



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, April 25, 2016

7:00 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Chairman Page announced that Commissioner Foster would not be present and entertained a motion for an excused absence.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to excuse Commissioner Foster from the April 25, 2016 Regular Session meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Announcements

- 1)Registration is now open for the "Aging Well in Durham," a free community event and resource fair to be held Saturday, May 21, 2016 at the Human Services Complex. Come join the discussion of your vision of age-friendly Durham. Learn about reverse mortgages, voter ID, property tax relief programs for the elderly and disabled, etc. Registration is limited and required. For more information, please call 919-560-7393 or email seniors@dconc.gov.
- 2) Please contact the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025 or clerk@dconc.gov to find out about opportunities to serve on one of our volunteer boards or commissions.
- 3)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.

- 4)The Chair will hold office hours on Wednesdays. Please contact me at 919-949-4022 to schedule an appointment.
- 5) These announcements may also be found on the County’s website or you may call the Clerk’s Office at 919-560-0025.

Minutes

Vice Chair Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to approve the April 11, 2016 Regular Session Minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ceremonial Items

Proclamation – National Reentry Week 2016

Chairman Page read the following proclamation:

NATIONAL REENTRY WEEK | 2016

WHEREAS, More than 700 Durham County residents return to our community from state and federal prisons and nearly 8,000 people cycle through our local detention facility annually; and

WHEREAS, Durham County Government and its Board of County Commissioners have been supporting reentry and rehabilitation efforts in Durham County for more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS, effective reentry programs offer the chance for a better life to those who return from our nation’s corrections facilities; and

WHEREAS, it’s up to all of us, working together, to emphasize the importance of these programs and policies that make such a positive and lasting difference, not only to the individuals who are served, but to the communities in which they return; and

WHEREAS, over the last seven years, the Department of Justice has partnered with state, local and tribal agencies as well as national organizations to support hundreds of reentry programs across the country, yet the demand for effective reentry programs remains high; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to highlight the important work of these services, the Department of Justice has designed April 24-30, 2016 as “National Reentry Week” and has called upon communities across the country to do the same; and

WHEREAS, Durham County Board of Commissioners joins the effort to highlight the value of local reentry program and calls upon the community to support their work. The investments we make today through resources we dedicate, and the enthusiasm we generate, will be pay dividends for returning citizens and for public safety in Durham County and across America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael D Page, Chairman of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, doth hereby proclaim the week of April 24-30, 2016 as

“NATIONAL REENTRY WEEK”

in Durham County, and urge all citizens to join in recognizing how important it is to help formerly incarcerated inmates positively transition to become law abiding and productive members of society.

This the 25th day of April, 2016.

Michael D. Page, Chairman
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Gudrun Parmer, Director of Criminal Justice Resource Center thanked the Board for the recognition and allowing them to celebrate National Reentry Week. She stated the event was organized by individuals who successfully completed the reentry program. Ms. Parmer commented that an event was hosted in February for providers and community organizations who worked with individuals seeking employment. She added that another event was scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2016 from 4pm-6pm at the Criminal Justice Resource Center.

Commissioner Reckhow thanked Ms. Parmer for bringing this proclamation before the Board. She added that this was a community issue that needed to be highlighted. Commissioner Reckhow continued to say the City and the County both set good examples when they were requested to stop asking for background information on employment applications.

Directive: Commissioner Reckhow suggested the proclamation be used to approach the Chamber of Commerce about working collaboratively to promote the concept of banning the box.

Commissioner Jacobs also thanked Ms. Parmer and was excited to hear that another Provider Fair was forthcoming. She stated this would be a great start to building a network and noted that members of the Criminal Background subcommittee had already begun dialogue with the Chamber Policy group.

Vice Chair Howerton thanked Ms. Parmer and added there was still work to be done to make sure jailed individuals would receive a second chance at employment.

Proclamation - Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Chairman Page read the following proclamation:

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK | 2016

WHEREAS, to promote awareness of positive mental health, well-being and development for all children, youth and young adults ages birth through 26 years in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the leadership in Durham, North Carolina recognizes that mental health needs and treatment should be on par with medical needs and treatment; and

WHEREAS, families should not feel stigma and shame to seek treatment for their children and youth and be able to discuss openly their need for help without public retribution; and

WHEREAS, children's mental health promotion needs to be available to everyone. Education on the identification and use of child strengths to support success and promote mental health as well as anti-stigma, inclusion and social skills education should be available to all citizens of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, available school based mental health programs and positive behavior, interventions and supports should be considered as best practice, and be encouraged to be practiced in every Durham, North Carolina public school; and

WHEREAS, children are recognized for having unique needs for recovery of mental health, emotional, behavioral and substance abuse issues, and not being combined with the adult mental health population for treatment; and

WHEREAS, effective mental health treatment services to strengthen families, youth leadership development and family partner/peer supports results in children and youth overcoming trauma, becoming successful and contributing Durham, North Carolina citizens in a safe environment in their homes, schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, Durham County Government joins the National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Alliance Behavioral Healthcare, NAMI-NC, NC Families United, the NC State Children's Collaborative and the families and communities who have children, youth and young adults struggling with emotional and behavioral health issues join to recognized Children's Mental Health Awareness week and safety.

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 May 2, 2016 - May 8, 2016, as

“CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK”

This the 25th day of April, 2016.

Michael D. Page, Chairman
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Teka Dempson, Lead Family Coordinator of Alliance Behavioral Healthcare and President, National Federation for Families Children's Mental Health thanked the Board and expressed how grateful she was that this week was created. Ms. Dempson stated she was proud that partnerships were created to enhance the services of mental health.

Vice Chair Howerton expressed her appreciation for Ms. Dempson and the other ladies in attendance. She shared statistics which stated 10-15% of our youth had mental health issues. Vice Chair Howerton mentioned she appreciated the work done and highlight that Durham had been ranked on a national level for the past (3) three years.

Commissioner Jacobs thanked Ms. Dempson for raising awareness on children's mental health awareness. She also mentioned the opening celebration of a health clinic on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at Oak Grove Elementary. Commissioner Jacobs highlighted the importance of training the teachers and the parents in the schools so that they could identify the signs of mental health and respond appropriately.

Commissioner Reckhow also thanked Ms. Dempson and her team. She communicated with Wendell Davis, County Manager that she was surprised to find out that the County did not offer paid leave when a parent gave birth to a child. She also discussed the importance of bonding time when a child is born. Commissioner Reckhow stated the County should follow the lead of other companies and hoped that funds could be found in the upcoming budget to support this suggestion.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Page asked the Board if they desired to pull any items from the Consent Agenda. Citizen Steve Hopkins requested to pull item 16-989.

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

Vice Chair Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow, to approve the

following items on the Consent Agenda.

*16-985 Budget Ordinance No. 16BCC000053 to Recognize Additional Duke Energy NC Merger Settlement Funds of \$6,000 in the Social Services Budget.

*16-986 Budget Ordinance No. 16BCC000054 to Recognize Donated Funds of \$4,000 from First Presbyterian Church in the Social Services Budget.

*16-989 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000055 to Recognize Additional Revenue of \$806,305 in the Social Services Budget.

16-996 Property Tax Releases and Refunds for March 2016.

16-1035 Request for \$20,000 for 2016 Art of Cool Festival.

Consent Agenda Item 16-985

**Durham County, North Carolina
2015-2016 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 16BCC000053**

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>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$58,241,973	\$6,000	\$58,247,973

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$91,660,872	\$6,000	\$91,666,872

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

This the 25th day of April 2016.

Consent Agenda Item 16-986

**Durham County, North Carolina
2015-2016 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 16BCC000054**

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>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Contributions & Donations	\$152,119	\$4,000	\$156,119

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$91,666,872	\$4,000	\$91,670,872

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This the 25th day of April 2016.

Consent Agenda Item 16-989

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<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$58,247,973	\$806,305	\$59,054,278

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$91,670,872	\$806,305	\$92,477,177

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

This the 25th day of April 2016.

The motion carried unanimously.

Item 16-1035

Commissioner Jacobs requested to comment on item 16-1035. She expressed her excitement that Durham County was providing support for another great program similar to the support provided for Moogfest.

Item 16-986

Directive: Commissioner Reckhow requested a letter of thanks to First Presbyterian Church for their contribution to Social Services.

Item 16-989

Stephen Hopkins, Durham County Resident stated he supported the item. He wanted to personally thank Chairman Page, Vice Chair Howerton and Commissioner Jacobs for attending the PAC 1 meeting on April 16, 2016. Mr. Hopkins stated the conversation allowed the Board to discuss budget concerns and gave them the opportunity to meet the members. He continued to say that he would like to dedicate

the 3rd Saturday in April to “Coffee with the Commissioners” if they would accept.

Board and Commission Appointments

Michelle Parker-Evans, Clerk to the Board, distributed ballots to the Board to make appointment to the Boards and Commissions.

The Board made the following appointments (incumbents are underlined.) Individuals listed in bold print were appointed.

City-County Appearance Commission

Erik Mehlam (Howerton, Jacobs, Page, Reckhow)

Pamela Porter (Howerton, Jacobs, Page, Reckhow)

Jacob Rogers (Howerton, Jacobs, Page, Reckhow)

Durham County Hospital Corporation Board of Trustees

Benjamin Alman – Citizen Position (Page)

Pat Ashley – Citizen Position (Jacobs, Reckhow)

Alan L. Portnoy – Citizen Position (Howerton, Jacobs, Page, Reckhow)

Devdutta Sangvai – Citizen Position (Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Fred Foster, Jr. – County Commissioner (Howerton, Jacobs, Page, Reckhow)

David E. Attarain, MD – DUHS (Jacobs)

Cynthia K. Shortell, MD – DUHS (Howerton, Page, Reckhow)

Closed Session

Chairman Page stated the Board was requested to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to the following:

- G.S 143.318.11 (a)(3) to consult with an attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege
- 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; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee.

Vice Chair Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs 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

Commissioner Reckhow 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 W. Toomer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and "T".

Monica W. Toomer
Deputy Clerk to the Board.