

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Monday, February 25, 2019

7:00 P.M. Regular Session

MINUTES

Place: Commissioners' Chambers, Second Floor, Durham County Government Administrative Complex, 200 East Main Street, Durham, North Carolina

Present: Chair Wendy Jacobs, Vice-Chair James Hill and Commissioners Heidi Carter, Brenda Howerton and Ellen Reckhow

Presider: Chair Wendy Jacobs

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. **Individual Meetings to Discuss the Appraisal Process** – There are still four (4) dates left to meet with tax staff to discuss the appraisal process. Interested residents are asked to contact the Tax Office at 919-560-0300 or visit www.dconc.gov/taxhelp to register to attend any of the sessions listed below.

Southwest Regional Library: Tuesday, February 26th, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

East Regional Library: Wednesday, February 27th, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Administrative Building II: Thursday, February 28th, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

South Regional Library: Friday, March 1st, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Please note the deadline to schedule a meeting has been extended to Thursday, February 28th.

2. **Durham County, State Officials Announce the Expansion of AveXis, Inc., in RTP** - Durham County Government played a pivotal role in an official announcement at the North Carolina Biotechnology Center on Monday, February 18, 2019, where gene therapy company AveXis, Inc., and the North Carolina Department of Commerce announced a doubling of the expansion of AveXis' manufacturing center in Durham County. The \$60-million expansion will bring an additional 200 jobs that offer a spectrum of employment opportunities that exceed the County's average pay. AveXis, which develops treatments for rare and life-threatening neurological diseases, previously announced it would expand in May 2018 and create 200 jobs with a \$55-million investment at its facility located inside Research Triangle Park.

3. **My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Durham Mini Grant Program Accepting Applications** - The MBK Durham Mini Grant Program awards grants to local groups to provide support for youth focused grassroots initiatives to impact community change and is intended to provide support and engagement for boys and young men of color in Durham County. The goal is to support mentorship, creative discussion and activities by nonprofits and other community driven initiatives who will use their efforts toward helping our boys and young men of color many other milestones.

More information and the mini grant application can be found at: <http://www.mbkdurham.info>

4. **2019-2020 Durham Pre-Kindergarten Programs Now Enrolling** – Your 4-year old child may be eligible to attend Durham County's NC Pre-K Program, Durham PreK and/or Durham Public Schools' Pre-Kindergarten.

For more information or to apply please do one of the following:

- a. Call 919-314-6813 to set an appointment time between February 4th and May 16th
- b. Visit www.dpfc.net/our-work/nepk/ or www.dpsnc.net
- c. Walk in at East Durham Children's Initiative (EDCI) at 2101 Angier Ave between 11am – 2pm on March 4th, 18th or April 1st, 15th or 29th or 4pm – 6pm on March 5th, 19th or April 2nd, 16, or 30th.

5. **Safe Haven for Online Sales** – The Durham County Sheriff's Office can provide you with a safe and secure location to complete online sales. Available during business hours or Monday – Friday 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. and Saturday – Sunday 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Please call 919-560-0900 to schedule an appointment or we will meet you at the Courthouse Parking Lot on S. Roxboro Street and Pettigrew Street.

6. **LIEAP - Low Income Energy Assistance Program:** LIEAP will be open to ALL Durham County residents, January 2 - March 31, 2019. Applications will be taken at the Department of Social Services in the Crisis Lobby #27 Monday - Friday at 414 East Main Street from 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Call 919-560-8000 to schedule your LIEAP appointment. Walk-ins are welcome. The LIEAP Program assists with heating only. Bring a photo ID, Social Security card, income verification and verification of heating source-heating bill to your appointment.

7. **Save The Date: Women's Health Awareness 2019** – A Women's Wellness Conference with **FREE** health screenings, education sessions, healthy living sessions and health resources will be held on Saturday, April 6th from 8:00am – 5:00pm at the Mary Townes Science Building located at 1900 Concord St (NCCU Campus).

Registration for this event is FREE and ends Friday, March 15th. Register at www.niehs.nih.gov/whad. For more information please email whad@niehs.nih.gov or call (984) 287-4414.

8. **Boys of Color Conference** – My Brother's Keeper Durham and North Carolina Central University Male Achievement Center (M.A.C) will kick-off their inaugural conference on April

13, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Miller Morgan Auditorium located at 1801 Fayetteville St (NCCU Campus).

This year's theme is Be the Change: The Re-Dedication to Black Male Achievement. This event is free and is aimed for males ages 14 and up. Pre-registration is suggested at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-boys-men-of-color-conference-aami-tickets-54901674386?fbclid=IwAR1Q3fHsVyPKeXYDPHtW0-cUHK2rdzDGzSxPTUaJ1CMwTrtNsDuCyZqnyvk>

Volunteers and sponsors are also needed. Please contact mybrotherskeeper@dconc.gov if you are interested.

9. **We're 150 Years Old, Y'all!** As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Durham throughout 2019, we're honoring the changemakers who shaped Durham's unique sense of place, and we're rightfully touting Durham's position in the future. Home to scholars, artists, and entrepreneurs, we're accustomed to movement, creativity, and blazing new trails. SAVE THE DATE, April 13, 2019 - Durham 150 opening celebration. Visit www.DURHAM150.ORG and look for announcements in January for more on how to get involved.

10. **Durham's First Youth National Track and Field Championship** - The Durham Sports Commission will host the 2019 USA Track & Field Youth Outdoor National Championships on June 25-30, one of four national championships USATF holds each year for youth amateur athletes, and the first national championship for youth track and field hosted in Durham. Registration for the championship is now live for both athletes and spectators. Athletes can register by going to www.athletic.net and spectators can purchase an all-championship pass on the Eventbrite event page. All day championship passes are \$55 and single day tickets are \$10.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-usatf-youth-nationals-outdoor-championship-tickets-55716644985?fbclid=IwAR1MgFexs0AloDA3BNtr7RlxMFjF07m1QhIvvDbeP3WsiCn9KV8PtXASspo&utm_campaign=Bull-etin&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=70056129&hsenc=p2ANqtz--5K-SbSIZiflu70gwqfVvghT1kV8ZItJPqxZn9qcnAYtHZJhzjKv2Xl5yie9c9r0V0cut3ZXnBtIGeJzmQACiYMIln3zA&_hsmi=70056129

11. **Alert Durham** - Sign Up Today: Durham County wants to keep its citizens informed and safe in the case of an emergency. Sign up for Alert Durham to receive notifications about severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. To sign up for Alert Durham, visit www.AlertDurham.com
12. **Get Involved!** It's your County. Durham County Government has approximately 43 active advisory boards referred to as Boards and Commissions. Citizens of Durham County may volunteer to participate by applying for a vacancy.

Interested citizens should fill out an application and send it to the Clerk to the Board's Office. A description of the boards as well as a list of vacancies can be found on the County's website at <http://www.dconc.gov/government/departments-a-e/board-of-commissioners/boards-and-commissions>. If you need additional information, please contact the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025 or email to: BoardsandCommissions@dconc.gov

Minutes

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to approve the January 7, 2019 Work Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Directive: Chair Jacobs requested a follow-up from the Gang Reduction Steering Committee regarding a report requested from the Board at the January 7, 2019 Work Session meeting.

Ceremonial Items

Presentation of the 2018 Champions in Transportation Awards and Proclamation - Champions in Transportation Week

Linda Thomas, Durham County ACCESS, Transportation Program Manager introduced two new Transportation Advisory Board members Milton Gilder and Tiana Horn. Ms. Thomas also announced the “Champions in Transportation” award recipients:

Passenger of the Year Award – LeRoy Farrington
Senior Citizen of the Year Award – Mary Cropper
Customer Service of the Year Award – Thandiwe (Tiny) Meeks
Exceptional Advocacy Award – David Rhew
Heart of a Champion, Chairman’s Award – Randolph Lynch
Spirit of Durham – Zack Hawkins

Ms. Thomas thanked everyone for coming out and showing their support. She also thanked Brenda Taylor, Administrative Assistant and Julian Ali, Administrative Assistant for their assistance with reception.

The Board thanked Ms. Thomas and staff for all the hard work.

Chair Jacobs read the following proclamation and acknowledged the award recipients.

CHAMPIONS IN TRANSPORTATION WEEK | 2019

WHEREAS, 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 through a safe and dependable transportation network provided over 41,170 trips to disabled, elderly transportation disadvantaged and rural resident to medical, shopping, employment and training, community and social service destinations in FY17-18; and

WHEREAS, the City of Durham, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Durham Chapel Hill Carrboro MPO and the Federal Transit Administration work collectively with Durham County to support and strengthen the advocacy, policies and programs of the demand response service delivery; and

WHEREAS, the City of Champions is a part of Durham County – it is truly fitting that on Monday, February 25, 2019 the Durham County Board of County Commissioners honored and presented Champion in Transportation Awards to dedicated customers, exceptional role models and leaders; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Board of County Commissioners in recognition of the value of this public transportation service, dedicated riders and leadership do hereby proclaim February 25th – March 4th, 2019

“CHAMPIONS IN TRANSPORTATION WEEK”

I congratulate the recipients of this year’s “Champions in Transportation” awards and encourage all Durham county residents to observe this week by learning more about the services of Durham County Access and take an active role in championing the way for greater mobility throughout Durham County.

in Durham, North Carolina.

This the 25th day of February 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Thank Dr. Deborah Crandall for Serving as Interim Director of Durham County Cooperative Extension

The Board thanked Dr. Deborah Crandall for working for Durham County Cooperative Extension. Linda Thomas also thanked Dr. Crandall for being Interim Director for last five months.

Dr. Crandall expressed her thankfulness for the opportunity to serve the Interim Role for Cooperative Extension.

Introduction of Donna Rewalt as the Director of the Durham County Center of NC Cooperative Extension Effective March 1, 2019

The Board congratulated Donna Rewalt on her new position and for her role with the Confederate Monument.

Ms. Rewalt thanked Dr. Crandall for all her hard work over the last five months and thanked Susan Kelley, North Central District Extension Director.

Recognition of the Recent Graduating Cohort of Bull City YouthBuild

Cory Rawlinson, YouthBuild Program Director, gave an overview of the program, goals and achievements. He added 21 students graduated this year and they also wrote a book titled “*Strong and Unbroken.*” Donna Bennett, Giovanni Graulau and Shemika Mitchell read poems written from the book and explained how the YouthBuild Program provided an opportunity for growth. Mr. Rawlinson shared funding for the program was renewed and a new program would start March 2019.

Consent Agenda

Chair Jacobs asked the Board if they requested to pull or comment on any items on the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, Chair Jacobs entertained a motion for approval.

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

*19-0077 Property Tax Releases and Refunds for January 2019

19-0092 Contract Amendment for Velasquez Digital Media Communications

The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Item #19-0077

Due to property valuation adjustments for over assessments, listing discrepancies, duplicate listings and clerical errors, etc. The attached report details releases and refunds for the month of January 2019.

Releases and Refunds – 2019

Personal Property	\$	<u>22.26</u>
Total	\$	22.26

Releases and Refunds for 2018 Taxes

Real Property	\$	13,843.90
Personal Property	\$	2,090.43
Motor Vehicle	\$	0.00
Solid Waste Fees	\$	158.81
VTS Refunds	\$	<u>13,041.88</u>
Total	\$	<u>29,135.02</u>

Releases & Refunds for Prior Years

Real Property	\$	169.19
Personal Property	\$	<u>595.62</u>
Total	\$	764.81

Grand Total	\$	29,922.09
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Board and Commission Appointments

Monica Toomer, Interim 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 identified with an (i). Individuals who are recommended by a Board are underlined.) Individuals listed in bold print were appointed.

Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee

(i) Jennifer Melvin Pifer (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Animal Services Advisory Committee

Marianne Bond (Carter, Hill, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Brian Langloss (Howerton)

Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee

(i)**Marilyn Cash** (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Women's Commission

Patti Black (Carter, Hill)

Shauna Cooper (Reckhow)

Leah Selvy (Jacobs)

Angelique Stallings (Howerton)

Closed Session

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

- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant to G.S.143-318.11(a)(3).

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene to Open Session

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

Adjournment

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 8:21p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Macio Carlton

Senior Administrative Assistant