



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, November 13, 2017

7:00 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

Regular Session

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Chair Jacobs announced there were no adjustments to the agenda.

Announcements

Chair Jacobs read the following announcements:

- 1)The ACA Open Enrollment Period is November 1 until December 15, 2017. Consumers who are not eligible for Medicare or Medicaid and do not have other health insurance coverage can enroll in or change health plans during open enrollment. New coverage begins January 1, 2018. MDC, Durham County Department of Social Services and the Lincoln Community Health Center have navigators available to help individuals enroll in ACA. For a full list of local ACA assistance, visit <https://localhelp.healthcare.gov>. North Carolina consumers can also call 855-755-3711 to schedule an appointment with an ACA Navigator.

Commissioner Howerton add there would be a question/answer session on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 beginning at 6pm with Congressman G. K. Butterfield. She stated citizens could contact his local office at 919-908-0164 to be a part of the conversation and additional questions on the issue would be answered at that time.

- 2)The Matching Grants Program of the Durham Open Space and Trails Commission is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations in Durham City and County. The grants are available to assist selected nonprofit organizations with their efforts to preserve open space lands and promote new or improved recreational opportunities for citizens. The application deadline is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. Grant guidelines and applications are available online at www.dconc.gov/openspacegrants. For project specific questions and

more about the grant process, contact Brendan Moore, matching grants administrator for Durham County, at (919) 560-7957 or email brmoore@dconc.gov.

- 3)The Durham County Women's Commission is hosting a 30th Anniversary Luncheon celebration entitled "Forward Together" on Thursday November 30, 2017 11:30 am - 1:30 pm at the Durham Country Human Services Building. The luncheon will feature a multi-cultural/multi-generational panel discussion on the Power, Confidence and Unity of Women. The cost is \$30 to attend. Please contact the Clerk's Office for additional information.
- 4)These announcements may also be found on the County's website or you may call the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025.
- 5)Commissioner Howerton announced that Minnie Forte-Brown would be sworn in on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Greensboro, NC as the President of the North Carolina School Board Association. She added this was such an honor for Durham and invited the Board and citizens to attend.

Minutes

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to approve the October 23, 2017 Regular Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ceremonial Items

Introduction of Mr. William "Ben" Rose as the new Director Social Services

Wendell Davis, County Manager, introduced William "Ben" Rose as the new Director of Social Services. He provided the educational background and previous work experience of Mr. Rose and welcomed him to the County.

Mr. Rose stated he was delighted to be a part of the County and the community of Durham. He continued to say that he looked forward to working with the County in building services throughout the Social Services department.

Chair Jacobs expressed her excitement and welcomed Mr. Rose to the County.

Commissioner Reckhow welcomed Mr. Rose and asked that he invite the Board to meet with him one on one so that they could each get to know him better.

Commissioner Howerton also welcomed Mr. Rose and mentioned that she was a part of a Social Services workgroup that dealt with Welfare Reform around Foster Care and she would like to meet with Mr. Rose to get his input.

Congratulations to Catherine Williamson-Hardy on her Tenure as Interim Director of Social Services

Wendell Davis, County Manager, recognized Catherine Williamson-Hardy, former Interim Director of Social Services, for her outstanding service from April 2016 – October 2017. He thanked her for her

willingness to stand in the gap and keeping the department afloat.

Tara Fikes, Chair of the Social Services Board, echoed the remarks of Manager Davis adding that the Social Services Board put all their trust in Ms. Williamson-Hardy and she had done a wonderful job. She continued to say the board was grateful for her service during the interim period.

Chair Jacobs stated the Board expressed its gratitude for her hard work. She added the Department of Social Services (DSS) was the largest in the County that offered critical services to the community. Chair Jacobs thanked Ms. Williamson-Hardy for rising to the occasion as well as assisting the new Director during his entrance.

Ms. Williamson-Hardy thank the DSS board, staff, managers and leadership for allowing her to become interim. She also expressed how humble she was to the County Manager, Board and General Manager for allowing her the opportunity.

Vice Chair Hill stated he appreciated the work of Ms. Williamson-Hardy during her interim role and during the transitional period.

Introduction of Ms. Darlana Moore as Internal Audit Director

Wendell Davis, County Manager, introduced Darlana Moore as the new Internal Auditor Director. He highlighted her extensive work history, her educational background and welcomed her to the County.

Ms. Moore thanked the Board for the opportunity to come to the County and utilize her skills to build upon the foundation left by Richard Edwards, former Internal Auditor Director.

Chair Jacobs welcomed Ms. Moore and added that she had a very important role within Durham County government.

Proclamation - National Adoption Awareness Month

Chair Jacobs read the following proclamation:

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH | 2017

WHEREAS, the County of Durham recognizes the importance of giving children in foster care permanent, safe and loving families through adoption; and

WHEREAS, every child deserves the opportunity to grow up in a loving, stable home and adoption is one way to build a family; and

WHEREAS, caring adults can make all the difference in the lives of young people, sibling groups, children with special needs, and teenagers; and

WHEREAS, more than 260 children in Durham County, NC are in foster care and of that total number 14 children in Durham County, NC are legally free for adoption and waiting for permanent families; and

WHEREAS, since January 2013 Durham County has successfully recruited families for children waiting resulting in a total of 129 finalized adoptions, including 27 sibling groups; and

WHEREAS, this effort along with similar celebrations in all 50 states around the country will offer children the chance to live with stable and loving families and encourage other dedicated individuals to make a powerful difference in the lives of a child through adoption;

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 proclaim November 2017, as

“ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH”

in Durham, North Carolina and commend this observance to our citizens and urge all citizens to join in raising awareness on behalf of the 14 children in Durham County who are waiting for a loving family. I further encourage communities, businesses, schools, faith-based organizations and families to “answer the call” and honor the special needs of Durham County’s children in hopes of securing a permanent, loving family for each and every child regardless of race, age, gender, healthy, emotional or behavioral condition and past distress.

This the 13th day of November, 2017.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Ben Rose, Director of Social Services, stated finding permanence for children was very important. Jovetta Whitfield, Assistant Director, added this year the focus was on teens. She continued to say through the federal government if a teenage was adopted, the benefits would continue until that child was 21 years old. Ms. Whitfield provided an update on the number of children that were still in need of a permanent home and stated the County was able to finalize the adoption of a 16 and 17 year olds which was at times difficult to do.

Chair Jacobs asked if there were any events planned for National Adoption Month. Ms. Whitfield responded there were recruiting events planned and this year it would be sponsored at Frankies Family Fun Park. Chair Jacobs asked if the information would be added to the County website or be promoted during the “*In Touch with Durham County*” video. Ms. Whitfield stated she would get the information over to Deborah Craig-Ray, General Manager.

Commissioner Howerton mentioned recent discussions held during the Social Services workgroup meetings around foster care and also highlighted how many adoptive parents there were in the group.

Vice Chair Hill asked for a call of action due to a recent rule to remove the adoption tax credit. He asked all citizens to call their state representatives and house members and express the importance of keeping the tax credit.

Consent Agenda

Chair Jacobs asked the Board if they requested to pull or comment on any items from the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Carter thanked the staff for answering questions during the November 6, 2017 Worksession meeting. She added the discussion made a huge difference in the approval of tonight’s items.

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

17-0445 FY2017 Annual Claims Report

*17-0467 Capital Project Amendment No. 18CPA000006 - Moving Unspent 2007 General Obligation Bond Funds between Durham Public School Capital Projects and Returning Unspent Lottery Funds to NCDPI

*17-0469 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 18BCC000013 - Budget Changes Related to Capital Finance Program Dedicated Revenues, Transferring \$1,055,009 of General Fund Fund Balance to the Capital Financing Fund

17-0476 Approval of Contract for Emergency Management Situational Awareness/Incident Management Software Tool

17-0477 The Library Requests to Add Opening Day Collection Audiovisual Materials and Cataloging and Processing Services to the Existing Contract for Audiovisual Materials and Cataloging and Processing Services with Baker & Taylor Inc. for an Increase of \$40,000 to a Total Not to Exceed \$224,000 by June 30, 2018.

17-0478 The Library Requests to Add Opening Day Collection Books and Cataloging and Processing Services to the Existing Contract for Books and Cataloging and Processing Services with Baker & Taylor Inc. for an Increase of \$232,300 to a Total not to Exceed \$1,012,300 by June 30, 2018

17-0479 Request to Award General Construction Contract to Progressive Contracting Company, Inc. for the Durham County Detention Center Elevator Upgrade Project

*17-0480 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 18BCC000014 - Appropriate Restricted Funds for the Sheriff's Office, Fire Marshall, Youth Home, Public Health, and Social Services

17-0482 Approval of Non-Profit Service Contract with the Museum of Durham History

17-0488 Library Contract Amendment - Matthews Specialty Vehicles for a Durham County Mobile Technology Vehicle

17-0491 Approval of Contract with ETC Institute for Third Annual Resident Survey

*17-0495 Budget Ordinance Amendment 18BCC000015 - Sheriff's Office Acceptance of 2017 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

17-0497 Approval of Board of Commissioners' 2018 Meeting Schedule

17-0498 Execution of Architectural Design Service Contract with DTW Architects and Planners, Ltd. for the EMS Station #1 Project No.: DC 132

17-0507 Interlocal Agreement between the County of Durham and City of Durham Regarding Reimbursement of Lost Revenue and Fees

Consent Agenda Item #17-0467

Amendment Number 18CPA000006

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the 2017-18 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.

Project	Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Revised Budget
07 GO Bond - Y.E. Smith Elementary (SH146)	\$8,202,063.45	(\$1,176.35)	\$8,200,887.10
07 GO Bond - DPS Project Management (SH151)	\$2,975,875.94	(\$2,543.54)	\$2,973,332.40
07 GO Bond - DPS Technology (SH156)	\$8,736,448.62	(\$201.84)	\$8,736,246.78
07 GO Bond - Eno Valley Elementary (SH202)	\$1,583,746.56	(\$6,763.26)	\$1,576,983.30
07 GO Bond - Hillandale Elementary (SH206)	\$1,476,689.56	(\$0.00)	\$1,476,689.56
07 GO Bond - Southwest Elementary (SH212)	\$813,101.13	(\$95,490.07)	\$717,611.06
07 GO Bond - New Elementary School C (SH214)	\$1,027,680.00	(\$42,750.42)	\$984,929.58
07 GO Bond - School of Creative Studies (SH216)	\$682,672.22	(\$19,177.92)	\$663,494.30
07 GO Bond – WG Pearson MS (SH219)	\$95,520.00	(\$0.00)	\$95,520.00
07 GO Bond - Northern High School (SH222)	\$1,374,311.00	(57,341.10)	\$1,316,969.90
LF 16 - Southwest Elementary (SH233)	\$1,500,000.00	(\$27,234.30)	\$1,472,765.70
07 GO Bond – HVAC Controls (SH235)	\$1,900,000.00	(\$0.00)	\$1,900,000.00
07 GO Bond – Middle Sc Gym Bleachers (SH237)	\$472,041.04	(\$226.25)	\$471,814.79
07 GO Bond – Districtwide Backflows (SH238)	\$200,000.00	(\$23,292.09)	\$176,707.91
16 GO Bond – Northern High School (SH239)	\$51,250,000.00	\$57,341.10	\$51,307,341.00
16 GO Bond - Eno Valley Elementary (SH241)	\$7,320,194.00	\$79,617.85	\$7,399,811.85
16 GO Bond - School of Creative Studies (SH251)	\$350,000.00	\$19,177.92	\$369,177.92
16 GO Bond - Construction Services (SH273)	\$900,000.00	\$2,543.54	\$902,543.54
Unspent Lottery Funds Returned to NCDPI		\$117,516.73	
Totals	\$91,668,237.01	\$0.00	\$91,550,720.28

Adopted this the 13th day of November, 2017.

Consent Agenda Item #17-0469

**Durham County, North Carolina
2017-2018 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 18BCC000013**

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>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$30,265,986	\$1,055,009	\$31,320,995

CAPITAL FINANCING FUND

Other Financing Sources \$37,534,792 \$1,055,009 \$38,589,801

Expenditures:

Function

GENERAL FUND

General Government \$111,247,414 \$1,055,009 \$112,302,423

CAPITAL FINANCING FUND

General Government \$72,680,412 \$1,055,009 \$73,735,421

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

This the 13th day of November 2017

Consent Agenda Item #17-0480

**Durham County, North Carolina
2017-2018 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 18BCC000014**

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>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$31,320,995	\$1,122,549	\$32,443,544

Expenditures:

Function

GENERAL FUND

Public Safety	\$64,884,428	\$104,070	\$64,988,498
Human Services	\$95,963,252	\$1,018,479	\$96,981,731

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

This the 13th day of November 2017

Consent Agenda Item #17-0495

**Durham County, North Carolina
2017-2018 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 18BCC000015**

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>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$60,267,397	\$54,455	\$60,321,852

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Public Safety	\$64,955,498	\$54,455	\$65,042,953

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

This the 13th day of November 2017

Closed Session

Chair Jacobs stated the Board was requested to adjourn into Closed Session for the following:

1. 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 pursuant to (G.S.143-318.11(a)(6).
2. to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes pursuant to G.S.143-318.11(a)(1).
3. to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of business or industry pursuant to G. S. 143-318.11(a)(4).

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Vice Chair Hill to adjourn into Closed Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene to Open Session

Chair Jacobs announced the Board met in Closed Session and provided direction to staff.

Adjournment

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Monica W. Toomer
Deputy Clerk to the Board