message about the County's commitment to making the water contamination problem right. Commissioner Howerton suggested coming up with a timeline.

Commissioner Jacobs suggested planning another community meeting to give an update if a timeline is not feasible. Mr. Cummings assured the Board there would be continued public process. Triangle J's Water Resources Department might be a good resource when writing the policies.

Chairman Foster concurred that it would be important to notify Triangle J to gain expertise and assistance for this project. He felt the residents were concerned about future well contamination from this process for residents who did not have prior contamination.

Durham Industrial Land Study

Ms. Laura Woods, Sr. Planner, stated that the study was initially conducted to determine if there was enough industrial land in Durham County for the future. The answer was "yes." She explained the methodology used for the study.

The following industrial uses were considered in the study based on location and industrial jobs in Durham: manufacturing and processing; environmental science; materials science; info technology/communications; microelectronics; and biotechnology.

Employment projection data was used to convert to a land use demand projection. Existing industrial locations were used to determine the location criteria. Based on the calculations, by the year 2035, there will be approximately 65,000 industrial jobs in Durham or a demand of 6,729 acres. Currently there are approximately 5300 acres designated for industrial use. Therefore, Durham will need approximately 1400 additional acres for projected growth.

Looking at existing industrial land, water and sewer is crucial, the parcels have few environmental constraints, the parcels are 25 acres, and normally located within ½ mile of major roads.

Ms. Woods clarified that vacant land refers to land as well as vacant industrial buildings. Durham lacks very large vacant industrial properties which may limit Durham's ability to attract certain employers. Staff recommends that this issue be addressed when the Comprehensive Plan is reviewed.

Commissioner Reckhow commented on repurposing land and more intense utilization on existing property. She added that Durham is at a key location in the State. We have two major highways thru our County. She recommended that moving forward, we encourage appropriate development and redevelopment, and increase the 15 percent land coverage maximum.

Commissioner Jacobs concurred with Commissioner Reckhow. She suggested classifying acres not suitable for industrial property.

Chairman Foster commented about connecting to the Workforce Development Plan to move forward with economic development.

Ms. Woods indicated that Planning will be back with more information on the Comprehensive Plan next year.

Review of BOCC Directives

Ms. Ellen Whelan-Wuest was present to answer questions. Commissioner Reckhow inquired about the CIP Worksession. She wanted to make sure that the information requested was being received, specifically the “current school enrollment compared with other counties.” She was concerned that the other counties’ enrollment is so much larger than ours. She suggested looking at the top 10 counties where enrollment is more similar to Durham County schools.

Commissioner Jacobs asked for clarification on the Durham Connects grant. The Board discussed having a different name for the grant. Commissioner Jacobs suggested honoring the recipients of the grants on an annual basis.

Closed Session

Chairman Foster stated that the Board was 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; and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to adjourn to Closed Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment Period for Non-Profit Agencies Applying for FY 2013-2014 Funding

Chairman Foster recognized Ms. Pam Meyer, Budget and Management Services Director, to introduce the item.

Ms. Meyer stated that the Board would hear presentations from nonprofit organizations regarding their requests for funding in the 2013-14 Fiscal Year. She stated there were a total of 67 applicants who requested approximately \$2.4 million dollars.

The following nonprofit representatives made their budget requests to the Commissioners:

Agency: Ronald McDonald House of Durham

Representative: Oie Osterkamp

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Comments: Commissioner Reckhow questioned the funding request to subsidize a staff member’s salary. Mr. Osterkamp stated that the funds would be used to for a staff member who oversaw two family rooms within the facility and the volunteers. He said that the fund would also be used to purchase supplies that were used by families during their length of stay.

Agency: Center for Documentary Studies (Full Frame Documentary Film Festival)

Representative: Deirdre Haj

Amount: \$30,000

Comments: Vice-Chair Howerton questioned the difference of the funding amount requested in application versus amount listed in summary. Laura Jensen, Budget Analyst, clarified the discrepancy.

Agency: First in Families of North Carolina

Representative: Krysta Gougler

Amount: \$8730

Comments: Ms. Gougler provided a brief demonstration of the iPad assisted communication device.

Agency: Southpoint Academy

Representative: Mildred Brown

Amount: \$20,000

Comments: Commissioner Jacobs inquired as to how many students would be served by the amount requested and what was the cost per student. Ms. Brown responded stating that the cost per student was \$1600.00 and the funding requested would be used in conjunction with grants and other funding sources. Commissioner Reckhow questioned the revenue generated by the program. Ms. Brown stated that revenue was generated by program participants who were able to pay the \$1600 fee, while those who could not were awarded grants.

Agency: El Centro Hispano

Representative: Pilar Rocha-Goldberg

Amount: \$42,696

Comments: None

Agency: Voices Together

Representative: Yasmine White

Amount: \$75,000

Comments: Commissioner Reckhow questioned the specific revenue sources of the program. Ms White responded stating that funding is requested from Durham Public Schools (DPS) and that the organization was still researching other matched and increased funding sources. Commissioner Jacobs inquired as to the number of students and schools served. Ms. White spoke to the current and future projections of those who would be served. Vice-Chair Howerton asked if the requested amount would be replacing funding lost from DPS, to which Ms. White replied in the affirmative. Commissioner Reckhow questioned if the organization had applied for funding from Alliance Behavioral Healthcare (ABH) and requested that the County Manager gather information regarding ABH contracts with non-profits.

Agency: Threshold Clubhouse, Inc.

Representative: Kathy Amex-Herbert

Amount: \$10,000

Comments: Commissioner Reckhow requested that the County Manager research if Threshold Clubhouse, Inc. received funding from Alliance Behavioral Healthcare.

Agency: Dress for Success Triangle

Representative: Evannia Burch

Amount: \$25,000

Comments:

Agency: D3 Community Outreach, Inc.

Representative: Fredrica Nash

Amount: \$20,000

Comments: None

Agency: New Life Cultural Development Center

Representative: Barbara Jackson
Amount: \$25,000
Comments: None

Agency: Durham County Teen Court and Restitution Program
Representative: Jonathan Wilson III
Amount: \$26,000
Comments: None

Agency: A Helping Hand
Representative: Marcia Wilson
Amount: \$39,024
Comments: Commissioner Reckhow inquired as to how many senior citizens were served through the program. Ms. Wilson responded that approximately 50 people per month were served. Commissioner Jacobs asked if the organization coordinated efforts with the Department of Social Services. Ms. Wilson discussed some of the programming efforts.

Agency: Durham Teacher Warehouse Corporation (Crayons2Calculators)
Representative: Amy Cummings
Amount: \$35,000
Comments: None

Agency: Durham Center for Senior Life
Representative: Juanita Nelson
Amount: \$130,000
Comments: Vice-Chair Howerton questioned the funding amount requested. Commissioner Reckhow requested more detail about the adult day program. Ms. Nelson described the program and some of the participants. Commissioner Page inquired as to whether there were still fee-based programs, to which Ms. Nelson answered in the negative.

Agency: Durham P.R.O.U.D. Program
Representative: Jim Polk
Amount: \$35,000
Comments: None

Agency: Healthy Families Durham (Child and Parent Support Services, Inc.)
Representative: Mary Wise
Amount: \$13,828
Comments: None

Agency: Durham's Partnership for Children
Representative: Laura Benson
Amount: \$30,000
Comments: None

Agency: African American Dance Ensemble, Inc.
Representative: B. Angela Burch/Chuck Davis
Amount: \$12,000
Comments: Commissioner Reckhow requested that the County Manager confirm the status of funding for arts programs with the City of Durham.

Agency: The Hill Center
Representative: Shary Maskel
Amount: \$25,000
Comments: Commissioner Reckhow inquired as to how many teachers would be needed, to which Ms. Emerson replied that about 30 more teachers would be needed to service clients. Commissioner Jacobs inquired if the

organization considered providing services as an “in-kind donation” to the community. She cited concern with the salaries of staff and the revenue generated by the organization. Ms. Maskel responded stating that they perform in-kind training and that the money raised is used to train teachers.

Agency: Mental Health America of the Triangle

Representative: Benjamin Staples

Amount: \$157,254

Comments: Commissioner Reckhow cited an issue with a reference made by Mr. Staples; indicating that Alliance Behavioral Healthcare (ABH) only funded people who are on Medicaid. She stated ABH received approximately six million dollars from Durham County and there was no stipulation that only be spent on patients who received Medicaid.

Agency: Durham Literacy Center

Representative: Reginald Hodges

Amount: \$60,000

Comments: None

Agency: Planned Parenthood of Central NC

Representative: Grayson Bland

Amount: \$20,000

Comments: None

Agency: Walltown Children’s Theatre

Representative: Cynthia Penn

Amount: \$15,000

Comments: None

Agency: Durham Symphony Orchestra

Representative: Linda Boyd

Amount: \$10,000

Comments: None

Agency: Durham Community Media (People’s Channel/Public Access Television)

Representative: Monica Hughes

Amount: \$14,850

Comments: Commissioner Jacobs inquired as to the current operating budget and the amount of funding contributed by Orange County and the Town of Chapel Hill. Ms. Hughes responded stating that the current operating budget is approximately \$60,000 provided by the City of Durham, Durham County and grants. She continued to state that no funds provided by Orange County or the Town of Chapel Hill. Commissioners Reckhow and Jacobs questioned the total budget for the organization. Ms Hughes and Laura Jensen, Budget Analyst, clarified stating that there were two budgets listed; the agency budget and the program budget, the latter of which would be funded by Durham County Government.

Agency: Playworks Education Energized

Representative: Don Fowler

Amount: \$25,000

Comments: Commissioner Jacobs inquired whether this nonprofit was a part of a national organization, to which Mr. Fowler responded in the affirmative. Commissioner Jacobs continued to ask whether the statistics referenced in the presentation were from nationwide or Durham County-based studies. Mr. Fowler stated that the statistic regarding “24-hours of reclaimed instructional time” was found by studying Durham County students, but that the others were from nationwide studies. Commissioner Reckhow engaged Mr. Fowler in a discussion regarding their budget and how funding received from Durham County would be used.

Agency: Durham Interfaith Hospital Network

Representative: Catherine Pleil

Amount: \$27,500
Comments: None

Agency: Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC
Representative: Dana Lange
Amount: \$30,000
Comments: None

Agency: Volunteer Center of Durham
Representative: Kim Shaw
Amount: \$14,000
Comments: None

Agency: Senior PharmAssist, Inc.
Representative: Gina Upchurch
Amount: \$98,080
Comments: Chairman Foster asked if all the funding requested was going directly to help senior citizens. Ms. Upchurch responded stating that half of the funds received would be allotted to staff support and insurance.

Agency: Reality Ministries, Inc.
Representative: Susan McSwain
Amount: \$36,000
Comments: Chairman Foster asked if the organization received any funding from Durham Public Schools. Ms. McSwain replied that the remainder of the funding received was most exclusively from private organizations.

Agency: Bridge II Sports
Representative: Ashley Thomas
Amount: \$40,000
Comments: Referencing the budget submitted to the Board, Commissioner Reckhow questioned the \$9000 that was received from other counties. Ms. Thomas clarified stating that the other counties are Orange and Wake counties and that they would be requesting funds from them both again this year. Commissioner Jacobs asked how many clients were being served in Durham County, to which Ms. Thomas replied approximately 50 clients.

Agency: Durham Economic Resource Center
Representative: Jackie Brown
Amount: \$25,000
Comments: None

Agency: Durham Striders Youth Association
Representative: Frank Davis
Amount: \$30,000
Comments: None

Agency: EDGE Training and Placement, Inc.
Representative: Fran Alexander
Amount: \$198,100
Comments: Commissioner Reckhow asked if the organization applied for funding from Durham Public Schools. Ms. Alexander replied in the affirmative, but stated that there were no funds available. The Board then engaged in a discussion regarding various funding sources for the organization.

Agency: Achievement Academy of Durham
Representative: Gayle Erdheim
Amount: \$25,000
Comments: None

Agency: Partners for Youth

Representative: Susan McCraw

Amount: \$5,000

Comments: None

Agency: Community Health Coalition, Inc.

Representative: Carmelita Spicer

Amount: \$25,000

Comments: Commissioner Page disclosed that he was currently on the board of this organization. Commissioner Jacobs asked how the organization performed their work. As an example, Ms. Spicer stated that they often distributed health tips through local churches.

Agency: Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Triangle

Representative: John Whitterling

Amount: \$25,000

Comments: None

Agency: Child Care Services Association

Representative: Vivian Eto

Amount: \$31,350

Comments: Chairman Foster questioned if the organization partnered with the Department of Social Services (DSS) to conduct programming, to which Ms. Eto replied in the affirmative. Chairman Foster then asked how their services differed from what was provided by DSS. Ms. Eto stated that their organization provided the information and education components. The Board then engaged in a discussion regarding the services provided by this organization and DSS.

Agency: The Scrap Exchange

Representative: Jessica Moore

Amount: \$30,000

Comments: None

Agency: Durham Crisis Response Center

Representative: Ingram Hedgepeth

Amount: \$40,000

Comments: None

Agency: Shodor Education Foundation

Representative: Patricia Jacobs

Amount: \$15,000

Comments: Commissioner Reckhow asked if there were any success stories that showcased the success of the program. Ms. Jacobs responded stating that there were several, but cited one female participant who was enrolled at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Agency: Yo:Durham (Congregations in Action)

Representative: Susan Blackmon

Amount: \$12,000

Comments: None

Agency: Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers, Inc.

Representative: Michelle Kucerak

Amount: \$70,000

Comments: Commissioner Reckhow asked what percentage of the program residents were from Durham, to which Ms. Kucerak replied 10 percent. Commissioner Reckhow also asked if the 70 new residents who would be assisted through the two-year treatment program would be included in the 10 percent, to which Ms. Kucerak replied in the affirmative. Chairman Foster inquired about what percentage of program residents were military veterans. Ms. Kucerak responded that approximately 10 percent are veterans and that there is a per diem program where the Department of Veterans Affairs pays a portion of the care for veterans.

Agency: Operation Breakthrough
Representative: Troy L. Dixon
Amount: \$100,000
Comments: None

Agency: Museum of Durham History
Representative: Katie Spencer
Amount: \$30,000
Comments: None

Agency: Eno River Association
Representative: Robin Jacobs
Amount: \$15,000
Comments: None

Agency: Piedmont Wildlife Center
Representative: Gail Abrams
Amount: \$10,819
Comments: Commissioner Page asked if the funding provided last year was used for student scholarships. Ms. Abrams replied in the affirmative and commented that the organization developed a model for scholarship students and students who were able to pay.

Commissioner Page stated that it would be necessary to contact the City of Durham regarding their “cuts” to nonprofit programs. He commented that it was an inequitable that Durham County funds a large number of programs and organizations serving Durham without assistance from the City of Durham.

Commissioner Reckhow stated that earlier in her tenure, the Board discussed a “fair share approach” with the City Durham to prevent over funding by nonprofits requesting support from both the City and the County. She added that there was a previous agreement between the two municipalities as to the nonprofit categories that would be funded by each.

Commissioner Jacobs commented that there was additional cause for concern as the State of North Carolina may seek to privatize local mental health services and undo the agreement that regionalized services that created Alliance Behavioral Healthcare. She felt that it might be helpful to know how many organizations are being currently funded through Durham County and how many citizens are being served by those organizations. Commissioner Jacobs questioned if the Board should provide guidance to staff on the Boards priorities.

Commissioner Page stated that while staff direction is provided, that the Board should meet at a later date to further discuss the nonprofit applications that were submitted. He requested that the discussion be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

Commissioner Reckhow agreed with further discussion regarding the application. She discussed the process of how staff provided recommendations to the Board. The Board engaged in a discussion regarding funding strategies and options.

Chairman Foster concurred with Commissioner Page and cited concern regarding funding for mental health services and EDGE Training and Placement, Inc.

Adjournment

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Page that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michelle Parker-Evans
Clerk to the Board