

Revised
(See Announcement; Addition—Item No. 8a and Consent Agenda Item No. 9j
Removed Item Nos. 10 and 11)

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Monday, April 27, 2009

County Commissioners' Chambers
200 East Main Street, Durham, North Carolina

AGENDA

“Public Charge”

The Board of Commissioners asks its members and citizens to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous manner, both with the Board and fellow citizens. At any time, should any member of the Board or any citizen fail to observe this public charge, the Chairman will ask the offending person to leave the meeting until that individual regains personal control. Should decorum fail to be restored, the Chairman will recess the meeting until such time that a genuine commitment to the public charge is observed.

As a courtesy to others, please turn off cell phones during the meeting.

7:00 P.M. Regular Session

1. **Opening of Regular Session**—Pledge of Allegiance 5 min.
2. **Agenda Adjustments** 5 min.
3. **Announcements** 5 min.
 - The Board of County Commissioners will hear funding requests from Nonprofits on May 4, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.
 - **Durham County will hold a “Groundbreaking Ceremony” for the new Health and Human Services Building on May 5 at 10:00 a.m. The activity will be held in the block across the street from the current Health Department, located at 414 East Main Street. Parking will be available adjacent to the site.**
4. **Minutes** 5 min.
 - a. March 5, 2009 Worksession
 - b. March 23, 2009 Regular Session
 - c. March 24, 2009 Conversations
5. **Presentation of the Commissioners Community Circle Award** 10 min.

The Commissioners Community Circle Award, created by Michael D. Page, 2009 Chairman of the Durham Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), is designed as a

way to recognize county departments, local non-profit organizations, and programs for the extraordinary services they provide to Durham's citizens.

The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club will be awarded the Commissioners Community Circle Award due to their inspirational service that improves the lives of Durham's teens. The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club has displayed the ability to consistently cultivate the competence and wellbeing of the clients they serve. Their outstanding mentorship and leadership cannot go unnoticed by the BOCC.

Resource Person(s): Michael D. Page, Chairman of the Durham Board of County Commissioners

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager's recommendation is that the Board congratulate The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club for their receipt of the Commissioners Community Circle Award.

5a. **Proclamation for "Children's Mental Health Awareness Day"**

5 min.

The United States Department of Health and Human Services estimates at least one in five children and adolescents have a mental health disorder with one in 10, or about 6 million people, suffering from a serious emotional disturbance.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Day events are scheduled for May 7 in Durham County. Officials sponsoring the event have requested the proclamation. In addition, staff of the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress will make remarks about the work of the organization.

Resource Person(s): Melissa King

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager's recommendation is that the Board approve the proclamation and present to representatives of the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress.

6. **Foster Care Month Proclamation**

5 min.

All children deserve a safe, happy life, including the 513,000 American children and youth in foster care. Young people in foster care especially need nurturing adults on their side because their own families are in crisis and unable to care for them. Each May, the Department of Social Services salute the compassionate people who make a difference by serving as foster parents, relative caregivers, mentors, advocates, social workers, and volunteers. Thanks to these unsung heroes, many formerly abused or neglected children and teens will either safely reunite with their parents, be cared for by relatives, or be adopted by loving families.

In Durham County on March 1, 2009, there were 236 children and youth in foster care. Foster Care Month is an opportunity to educate the community about the need for more foster parents and to celebrate the commitment foster parents make to improve the lives of vulnerable children and youth.

Two major events are planned in May to celebrate: The Foster Parent's Banquet on May 7 and the Walk for the Children on Saturday, May 2, at 9:00 a.m. The Board of Commissioners is invited to attend both events.

Resource Person(s): Jovetta Whitfield, Program Manager, Child Placement and Supportive Services, and Sammy Haithcock, Director, Department of Social Services

County Manager's Recommendation: Recommend approval of proclamation declaring Foster Care Month in Durham County and to raise community awareness about the need for more foster parents.

7. **Older Americans Month Proclamation**

5 min.

When Older Americans Month was established in 1963, only 17 million living Americans had reached their 65th birthdays. About a third of older Americans lived in poverty, and there were few programs to meet their needs. However, interest in older Americans and their concerns was growing. In April 1963, President John F. Kennedy's meeting with the National Council of Senior Citizens served as a prelude to designating May as "Senior Citizens Month." Thanks to President Jimmy Carter's 1980 designation, "Senior Citizens Month", which is now called "Older Americans Month," has become a tradition.

Today, one in six Americans, or 44 million people, is age 60 years or older. While most older Americans are active members of their families and communities, others are at risk of losing their independence. These include four million Americans age 85 years and older, those who are living alone without a caregiver, those living in nursing homes or other institutional settings, members of minority groups, older persons with physical or mental impairments, older persons residing in rural areas, low income older persons, and those who are abused, neglected, or exploited.

Older Americans Month is a time to acknowledge the contributions of past and current older persons to our country, in particular those who defended our country. Every President since JFK has issued a formal proclamation during or before the month of May asking that the entire nation pay tribute in some way to older persons in their communities. Older Americans Month is celebrated across the country through ceremonies, events, fairs, and other such activities.

The Durham County Department of Social Services, Health Department, the Senior RBA Group, Triangle J, and the Council for Senior Citizens are requesting that the Board of Commissioners declare May as Older Americans Month in Durham County and help to promote this observance to Durham residents.

DSS will host the annual Celebration of Life luncheon for DSS Adult Services clients ages 70+ on May 21 at St. Phillips Episcopal Church. Commissioners are invited to attend.

Resource Person(s): Bob Wallace, Program Manager, Adult and Crisis Services, DSS; Lois Deloatch, Senior RBA Group; Joan Pelletier, Triangle J; Gail Souare, Council for Senior Citizens; and Gayle Harris, Health Department

County Manager's Recommendation: Recommend approval of proclamation declaring Older Americans Month in Durham County and to raise community awareness of the need for to strengthen the system of care for our older residents.

8. **Proclaim May 3-9 National County Government Week**

5 min.

The week of May 3-9 is declared National County Government Week. Durham County Government will participate in this event by hosting various community and employee events.

National County Government Week (NCGW) is an annual celebration of county government. First held in 1991, the goal of County Government Week is to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of the nation's counties.

This year's theme is Greening Our Future.

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager's recommendation is that the Board proclaim May 3-9 as National County Government Week in Durham.

8a. **2009 Durham County Employees United Way Campaign**

10 min.

The County's 2009 United Way Campaign conducted last fall was one of the most successful campaigns in recent memory, particularly in light of the economic downturn. County Employee Campaign Chairman Nina Bullock and her committee reported employee giving at \$95,715.00. The real winners are the Triangle United Way charities that will benefit, particularly those in Durham County.

Resource Person (s): Mike Ruffin, County Manager; Nina Bullock, County Chairman, 2009 United Way Campaign

County Manager's Recommendation: **The County Manager recommends that the Board recognize Ms. Bullock and the Committee member for its efforts.**

9. **Consent Agenda**

20 min.

- a. Property Tax Releases and Refunds for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 (accept the property tax release and refund report for March 2009 as presented and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined by the report);
- b. Request from Northern High School to Transfer Ownership of a Surplus Turf Grass Mower to the Durham Public School System (approve the request for the maintenance of Northern High School's football, softball, and baseballs playing fields);
- c. Lease of a Portion of 2117 East Club Blvd. to the Animal Protection Society of Durham Inc. (approve the lease agreement and authorize the County Manager to execute the agreement);

- d. Cultural Master Plan Project Funding Approval (receive the proposed Cultural Master Plan initiative funding and, if appropriate, approve funding for the initiatives);
- e. Employee Benefits for FY 2010—Approval of Contracts for Health, Dental, Vision, Life Insurance, Wellness Clinic, and Ancillary Services—Effective July 1, 2009 (authorize the execution of health and related contracts; total costs for FY 2009-2010 not to exceed \$13,067,614);
- f. Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 09BCC0000060—The Durham Center—Budget Decrease of \$2,322,420 for Medicaid pass through funds;
- g. Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 09BCC000061—Public Health—Recognize Title X Bonus Funds in the Amount of \$2,800 for the Family Planning Program;
- h. Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 09BCC000062—2008 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) (recognize \$105,565 in grant revenue received from the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management to be applied to Durham County Emergency Management);
- i. Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 09BCC000063—Economic Development—Pass-Through of One NC Funds from the State of North Carolina in the amount of \$150,000 to Eisai Inc.; and
- j. **Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the County of Durham and the City of Durham Regarding Durham Government TV (authorize the consummation of this agreement to ensure shared local government programming as stated in the agreement).**

10. **Board and Commission Appointments**

10 min.

~~Vonda Sessoms, Clerk to the Board, will distribute ballots to the Board to make appointments to the following boards and commissions:~~

- ~~• Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee~~
- ~~• City County Appearance Commission~~
- ~~• City County Planning Commission~~
- ~~• Memorial Stadium Authority~~
- ~~• Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee~~

Resource Person(s): Vonda Sessoms

~~County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners vote to appoint members to the above-mentioned boards/commissions.~~

11. **Closed Session**

30 min.

~~The Board is requested to adjourn to closed session to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of a business or industry pursuant to G. S. 143-318.11(a)(4) and to consider the performance of a public officer or employee pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(6).~~

2 hrs.

1 hr. 20 min.