

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

Monday, December 1, 2014

9:00 A.M. Worksession

**AGENDA**

**1. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners  
(15 min)**

- 1) County Attorney Lowell L. Siler will preside over the election of the Board's Chairman. The newly elected Chairman will preside over the election of the Vice Chairman.

**2. Approval of Public Official Bonds (5 min)**

- 1) The Board is requested to approve the bonds of public officials on the first Monday of December of each year. Following approval, the bonds will be recorded in the Register of Deeds Office and then sent to the Clerk of Superior Court for safekeeping.

**Resource Persons:** Lowell Siler, County Attorney; Ngat Awass, Risk Management Specialist

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the bonds as they meet the statutory requirements.

**3. Citizen Comments (30 min)**

- 1) The Board of County Commissioners will provide a 30-minute comment period at the beginning of its Worksession meeting on the first Monday of each month. Any citizen of Durham County wishing to speak shall have an opportunity to do so. The Board may direct staff to research and reply to the concerns, if appropriate. Speakers must sign in prior to the start of the meeting providing a mail/email address and telephone number so that staff may reply to comments and/or questions. Citizens who request an immediate response from the Board are encouraged to submit a brief description of the issue to the Clerk to the Board two weeks prior to the Worksession to allow an opportunity for research prior to the meeting. **All speakers shall have three minutes to speak and are requested to refrain from addressing issues related to personnel matters.**

**Resource Person(s):** V. Michelle Parker-Evans, Clerk to the Board

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The Manager recommends that the Board receive citizen comments and direct staff to respond, as deemed appropriate.

**4. Presentation Concerning New Legislation - House Bill 857 (90 min)**

- 1) UNC-Chapel Hill, School of Government faculty members Norma Houston and Michael Lemanski will make presentations regarding House Bill 857. The basic concept of this new legislation is to provide flexible contracting authority under which units of

government can partner with a private developer for the construction, operation, and financing of a capital project.

- 2) Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 5 – Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government

**Resource Persons:** Lowell L. Siler, County Attorney, Norma Reid Houston and Michael Lemanski, UNC-Chapel Hill, School of Government faculty members.

**County Manager’s Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the presentation.

**5. Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority Annual Report (30 min)**

- 1) The Board is requested to receive an annual update on the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority.
- 2) Alignment with Strategic Plan: The Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority annual review aligns with Goal 5 of the Strategic Plan: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government.

**Resource Persons:** Mike Langduth, President and CEO of the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority; Tommy Hunt, Chairman of the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority Board; and Clay Wheeler, Member of the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority Board

**County Manager’s Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the report and give directions to staff as appropriate.

\*\*\*\*\*Lunch\*\*\*\*\*

**6. DSS Update on NC FAST (60 min)**

- 1) The Board is requested to receive this update on NC FAST. Included is an update from the North Carolina Division of Social Services and local update.
- 2) Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 2: Health and Well-being for All which decrease health disparities within the community.

**Resource Persons:** Michael A. Becketts, Richard Stegenga, Rhonda Stevens, and Catherine Williamson-Hardy.

**County Manager’s Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board receive this information.

**7. Discussion of Amendment to Global Spectrum Management Agreement for the Durham Convention Center (15 min)**

- 1) The Board is requested to discuss the proposed amendment to the City and County’s management agreement with Global Spectrum for the ongoing management of the

Durham Convention Center. If it is their pleasure, approval of the agreement will be scheduled for Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>.

- 2) The current agreement, dated July 1, 2011, is a five year contract with a three year base period and optional two year extension. We are just into that two year extension, but City, County, and Global Spectrum all see advantages in amending and extending the management agreement with Global Spectrum, L.P. The Durham Convention Center Authority voted to recommend these contract modifications and extension at their April 24, 2014 Board meeting.
- 3) The amendment proposed for your discussion extends the agreement by five years, which would make it run through June 2019 unless a 2017 termination option is exercised. Additional changes include removing references to monthly payments from the owners, conveying maintenance responsibilities for the plaza *fountain* to Global Spectrum (they already maintain the rest of the plaza), removing references to ticketed events and management of related funds, and the establishment of guidelines to phase in responsibility for the use of and compliance with a facility maintenance plan (FMP).
- 4) Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 1 – A well-used and well-managed Convention Center in downtown Durham is a strong economic engine for the entire community.

**Resource Persons:** Drew Cummings, Assistant County Manager

**County Manager’s Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board discuss the proposed amendment to the City and County’s management agreement with Global Spectrum for the ongoing management of the Durham Convention Center. If it is the Board’s pleasure, approval of the agreement will be scheduled for Dec. 8th.

**8. Continued Discussion about Purchasing Courthouse Sculpture (15 min)**

- 1) The Board is requested to continue its discussion about purchasing the sculpture placed in front of the new County Courthouse as part of the Bull City Sculpture Show.
- 2) In April of 2014, the County secured the front plaza of our new courthouse as one of the sites where sculptures part of the 12-piece Bull City Sculpture Show would temporarily be placed. The sculpture, called “Twist of Fate,” is a large, stainless steel, mobile sculpture made by Carrboro sculptor and metal artist Mike Roig.
- 3) The initial cost of the sculpture was \$36,000, which the artist has agreed to reduce to \$33,500, sacrificing his honorarium for being selected to participate in the sculpture show.
- 4) Alignment with Strategic Plan: Investing in public art aligns strongly with the Goal 1 objective of “enhancing cultural and creative opportunities.”

**Resource Persons:** Drew Cummings, Assistant County Manager

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board continue its discussion about purchasing the sculpture placed in front of the new County Courthouse as part of the Bull City Sculpture Show.

**9. Closed Session (45 min)**

- 1) The Board is 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.

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board adjourn to Closed Session and direct staff as appropriate.

**10. Adjournment**