

BOCC highlights for Monday, August 23, 2010

The Durham Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) met in a Regular Session Meeting on Monday, August 23, at 7 p.m. and considered an agenda that including the following highlights:

The BOCC recognized the staff of the Durham County Public Health Department for being recipients of the “Best Practice in Outbreak Response Award” from the North Carolina Division of Public Health. The Board thanked the Public Health Department’s staff for their hard work to educate the Durham community during last year’s H1N1 Outbreak as it surfaced shortly before the 2009 flu season.

The BOCC presented a proclamation to the Durham Center and adopted September as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. Staff from the Durham Center, including Peter Baker, the department’s new Local Management Entity substance abuse specialist, thanked the Board for their support of the many residents of Durham struggling with substance use disorders and their family and friends.

The Board also presented a resolution in support of Women’s Equality Day 2010. Each year, Women’s Equality Day is recognized on August 26 in commemoration of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing all American women the right to vote.

The BOCC presented the Commissioners’ Community Circle Award to the Durham’s Partnership for Children for their extraordinary services to children and families of Durham. The BOCC recognized the community organization for its success in implementing and maintaining programming that prepares young children, from birth to age 5, for successful entry into kindergarten.

The Board welcomed Wally Bowman, division engineer for Division 5 of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), to explain the Downtown Resurfacing Project. The Board presented questions regarding the project and listened to Bowman’s review of project details. Bowman reported that a large portion of stimulus funds given to NCDOT are being used to resurface major parts of Mangum, Roxboro, Lakewood, Kent, Vickers, and Chapel Hill

Streets. Bowman explained that the project, which began in May 2010 and should end during the month of September, has revealed inherent delays of resurfacing urban areas.

The Board discussed ideas for the NCACC 2011 Legislative Goal Process. The BOCC generated a tentative list of ideas which they will further discuss at their September 13 Regular Session Meeting.

The BOCC appointed individuals to the following boards and commissions:

- Adult Care Home Advisory Committee Patricia Plummer
- City-County Appearance Committee Wanona Satcher

For more information about the August 23 BOCC Regular Session Meeting, contact the Clerk to the Board's Office at 919-560-0025 or email clerk@durhamcountync.gov.

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