

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

Monday, November 8, 2021

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 Brenda Howerton, Vice-Chair Wendy Jacobs and Commissioners Nida Allam, Nimasheena Burns and Heidi Carter

Presider: Chair Brenda Howerton

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Chair Howerton announced that there were no agenda adjustments.

Announcements

Monica Toomer, Clerk to the Board read the following announcements:

1. **COVID-19 Vaccinations for Kids 5-11** – Durham County Public Health is now offering COVID-19 vaccinations for children ages 5-11. Walk-ins or appointments will be available at the Public Health Vaccine Clinic located on 414 E. Main Street beginning Monday, November 8th. Clinic Hours remain every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9am – 4pm and Tuesday from 9am – 6pm (closed daily from 11:30am – 1pm)

For additional information, please visit www.dcopublichealth.org/COVIDvaccines.

2. **Feedback Needed on the Region's Transportation Future** – The Durham – Chapel Hill – Carrboro (DCHC) Metropolitan Planning Organization is updating the region's long-range plan and are seeking the public's input to identify where roadway, public transportation, bicycle, pedestrian and other transportation investments will be needed in the coming years.

Residents are asked to provide feedback via email to andrew.henry@durhamnc.gov by Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

3. **2021 Tax Bill Payments** – Durham County Tax Department allows citizens the option of making partial payments on real property taxes through January 5, 2022. For additional information regarding payment options and ways to avoid additional cost, please visit www.dconc.gov/tax or call 919-560-0300

4. **Welcome Baby Annual Coat Drive** – Donate gently used and new coats sizes newborn to 10/12 to Cooperative Extension or the following Durham County Library locations: Main Library, Bragtown, Stanford L. Warren, North, East and South Regional Branches.

Donations are accepted beginning November 15th – January 10th 2022. For additional information, please call 919-560-7150 or visit www.facebook.com/welcomebabydurham

5. **Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Webinar** – Register to attend a virtual presentation and live Q&A on the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail on Thursday, November 18th from 6pm – 8pm. Project Planners will be on hand to provide an overview of the project, where it stands in 2021 and what to expect next.

To register please visit:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/6916349110813/WN_PCiiv4lnT-eB46xQjYWJ6Q

6. **Virtual Community Meetings for the Durham Comprehensive Plan** – Join us to hear more about the place type map for the new Durham Comprehensive Plan and learn how you and your community can influence the types of places you would like to see in Durham in the future!

Meetings will be held from 6:30pm – 8pm on November 30th (East Durham); December 6th (North Durham); December 16th (South Durham) and January 10th (West Durham). Please visit www.ENGAGEDurham.com/comprehensive-plan/ for registration and additional details.

7. **DSS to Administer New Property Tax Program** – The Durham County Department of Social Services Low-Income Homeowner Relief (LIHR) Pilot Program is available to the public and applications are being taken. The program’s participation levels were recently expanded to include increasing the qualifying income to 80% of Area Median Income (AMI). Please visit www.dconc.gov/DSS or call 919-560-8000 for more information. An informational video and AMI chart can also be found on the DSS website. The application period ends December 31, 2021. Qualifications of the LIHR Pilot Program now include:

- Property must be located in Durham County;
- Must not participate in any State tax relief programs, such as the Homestead Exclusion;
- Must have lived in home as a primary residence for at least the preceding ten (10) years;
- Household gross income must not exceed 80% AMI, with priority funding going to those at 60% of AMI or less;
- Qualifying applicants to receive grant benefit (payable directly to Durham County Tax Administration) for half of the current year tax bill up to a maximum of \$750.

8. **Vital Records Request Online** – Save a visit to the Register of Deeds Office as vital record requests for certified copies of birth, deaths, and marriage certifications can be completed online. For more information visit www.dconc.gov/ROD and access the “Online Vital Request” tab or call 919-560-0495.

9. **Watch the 2021 State of the County Address** – Durham Board of County Commissioners Chair Brenda Howerton delivered her 2021 State of the County Address a little differently this year – via a three-part, pre-recorded video. All three parts have been released and can be viewed

by visiting www.dconc.gov or the Durham County YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/dcowebmaster.

Commissioners shared the following additional announcements.

- The Triangle Takeoff Coalition’s “Carry On” multimedia campaign earned the award for best Overall Public Relations Program for the Raleigh-Durham International Airport.
- The House passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill and sent the bill to President Joe Biden for his signature.
- Most Durham County Government offices would be closed on Thursday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.
- The Beyu Food Project meal delivery program for seniors, food insecure families and those in need of medically tailored nutrition was available for qualified residents.

Minutes

Vice Chair Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Allam to approve the September 9, 2021 Work Session minutes and October 11, Regular Session Minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ceremonial Items

21-0656 Proclamation – National Adoption Month

Vice Chair Jacobs read the following proclamation:

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH | 2021

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 317 children in Durham County, NC are in foster care and of that total number of 16 children in Durham County, NC are legally free for adoption and waiting for permanent families; and

WHEREAS, since November 2020 Durham County has successfully recruited families for children waiting to result in a total of 20 finalized adoptions, including 4 sibling groups and 3 older youth; 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, I, Brenda Howerton, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 2021 as

“NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH”

in Durham County. I commend this observance to our citizens and urge all citizens to join in raising awareness on behalf of the 16 children in Durham County who are waiting for a loving family. *“Every Conversation Matters”* when helping our youth in finding their permanent family. I further encourage communities, businesses, schools, faith-based organizations and families to start a conversation about adoption and “answer the call” to 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 8th day of November 2021.

Brenda Howerton, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Ben Rose, Department of Social Services (DSS) Director thanked the Board for the recognition of National Adoption Month. Jovetta Whitfield, DSS Assistant Director thanked the community for stepping up to adopt children and providing permanent homes. Susan Lee, DSS Adoptions Supervisor stated adoptions allowed for children to become part of the community and make Durham a better place. She added DSS was giving embroidered blankets for appreciation to families who adopted a child.

The Board thanked DSS staff for reaching out to the community to recruit new adoptive and foster parents; adding adoption enriched the parents, children and the community.

21-0670 Proclamation – Veterans Day 2021

Commissioner Burns read the following proclamation:

VETERANS DAY | 2021

WHEREAS, each year, our Nation pauses to pay tribute to the many men and women who have pledged their allegiance to the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, their loyalty to the military is evident in their commitment and willingness to make sacrifices to protect our country; and

WHEREAS, their faithfulness and courage commands respect as many have stood in the face of our country’s adversaries to protect our freedom; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, calling for the observance of November 11 with appropriate ceremonies, and later provided in an act approved on May 13, 1938, that the eleventh of November in each year should be a legal holiday celebrated and known as Armistice Day; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 1954, Congress made an amendment replacing “Armistice” with “Veterans”; and

WHEREAS, November 11 is Veterans Day and is set aside as a legal state and federal public holiday to honor our Nation’s veterans; and

WHEREAS, it is hoped that we are inspired and our bond as a Nation is strengthened as we gather on Veterans Day to recognize the patriots across our great nation and the nearly 15,000 veterans of Durham County who have defended our rights, values and freedoms; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED I, Brenda Howerton, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2021 as

“VETERANS DAY”

in Durham County. We urge all citizens in Durham to observe Veterans Day 2021 by displaying respect and gratitude for our veterans, both living and deceased, through appropriate services and ceremonies recognizing their great sacrifice.

This the 8th day of November 2021.

Brenda Howerton, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Jonathan Crooms, Veterans Services Officer invited residents to join Durham County Veteran Services to honor Veterans of all eras with a virtual ceremony at 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 11, 2021. He added the ceremony could be viewed on the Durham Television Network (DTN), the County’s website and DCo social media accounts. Mr. Crooms stated the Veterans Services Department would also accept calls from residents with questions.

The Board asked that the Veteran Services telephone be shared for residents. Ms. Harvin-Raven, Veteran Services Director stated residents could call 919-560-8387. The Board stated Durham was thankful to have a large number of Veterans as part of the community. Ms. Harvin-Raven thanked the Board and Durham County for supporting Veterans and for the yearly proclamation.

Consent Agenda

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

Commissioner Allam moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

21-0639 Extension of Contract and Budget Amendment No. 22BCC00045 for Homeless COVID Related Housing at the Carolina Duke Inn (\$990,000)

21-0640 Extension of Contract for COVID Related Homeless Duplex Housing

*21-0643 Budget Ordinance Amendment No.22BCC00033 Recognizing a \$1,000 Donation from the Durham Friends Meeting to the Criminal Justice Resource Center

*21-0644 Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No.22BCC00036 Recognizing \$7,000 in Additional Grant Funds from Durham County ABC Board to Durham Drug Treatment Court

*21-0646 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 22BCC00035 Public Health to Recognize \$3,627,190 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Women's and Children's Health Section/Children and Youth Branch

*21-0647 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No.22BCC00037 Increasing Available Grant Funding for Integrated Reentry Services by \$45,840

21-0649 Façade Restoration at Durham County Agriculture Building (Cooperative Extension)

*21-0652 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 22BCC00034 Social Services to recognize funding in the amount of \$70,340 from The Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids Coronavirus (HOPWA-CV) as authorized by the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136 from the City of Durham and for the Interim County Manager to Amend the Contract between the City of Durham for the HOPWA-CV Program

21-0653 Approval of Contract Amendment with Insight Global LLC for an IS&T Technical Writer Contractor for \$38,896.00 to be funded through FY 2021-2022 IS&T operational budget

*21-0659 Budget Ordinance Amendment No.22BCC00043 to recognize \$196,249 in Grant Funding and Approval of Interlocal Agreement for the 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

21-0660 Contract Approval with BAS Ecostruxure Technology to Complete Installations and Upgrades at Multiple County Locations

*21-0661 Capital Project Amendment No.22CPA00011 - Appropriate \$250,000 in PayGo Funding to Leased Convenience Site Upgrades (Northern Convenience Site) Project 4190DC079; and Approve the Execution of the Purchase of Goods Contract with Bakers Waste Equipment Inc. To Purchase Compactors and Pre-Crushers for the Northern Durham Convenience Site

21-0662 Contract Approval for Replacement of Synthetic Turf at Durham County Memorial Stadium

*21-0664 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 22BCC00044 Public Health to recognize an additional \$7,000 in Revenue and to Approve Public Health Fee Schedule Changes

21-0665 Contract Approval for HVAC Equipment Maintenance and Repair Services at Various Durham County Facilities

21-0689 Salary of the Sheriff for the Election Filing

Consent Agenda Item #21-0643

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00033**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2021-2022 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Public Safety	\$69,188,045.04	\$1,000.00	\$69,189,045.04
<u>Revenue</u>			
Contributions and Donations	\$207,720.00	\$1,000.00	\$208,720.00

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

Approved November 8, 2021

Consent Agenda Item #21-0644

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00036**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2021-2022 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Public Safety	\$70,590,299.04	\$7,000.00	\$70,597,299.04
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$68,694,892.28	\$7,000.00	\$68,701,892.28

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

Approved November 8, 2021

Consent Agenda Item #21-0646

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00035**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2021-2022 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Services	\$101,901,743.65	\$3,627,190.00	\$105,528,933.65
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$65,067,702.28	\$3,627,190.00	\$68,694,892.28

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

Approved November 8, 2021

Consent Agenda Item #21-0647

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00037**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2021-2022 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Public Safety	\$70,597,299.04	\$45,840.00	\$70,643,139.04
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$68,701,892.28	\$45,840.00	\$68,747,732.28

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

Approved November 8, 2021

Consent Agenda Item #21-0652

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00034**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2021-2022 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Services	\$101,831,403.65	\$70,340.00	\$101,901,743.65
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$64,997,362.28	\$70,340.00	\$65,067,702.28

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

Approved November 8, 2021

Consent Agenda Item #21-0659

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00043**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2021-2022 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Public Safety	\$70,643,139.04	\$196,249.00	\$70,839,388.04
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$78,983,445.78	\$196,249.00	\$79,179,694.78

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

Approved November 8, 2021

Consent Agenda Item #21-0661

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22CPA00011**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:
That the FY 2021-22 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Project #	Project Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Updated Budget
41904200DC079	(Leases) Convenience Center Site Upgrades	\$4,415,890.00	\$250,000.00	\$4,665,890.00

All capital projects in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved November 8, 2021

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00044**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2021-2022 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Services	\$115,629,890.15	\$7,000.00	\$115,636,890.15
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$79,179,694.78	\$7,000.00	\$79,186,694.78

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

Approved November 8, 2021

Public Hearings

21-0685 Public Hearing to Consider Allocating Economic Development Funds to Jaguar Gene Therapy

Andy Miracle, Economic Development Officer stated the Board was requested hold a public hearing to consider allocating a total of \$525,000 to Jaguar Gene Therapy and authorize the County Manager or Interim County Manager to enter into preliminary negotiations and execute an agreement. He added Jaguar Gene Therapy would locate a Good Manufacturing Practice facility in Durham, creating 200 jobs over 8 (eight) years and investing \$125 million dollars.

The Board asked how the County planned to verify companies were confirming to project details. Mr. Miracle replied the County worked with local partners to ensure companies were confirming to project details. The Board asked if the two (2) Durham Public School interns would be included in the annual report. Mr. Miracle responded yes.

Chair Howerton opened the public hearing.

Andrew Knudten, Chief Operating Officer at Jaguar Gene Therapy

Mr. Knudten thanked the Board for their support and stated the company was proud to become a part of the Durham community.

Bryan Fox, Vice President of Public Policy at Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Fox commented on behalf of The Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce: The Commerce appreciated Durham County’s continued support of opportunities and was happy to welcome Jaguar Gene Therapy to the Durham community.

The Board stated companies located in Durham were eco-friendly, supported local infostructure,

diversity and inclusion. Mr. Knudten added Jaguar Gene Therapy planned to connect with students of all ages and support the community.

Chair Howerton closed the public hearing and entertained a motion for approval.

Vice Chair Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns to allocate a total of \$525,000 to Jaguar Gene Therapy and authorize the County Manager or Interim County Manager to enter into preliminary negotiations and execute an agreement with the Company.

The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

21-0686 Resolution to Enact an Ordinance Prohibiting Discrimination in Public Accommodations and Employment

The Board read the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION TO ENACT AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT

- WHEREAS,** Durham County welcomes all people and recognizes the importance of diversity and the importance of all people being free from discrimination based on race, ethnicity, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin or ancestry, marital or familial status, pregnancy, military status, religious belief or non-belief, age, or disability.; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County desires to safeguard the rights and opportunities of all persons to be free from discrimination in public accommodations and employment; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 30, 2017, Section 3 of S.L. 2017-4 went in effect, preempting local governments from enacting and amending ordinances regulating public accommodations and private employment practices; and
- WHEREAS,** Section 3 of S.L. 2017-4 expired on December 1, 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** invidious discrimination and the tolerance of invidious discrimination is detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Durham County and the peace and dignity which Durham County seeks to promote for all its residents; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 153A-121(a), “[a] county may by ordinance define, prohibit, regulate, or abate acts, omissions, or conditions detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of its citizens and the peace and dignity of the county; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 153A-4, “[i]t is the policy of the General Assembly that the counties of this State should have adequate authority to exercise the powers, rights, duties, functions, privileges, and immunities conferred upon them by law. To this end, the provisions of this Chapter . . . shall be broadly construed and grants of

power shall be construed to include any powers that are reasonably expedient to the exercise of the power”; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the United States Supreme Court, in *Bostock v. Clayton County*, held that Title VII’s prohibition on discrimination “because of . . . sex” includes discrimination on the basis of gender identity and sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court’s analysis and decision applies equally to other laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex, a fact already recognized by the Federal government in the interpretation of other laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex; and

WHEREAS, the purpose and intent in enacting this Ordinance is to promote the principles of diversity, inclusion, harmony, and equal treatment for all and thereby the health, safety, and welfare of those who live in, work in, and visit Durham County as well as to promote the peace and dignity of Durham County; and

WHEREAS, the Durham County Board of Commissioners hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the citizens and residents of Durham County to enact this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) for the County of Durham, North Carolina (the “County”).

Curtis Massey, Senior Assistant County Attorney stated he assisted the Board and County staff to achieve the ordinance for Durham community. Joanne Pierce, General Manager stated equity work was included in the ordinance and she was thankful for the resolution.

Chris Brook, Equality North Carolina (NC) and American Civil Liberties Union thanked the Board and staff for taking the proper steps to make it easier for all Durham County residents to feel safe and welcomed. Celeste Jones, Executive Assistant at Equality NC thanked the Board for the ordinance and hoped other counties would follow their lead.

The Board thanked Equity NC for leading the way and supporting the ordinance and thanked Attorney Massey and County staff for answering questions.

Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Allam to approve the resolution to enact an ordinance Prohibiting Discrimination in Public Accommodations and Employment.

The motion carried unanimously.

21-0492 Durham County Public Health Focused Update on the COVID-19 Crisis

Rodney Jenkins, Director of Public Health shared the *COVID-19/Vaccine Distribution Updates* which highlighted the following: COVID-19 Layered Prevention Strategies, Current COVID-19 Statistics, Durham County COVID-19 Confirmed Cases, Current COVID-19 Race and Ethnicity Trends, COVID-19 Percent Positive Labs, CDC Vaccine Updates Durham County Residents, Vaccine Dashboard Data for Durham Residents, Number and Percent of Post Vaccination Cases, Vaccines by Month by

Race/Ethnicity, Attack Rate Increasing for Vaccinated Individuals, COVID-19 by Age, and Vaccine Dose (1, 2 and 3), Risk of Dying Increases for Unvaccinated Individuals, All COVID-19 Deaths Reported to Durham County Public Health Since March 17th, 2020, Educational Clusters, Usage and Capacity Hospitalization Data and Hold the Line with Masking.

The Board inquired about temperature checks at libraries. Mr. Jenkins replied Durham County was being cautious with temperature checks at building entrances to keep employees and residents safe. The Board expressed concern with Latino residents having a higher percentage of COVID-19 cases. Mr. Jenkins responded the County was working with community partners to level out cases with Latino residents. The Board asked if breakthrough cases were being tracked with demographic data. Mr. Jenkins replied yes, adding additional information would be shared with the Board.

21-0544 Renewable Energy Plan Update

Tobin Freid, Sustainability Manager shared the *Renewable Energy Plan* which highlighted the following: How Do We Use Energy, Definition, Renewable Energy Plan, Equity Considerations, Strategies, Energy Efficiency, Renewables, Fleet, Filling the Gap, Considerations, Approaches – Phased Versus Accelerated, Phased Investment, Accelerated Investment and Implementation.

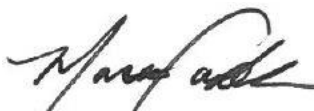
The Board inquired about a timeline of the next report and if the County was planning to partner with the City. Ms. Freid replied the next report should be expected in February 2022 and the County was partnering with the City on the Green Source Advantage Program and was discussing solar panels. She added the County was discussing partnering with Durham Public Schools and other public entities as well.

Adjournment

Commissioner Allam moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 9:26 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Macio Carlton
Deputy Clerk to the Board