

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

Monday, October 14, 2013

MINUTES

5:30 pm

Place: Commissioners' Chambers, 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.

Opening of Regular Session—Chairman Foster opened the meeting and announced that the Board was requested to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(6) 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; and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege regarding IBM.

Vice-Chair Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Page to adjourn into Closed Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

7:00 P.M. Regular Session

Reconvene to Open Session—Chairman Foster announced that the Board met in closed session; no action was taken.

Chairman Foster asked everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Adjustments

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Announcements

Chairman Foster made the following announcements:

- “In Touch with Durham County,” the Durham County Television show, airs on Cable TV Channel 8 at 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon on Mondays; and 8:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6:30 pm on 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.

- Durham County needs you! If you have a few hours to commit, Durham County has a number of boards and commissions that can benefit from your participation. We invite you to make a difference in our community. Contact the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025, visit the County's website, or email Clerk@connc.gov for more information. Please note that all City and County taxes must be current at the time of application.
- "Living Healthy," the Durham Diabetes Coalition Television show, airs daily on Cable TV Channel 8 at 7 p.m. Each episode features Durham County resources and residents successfully living with diabetes. This is also an initiative that supports Durham County's strategic goal Health and Well-being for All.

Commissioner Jacobs announced three showings of a film entitled *Alive Inside: A Story of Music and Memory*, which was sponsored by the Triangle J Area Agency on Aging. The film investigated the ability of music to revive the memories of individuals diagnosed with dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Showings of the film were on October 29, 2013 at the following times and locations: 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., 2600 Croasdaile Farm Parkway; 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., 2600 Durham Farm Parkway; 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Duke Regional Hospital, 3643 North Roxboro Road. (Note: The film was not shown as announced)

Commissioner Reckhow announced that the opening ceremony for the last segment of the American Tobacco Trail was held on October 12, 2013. She noted that 11-miles of the trail were located in Durham County, with a total of 22 miles across Durham, Chatham and Wake Counties. Commissioner Reckhow also announced the grand opening of the History Hub on October 25, 2013 in downtown Durham. The History Hub, a museum showcasing Durham history.

Commissioner Howerton encouraged citizens to visit the History Hub and take their families.

Minutes

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow, to approve as submitted the September 23, 2013 Regular Session Minutes of the Board.

The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition of Shirley Stock, Public Health Nurse – 2013 Service Award

Chairman Foster read the award plaque into record.

Ms. Gayle Harris, Public Health Director, requested that the Board recognize Ms. Shirley Stock, Public Health Nurse, for receiving a 2013 Service Award as an outstanding public health employee at the annual NC Refugee Health Conference in Wilmington, NC in August. Ms. Harris noted that Ms. Stock was specifically recognized for her "exemplary work with North Carolina refugees." Ms. Stock has been a nurse for 43 years and worked with the Public Health Department in the Immunization Clinic for the past 5 years.

Ms. Stock thanked the Board for recognizing her award and gave brief remarks.

Commissioner Reckhow and Commissioner Jacobs spoke to Ms. Stock's excellent manner of skill and practice when administering vaccinations.

Resolution Honoring Catherine Spearman Ferrell on her 101st Birthday

Chairman Foster read the following resolution into record:

MRS. CATHERINE SPEARMAN FERRELL

WHEREAS, Mrs. Catherine Spearman Ferrell was born October 10, 1912 in Warsaw, NC and graduated as valedictorian of her class from Douglas High School in 1931; and

WHEREAS, while her dream was to become a teacher, her family was unable to provide her the required finances to enroll in college. Nevertheless, Mrs. Ferrell has used her talents to volunteer and to give inspirational talks to countless students from nursery school to high school in Durham encouraging them to stay in school and to strive for excellence; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ferrell provided civic leadership in her East Durham community working to secure street lights, bus service and water service for she and her neighbors from the City of Durham; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Mrs. Ferrell has received many awards including: Mother of the Year, African American Leader award from Antioch Baptist Church; Leadership Award from Elks IBP of OEW; the Bethune Height Award from the National Council of Negro Women; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ferrell remains active through her participation in exercising, trips and other programs at the Durham Senior Center, her daily use of email and love of computer games, volunteering to drive other seniors to church, community functions and the grocery store, and through her numerous activities at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the Durham Board of County Commissioners do hereby resolve to extend best wishes to:

MRS. CATHERINE SPEARMAN FERRELL

in recognition of her 101st birthday and for a life well lived. We call upon all citizens of Durham County to join in celebrating the long life of this phenomenal woman and the positive efforts she has made to support her family, church and the greater Durham community.

This the 14th day of October, 2013.

/s/ All Commissioners

Ms. Ferrell gave brief remarks thanking the Board for their recognition.

Commissioner Page congratulated Ms. Ferrell on her 101st birthday. He commented that she is both a joy and an inspiration to the Durham community.

Vice-Chair Howerton also congratulated Ms. Ferrell. She commented on Ms. Ferrell's continued strength and mentioned that Ms. Ferrell is still active in the community motivating others.

Resolution Honoring the Extension and Community Association for 100 Years of Service

Chairman Foster read the following resolution into record:

HONORING DURHAM COUNTY EXTENSION & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ON THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, in 1911 Jane S. McKimmon became the first North Carolina home demonstration agent and the Board of Commissioners in 1915 hired Mrs. Beulah Eubanks as the first home agent in Durham County; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1913 “tomato clubs,” evolving to home demonstration clubs, were formed to work alongside the home agents to improve the quality of rural life; and

WHEREAS, NC Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs became NC Extension Homemakers Association in 1966 and North Carolina Extension & Community Association in 1999; and

WHEREAS, from its modest beginnings Extension & Community Association has grown to a diverse, state wide organization of adult volunteers supporting the professional extension staff from North Carolina’s two land-grant universities, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical University in Greensboro and North Carolina State University in Raleigh; and

WHEREAS, this Association and its many volunteers continue today to partner with NC Cooperative Extension to empower individuals and families to improve their quality of living through continuing education, leadership development and community service; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Extension & Community Association will be celebrating its centennial anniversary formally on October 27, 2013 and throughout 2013:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Durham County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize and honor North Carolina Extension & Community Association volunteers and liaison agents for their steadfast dedication, past and present, to the improvement of quality of life for families in North Carolina and Durham County; and congratulates the North Carolina Extension & Community Association on the attainment of its centennial anniversary.

This the 14th day of October, 2013.

/s/ All Commissioners

Ms. Delphine Sellars, County Extension Director, requested that the Board adopt a resolution honoring the Durham County Extension and Community Association (ECA) for 100 years of service to Durham families and communities.

Ms. Faye Lanier, North Carolina Extension and Community Association President-Elect, recognized Durham County ECA area representatives in attendance: Ms. Katie Newton, Rougemont; Ms. Teresa Peyton, Union; Ms. Minnie Bridges, Forest View Heights. Ms. Lanier represented the Bethesda area. She discussed many of the events and activities that will take this year in celebration of the Association’s 100 years of service. Ms. Lanier also provided a historical perspective of the Durham County Extension and Community Association’s presence in the community. Ms. Lanier concluded by inviting the Commissioners to the North Carolina Extension and Community Association Centennial Gala on October 27, 2013 at the Jane S. McKimmon Center in Raleigh, NC.

The Board expressed gratitude for the wonderful work of the Durham County ECA over the years and encouraged the community to get involved.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Foster asked the Commissioners if they desired to pull any items from the Consent agenda.

Commissioners indicated that they did not have any items to pull from the agenda.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Howerton, to approve the following consent agenda items (8a - i):

- a. Approve the 2013 Closed Session Minutes that have been unsealed and have been determined by the County Attorney's Office that public inspection no longer frustrates the purpose of a closed session;
- b. *Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 14BCC000018 for FY2014 amending the budgets for the outstanding encumbrances at fiscal year-end 2013;
- c. *Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 14BCC000019 to appropriate restricted fund balance in the amount \$654,035.05 to appropriate restricted funds for the Sheriff's Office, Fire Marshall, Library, Cooperative Extension, Public Health and Social Services;
- d. *Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 14BCC000020 to appropriate funds allocated in FY 2012-13 into the FY 2013-14 Public Health budget in the amount of \$14,000 for the Together on Diabetes grant;
- e. *Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 14BCC000021 appropriating \$877,763.13 of FY 2012-13 General Fund revenue, now residing in FY 2013-14 General Fund fund balance, and transferring it to the Capital Financing Fund to comply with the County's debt financing policy;
- f. *Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 14BCC000022 to amend the AnimalKind budget, thereby increasing the contract amount to allow the reimbursement of \$3,277.18 from NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Spay/Neuter Program to Durham County to be disbursed to AnimalKind for additional Durham County animals to be provided low cost spay and neutering services;
- g. *Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 14BCC000023 to appropriate unassigned fund balance in the amount \$70,800 for Public Health to implement the interfaces with the Patagonia Health System and create the Physical Activity website portal as intended;
- h. *Approve Budget Ordinance No. 14BCC000024 to recognize additional revenue in the amount of \$43,511 for the LINKS and Progress Energy – Energy Neighbor Fund;
- i. Approve a sole source exemption for the purchase of PowerFlex Stretchers and StatTrac stretcher fastening systems from Ferro Washington in the amount of \$211,188.

The motion carried unanimously.

*Document(s) related to this item follow:

Consent Agenda Item No. b.

DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FY 2013-14 Budget Ordinance
Amendment No. 14BCC000018

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the FY 2013-14 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$20,321,324	\$251,131	\$20,572,454

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
General Government	\$83,702,677	\$10,000	\$83,712,677
Public Safety	\$50,050,447	\$10,500	\$50,060,947
Human Services	\$84,615,899	\$230,631	\$84,846,530

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 14th day of October, 2013.

Consent Agenda Item No. c.

DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FY 2013-14 Budget Ordinance
Amendment No. 14BCC000019

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the FY 2013-14 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$20,572,454	\$654,035	\$21,226,490

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Public Safety	\$50,060,947	\$401,170	\$50,462,116
Economic and Physical Development	\$4,698,220	\$5,400	\$4,703,620
Human Services	\$84,846,530	\$241,732	\$85,088,262
Cultural and Recreation	\$11,191,138	\$5,734	\$11,196,872

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 14th day of October, 2013.

Consent Agenda Item No. d.

DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FY 2013-14 Budget Ordinance
Amendment No. 14BCC000020

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the FY 2013-14 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$21,226,490	\$14,000	\$21,240,490

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$85,088,262	\$14,000	\$85,102,262

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 14th day of October, 2013.

Consent Agenda Item No. e.

DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FY 2013-14 Budget Ordinance
Amendment No. 14BCC000021

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the FY 2013-14 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$21,226,490	\$877,763	\$22,104,253
<u>CAPITAL FINANCING FUND</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$28,159,472	\$877,763	\$29,037,235

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
General Government	\$83,712,677	\$877,763	\$84,590,440
<u>CAPITAL FINANCING FUND</u>			
General Government	\$55,747,881	\$877,763	\$56,625,644

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 14th day of October, 2013.

Consent Agenda Item No. f.

DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FY 2013-14 Budget Ordinance
Amendment No. 14BCC000022

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the FY 2013-14 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$52,462,228	\$3,277	\$52,465,506

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Public Safety	\$50,462,116	\$3,277	\$50,465,394

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 14th day of October, 2013.

Consent Agenda Item No. g.

DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FY 2013-14 Budget Ordinance
Amendment No. 14BCC000023

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the FY 2013-14 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$22,118,253	\$70,800	\$22,189,053

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$80,102,262	\$70,800	\$85,173,062

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 14th day of October, 2013.

Consent Agenda Item No. h.

DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FY 2013-14 Budget Ordinance
Amendment No. 14BCC000024

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the FY 2013-14 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$52,465,506	\$43,230	\$52,508,736
Contributions & Donations	\$199,393	\$281	\$199,674

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$85,173,062	\$43,511	\$85,216,573

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 14th day of October, 2013.

Public Hearing – Zoning Map Change – Green Edge Self-Storage (Z1300005)

Mr. Patrick Young, City-County Planning Assistant Director, requested that the Board hold a public hearing regarding a request for a zoning map change for a 3.7 acre site located at 3802 Angier Avenue and 1009 Wrenn Road, west of Ruritan Road and north of Stone Road. The requested zoning change was from Residential Suburban-20 (RS-20) to Commercial General with a Development Plan (CG(D)). Mr. Young stated that the zoning map change would allow for the development of a self-storage facility, which is consistent with the future land use designation within the Durham City-County Comprehensive plan. Mr. Young summarized the key commitments of the developer and certified that the public notice requirement was satisfied in accordance with provisions of the law.

Chairman Foster questioned the location of the access to the site/planned storage facility. Mr. Young stated that the committed access point was from Wrenn Road, on the northwest side of the property. Chairman Foster then inquired into a residential home located on the east site of the site in question. Mr. Young stated that there was a single-family residential property immediately to the east of the site that would remain, but that the primary and secondary structures on the site would be demolished.

Chairman Foster opened the public hearing.

Mr. Patrick Byker, Morningstar Law Group (agent for the developer), spoke in favor of the zoning map change. Mr. Byker noted the unanimous recommendation in favor the zoning map change from the Joint City-County Planning Commission.

As there were no other persons signed up to speak, Chairman Foster closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Howerton questioned the timeline for the return of the tax value of the proposed project. Mr. Byker stated that it was probable that the development of the project would have to be completed in phases, depending on market value. He estimated that completion could be from 2-5 years.

Commissioner Page stated that he supported the project, but urged the City-County Planning Department and developers to create other types of development in east Durham beyond storage facilities. He commented on a need to respect homeowners and create opportunities to attract citizens to the area.

Commissioner Jacobs questioned what the Durham County Code of Ordinances dictated with regard to the type of fencing planned for the site to be developed. Mr. Young stated that there were not any standards with regard to the type or style of fencing used, only the height. She then asked if the fencing would be necessary around the entire site or only along the railroad tracks that abut the property. Mr. Young stated that the fencing was not required by the Durham County Code of Ordinances. Mr. Byker stated that the plan was to fence the entire property except the access point to secure the facility. Commissioner Jacobs urged the developers to consider the type of fencing used to improve the aesthetic value of the facility.

Commissioner Reckhow asked if the developer had taken in to account the type of fencing to be used, to which Mr. Byker responded in the negative. Commissioner Reckhow commented that something other than chain link fencing should be considered. She then inquired if razor wire was disallowed by ordinance, to which Mr. Young replied in the negative. Mr. Byker discussed the ability of the landscaping buffers to mask the fencing.

Chairman Foster questioned the need for water and sewer service, to which Mr. Byker stated that it would not be needed. Chairman Foster then asked if the facility would be staffed, to which Mr. Byker replied in the negative.

Commissioner Reckhow questioned how the developers would provide fire suppression without water and sewer service. Mr. Byker stated that there was a water line in the form of a hydrant in close proximity to the property.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Howerton, to approve the zoning map change at 3802 Angier Avenue and 1009 Wrenn Road from Residential Suburban-20 (RS-20) to Commercial General with a Development Plan (CG(D)).

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing on Coordinated Transportation Program (Section 5311): FY2014-2015 Community Transportation Grant Application

Ms. Margaret Scully, Transportation Program Manager, requested that the Board hold a public hearing on the proposed Section 5311 grant application and approve the attached resolution authorizing the submission of the grant application to the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT). Ms. Scully elaborated on the Coordinated Transportation Program (CTP) stating that

it provides transportation for persons who are elderly, have a disability, or are transportation disadvantaged. She continued saying that Cooperative Extension has applied for 5311 grant funds through the NCDOT annually since 1999 to purchase vehicles and subsidize the administrative costs associated with the Community Transportation Program.

Ms. Scully stated that the CTP 5311 grant application requests \$252,243 from NCDOT. The NCDOT requires a local match of \$31,836 to be appropriated in the FY14-FY15 budget. In conclusion, she said the revenue from this grant and the expenditures required of the County as local match will be budgeted in the FY14-15 budget for Coordinated Transportation.

Chairman Foster opened the public hearing. As there were no persons signed up to speak, Chairman Foster closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Jacobs inquired as to the continued availability of the grant funds in question. Ms. Scully confirmed availability as the 5311 grant funding sources were still in the transportation budget at the federal level. She commented that the funds were very secure.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of the grant application to the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT).

The motion carried unanimously.

Revision Of Durham County Living Wage Policy

Mr. Drew Cummings, Assistant County Manager, requested that the Board approve the revised Living Wage Policy. Mr. Cummings stated that the North Carolina General Assembly recently enacted House Bill No. 74, which now prohibits the use of wage requirements such as those contained in Durham County's Living Wage Policy on any competitively bid contract. Mr. Cummings noted that the current policy also applies internally, but only to full-time workers. Assistant Manager Cummings reviewed the following staff recommendations regarding amendments to the current Living Wage Policy:

- That Durham County no longer applies the Living Wage Policy to any external contracts of any sort.
- That, internally, the Living Wage Policy be amended to apply to wage rates paid to *all* County employees, including all part-time employees (under the principle of "equal pay for equal work"). It would *not* apply to interns or staff engaged through temporary agencies.
- That the Living Wage Policy no longer refer to medical insurance, the provision of which is covered by separate County policies.

Mr. Cummings noted that the effective date in the proposed new policy should read "October 14, 2013" and not "October 14, 2014" as written.

Chairman Foster asked if there would be a financial cost to Durham County due to the change for all employees. Mr. Cummings stated that he expected the cost difference to be "extremely minimal." Chairman Foster inquired if any adjustments would be made with regard to part-time staff, to which Assistant Manager Cummings responded that the Finance and Human Resources Departments would be directed to make such adjustments.

Commissioner Reckhow expressed her dismay with House Bill No. 74. She stated that despite decreases in funding for human services, that the legislative measure would cause more people to qualify for public assistance programs due to low wages.

Vice-Chair Howerton questioned if the amendments to Durham County's Living Wage Policy would affect the salaries of current employees. Mr. Cummings stated that it was possible because the County determined the living wage year the adjusted salaries, but salaries were not decreased as a result of the living wage determination.

The Board discussed the result of the living wage amendments on private sector employees in Durham County.

Commissioner Jacobs questioned the impact of the amended policy with regard to contracts that would be bid on and ones that would not. Assistant Manager Cummings replied that the County did not engage in many contracts that are not bid on, but it is probable there were few people governed by the contracts who actually make less than the living wage.

Commissioner Reckhow questioned if the County surveyed employers who were subject to the Durham County's Living Wage Policy to get feedback about their experiences. Mr. Cummings stated that he was not aware of any surveys that had been conducted. Commissioner Reckhow stated that the Purchasing Department should be asked to consider surveying employers to get this type of information.

Vice-Chair Howerton asked if living wage stipulations would become void for companies who received economic incentive funding from Durham County. Ms. Carol Hammett, Deputy County Attorney, stated that House Bill No. 74 is only applicable to contract which are bid on. She continued to saying that contracts for economic incentive funding are not bid on, so they would not be subject to the statutory restrictions.

Commissioner Jacobs requested that employers be informed of the change in policy and encouraged to continue using the guidelines of the living wage policy.

Vice-Chair Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton, to approve the revised Durham County Living Wage Policy.

The motion carried unanimously.

Impact of Federal Shutdown on DSS Programs

Mr. Michael Becketts, Social Services Director, discussed the impact of the federal shutdown on the ability of Durham County Department of Social Services (DSS) to provide services, programs and administration. Mr. Becketts stated that the federal shutdown would adversely affect several federal block grants received by the State of North Carolina, which in-turn would impact the ability of DSS to provide several services including: Meals-on-Wheels, in-home health aides, senior adult daycare and childcare services. He then highlighted the ripple effect of suspending subsidized childcare services in Durham County. Mr. Becketts noted that if the County continued to fund childcare services the cost would be approximately \$55,000 per day. He continued saying that a funding source was identified that would allow childcare services to be provided until October 18, 2013. Mr. Becketts requested that the Board appropriate up to

\$235,000 to cover the cost of providing Meals-on-Wheels, in-home health aides, senior adult daycare and administration staff for the month of November, if necessary.

Commissioner Reckhow praised Mr. Becketts for identifying funds to continue childcare services until the end of the week. She noted the importance of notifying families as soon as possible, so that they would be able to arrange alternate childcare. Commissioner Reckhow mentioned that there may be Durham County employees personally affected by the lack of childcare subsidies. Mr. Becketts replied that he had been in contact with the employee relations division of the Human Resources Department to generate a response to this particular issue.

Commissioner Page stated that he concurred with Commissioner Reckhow's comments. He noted several local family-centered organizations that were also impacted by the federal shutdown. Commissioner Page expressed the need to solicit the support of employers during this difficult time and possibly develop a "think-tank" to work together and create solutions. Commissioner Page questioned the purpose of the funding request for \$235,000. Mr. Becketts stated that the funds were for a reserve in case the federal shutdown should impact the ability to provide Meals-on-Wheels, in-home health aides, senior adult daycare and administration staff for the month of November.

Commissioner Howerton concurred with the other Commissioners. She noted citizens who may not have family members to contact for assistance if the services that they received were impacted.

Commissioner Jacobs commented on how the federal shutdown impacted disadvantaged citizens. She questioned if any of the childcare providers were 100 percent populated with children who received childcare subsidies, to which Mr. Becketts stated that he was unsure. Commissioner Jacobs stressed the need for communication during this time. She stated her support for the funding request.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Page, to appropriate up to \$235,000 for the continuation of programs as outlined by the Director for the month of November, if needed.

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Page moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to adjourn the regular session meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



James N. Jackson
Deputy Clerk to the Board