



Durham County

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Meeting Minutes

Board of County Commissioners

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
James Hill, Vice Chair
Heidi Carter, Commissioner
Brenda A. Howerton, Commissioner
Ellen W. Reckhow, Commissioner

Monday, December 12, 2016

7:00 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Chair Jacobs announced that there were no agenda adjustments.

Announcements

Chair Jacobs read the following announcements:

- 1)The Board of County Commissioners wishes all citizens a safe and happy holiday season. The Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 9:00 am.
- 2)Join Bull City United in setting a non-violent tone for 2017. Support a week of peace events designed to raise awareness of gun violence and encourage people to stop shooting. Each event will last approximately 60 minutes and will begin January 1 – January 7. For more information, visit Bull-City-United on Facebook; [twitter@BullCityUnited](#); and visit the Announcement page on our website for a complete list of activities.
- 3)Help us update Durham County's Strategic Plan. Please go to [tinyurl.com/durhamcountyplan](#) to share your vision for what Durham County should be doing in the areas of community prosperity, health, safe and secure community, the environment and visionary government. This online community forum, which only takes a few minute to complete, will be live now through the end of the year. We greatly value your feedback as we refresh our Strategic Plan and plan for the future of Durham County.
- 4)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.

- 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.
- 7) The public was invited to attend the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on Wednesday, January 11, 2016 at 12pm located at First Presbyterian Church.
- 8) The deadline to pay taxes is Thursday, January 5, 2017 and all requests for property tax exemptions must be filed between January 1 – 31, 2017.

Minutes

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to approve the November 14, 2016 and November 28, 2016 Regular Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ceremonial Items

Proclamation Durham County ACCESS Champions in Transportation Week- December 12- 18, 2016

Commissioner Carter read the following proclamation:

CHAMPIONS IN TRANSPORTATION WEEK | 2016

WHEREAS, the demand response transportation service provided by Durham County ACCESS provides a vital link to mobility, independence and enhances the quality of life for Durham County residents; and

WHEREAS, Durham County ACCESS serves the mobility needs of the most important people – “our customers—our Champions” --the transportation disadvantaged, elderly, disabled, rural general public for they are the purpose for which we serve; and

WHEREAS, the Durham County ACCESS Demand Response service utilizes a coordinated model—a shared ride system that provided over 60,000 trips to Durham County residents, nearly 20,000 provided by Durham County ACCESS alone in FY15; and

WHEREAS, Durham County ACCESS riders not able to utilize the fixed route system are afforded and depend on the network of trips that provide safe and dependable transportation from their doors to medical and health related appointments, shopping, employment and other supportive services; and

WHEREAS, the foundation of Durham County ACCESS Demand Response transportation network is built on a collaborative team effort of the Durham County, City of Durham, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Durham Chapel Hill Carrboro MPO and the Federal Transit Administration that work collectively to assure resources and policies are established to enhance the operations and provide the administrative and capital grants to support and strengthen the transportation network; and

WHEREAS, Durham County is recognized widely as the City of Champions. It is fitting that we take time this month to bring greater awareness to the transportation services, programs and applaud the leadership of our team and thank our customers and fans with the Champion in Transportation Awards.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of December 12, 2016,

“CHAMPIONS IN TRANSPORTATION WEEK”

I encourage all Durham county residents to observe this week by learning more about the services of Durham County Access and participate in championing the way for greater mobility for the citizens of Durham County.

This the 12th day of December, 2016.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Resolution Honoring the 2016 Champion in Transportation Passenger of the Year

Vice Chair Hill read the following resolution:

**CHAMPION IN TRANSPORTATION
PASSENGER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2016**

WHEREAS, Durham County ACCESS is a vital link to mobility and enhances the independence and quality of life for Durham County residents; and

WHEREAS, Durham County is widely recognized as the “City of Champions” home to numerous national sport championships; and

WHEREAS, Durham County ACCESS has created an annual award to recognize exceptional leadership and dedication of partners and passengers “Champions” that illustrate the true purpose and spirit of the ACCESS transportation program; and

WHEREAS, Arlana Bass, a dynamic and exemplary rider has been selected as the second recipient of the Champions in Transportation “Passenger of the Year Award”; and

WHEREAS, Arlana Bass, represents a true ACCESS success story—not only for her daily commitment to riding Durham ACCESS to her day program at Rainbow 66 Storehouse-- but for setting an example of how transportation is critical to accessing the many programs and services offered in the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, the members of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, the Durham County Transportation Advisory Board and Durham County Cooperative Extension extend our heartfelt appreciation and congratulations and join Durham County ACCESS in awarding Arlana Bass the “Champion in Transportation – Passenger of the Year Award.

This the 12th day of December, 2016.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair

James Hill, Vice-Chair

Heidi Carter

Brenda Howerton

Ellen Reckhow

Resolution Champion in Transportation Senior Citizen of the Year Award

Commissioner Reckhow read the following resolution:

**CHAMPION IN TRANSPORTATION
OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2016**

WHEREAS, Durham County ACCESS is a vital link to mobility and enhances the independence and quality of life for Durham County residents; and

WHEREAS, Durham County is widely recognized as the “City of Champions” home to numerous national sport champions. Durham County ACCESS has created an annual award to recognize exceptional leadership and dedication of partners and passengers “Champions” that illustrate the true purpose and spirit of the ACCESS transportation program; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Wood, a dynamic and charming Durham senior citizen has been selected to receive the Champion in Transportation for Outstanding Senior Citizen Passenger for her advocacy, vitality, independence and spirit of positivity; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte is an exemplary Champion in Transportation for her long term and faithful commitment to riding Durham ACCESS to medical appointments; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, the members of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, the Durham County Transportation Advisory Board and Durham County Cooperative Extension extend our heartfelt appreciation and congratulations and join Durham County ACCESS in awarding Charlotte Wood the “Champion in Transportation – Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year” Award.

This the 12th day of December, 2016.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair

James Hill, Vice-Chair

Heidi Carter

Brenda Howerton

Ellen Reckhow

Ms. Woods expressed her gratefulness and appreciation of the service provided by Durham County ACCESS. She thanked the staff and drivers for their assistance with getting her to appointments safely.

Linda Thomas-Wallace, Transportation Program Manager thanked the Board for their continued support throughout the years. She also recognized several staff members for their hard work.

Commissioner Reckhow recalled Ms. Woods’ comments about the importance of Durham County Access and how much the service was needed for the citizens of Durham County.

Thank You to 2016 Bond Referendum Committee

Chair Jacobs introduced the two community leaders who led the successful effort which resulted in the passage of the following four (4) bonds:

\$90 million for Durham Public Schools
\$44.2 million for Durham County Main Library
\$20 million for Durham Technical Community College
\$14 million for Museum of Life and Science

Michael Goodman, Co-Chair thanked the Board for the honor to co-chair the committee.

Farad Ali, Co-Chair stated it all started at the request of County Manager Davis. He also thanked numerous partners that assisted with getting information to the citizens which allowed the four (4) bonds to be passed.

Commissioner Howerton thanked the co-chairs, staff and John White, VP of Durham Chambers for their role.

Commissioner Reckhow recalled the outcome of previous bonds being passed and stated the County never produced winning margins as high as these two co-chairs.

Proclamation - HIV Cure Research Day

Commissioner Howerton read the following proclamation:

HIV CURE RESEARCH DAY | 2016

WHEREAS, residents of Durham, NC are disproportionately affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic; and

WHEREAS, African Americans and Latinos represent the majority of those affected by the HIV epidemic, yet are underrepresented in HIV clinical trials aimed at innovating prevention, treatment, and cure methods that could benefit them; and

WHEREAS, UNC Chapel Hill is a global leader in HIV cure clinical trial research; and

WHEREAS, the 2BeatHIV project, which is a research project at UNC Chapel Hill, is pioneering the use of crowdsourcing contests to improve community engagement for HIV cure research; and

WHEREAS, the 2BeatHIV project aims to raise awareness about HIV cure research happening in North Carolina and across the world; to increase community buy-in for HIV cure research; to empower community members to engage in critical discussion about the social and ethical concerns about HIV cure research; and to mobilize community members to coordinate prevention and treatment efforts toward the future of HIV cure locally, nationally, and globally; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the 14th day of December as

“HIV CURE RESEARCH DAY”

in Durham County, North Carolina and commend its observance to all citizens in recognition of the positive impact of community engagement for HIV cure research.

This the 12th day of December, 2016.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Dr. Mathews thanked the Board for accepting the resolution and stated this date marked the one (1) year anniversary of the founding of the project. She added over 250,000 people were reached via social media and they have attended international meetings to speak about innovative engagements. Dr. Mathews continued to say Durham was the first City/County in the world to have a HIV Cure Research Day.

Citizen Comments

The Board of County Commissioners provided a 30-minute comment period to allow Durham County citizens an opportunity to speak. Citizens were requested to refrain from addressing issues related to personal matters.

Samantha Hargrove, Director of Marketing and Communications at North Carolina Central University announced that a \$1.1 million dollar grant was received to provide re-entry for those that wished to pursue their education. She added this was a five (5) year grant and it would begin enrollment Spring 2017. Commissioner Howerton asked how many people would be served. Ms. Hargrove responded within the five (5) year period, they were expected to service up to 1000 people.

Jim Svava, citizen provided a brief update on the Housing Stabilization Grant. He encouraged the County to support the program and added this would assist in the ability for homeowners to stay in their home.

Robin Jacobs, Executive Director of the Eno River Association presented the Board with the 2017 Eno River Association calendar. She thanked the Board for their work and commitment for making Durham a place that cared about their environment.

Laura Fogle, citizen updated the Board on the Digital Divide group that met at the Hayti Heritage Center to discuss the implications for effective education, employment opportunities and healthcare through internet usage. She added limited or no internet access affected 57% of people with low income. Ms. Fogle stated a follow-up meeting would be held with all stakeholders involved to continue to develop solutions to move forward.

Becky Winders, member of the Coalition for Affordable Housing and Transit spoke in support of approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to move forward with developing the Durham County Light Rail Transit project. She expressed her disagreement with the State's decision not to provide more funding and she hoped the Commissioners would move forward with the planning and engineering process.

Chris Hanke, citizen, stated Go-Triangle should be more concerned with overall transportation and not just the light rail project. He added citizens deserved full transparency on how much the price would increase and that the County should stop and look at the process so price increases could be avoided.

Consent Agenda

Chair Jacobs asked the Board if they desired to pull any items from the Consent Agenda. After hearing no comments, she entertained a motion for approval.

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda.

16-1349 Ratify Election of Chair and Vice Chair of Board of County Commissioners

16-1370 Approval of Public Official Bonds

16-1394 Approval of 2017 Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Schedule

*16-1403 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 17BCC000036 to Increase the Budget for the Rural Operating Assistant Grant in the Amount of \$18,825.00

*16-1408 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 17BCC000037 to Recognize Funds in the Amount of \$1,100 from NC Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health to Support Public Health Preparedness Planning and Operational Readiness

16-1409 Refund of Overpayment of Tax/Revenues Stamps pursuant to N.C. General Statute 105-228.37

*16-1411 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 17BCC000040 to Recognize Funds in the Amount of \$2,722 from UNC-Chapel Hill to Implement the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (SmartLife)

*16-1412 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 17BCC000039 to Recognize Funds in the Amount of \$179,960 From the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to Support Bull City United (Cure Violence)

16-1416 Refund of Overpayment of Tax/Revenues Stamps pursuant to N.C. General Statute 105-228.37

16-1426 Certification of the 2016 General Obligation Bond Referendum

16-1429 Receive and Schedule a Public Hearing on an Application to Provide Non-Emergent Ambulance Service in Durham County

16-1430 Approval of Contract with Tindol Ford to Purchase Three (3) 4x4 Ford Expeditions for Emergency Medical Services

*16-1437 Capital Project Amendment No. 17CPA000011 - Closing One Project and Reducing One Project and 17BCC000038 Reducing the Transfer from the Capital Financing Plan Fund to the Debt Service Fund and Transferring those funds to the Pay-As-You-Go Capital Project Fund to fund the remaining project balances in the Main Library Upgrade Project and the EMS Station #1 Renovation Project

16-1438 Contract Amendment for Westaff

16-1439 Authorization to Execute the Temporary Lease Agreements with Northgate Mall, LLC. for the

North Carolina Room Library Collection, Library Outreach and Maker's Space, and a Storage Agreement with Duke University for Book Storage during the Renovation of the Main Library

16-1440 Approval of Contract with Leonine Building Solutions, LLC to Upgrade the Youth Home Security System

16-1441 Voting Delegate for 2017 Legislative Goals Conference

16-1442 Reimbursement Resolution for 2016 GO Bonds

The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Item #16-1403

**Durham County, North Carolina
2016-2017 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 17BCC000036**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2016-2017 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	\$59,600,033	\$18,825	\$59,618,858

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$95,849,016	\$18,825	\$95,867,841

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

This the 12th day of December 2016.

Consent Agenda Item #16-1408

**Durham County, North Carolina
2016-2017 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 17BCC000037**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2016-2017 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	\$59,618,858	\$1,100	\$59,619,958

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	

Human Services \$95,867,841 \$1,100 \$95,868,941

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

This the 12th day of December 2016.

Consent Agenda Item #16-1411

**Durham County, North Carolina
2016-2017 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 17BCC000040**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2016-2017 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	\$59,799,918	\$2,722	\$59,802,640

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$96,048,901	\$2,722	\$96,051,623

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

This the 14th day of December 2016.

Consent Agenda Item #16-1412

**Durham County, North Carolina
2016-2017 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 17BCC000039**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2016-2017 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	\$59,619,958	\$179,960	\$59,799,918

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$95,868,941	\$179,960	\$96,048,901

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

This the 14th day of December 2016.

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
2016-17 Capital Project Ordinance
Amendment Number 17CPA000011**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the 2016-17 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.

Capital Project	Current Budget	Inc./Dec.	Revised Budget
Criminal Justice Resource Center (4730DC082)	\$4,284,174	(\$98,660.99)	\$4,185,513.01
Human Services Complex (4730DC070)	\$90,248,859.28	(\$461,258.74)	\$89,787,600.54

Adopted this the 12th day of December, 2016.

**Durham County, North Carolina
2016-2017 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 17BCC000038**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2016-2017 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 Sources	\$176,377,836	-\$940,778	\$175,437,058

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>DEBT SERVICE FUND</u>			
General Government	\$177,166,055	-\$940,778	\$176,225,277

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

This the 14th day of December 2016.

Public Hearings

Public Hearing - Unified Development Ordinance Text Amendment, Historic Preservation and Other General Process Changes (TC1600004)

Michael Stock, AICP, Senior Planner stated the Board was requested to conduct a public hearing and receive public comments on the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) text amendment Historic Preservation and Other General Process Changes (TC1600004). He added it was initiated by the

Planning Department to make corrections, clarifications and re-organize sections of the UDO. Mr. Stock continued to say Joint City/County Planning recommended approval 11-1 at the October 11, 2016 meeting.

Commissioner Howerton asked for clarification on Section 17.6. Mr. Stock responded state law allowed up to 365 days to delay the request for demolition of a structure. He continued to say that was the purpose of that statement.

Chair Jacobs inquired about the comments made by Commissioner Miller where he suggested some rewriting to the document; she asked if that correction had been addressed. Mr. Stock stated those concerns were discussed and the re-wording was completed.

Chair Jacobs opened the public hearing. No one was signed up to speak. Chair Jacobs closed the public hearing and entertained a motion from the Board.

First Motion:

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to adopt the appropriate Statement of Consistency pursuant to NCGS § 153A-34.

The motion carried unanimously.

Second Motion:

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to adopt an ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance, incorporating revisions to Article 2, Review Authority; Article 3, Applications and Permits; and all other articles as necessary regarding Part 5 of this Ordinance.

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing - Unified Development Ordinance Text Amendment, Technical Revisions to Wireless Communication Facilities Regulations (TC1600001)

Michael Stock, AICP, Senior Planner stated the Board was requested to conduct a public hearing and receive public comments on the Unified Development Ordinance Text Amendment, Technical Revisions to Wireless Communication Facilities Regulations (TC1600001). He added staff identified a set of text amendments necessary to maintain the policy direction established by adopting the new standards in 2015, and maintain compliance with applicable state and federal law. Those proposed amendments are as follows:

1. Specify existing and intended service providers.
2. Revise the method for measuring setbacks for freestanding WCFs.
3. Revise the requirement to comply with setbacks in order to qualify as an “eligible facility request.”
4. Clarify the permissibility of freestanding, non-concealed WCFs in RS Districts and the allowable height for the RS-20 District.
5. Add the definition for “fall zone” and “geographic search ring.”

Chair Jacobs opened the public hearing. No one was signed up to speak. Chair Jacobs closed the public hearing and entertained a motion from the Board.

First Motion:

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to adopt the appropriate Statement of Consistency pursuant to NCGS §153-341.

The motion carried unanimously.

Second Motion:

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to adopt an ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance, incorporating revisions to Article 5, Use Regulations; and Article 16, Definitions.

The motion carried unanimously.

Lowell Siler, County Attorney took a moment to thank Steve Medlin, City of Durham Planning Director for his many years of service.

Commissioners Howerton and Reckhow recalled memories and thanked Mr. Medlin for his years of service with Durham City/County Planning.

County Manager Davis thanked Mr. Medlin for his service and invited the Board to attend his retirement celebration on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 3:00pm located at City Hill, 2nd Floor, Committee Room.

Chair Jacobs mentioned the different capacities in which she had the pleasure of working with Mr. Medlin. She added he remained the same professional person throughout his career and thanked him for his decades of service.

Other Business

Adoption of Non-Binding Letter of Intent: Re: Durham to Orange County Light Rail Project

Jeff Mann, CEO, GoTriangle asked the Board to approve a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding to signify Durham County's ability to work with light rail to help seek funds. He added the state transportation budget was reduced from 25% to 10%. Mr. Mann continued to say before funds were necessary, GoTriangle would continue to seek and raise funds.

Commissioner Howerton asked if the North Carolina Central University (NCCU) site was the cause of the increase. Mr. Mann responded the additional cost was due to a funding gap. He clarified the NCCU extension was not the reason for the increase.

Commissioner Reckhow referenced page two (2), item three (3) of the MOU and she asked for clarification on the commitment date from Durham County. Mr. Mann responded spring 2018 was the timeframe of being in the recommended budget, fully committed funds were not needed until 2019. Commissioner Reckhow asked when the commitment was needed. Danny Rogers, Project Director explained the first stage of the process required 15% of the total project commitment, in June 2018, 50% of local share should be committed and in 2019, the full funded commitment must be in place.

Commissioner Carter asked was there anything coming up in April 2017. Mr. Rogers stated the deadline mentioned was the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) deadlines. He added everything must be submitted to engineering by the end of 2016. The FTA would inform GoTriangle of their decision by

February 2017. Mr. Rogers mentioned the “look back” phase to ensure this was the right step for the County and at that time they would move forward with the full design. Commissioner Carter expressed her appreciation of the “look back” phase which would help the Board and community to make a change with moving forward if needed.

Chair Jacobs asked if the PowerPoint presented to the City/County included a timeline. Mr. Mann responded yes. Chair Jacobs asked how the Board would be informed on the funding collaboration. Mr. Mann stated GoTriangle proposed a monthly meeting with Finance and the Commissioners.

Chair Jacobs recognized Dan Jewel, citizen, to speak. Mr. Jewel stated he was an advocate for the system and encouraged the Board to follow the manager’s recommendation and approve the MOU.

Commissioner Howerton asked were they seeking grants or taxes to fund the project. Mr. Mann responded they were not specifying any source at this time, they were looking at numerous efforts.

Chair Jacobs recognized Commissioner Reckhow for her involvement with transportation and asked her to introduce her proposed motion.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Vice Chair Hill for the following motion:

“We direct our staff to work with the Go Triangle staff and other partners/stakeholders to assess the following issues with a preliminary report to this board by April 1, 2017 and a final report by April 1, 2018 when we need to make the final decision about committing funds.

1. Impact on county finances of such a large investment over a 10 year period including due diligence concerning the ability to absorb this investment along with other county long term needs and commitments.

2. Impact of the increased Durham Orange Light Rail Transit (DOLRT) cost on implementing other parts of the Bus and Rail Investment Plan. This should include discussion with Orange County on their request for a revised project cost split between the two counties. The Bus and Rail Investment Plan is currently being updated by staff and should be ready to review prior to April 1, 2017.

3. Expected development potential and associated tax revenue generation around light rail transit stations in Durham County since Tax Increment Finance (TIF) could be a financing tool.

4. Report on the amount of private in-kind donations of land and other private financial support that can reasonably be expected.

5. The impact of annual operating and maintenance costs for both LRT and bus service, and a break-out of the revenue sources that will be used to cover the costs, including the local option taxes and fees, revenue from passengers, revenue from GoPass agreements and state and federal operating support, if any.”

The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Jacobs stated the motion mentioned by Commissioner Reckhow addressed the needs of the County. She added number three (3) was a very critical issue because it included infrastructure and economic investment and number four (4) expressed the need for private-public partnerships.

Commissioner Carter stated the light rail system would reduce the cost of congestion and provide access to work. She continued to say the County should move forward with the project.

Commissioner Howerton stated everyone supported the project, they were just concerned about where the funding would come from.

Commissioner Carter asked could money be moved from bus enhancements. Mr. Mann responded there would be no shift of any funds. Commissioner asked if Duke was supportive. Mr. Mann stated there were concerns expressed but they were addressed and Duke has signed a MOU on the matter.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to approve the non-binding letter of intent.

The motion carried unanimously.

Board and Commission Appointments

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

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

Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee

Alia Granger (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Convention Center Authority

Craig Spitzer (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Durham Open Space and Trails Commission

Brian Buzby (Carter, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

David Morgan (Hill)

Reynolds Smith (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Farmland Protection Advisory Board

Talmage Layton (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Trainkeyna Bond (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Transportation Advisory Board

David Morgan (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Commissioner Howerton asked for an excused absence from the Joint Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2016. She stated she would be representing the Board at the General Assembly meeting in Raleigh.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Vice Chair Hill to excuse

Commissioner Howerton from the Tuesday, December 13, 2016 Joint Board of Education meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Vice Chair Hill to adjourn the Regular Session meeting.

The motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monica W. Toomer".

Monica W. Toomer
Deputy Clerk to the Board