

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

Monday, August 25, 2014

4:00 P.M. Closed Session

MINUTES

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

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

Absent: None

Presider: Chairman Michael D. Page

Opening of Regular Session—Chairman Page opened the meeting and stated that the Board was 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).

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

The motion carried unanimously.

7:00 P.M. Regular Session

Reconvene to Regular Session - Chairman Page announced that the Board met in Closed Session and gave direction to staff. He asked everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Page announced that the Board met in Closed Session to evaluate the performance of the Sheriff. The following motion was made as a result of Closed Session:

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to give the Sheriff an increase of \$137,262 and a 3 % merit increase effective July 1, 2014.

The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Adjustments

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Announcements

Chairman Page made the following announcements:

- "In Touch with Durham County," the Durham County Television show, airs daily on Cable TV 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.
- 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.
- "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.
- As Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, I will hold office hours for citizens on Wednesdays from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Appointments can be made by calling me at 919-949-4022.

Minutes

Vice-Chair Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton, to approve as submitted the August 4, 2014 Worksession Minutes of the Board.

The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition of Commissioners

Chairman Page recognized Vice Chair Howerton and Commissioner Foster for state and national elections and appointments.

Vice Chair Brenda Howerton was elected 2nd Vice President of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners during the annual conference in Buncombe County. She would be 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.

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.

The Board congratulated them both.

Commissioner Howerton thanked commissioners for their support during her campaign. She commented that her participation in her new role would be funded by the Association and would not come out of the County's budget.

Commissioner Foster commented that he was honored to have been selected. He expressed his appreciation to the Board for their support.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Page asked Commissioners if they wished to pull any items. Attorney Siler requested to pull item "k" and bring it back before the Board at a later date. No other items were pulled.

- *a. Board Chair 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;
- 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.

Commissioner Foster moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow, to approve the above listed consent agenda items.

The motion carried unanimously.

*Document(s) related to this item follow:

Consent Agenda Item No. a.

**PROCLAMATION
CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15. This tragic disease is detected in more than 15,000 of our country's young people each and every year; and

WHEREAS, one in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer. Many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS, founded over twenty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at North Carolina Children's Hospital in Chapel Hill, Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor Courageous Kid Recognition Award ceremonies and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael D. Page, Chairman of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September, 2014 as

“CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

in Durham County, North Carolina and encourage all Durham citizens to support the children who are battling cancer and the people and organizations who support them.

This the 25th day of August, 2014.

Michael D. Page, Chairman
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Consent Agenda Item No. b.

Due to property valuation adjustments for over assessments, listing discrepancies, duplicate listings, and clerical errors, etc. the attached report details releases and refunds for the month of July 2014.

Releases & Refunds for 2014 Taxes	
Real Property	\$ 1,560.87
Personal Property	\$ 14,124.09
Registered Vehicles	\$ 205.84
Vehicle Fees	<u>\$ 15.00</u>
Total for 2013 Taxes and Fees	\$ 15,905.80

Prior year's (2011-2013) releases and refunds for July 2014 are in the amount of \$9,550.12. The current year and prior year's releases and refunds amount to \$25,455.92.

Board and Commission Appointments

Michelle Parker-Evans, Clerk to the Board, distributed ballots to the Board to make appointments to boards and commissions.

The Board made the following appointments (incumbents are underlined):

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Jennifer McDuffie (Reckhow, Jacobs, Howerton, Page)

Malcolm White (Reckhow, Foster, Jacobs, Howerton, Page)

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

Clarence Maynor (Reckhow, Foster, Jacobs, Howerton, Page)

Lao Rubert (Reckhow, Foster, Jacobs, Howerton, Page)

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Patricia Evans (Reckhow, Foster, Jacobs, Howerton, Page)

Commissioner Jacobs commented that there was concern that better outreach needed to be made in the community for diversity on boards, especially on the Bicycle and Pedestrian and Open Space and Trails boards and commissions.

Closed Session

Vice Chair Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs that the Board adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene to Open Session

Chairman Page announced that the Board met in Closed Session and no action was taken.

Adjournment

Vice-Chair Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to adjourn the Regular Session meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

V. Michelle Parker-Evans
Clerk to the Board