



# 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, September 11, 2017**

**7:00 PM**

**Commissioners' Chambers**

#### **Closed Session (To be held at: 5:30 pm)**

##### **Closed Session**

Chair Jacobs stated the Board was requested to adjourn into Closed Session to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial appointment 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 pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(6).

Commissioner Reckhow moved seconded by Commissioner Howerton to adjourn to Closed Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **7:00 pm Regular Session**

##### **Reconvene to Open Session**

Chair Jacobs announced that the Board met in Closed Session and provided the County Manager direction for his work plan.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to set the salary at \$145,000.00 for the new Director of Social Services.

The motion carried unanimously.

##### **Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance**

##### **Agenda Adjustments**

Chair Jacobs acknowledged September 11<sup>th</sup> and stated it was 16 years ago since the horrific 9/11 event.

She added the Durham Chamber of Commerce sponsored a First Responders Breakfast on Friday, September 8, 2017 which was timely due to the many tragic national and local events. Chair Jacobs asked for a brief moment of silence.

## **Announcements**

Chair Jacobs read the following announcements:

- 1) Durham's annual Bull City Stand Down will be held Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Durham County Memorial Stadium, 750 Stadium Drive, from 8 am to 3 pm. Veterans who attend will be able to receive assistance with housing, haircuts, showers, mental health assessments, flu shots, employment assistance, and much more.
- 2) There will be a public workshop on Thursday, September 21, 2017 to discuss the NC 98 Corridor Study. The event will be held between 5:00-7:00 pm at the Durham County East Regional Library, 211 Lick Creek Lane. Citizens may attend anytime during those hours to learn more about the 27-mile long project, extending from U.S. 70 in Durham County through Wake County to U.S. 401 in Franklin County, North Carolina. This project will evaluate safety and congestion, planned and existing roads, bicycle/pedestrian facilities and transit uses of N.C. 98. There will not be a formal presentation. Follow [CAMPO](#) and [DCHC](#) on social media to receive project updates!
- 3) Alliance Behavioral Healthcare has developed and opened a new urgent care service in Durham to help people who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis. The new center, located at 2670 Durham-Chapel Hill Boulevard, is open for adults and children Monday-Thursday from 8:00am-7:00pm, on Fridays from 8:00am-3:00pm and on Saturday from 9:00am-noon. It is operated by Carolina Outreach, a member of the Alliance Provider Network that also offers a variety of other behavioral health services at locations across the state. Alliance also provides an Access and Information Line where clinical staff is available 24/7 by calling (800) 510-9132.
- 4) The City of Durham will hold a municipal primary on October 10, 2017 and a municipal election on November 7, 2017. Early voting for the October election begins on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Visit [www.dconc.gov/elec](http://www.dconc.gov/elec) or call 919-560-0700 for early voting hours, locations, and more details.
- 5) These announcements may also be found on the County's website or you may call the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025.

Commissioner Reckhow announced the next Durham Reads Program would begin September 17 – October 31, 2017 and the item being read was the U.S. Constitution. She directed the public to the website: [www.durhamreadstogether.org](http://www.durhamreadstogether.org) and encouraged everyone to get involved.

## **Minutes**

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to approve the August 28, 2017, August 14, 2017 and the March 13, 2017 Regular Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

## Ceremonial Items

### Resolution - Supporting the Continuation of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

Chair Jacobs read the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONTINUATION OF THE FEDERAL DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) PROGRAM AND ENCOURAGING CONGRESS TO CREATE A PERMANENT PATH TO LEGAL RESIDENCY FOR DACA RECIPIENTS**

**WHEREAS**, nearly 800,000 young people who came to the United States as children have come forward, passed background checks, and received permission to live and work in the United States through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA; and

**WHEREAS**, with DACA, these 800,000 young people, known as DREAMers for the proposed Congressional DREAM Act that would provide them with path to permanent legal status, have advanced their education, started small businesses, built families, and more fully established themselves as integral members of American society; and

**WHEREAS**, of these 800,000, almost 30,000 DACA recipients live in North Carolina, including many in Durham County; and

**WHEREAS**, President Trump has indicated he will repeal DACA, putting all 800,000 DREAMers at risk of immediate deportation; and

**WHEREAS**, DACA's termination would reduce the nation's GDP by an estimated \$433.4 billion over the next 10 years, including a reduction of nearly \$1.2 billion in North Carolina alone, according to the Center for American Progress; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Durham is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive County where all residents can live, work, play, learn, and realize their full potential and to being a welcoming County for refugees and immigrants.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

**SECTION 1:** The County of Durham stands with immigrant youth and supports the continuation of the DACA program; opposes any federal action that would rescind or weaken the DACA initiative; and encourages North Carolina's congressional delegation to support the bipartisan DREAM Act or similar legislation that would provide a path to permanent legal status for our nation's DREAMers.

**SECTION 2:** The County of Durham requests that the County Clerk send copies of this resolution to all members of the County's delegation to the United States Congress, the United States Secretary of Homeland Security, and the President of the United States.

**FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED** we, the members of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby support the continuation of the Federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program.

This the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

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Wendy Jacobs, Chair

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James Hill, Jr., Vice Chair

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Heidi Carter

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Brenda Howerton

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Ellen Reckhow

Commissioner Reckhow stated the individual stories highlighted were very compelling. She gave the following directive:

**DIRECTIVE: Commissioner Reckhow asked the Clerk to communicate with Durham Public Schools to assemble stories and include them with the resolution.**

**Recognition - NC Association of County Commissioners to thank Durham County**

Kevin Leonard, Executive Director, NC Association of County Commissioners thanked the Board for their public service. He also thanked the County for hosting the 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Deborah Craig-Ray, General Manager for her work during the event as well. Mr. Leonard briefly mentioned some of the positive comments about Durham, introduced his staff, and presented the Board with a graphic artwork design created by the NCACC.

Chair Jacobs thanked Mr. Leonard for the recognition and also recognized Michelle Parker-Evans, Clerk to the Board, and Dawn Dudley, Senior Public Specialist for their collaborative efforts.

Commissioner Howerton thanked the Association. She also shared that the economic impact was over \$500,000 and there were over 1065 rooms booked.

Commissioner Reckhow thanked the County and NCACC staff for making the event possible.

**Presentation - Local Government Federal Credit Union Award Check**

Chair Jacobs introduced Matt Gunnett, Membership Services Coordinator, who thanked the Board and members for their service within the organization. He introduced Darlene Jacobs, Member Development Officer with the LGFCU, who explained the importance of the Excellence in Innovation Award. Mr. Gunnett stated the program was judged based on four (4) criteria: innovative, measurable, could it be replicated and likely to recommend or implement the program in your County. He added there were 48 submissions and Durham County was awarded for the EMS Recruitment and Retention Design Thinking Project.

Rafael Baptista, Strategic Initiative Analyst, thanked the NCACC for the recognition. He thanked the team and leadership for helping to think of innovative ways to overcome various challenges.

Mr. Gunnett presented Durham County with a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 and a trophy.

**Proclamation - Together for Resilient Youth's Plan for Zero Initiative**

Commissioner Reckhow read the following presentation:

**TOGETHER FOR RESILIENT YOUTH'S PLAN FOR ZERO INITIATIVE | 2017**

**WHEREAS,** 28% of high school students reported feelings of depression in the past year (feeling so sad or hopeless almost every day for 2 weeks or more in a row that they stopped doing usual activities).

**WHEREAS,** 14% of high school students made a plan to attempt suicide

**WHEREAS,** 65% of high school students have seen other students being bullied

**WHEREAS,** 16% of high school students have carried a weapon (gun, knife, club) to school in the past 30 days

**WHEREAS,** 25% of high school students had one or more drinks of alcohol in the past month

**WHEREAS,** 9% of high school students smoked cigarettes in the past month

**WHEREAS**, 24% of high school students used electronic vapor product use

**WHEREAS**, 22% of high school students smoked Marijuana in the Past Month

**WHEREAS**, 15% of high school students have taken a prescription drug without a prescription in the past month

**WHEREAS**, 41% high school students (41%) use the computer for entertainment for more than 3 hours on an average school day.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby recognize September 11, 2017 as

**TRY ZERO**

*The Plan for Zero Initiative of Together for Resilient Youth*

in Durham County, North Carolina and commend its observance to all citizens in recognition of the positive impact of prevention and Durham TRY on our community.

This the 11th day of September, 2017.

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Wendy Jacobs, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Wanda Boone, Founder of Together for Resilient Youth, thanked the Board for their service and explained the significance of the program. She stated the organization collaborated with youth, young adults, colleges, media and faith organizations so all areas of expertise could be brought to the table. Ms. Boone suggested the public visit the website: [www.durhamtry.org](http://www.durhamtry.org) for more information.

Commissioner Howerton commended Ms. Boone on her work and stated she appreciated her commitment to the children.

Commissioner Reckhow thanked Ms. Boone for her leadership with T.R.Y and for stepping up to provide leadership on the taskforce with Adverse Childhood Experiences and helping to promote resiliency.

Chair Jacobs and Commissioner Carter also echoed the comments made.

**Introduction of new My Brother's Keeper Coordinator**

Wendell Davis, County Manager introduced Edmund Lewis, Jr. as the new My Brother's Keeper Coordinator. He provided background information and stated Mr. Lewis would be a liaison to internal agencies and special interest groups.

Mr. Lewis thanked the Board and the County Manager for the opportunity. He shared stories on how his organization in Detroit helped many young men of color and how he hoped to make those differences here in Durham County.

Dr. E.L. Allison stated she was excited about the MBK Program and asked that the Board continue to support it. She mentioned she would like to see the criteria for the special interest groups so that opportunities could be made for the public.

## Consent Agenda

Chair Jacobs stated a citizen requested to pull item #17-0420. She asked if there were any additional items that Commissioners wanted to pull or comment on.

Commissioner Reckhow provided the following directive on item #17-0416.

**DIRECTIVE: Commissioner Reckhow requested data on how much revenue the parking deck generated. She requested calendar revenue from 2016 and projections for 2017.**

Wendell Davis, County Manager, stated he would ask Finance to work on the reports requested.

Chair Jacobs highlighted item #17-0429 stating she was proud that Durham would be the first County to pass the resolution. Commissioner Howerton also extended her congratulations.

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

17-0369 Request to Award Contract for Sole Source Purchase of OCLC for Cataloging and InterLibrary Loan Platform

17-0405 Grant Offer for the Raleigh-Durham International Airport

17-0407 North Carolina General Statutes 105-299 Employment of Experts - Spatalest Inc

\*17-0409 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 18BCC000008 to Appropriate General Fund Fund Balance in the Amount of \$137,500 Per the Funding Agreement with Research Triangle Foundation

17-0416 Durham County Courthouse Parking Deck Operations Contract

17-0419 Request Approval of FirstWatch Software and Maintenance Contract for EMS Services

17-0421 Request to Award Contract for Renewal of SirsiDynix Integrated Library System and Add-On Services

17-0429 Adopt a Resolution in Support of Counties for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

Consent Agenda Item #17-0409

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2017-2018 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 18BCC000008**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2017-2018 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>
<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>			
Other Financing Sources	\$25,420,409	\$137,500	\$25,557,909

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Economic and Physical Development	\$5,714,727	\$137,500	\$5,852,227

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

This the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017

**Public Hearings**

**Public Hearing - Urban Open Space Plan**

Scott Whiteman, AICP, Planning Supervisor, stated revisions were made to the draft of the Urban Open Space Plan to address the concerns made by the Board at the August 2017 Worksession meeting. He added all the changes were detailed and descriptions were added the plan.

Commissioner Reckhow stated under Implementation – Objective One (1) Number Nine (9), she stated there were two (2) typos “innovative” and “recreation.” She also suggested adding “multi-agency and the County Matching Grant Program.” Commissioner Reckhow continued to say using the County Matching Grant Program could be used to help implement parts of the Open Space Plan. Mr. Whiteman stated by adding the additional revisions to the motion, the changes could be made.

Chair Jacobs opened the public hearing.

Chris Dreps, Executive Director, Ellerbee Creek, expressed his excitement about the green focus and not just the traditional space. He stated he would like to see more specifics on the priorities and the implementation of the project. Chair Jacobs asked if the additional revisions suggested by Mr. Dreps could be made. Mr. Whiteman stated at this moment, the department was looking to address the issues of the Commissioners but would take Mr. Dreps comments back to Durham Open Space and Trails.

Commissioner Reckhow expressed her concerns about the lack of specifics related to implementation. She hoped there was opportunity for concepts and actions to be fleshed out further and asked the City/County staff to work together on those concerns. Commissioner Reckhow suggested matching grants because there were areas identified in the plan that were open opportunities to citizens.

Mr. Whiteman stated Planning could come back with an update on how the implementation had progressed.

Chair Jacobs closed the public hearing. She mentioned a recent trip to Ohio where they showcased the reuse of land and stated the County could reclaim infrastructure from the built environment.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to approve the item with changes under “Implementation” page 58 Objective One (1) number nine (9) to correct the typos innovative and recreation and for “Responsible Parties” change the wording to multi-agency and the County Matching Grants Program.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Items Pulled From Consent Agenda**

**17-0420 Contract Amendment 1 for Exterior Maintenance and Repair Services to the Durham County Administration Building**

Dr. E. L. Allison asked for a breakdown of the 93.26% of MWBE used on the project. Motiryo Keambiroiro, Director of General Services, responded the sub-contractor working on the project was a minority owned business. She added the figure was not classified as a black or white owned business.

Commissioner Howerton asked Ms. Keambiroiro if the number categorized because the contractor was a female. Ms. Keambiroiro stated the sub-contractor on the project was a woman owned business. She explained the specifics of the MWBE project stating it does not differentiate if it was a black or white business; it just states that the business must be owned by a woman.

Commissioner Howerton asked if the item could be pulled for further review. Ms. Keambiroiro responded the project was on a tight time frame completing the restoration of the Administrative Building and would not recommend pulling the item.

**Directive: Commissioner Carter stated right now the Board was getting statistics on who owned the company. She asked in the future if the Board could get statistics on who worked for the businesses as well. Commissioner Carter also stated she would like to get a follow-up from staff at a future Worksession meeting.**

Commissioner Reckhow stated the MWBE plan was updated every three (3) to four (4) years. She added there was evidence that showed discrimination against women and African American women so the updates to the plan developed goals around the disparity. Commissioner Reckhow continued to say many contracts have gone to African American women, yet this particular contract was awarded to a business where a portion of the work being done was by a woman owned firm which made it fall in line with the plan.

**Directive: Vice Chair Hill requested that the term minority and person of color be broken down in the future.**

Chair Jacobs stated this contract was an extension of the work already being completed on the building. She added although woman owned the business, they offered a very diverse workforce.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to approve this item.

The motion carried unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to adjourn the Regular Session meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Monica W. Toomer  
Deputy Clerk to the Board