



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

Commissioners' Chambers

Monday, April 11, 2016

7:00 PM

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Chairman Page announced that there were no adjustments to the agenda.

Announcements

- 1)The City of Durham Neighborhood Improvement Services Department, Durham Center for Senior Life and the Durham County Public Health Department will host Seniors' Bull City Play Streets, a free event designed for senior citizens to enjoy a day of play, on Saturday April 23rd from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Durham Center for Senior Life Center, 406 Rigsbee Avenue.
- 2)The Housing Authority of the City of Durham opened its Site-Based Waiting List for the Public Housing Program on April 4, 2016. Applications will be accepted at individual site locations and will not be accepted at the Central Office location. Please visit the Housing Authority's website or the Board's webpage for additional information.
- 3)Saturday, April 16 from 8 am to noon is the grand opening of the Durham Roots Farmers Market at Northgate Mall outside of the Stadium 10 Theater. The Market was started by Durham County Farmers involved with the Durham County Farmland Preservation Board as a way to support Durham farmers, big and small. Northgate Mall has been a terrific community partner in this effort. For more information about the market, call 919-903-1570, email durhamrootsfm@gmail.com, or visit the website at www.durhamroots.org.
- 4)The Chair will hold office hours for citizens on Wednesdays by appointment. Please call 919-949-4022 to schedule an appointment.

- 5) We invite you to tune in to Cable TV Channel 8 or 97-5 to see rebroadcasts of tonight's meeting as well as other Durham County programming that may be of interest to you. Please contact the Public Information Office at 919-560-0008 or our website www.dconc.gov for more information.
- 6) These announcements may also be found on the County's website or you may call the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025.

Commissioner Jacobs mentioned more information about the Senior Bull City Play Street was available outside of the Commissioners Chambers. She added that the Senior Bull City Play Street focused on seniors and this was the first time this event was held in Durham County.

Minutes

Vice Chair Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow, to approve the March 28, 2016 Regular Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ceremonial Items

Introduction of new Director of Human Resources

Wendell Davis, County Manager introduced Kathy Everett-Perry as the Director of Human Resources and shared her work history.

Ms. Everett-Perry expressed her appreciation and stated that she was thankful for the opportunity and looked forward to serving Durham County as the Human Resources Director.

Resolution - Condemning Passage of "Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act"

Chairman Page read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB2

WHEREAS, Durham County has a longstanding reputation for being a welcoming community which promotes a culture of diversity, and inclusiveness for all residents and values a philosophy of equality for all persons; and

WHEREAS, in a swift reaction to the City of Charlotte's policy, the North Carolina General Assembly and the Governor respectively approved and signed into law one of the nation's most sweeping and controversial laws reversing nondiscrimination standards, the Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act; and

WHEREAS, enacting laws that send a message of intolerance poses a financial threat to our state's economy and hampers efforts to attract new and retain existing businesses as well as sporting and entertainment events and major conferences, the loss of which negatively impacts the prosperity of our citizens seeking to earn a living for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, this law appears to have an adverse impact on efforts to support a livable wage for workers; and

WHEREAS, Durham County vigorously condemns this law as it is inconsistent with the Equal Protection Clause in the U. S. Constitution as well as Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and

WHEREAS, currently, federal agencies including Education, Transportation, Labor, Housing and Urban Development, and Health and Human Services departments have announced that they are reviewing the Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act and whether its passage may represent a possible loss of funding to North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, this legislation appears to eliminate the right of all citizens to bring a civil action in a North Carolina court for claims of discrimination in employment or public accommodations on account of race, religion color, national origin, age or biological sex (as well as handicap for employment only).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the members of the Durham County Board of Commissioners urge immediate repeal of the Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act which discriminates against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens and greatly diminishes local governments’ authority to govern in the best interest of their local citizens. We join other local governments in expressing our vigorous opposition to this law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Durham County opposes discrimination of any form and will work to ensure that all persons are treated with dignity and respect without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, race, religious affiliation, age, familial status, marital status and all protected categories.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Pat McCrory, Speaker Tim Moore, President Pro Tem Phil Berger, and the members of the Durham County delegation to the General Assembly.

This the 11th day of April 2016.

Michael D. Page, Chairman

Brenda A. Howerton, Vice Chair

Wendy Jacobs

Fred Foster, Jr.

Ellen W. Reckhow

Commissioner Reckhow stated the passage of HB2 had taken the State backwards on Human Rights. She also hoped the citizens recognized that all local elected officials were united in restoring and protecting the rights of all citizens.

Vice Chair Howerton mentioned she received an email from the Jewish Federation of Durham/Chapel Hill and that they stood in unison on the issue.

Commissioner Jacobs stated as mentioned at the Worksession, it was critical that the Board unite in opposing the HB2 Bill.

Chairman Page acknowledged a citizen who signed up to speak.

Michelle Doss, a transgendered citizen spoke and desired to be visible in Durham. Michelle explained that the bathroom laws puts all transgendered individuals in jeopardy. Michelle also explained how difficult the transition process was. Michelle hoped the State could show compassion regarding the HB2 Bill.

Commissioner Jacobs thanked Michelle for having the bravery to speak about the issue.

Chairman Page stated to the Durham citizens that the County was a welcoming community and thanked

Michelle for coming out to the meeting.

Proclamation - National Lineman Appreciation Day 2016

Chairman Page read the following proclamation:

NATIONAL LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY | 2016

WHEREAS, National Lineman Appreciation Day, a day set aside to recognize linemen and the brave profession of lineman, is April 18, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the day was first recognized on April 10, 2013, by the United States Senate by Resolution S Res 95; and

WHEREAS, Lineman Appreciation Day serves two purposes – “recognizing the efforts of linemen in keeping the power on and protecting public safety” and “support the designation of April 18, 2013, as National Lineman Appreciation Day.”

WHEREAS, the day of appreciation offers a time to show support to the great individuals that dedicate their skills to electrical line work; and

WHEREAS, linemen are often first responders during storms and other catastrophic events, working to make the scene safe for other public safety heroes; and

WHEREAS, linemen work with thousands of volts of electricity high atop power lines 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to keep electricity flowing; and

WHEREAS, linemen must often work under dangerous conditions far from their families to construct and maintain the energy infrastructure of the United States; and

WHEREAS, linemen put their lives on the line every day with little recognition from the community regarding the danger of their work.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Durham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 18, 2016, as

“NATIONAL LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY”

in honor of the hard work and commitment to safety made by men and women in the lineman profession, especially those of Duke Energy, whom fearlessly restore and maintain reliable power operation across the United States.

This the 11th day of April, 2016.

Michael D. Page, Chairman
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Jim Groves, Emergency Management Director thanked the Board for the proclamation and stated he would be attending the Lineman’s Day celebration on Monday, April 18, 2016 with Duke Energy.

Proclamation -- Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month

Chairman Page read the following proclamation:

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH | 2016

Child Abuse Prevention Month is celebrated throughout the country annually in April. This month of acknowledgement increases the awareness, education and opportunities that members of our community can engage in to support children that have been mistreated. The celebration provides the opportunity to raise awareness and educate the community about the many ways to support families and prevent abuse and neglect.

WHEREAS, children are vital to our state's success, prosperity, and quality of life, and whereas children are our most valuable assets; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem affecting both the current and the future quality of life of a community; and

WHEREAS, finding solutions to adverse reactions for children decreases the likelihood of substance abuse, heart disease, obesity, and future child maltreatment; and

WHEREAS, in Durham County 1518 children were referred for child abuse, neglect, and dependency in FY2015, and 431 of these cases were cases substantiated for abuse in Durham County Alone; and

WHEREAS, the estimated annual cost of child abuse and neglect for North Carolina is \$2,057,467,000; and

WHEREAS, female children in Durham North Carolina that range in age from 0-6 suffer abuse more than any other age group; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be prevented by making sure every family and caregiver have the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse and neglect cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable with the help of an engaged and supportive community such as partnerships among citizens, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement and the business community, and the 2016 National Child Abuse Theme is "Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect-Educate.Guide.Protect," child maltreatment can be eradicated by effective child abuse prevention strategies.

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 April 18, 2016, as

"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"

This the 11th day of April, 2016.

Michael D. Page, Chairman
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Commissioner Reckhow stated child abuse should be a monthly focus. She added the Department of Social Services provided data at the Commissioners' Retreat regarding an increase in abuse and neglect. Commissioner Reckhow continued to say highlighting the issue was very important and she really appreciated the work of those involved.

Commissioner Jacobs stated child abuse was a complex issue that was related to poverty, mental health and substance abuse. She mentioned the importance of reporting abuse so that interventions could occur.

Vice Chair Howerton thanked the staff for their hard work while dealing with such emotional cases.

Sharon Hirsch, CEO of NC Prevent Child Abuse listed programs that were vital in preventing child

abuse. She also highlighted the Pinwheels for Prevention which were on display at the American Tobacco District.

Jovetta Whitfield, Assistant Director stated each year the Board took the time to highlight the concerns of child abuse. Ms. Whitfield asked the public to call 919-560-8424 to make a report. She also stated that a YouTube training video was available on the Durham County website.

Ann Granby, Program Manager stated that children were the most vulnerable population. She provided data received from July 1, 2014 – March 31, 2016 which showed 6,000 reports of alleged abuse and 3,000 of those cases being resolved. Ms. Granby thanked the Board for their support.

Commissioner Jacobs provided the following directive.

Directive: Commissioner Jacobs asked the staff to add the Child Abuse Awareness Month link and telephone number to the www.dconc.gov website.

Proclamation - The Week of the Young Child 2016

Commissioner Jacobs read the following proclamation:

THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD | 2016

WHEREAS, Early childhood - from birth to age 5 - represents the most critical time in children's development and is the foundation for success in school and life; and,

WHEREAS, Durham's Partnership for Children, Child Care Services Association and other local collaborating organizations, are celebrating the Week of the Young Child, under the national theme of 'Celebrating Our Youngest Learners'; and,

WHEREAS, Making sure children are ready to learn is a community endeavor that involves parents, child care providers, policy makers, businesses, congregations and community agencies; and,

WHEREAS, High-quality early care supports Durham's current workforce for families with young children who rely on child care to work; and,

WHEREAS, Early care and education is an economic development strategy at the beginning of the talent pipeline; and,

WHEREAS, Early childhood programs support children and families as they prepare to enter school; and,

WHEREAS, Transition to kindergarten must be a smooth, coordinated process for children, parents, and schools that greatly minimizes the achievement gap; and,

WHEREAS, Comprehensive, bilingual, evidence-based programs in parent education and literacy increase family stability; and,

WHEREAS, Access to health care and early intervention are improved through community partnerships and government initiatives to positively impact young children's health; and,

WHEREAS, Collaborative services, family support, and education can help break the cycle of poverty that affects more than half of Durham's children and create opportunities in early childhood that have a lasting impact in the community; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, 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 April 10-16, 2016 as

“THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD”

in Durham County, North Carolina, and recognize Durham’s Partnership for Children and Child Care Services Association for the exemplary model of community-wide collaboration, which continues to improve the landscape of early education for Durham residents and benefits present and future generations.

This the 11th day of April, 2016.

Michael D. Page, Chairman
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Laura Benson, Executive Director, Durham’s Partnership for Children thanked Chairman Page for serving on both boards. She stated the CCA produced the State of the Childcare Report and Durham County was doing well in comparison to other neighboring counties. Ms. Benson also stated that early kindergarten registration helped strengthen the relationship between parents, teachers and the students. She continued to say that a breakfast would be held on Friday, April 15, 2016 to recognize leaders and teachers.

Proclamation - April 10 - 16 as National Volunteer Week 2016

Commissioner Reckhow read the following proclamation:

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK | 2016

WHEREAS, thousands of Durham County citizens utilize their time and talent to make a real difference in the lives of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, individuals and communities are at the center of social change, discovering their power to make a difference; and

WHEREAS, the entire community can inspire, equip and mobilize its citizens to take action that can change the world, and

WHEREAS, the giving of oneself in service to others empowers the giver and the recipient, alike; and

WHEREAS, experience teaches us that government by itself cannot solve all of our social problems; and

WHEREAS, citizen participation is essential for good government; and

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of Durham County is enhanced by neighbors helping neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Durham County’s volunteer force is a great treasure; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive community; and

WHEREAS, Durham County recognizes the value of its volunteers and proudly joins other North Carolina counties and our Nation in celebrating National Volunteer Week to honor the more than 63 million volunteers nationwide.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, 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 April 10-16, 2016 as

“NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK”

in Durham County and urge our fellow citizens to volunteer in their respective neighborhoods. By volunteering and recognizing those who serve, we can come together to make a difference.

This the 11th day of April, 2016.

Michael D. Page, Chairman
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Chairman Page stated the Board encouraged the continued support of volunteers in the community and thanked them for their services.

Vice Chair Howerton mentioned that she had the opportunity to be on a criminal justice panel at Duke University and announced to the attendees the need for additional volunteers in the community.

Commissioner Jacobs thanked Cooperative Extension for highlighting the volunteers. She stated 63,000 volunteer hours were contributed from the work done through Cooperative Extension. Commissioner Jacobs asked that information be provided to the public on ways to sign up to become a volunteer.

Commissioner Reckhow stated the Cooperative Extension staff was masterful with leveraging the great use of volunteers. She added the staff engaged people throughout the community to assist and provide services; and this alone was a tribute to the excellent direction provided by Ms. Sellars and her staff.

Mae McLendon, Volunteer Services Coordinator thanked the Board for the proclamation and the citizens for being very active and supportive of the services provided. She invited the Board and staff to attend a celebration on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at the Agricultural Building located on 721 Foster Street from 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Ms. McLendon announced that citizens interested in being volunteers could contact her at 919-560-7340 or by email at mmclendon@dconc.gov.

Delphine Sellars, County Extension Director thanked the Board for the proclamation and for allowing the department to hire a full-time Volunteer Coordinator. She also stated the volunteers were valuable stakeholders and the staff could not do all they do without the volunteers of Durham County.

Proclamation - National County Government Month 2016

Vice Chair Howerton read the following proclamation:

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH | 2016

WHEREAS, the nation’s 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe, vibrant and economically resilient communities; and

WHEREAS, Durham County Government and all counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, well-being and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, through National Association of Counties (NACo) President Sallie Clark’s “Safe and Secure Counties” initiative, NACo is encouraging counties to focus on strengthening the safety and security of their communities; and

WHEREAS, in order to remain healthy, vibrant, safe, and economically competitive, America’s counties provide public health, justice, emergency management and economic services that play a key role in everything from residents’ daily health to disaster response; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote programs and services to the public we serve; and

WHEREAS, Durham County will showcase how the county is building a safe and secure community by hosting a range of activities for the public, including three Periscope chats featuring various safety topics, a County Safety Vehicle Showcase and information spotlights on the County’s social media pages.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, 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 2016 as

“NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH”

and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

This the 11th day of April, 2016.

Michael D. Page, Chairman
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Deborah Craig-Ray, Assistant County Manager thanked the Board and stated this event had been sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo) since 1991. She recognized County staff present at the meeting and acknowledged her staff for their assistance in providing the planned activities for the month.

Dawn Dudley, Sr. Public Information Specialist shared the activities planned for the month of April. She stated the County utilized Periscope which was another form of social media to reach the public. Ms. Dudley stated on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 from 3:30pm – 3:50pm they would continue the Safe and Secure Theme which highlighted departments throughout the County. She also mentioned on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 there would be a Safety Vehicle Showcase held at the Durham County Main Library. Lastly, Ms. Dudley mentioned Thursday, April 21, 2016 they would host two conversations, one with the Durham County Fire Marshal and the Emergency Medical Services Department and the other with Security Services.

Chairman Page thanked Ms. Craig-Ray and Ms. Dudley for providing a great lineup of events for the public to enjoy.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Page asked the Board if they desired to pull any items from the Consent Agenda.

Hearing none, Chairman Page asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

16-955 Roof Replacement at the Durham County Detention Center

16-970 Durham Public Schools - Right of First Refusal for a Portion of 4521 South Alston Avenue

16-971 Durham Public Schools - Right of First Refusal for 216 Dacian Avenue

16-975 Approval of Closed Session Minutes

*16-1004 Budget Ordinance Amendment NO. 16BCC000056 - Appropriation in the Debt Service Fund for the Approved Issuance of \$78,227,000 of General Obligation Bonds and COPS for the Refunding of 2008 General Obligation Bonds and 2009A COPS

The motion carried unanimously.

Item #16-1004

**Durham County, North Carolina
2015-2016 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 16BCC000056**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2015-2016 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>DEBT SERVICE FUND</u>			
Other Financing Services	\$57,428,921	\$78,227,000	\$135,655,921

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>DEBT SERVICE FUND</u>			
General Government	\$58,217,142	\$78,227,000	\$136,444,142

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

This the 11th day of April 2016.

Public Hearings

Public Hearing to Consider Allocating Economic Development Investment Funds to Aurobindo Pharma USA Inc

Marqueta Welton, Deputy County Manager requested that the Board hold a public hearing to consider allocating \$200,000.00 in economic development investment funds to Aurobindo Pharma USA Inc. She added the company was looking to locate a pharmaceutical manufacturing plant and R&D center in Durham which could mean 200 new full time jobs and \$31.7 million in capital investment. Ms. Welton stated the City of Durham approved an equal incentive to the County's with similar incentives. She continued to say that \$100,000.00 would be tied to the 31.7 million capital investment and Aurobindo could earn additional incentives for each Durham resident hired in the proposed expansion.

Vice Chair Howerton questioned the Operator positions. Ms. Welton responded those positions would

likely be in the manufacturing division. Katie Culp, President of KSM Location Advisors stated the initial function would be to complete the R&D phase then move into the manufacturing process. She added the Operators would operate the machines during the different stage of the process.

Commissioner Reckhow inquired about the location in Durham the company was interested in. Ted Conner, Vice President of Economic Development and Community Sustainability for the Durham Chamber responded Aurobindo were looking at an old Teleflex building located at 2107 Weck Drive.

Chairman Page opened the public hearing.

Mr. Conner stated the client offered excellent jobs to the Durham area. He added that many of the new manufacturing jobs would not require a college degree and would be open doors for employment to many citizens in the Durham community. Mr. Connor mentioned the Bio-Work Training Program offered at Durham Technical Community College (DTCC) would help prepare residents in obtaining employment. He continued to say that DTCC allocated a portion of the sales tax to a program called Durham Connect which would provide scholarships to Durham residents interested in taking courses to prepare them for jobs at companies such as Aurobindo.

Chairman closed the public hearing and asked the pleasure of the Board.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Vice Chair Howerton to approve the allocation of \$200,000 in economic development investment funds to Aurobindo Pharma USA Inc.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jacobs expressed her excitement about the project and hoped that Aurobindo would be eligible to receive the additional \$100,000 if they hired 100 Durham residents.

Chairman Page thanked Ms. Welton for pushing this item forward and stated he looked forward to the company locating in Durham.

Commissioner Reckhow emphasized that the Board had structured incentives this way so that more citizens could be placed in these jobs. She mentioned the scholarships now being offered by DTCC and how the counselors were working with students in the schools to promote scholarships. Commissioner Reckhow added Durham County had the complete package prepared to bring a positive workforce to Aurobindo.

Vice Chair Howerton stated as a member and on behalf of the DTCC Board of Trustees, they looked forward to this initiative.

Other Business

Request for \$62,500 in Support for Free Community Programming at Moogfest

Casey Steinbacher, Founder and CEO of Casey's Company attended a Joint City-County meeting in October 2015. She stated information requested after that meeting was provided to the Board for review. Ms. Steinbacher added the City and County funding would be used to offset free community programming and it would also underwrite about 40% of the free programming. She continued to say that the economic impact statement was supplied to all members to show the economic benefit of up to

\$5 - \$6 million dollars and a tax value of \$180,000 - 200,000.00.

Commissioner Reckhow inquired about the advertising being used for the free programming. Marisa Brickman, Moogfest Festival Director responded they were working with US 20/20 an organization that serviced under-privileged students to get the work out. She added that over 200 Durham Public Schools students would be attending Moogfest on May 19-20, 2016 for a special free creative program.

Chairman Page asked if all the programming was free. Ms. Steinbacher responded no; there was a ticketed portion of the program. She added the free programs were being offered at the American Tobacco Campus.

Commissioner Jacobs stated she was impressed when she reviewed the presentation and the wide range of free programming being offered. She stated that Moogfest would take over all of Downtown Durham which would help make it inclusive and also help out local businesses.

Vice Chair Howerton asked where could citizens find information about the event. Ms. Brickman responded a full schedule could be found on www.moogfest.com and they were working with Redbull to produce a 10-page newspaper that would explain all about Moogfest. Vice Chair Howerton asked if there were discount prices being offered for ticketed events. Ms. Steinbacher stated the programs were free for the children.

Chairman Page stated he supported the project but added this was the first time the Board supported a project of this nature. He hoped the organization could reach out to all the coalitions and media groups to grab the attention and attendance of Durham County citizens.

Commissioner Reckhow also supported the project, however she hoped that the Board was not supporting this indefinitely. She challenged the organization to diversify the funding moving forward.

Commissioner Jacobs expressed her concern about the advertising for County citizens. She encouraged the organization to figure out ways to isolate free programs versus the ticketed events.

Ms. Steinbacher stated on behalf of Moogfest, she thanked them for the HB2 Resolution because many of the participants and speakers were transgender individuals. She added creating the resolution sent a message to all attendees that Durham was a great place to be.

Chairman Page entertained a motion.

Vice Chair Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to approve the request for \$62,500 in support of free community programming at Moogfest.

The motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Chairman Page stated the Board was requested to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) 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.

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to adjourn to

Closed Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene to Open Session

Chairman Page announced the Board met in Closed Session and provided direction to staff.

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 "Monica Toomer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Monica W. Toomer
Deputy Clerk to the Board