



Durham County

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Meeting Minutes Board of County Commissioners

Michael D. Page, Chair
Brenda A. Howerton, Vice Chair
Fred Foster, Jr., Commissioner
Wendy Jacobs, Commissioner
Ellen W. Reckhow, Commissioner

Monday, January 12, 2015

7:00 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

“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)**

Commissioner Reckhow shared the Triangle Transit 2014-15 Durham County Bus and Rail Investment Progress Report which outlined enhancements to bus service that had been made over the past year. The report indicated revenues and expenditures as well as next steps. She indicated the report was available on the Triangle Transit website and would also be available on the County's website.

Commissioner Jacobs announced that citizens were invited to the 10th annual City-County Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on Wednesday, January 14th at noon First Presbyterian Church, 305 E Main Street.

Chairman Page read the following announcements:

- 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@dcnc.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.
- 5) There is still time....Don't miss open enrollment under the Affordable Care Act. Need personal help? Local workshops are set for December 13th from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at Centro de Alabanza Naciones Unidas at 2100 Chapel Hill Road, and January 10th from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at Lincoln Community Health Center. You may also call 1-855-733-3711 to speak with an expert. **(Chairman Page noted that this announcement was past the deadline).**
- 6) Chairman Page announced that there would be a detailed report presented at the next Board meeting regarding the My Brother's Keeper (MBK) initiative. He announced there would be a My Brother's Keeper Youth Initiative Summit held Saturday, January 24, 9:45 am – 1:00 pm at the Durham Convention Center. Co-Chairs of all the committees for the initiative had been selected. The program would be focused on young men in the community. He invited citizens to go to the website for contact information if they were interested in serving in some capacity.

4. Minutes (5 min)

Vice Chair Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2014 Regular Session, December 1, 2014 Worksession, and December 8, 2014 Regular Session meetings.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Ceremonial Items

Proclamation – Mentoring Month

Chairman Page read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, in 2002, the Harvard School of Public Health and MENTOR: the National Mentoring Partnership created National Mentoring Month; and

WHEREAS, the goals of National Mentoring Month are to raise awareness of mentoring, recruit individuals to mentor, and encourage organizations to engage and integrate quality in mentoring into their efforts; and

WHEREAS, a mentor is a caring, consistent presence who devotes time to a young person to help that young person discover personal strength and achieve their potential through a structured and trusting relationship; and

WHEREAS, quality mentoring encourages positive choices, promotes self-esteem, supports academic achievement and introduces young people to new ideas; and

WHEREAS, mentoring programs have shown to be effective in combating school violence and discipline problems, substance abuse, incarceration and truancy; and

WHEREAS, youth development experts agree that mentoring is critical to the social, emotional and cognitive development of youth, helping them navigate the path to adulthood more successfully; and

WHEREAS, mentors help young people set career goals and use their personal contacts to help young people meet industry professionals and find jobs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael D. Page, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim January 2015 in Durham County as

“MENTORING MONTH”

and call upon residents, public officials, business and community leaders, and educators to observe this month with ceremonies, activities and programs in order to recognize the men and women who serve as staff and volunteers at quality mentoring programs and who help our young people find inner strength and reach their full potential; acknowledge that mentoring is beneficial because it encourages educational achievement, reduces juvenile delinquency, improves life outcomes, and strengthens communities; promote the creation and expansion of quality mentoring programs across the country to equip young people with the tools needed to lead healthy and productive lives; and support initiatives to close the “mentoring gap.”

This the 12th day of January, 2015.

Michael D. Page, Chairman
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Mr. DeWarren Langley commented on the proclamation and thanked the Board for acknowledging the importance of mentoring. He asked the Board to remember the importance of mentoring at budget time when they allocated resources.

Mr. Larry Thomas, Thomas Mentor Academy echoed the comments of Mr. Langley. Mr. Altrayus Goode, with Movement of Youth also thanked Board for their support.

Commissioners thanked the mentors for their work. Commissioner Reckhow suggested adding a mentoring part to the My Brother’s Keeper initiative.

Chairman Page commented that the proclamation was timely. He indicated that he would keep a copy to share with MBK committee and co-chairs.

6. Consent Agenda (15 min)

Chairman Page asked the Commissioners if they desired to pull any items from the Consent Agenda. He read the following consent items:

15-174 Approval of Contract with Quality PrintPro to Provide Design, Print, and Mailing Services for all Tax Administration Printing and Mailing Needs

*15-182 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 15BCC000031 to Recognize Funds in the Amount of \$13,757 from the NC Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health to Promote

Health Communities

15-187 Records Retention and Disposition Schedule Amendment for County Tax Administration

15-194 Approval of Global Spectrum Contract Amendment and Extension for Operation and Management of the Durham Convention Center

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Vice Chair Howerton to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
2014-2015 Budget Ordinance
Amendment No 15BCC000031**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the FY 2014-15 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	\$55,776,706	\$13,757	\$55,790,463

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$88,225,780	\$13,757	\$88,239,537

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

This the 12th day of January, 2015.

7. Legislative Agenda

2015 Durham County Legislative Agenda

Ms. Deborah Craig-Ray, Assistant County Manager announced that she brought back the agenda with adjustments made as a result of comments made at the Worksession to the item regarding allowing medical providers in school based health centers to provide care within their scope of practice.

Items were added from the Durham Crime Cabinet regarding no further cuts in spending to the North Carolina Judiciary; seeking increased funding for Justice Reinvestment Act Initiatives at the Local Level; and raising the age of Juvenile Jurisdiction to 18.

An item was added as a request from the NC Senior Tar Heel Legislative priority regarding Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) funding so that the growing senior population could be allowed to age at home.

Other items were submitted by the Sheriff’s Office to shorten the time of selling unclaimed livestock; increase the penalty for firearm related offenses; and brake light requirements.

Commissioner Jacobs inquired if the Association did not come out and support the Medicaid expansion, should the Board come out with legislative item independently. Ms. Craig-Ray responded that she

wasn't sure if the Association would support, but the Board could always take further action for support. Vice Chair Howerton added that there was a lot of conversation in the Association regarding the item.

Commissioner Reckhow asked whether the Board should add an item urging the Delegation to fully fund the economic development incentives program. Ms. Craig-Ray agreed to add the item to the agenda.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Vice Chair Howerton to approve the Legislative Agenda as amended.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Page reminded the Board of the Legislative Breakfast with the Durham Delegation on January 23.

Ms. Craig-Ray reminded the Board that she also prepared three Congressional items to go forward regarding immigration reform, funding of TANF, and transportation funding. The items would go to Association to be voted on and sent forward to NACo along with items from the other 99 counties.

Commissioner Reckhow suggested that the item regarding transportation might be strengthened by finding a bill to reference and support related to transportation of road and bridge funding. It should be a comprehensive balanced approach.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs that the Congressional Agenda be approved and moved forward.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA (20 min)

9. Closed Session

The Board was requested to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to G.S.143.318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege and to discuss the case in the matter of IBM Corporation 14 PTC 0028 and IBM Credit 14 PTC 0029.

10. Reconvene to Open Session

Chairman Page announced that the Board met in Closed Session and the Board gave direction to staff. No action was taken.

11. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,



V. Michelle Parker-Evans
Clerk to the Board