

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

Monday, August 25, 2014

County Commissioners' Chambers
200 East Main Street, Durham, North Carolina

AGENDA

"Public Charge"

The Board of Commissioners asks its members and citizens to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous manner, both with the Board and fellow citizens. At any time, should any member of the Board or any citizen fail to observe this public charge, the Chairman will ask the offending person to leave the meeting until that individual regains personal control. Should decorum fail to be restored, the Chairman will recess the meeting until such time that a genuine commitment to the public charge is observed.

As a courtesy to others, please turn off cell phones during the meeting.

7:00 pm Regular Session

1. **Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance (5 min)**
2. **Agenda Adjustments (5 min)**
3. **Announcements (5 min)**
 - 1) "In Touch with Durham County," the Durham County Television show, airs daily on Durham Television Network (DTN) Channel 8 or 97-5 at 10 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. 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.
 - 2) 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@dconc.gov for more information. Please note that all City and County taxes must be current at the time of application.
 - 3) "Living Healthy," the Durham Diabetes Coalition Television show, airs daily on Cable TV Channel 8 or 97-5 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.
 - 4) As Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, I will hold office hours for citizens each Wednesday from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Appointments can be made by calling me at (919) 949-4022.

4. Minutes (5 min)

- a) August 4, 2014 Worksession

5. Recognition of Commissioners (5 min)

- 1) Congratulations to two of our Commissioners for working on the state and national level with recent elections and appointments:
- 2) Vice Chair Brenda Howerton was elected 2nd Vice President of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners last week during the annual conference in Buncombe County. She is the first Durham County Commissioner to serve as an officer in this organization. As part of NCACC's leadership, she will help shape the legislative agenda and policy initiatives representing all 100 counties. Commissioner Howerton will also work directly with Executive Director David Thompson and the staff of NCACC to carry out the mission of the organization. She will moderate official sessions, attend district meetings across the state, meet with statewide officials and perform a whole host of key duties.
- 3) Commissioner Fred Foster was appointed vice chair of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Human Services and Education Steering Committee recently. This NACo committee reviews all matters pertaining to children's issues, foster care, public assistance and income support, services to senior citizens and individuals with disabilities, immigration policy, social services and elementary, secondary and post-secondary education. His appointment was made by new NACo president Riki Hokama. In his role, Commissioner Foster will actively promote the NACo platform developed in the committee process, and on occasion, possibly testify before Congress on key issues related to this Human Services and Education Steering Committee's body of work.
- 4) Congratulations to both of you for service beyond the boundaries of Durham County!

6. Consent Agenda (15 min)

- a. Board Chair to sign a proclamation on behalf of the Board to proclaim September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month;
- b. Accept the property tax release and refund report for July 2014 as presented and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined by the report;
- c. Approve the refund in the amount of \$245.00 for the overpayment of excise tax to Love Law;
- d. Approve the Durham County ABC Board's use of the County of Durham's travel policy modified with the appropriate changes in titles, departments, form names, terminology, etc. that reflect the Durham County ABC organization;

- e. Authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with Schneider Electric Buildings America Inc. for the Durham County video storage software and hardware replacement for security surveillance system at Durham County Detention Center (RFP No. 14-019) at a cost not to exceed \$196,200.00;
- f. Authorize the County Manager to execute a contract to C. T. Wilson Construction Company of Durham, NC for the installation of the Durham County Memorial Stadium Digital Marquee in the amount of \$111,042.00;
- g. Approve the contract in the amount of \$87,000.00 with Modria.com to provide Modria Dispute Resolution Software for Property Tax Appeals and a one-time fee for professional services that will include scheduling software enabling Durham County property owners to schedule their own hearing appointments to present evidence to the Board of Equalization and Review online;
- h. Approve the contract in the amount of \$68,250.00 with Causeway Data Communications to provide continued support and maintenance for “Comper” and “Analytics” software to support their valuation appeals;
- i. Authorize the County Manager to execute the Utility Contract for an addition to the County sanitary sewer system;
- j. Appoint Wayland Burton as Chairperson of the Durham County ABC Board by a recommendation made from its board members at their regular board meeting on July 28, 2014;
- k. Appoint Vice Chair Howerton to the Durham Technical Community College Board of Trustees;
- l. Approve the lease with the Animal Protection Society for 2117 East Club Boulevard for a five year term, and to authorize the Manager to execute the lease;
- m. Approve the easement dedications and corresponding Final Plat that will be recorded in the Durham County Register of Deeds Office.

7. Board and Commission Appointments (10 min)

- 1) Michelle Parker-Evans, Clerk to the Board, will distribute ballots to the Board to make appointments to the following boards:
 - a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
 - b. Criminal Justice Advisory Committee
 - c. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
- 2) Alignment with Strategic Plan: When citizens are engaged and partners on our boards and commissions, the vision of our Strategic Plan is achieved - a thriving, vibrant, diverse community with abundant opportunity for all residents to live, work, learn, play and grow.

Resource Persons: V. Michelle Parker-Evans, Clerk to the Board

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners vote to appoint a member to the above-mentioned boards and commissions.

8. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA (20 min)

9. Closed Session (ITEM #A WILL TAKE PLACE AT 5:00 PM)

- a. The Board of County Commissioners is requested to adjourn to closed session to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee, pursuant to G.S.143-318.11(a)(6).

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to G.S. G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) and direct staff as appropriate.

- b. The Board is requested to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 132-1.7(b) to discuss matters related to sensitive public security information.

Resource Persons: Lowell Siler, County Attorney; Marqueta Welton, Deputy County Manager; Lee Worsley, Deputy County Manager; Motiryo Keambiroiro, General Service Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 132-1.7(b) to discuss matters relating to sensitive public security information.