

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

Monday, April 11, 2022

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

Other Business

22-0223 2022 State of the County Address

Delivered by Chair Brenda Howerton

"Good evening and welcome to our annual State of the County Address. I am delighted that we can gather, in person, right here in our Chambers to share in this occasion! This is indeed a special time, because we are sharing this message during our National County Government Month.

As you know, our Durham County Board of Commissioners is a history making Board! For the first time in our state's history, this Durham Board of Commissioners is comprised of all women. I'd like you to join me honoring my esteemed colleagues. Vice Chair Wendy Jacobs, Commissioner Heidi Carter, Commissioner Nimasheena Burns and Commissioner Nida Allam.

Thank you so much for your service! Certainly, we all are honored to serve our community and we appreciate your support.

As your Board of County Commissioners, our role is to provide direction to our professional staff who ensure that we address the day to day needs of our diverse, and ever-growing community.

I want to now introduce our brand-new county manager, Dr. Kimberly Sowell. Less than a month ago, she was sworn in during our County Commissioners Meeting. Dr. Sowell is

our 8th Durham County Manager and is the first Female Manager to hold this position. We continue to make history!

I must say that she has indeed hit the ground running. In her first week with us, she held a ZOOM session to introduce herself to our workforce. During that time, she addressed employees' questions as they were posed. Manager Sowell also shared her 90-day plan, which includes meeting with as many of our employees as possible, and reaching out to our community partners, stakeholders and elected officials. Thank you, Dr. Sowell, for accepting our appointment and again welcome to Durham County!

I would like to also acknowledge our General Managers who support the County Manager. Deborah Craig-Ray, Joanne Pierce, Gudrun Parmer, Jay Gibson, Peri Manns and Claudia Hager.

I want to especially say a special thank you to General Manager Claudia Hager, who served as our interim County Manager and kept us on track. Thank you for your service, General Manager Hager.

Rounding out our leadership team is our Acting County Attorney Willie Darby, Clerk to the Board Monica Wallace and our Tax Administrator Dwane Brinson. Thank you all for your outstanding service to the Durham County community, particularly during these stressful times.

To all our Department Heads and employees of Durham County joining us here, and at home, I say "Thank you" for your great work! Through these times, all of you have shown resilience, tenacity, and perseverance!

You represent a wonderful group of talented, compassionate public servants who have worked tirelessly, especially during these pandemic years, to serve our residents. You joined with our community partners to help manage life during a most difficult, challenging, and extraordinary period.

As challenging as it was working in a pandemic, just trying to manage from day to day, so many of our extraordinary employees also found time and energy and compassion to volunteer throughout the community, to help anywhere they were needed.

You helped our senior citizens, our families who needed meals, you provided critical information about resources and services, you helped with vaccination efforts in the community, and so much more. And we are so grateful to each one of you.

Certainly, the COVID pandemic has touched us all since early 2020. But many of you watching this evening may not know that just before the pandemic, our government was hit with a massive cyber-attack that impacted nearly all of Durham County's services.

I want to thank our teams who sprang into action and worked to ensure that our operations continued. Our success was led by the Office of Emergency Services, and our IS&T staff who worked for weeks rebuilding and restoring our service.

Essentially, Durham County experienced a double hit. First, we had a cyber-attack, then we had the declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Office of Emergency Services and Durham County Public Health worked to help our organization and the greater community understand what we were dealing with.

Thankfully, our departments had created Continuity of Operations plans, and with a few updates and pivots, major Durham County services continued to be provided to the community.

I must say that during these two years, we have learned a great deal about the resilience of our employees at Durham County Government. Indeed, every department worked out alternate plans to provide services to our residents to the greatest extent possible.

We learned that some county operations could function in a remote environment, and they did. But at the end of the day, much of our workforce still had to provide services each day, despite the pandemic. The Office of the Sheriff, General Services, Emergency Medical Services, Youth Home employees, Engineering and more.

I want to share a special thanks to our employees who were present as normal and did their jobs day in and day out. We are so grateful for your dedication and your tenacity in this time.

As the pandemic wore on, and as we learned how to keep ourselves safe, more services reopened. One example I want to highlight is our Library system. Over time, employees developed a process to serve its patrons safely. And thankfully last July, we were able to gather in person for the official opening of our transformed Main Library. A great day indeed!

Durham County worked to address the holistic needs of the community during COVID. We shared regular weekly COVID messages in English and Spanish about methods to keep safe. Public Health Director Rod Jenkins taped weekly videos to inform the public on current trends and critical information. We all remember the three W's: Wear a mask, Wait six feet, and Wash your hands.

Durham formed various task forces and working groups across the community to address food insecurity among our most vulnerable citizens. We distributed masks and gloves with local nonprofits. We worked to provide temporary shelter to many homeless residents. Thanks so much to all our residents and business leaders who joined with Durham County to help us get through this difficult time.

But the real game changer came in December 2020 with the FDA approval of COVID VACCINES! Durham County began giving vaccines on December 22, 2020. Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson and Johnson were "music in the ears" of everyone hoping to put COVID behind us and start the recovery.

Durham County Public Health began distributing vaccines, first for our seniors who had been most impacted by COVID, and eventually to other age groups as directed by the CDC. Yes, we eventually were able to vaccinate our 5–11-year-olds. I certainly have hopes that we are very close to being able to provide vaccines to our 4-year old's and under children.

As we continue to move forward from the past two years, one might say we are beginning a post pandemic period on many fronts. Just a few weeks ago Governor Cooper said he believed the worst of the pandemic was over. He continued to add two important notes.

First, he said, “as we enter the next phase of individual responsibility, preparedness and prosperity, it’s time to chart a new course.” Basically, he was saying that after two years of emergency orders and mandates, now is the time for all of us to manage our own health and safety by ensuring we are following public health rules, and if we are not vaccinated, to obtain the vaccine.

The Governor also stressed the positive financial position the state is in overall and noted that the state’s economy has recovered to pre-COVID employment levels. Durham County fortunately is one area of the state that has indeed weathered the economic storm with record numbers of new industries and jobs emerging.

Durham County’s success in attracting new companies, and expanding existing ones continued during the past two years. Some companies that announced new and expanded efforts in Durham County included:

- *Smart Wires, bringing its corporate headquarters and investing \$21.5 million dollars and creating 250 jobs*
- *Beam Therapeutic, which brought an \$83 million dollar deal*
- *Eli Lilly and Company which announced a \$474 Million dollar deal*
- *And Google Cloud Hub, which will eventually bring 1,000 jobs to the area.*

We continue to marvel at the great work and results that have come our way, and interest in Durham County continues. We continue to be seen as a leader in biopharma, life sciences, innovation and more.

Certainly, Durham County remains in a positive financial condition even during a pandemic. You may remember that we received news of various Federal appropriations to help with the pandemic. First, there was the passage of the CARES Act, a \$2 Trillion-dollar economic stimulus bill designed to help address the early costs of the pandemic.

Then in March 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act was passed. This \$1.9 Trillion dollar package continued to provide funding to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. This legislation provided \$362 billion in federal fiscal recovery aid for state and local governments.

Durham County was awarded \$62 million dollars over two years to support transformative projects, thanks to the American Rescue Plan Act. We have and are continuing to make final decisions about how this funding will provide the most impact in our community. If you didn’t know, these funds must be used for specific areas:

- *Support Public Health Response*
- *Address negative Economic impact caused by COVID*
- *Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss*
- *Premium Pay for Essential workers*
- *Water, Sewer, Infrastructure*
- *Broadband Infrastructure*

Just a week or so ago, we held a Community Engagement Event on the American Rescue Plan Act and Broadband, at the Northern Durham Campus of Durham Tech. We heard directly from our residents about the lack of broadband in certain areas of Durham. Our staff explained that providing Broadband has been an ongoing priority with our Board, and the infusion of funds provided the chance to move this project forward.

It was also noted that the pandemic really highlighted the need for expanding broadband in every community for several key reasons including:

- *Solving the Digital Divide*
- *Improving Education and addressing learning loss*
- *Enhancing the economy*
- *And supporting increased availability of Telehealth Medicine and patient education.*

During the meeting, staff and residents also discussed strategies and ideas about how we will use American Rescue Plan Act funds to improve broadband availability in certain areas of Durham County.

Just to share more about plans to our use American Rescue Plan Act funds, we have held virtual meetings to explain the uses of the funds over the past months. Our staff has asked the community to submit proposals to effectively use these funds. Many proposals have been received and will be reviewed by our staff.

Once proposals are vetted, recommended projects will come forward to our Board of Commissioners for approval and implementation. Moving forward, staff will evaluate the impact of investments and make recommendations for how to spend remaining federal dollars.

There is a specific timeline in effect. Funds must be incurred and obligated by December 31, 2024. Funds must be expended to cover obligations, and all work must be completed by December 31, 2026. I encourage you to follow this process as it continues to unfold.

Of course, approving a County Budget is a major responsibility of our Board, and we have an outstanding budget team to manage that annual process. We approved the current budget of \$736 Million dollars and made important strategic investments in this budget.

Our Board provided more than \$166 million dollars in funding for Durham Public Schools, continuing our priority in educational support. We continued investing in Pre-K, providing \$5.62 million dollars for this current year.

The budget also included \$942,000 to support the new Long-Term Homeowner Grant Program for residents at, or below 30% of the area median income.

A Durham City-County Racial Equity Commission was created to advocate for policies that will help eliminate the burden of systemic, and institutional inequities and racism in Durham County.

The Durham Community Safety & Wellness Task Force was formed by the Durham County, the City of Durham, and the Durham Public Schools Board to conduct a

comprehensive review of existing institutional and community-based public safety and wellness resources.

The Budget included hiring a Refugee and Immigrant Affairs Strategist to build relationships and partnerships with organizations that serve the immigrant community.

The Durham Master Aging Plan Committee continued its working groups to address the quality of life for our seniors.

Our Board approved a nondiscrimination ordinance to protect LGBTQIA+ residents from discrimination in many areas of life.

As a part of the current budget, we were fortunate to use \$5.1M of American Rescue Plan Act dollars to help support various important COVID needs such as:

- *Janitorial contracts for COVID -19 to clean county buildings using COVID standards*
- *Added Security services due to COVID-19*
- *COVID Screening in high traffic areas*
- *Non congregate housing support*
- *School Health Nurses*
- *Minority Business Infrastructure Supports*

Our Board met in February to begin to work on this year's budget priorities. We heard important information about the current economic climate from our Budget and Finance staff, our Tax Administration, and our Financial Advisor.

As I noted earlier, Durham County is in very good financial shape, but we must remain good stewards of those dollars as we move forth.

During that Budget planning session, our Commissioners discussed critical community priorities and initiatives that are to be considered in developing this year's budget. Those priorities included:

- *Continue the Tax Assistance Grant Program*
- *Adopt the Capital Improvement Plan*
- *Expand funding to support crime reduction and intervention initiatives*
- *Increase funding that supports children and families*
- *Increase funding to support mental health and behavioral health services*
- *Expand funding that supports Black Maternal Health*
- *Expand transit investments*
- *Implement Broadband to our rural areas.*
- *Expand universal access to high quality Pre-K*
- *Allocate American Rescue Plan Act funds to support transformative community investments*

While this list is not all our priorities, I feel it represents our current goals moving forward. I urge you to follow our Budget process as it unfolds this spring. There are at least two key dates that you should remember at this time.

Our new County Manager will formally present her Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 22-23 on May 9th.

The second date to remember is that the Public Hearing for the Budget will be held by our Board on May 23rd. Remember this is your time to be heard about what is important in your community.

As we move forward in our recovery, I want to mention a few priorities that are important to our entire community. I must say that it is my pleasure to join with our New Mayor Elaine O'Neal on some very critical programs to improve the lives of everyone in this community.

Workforce Development is a priority of this Board. Youth aged 14-24 are ready to participate in Durham's YouthWorks program. The need for job training is great, and the youth of Durham are eager to step up to meet the challenge!

Durham Tech offers a more robust essential work-readiness skill building component, extending this skills training from 4 days to 2 weeks. After that, students select their area of interest for in-depth career exploration, and are paired with industry professionals through career panels, small group conversations, and mentoring. This year's program looks to build off last year's success! How exciting!

While the pandemic brought challenges, it has also unleashed a newfound sense of collaboration, and innovation among community partners with shared goals. Efforts around workforce development are a great example of such teamwork.

Local governments, institutional partners, and community organizations have joined together to better connect residents to fantastic career opportunities, and employers to the local workforce. Efforts have included virtual job fairs, enhanced employment resources, and industry-specific recruitment and training programs.

*Some of the specific industry focus includes hospitality, skills trades, and life sciences. A great illustration of such programming is the Building Up Local Life Sciences **or** (BULLS) initiative that provides success coaches, wrap-around support services, and scholarships for students earning their certificate in biopharma manufacturing at Durham Tech.*

While the program is currently focused on life sciences, we believe that this model can be scaled to other high-demand industry certificates to help Durham Build Up Local Labor Systems!

Another priority is Transportation, and how we need to proceed with great collaborative planning. Our Board of Commissioners continues to work with our staff and transportation partners on advancing the Transit Plan Governance Study. This will provide a new, more transparent governance process, and an Inter-Local Agreement to deliver better stewardship and oversight of our critical county transportation funds.

This Governance study, coupled with our ongoing work on the Durham Transportation Plan following a robust comprehensive, community engagement effort, will help ensure that all voices are heard with respect to transportation priorities. And will help ensure that we utilize our County-provided transportation funds in the most efficient, effective way for our residents and the region.

Earlier this year, we resurrected the former Crime Cabinet. This New Crime Cabinet brings to the table, people with a lived experience who are closest to the pain of crime, together with decision makers. The goal is to develop new ideas that can be implemented to significantly reduce the impact of violent crime that is hurting our community. We have had two meetings thus far.

Mayor O'Neal has called on citizens to volunteer up to five hours a week to help our community, particularly in those areas experiencing high unemployment, violent crime, and other needs. I'm happy to say that Durham County supports our employee volunteer involvement in the community.

Each month, four hours of paid leave is available for employees to volunteer their service to organizations that align with our strategic goals. Durham Public Schools, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina and many more, count our employees as volunteers.

Durham County has a long-standing relationship with the Triangle Nonprofit and Volunteer Leadership Center. This organization helps connect our employees with more than 23,000 volunteer agencies across the Triangle.

I encourage our community members to join the effort to volunteer in our neighborhoods that really need caring, compassionate individuals willing to lend assistance. Sign up with one of the organizations and start making a difference today.

Durham's quality of life is unparalleled. We continue to receive accolades from the national media. Here are just a few recent accolades:

- *Durham is No. 25 in the top 100 best places to live in America by Livability*
- *Durham is number 29 among Most diverse cities in America by Niche*
- *Durham is number #66 of Best Cities for Young Professionals by Niche, and the list goes on.*

In closing, let me say.... despite any challenges that will emerge, I know that we have the best and brightest team of employees in place to keep us moving in the right direction. Durham County is a community that values diversity of thought and collaboration.

We have amazing employees. We have talented and innovative management, and we have outstanding County Commissioners.

I have great faith in Durham County Government and its capabilities. With that, I am confident that Durham County will continue to be a leader among local government for years to come."

Agenda Adjustments

Chair Howerton announced that there were no agenda adjustments.

Announcements

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

1. **DCo Public Health COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Hours** – The COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Durham County Department of Public Health, 414 E. Main St., has the following hours to get your free vaccination: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesdays – 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Appointments and walk-ins are welcome, and all doses are available. Please note, clinics are closed between 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. daily. For more information, please visit www.dcopublichealth.org/COVIDVaccines or call 919-560-9217.

2. **Durham YouthWorks 2022** – Durham teens and young adults who want to participate in paid, work-based learning experiences this summer should apply to the 2022 Durham YouthWorks Program. This program includes paid, four-week sessions to help participants for jobs and careers through project-based work experiences. Deadline to apply is April 15! Find out more information and apply at www.durhamyouthworks.com
3. **Durham Tech Student Scholarships** – Durham Tech Community College students, be sure to check out the list of scholarship opportunities on the college's website. These scholarships from generous donors in the community help to alleviate the financial burden of tuition, books, and fees. The deadline to apply is April 15! Details: <https://bit.ly/3IPUxoP>
4. **Durham PreK Roll Up and Enroll Event** – Durham PreK will hold its second Roll Up & Enroll event on Saturday, April 23 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 1201 S. Briggs Ave., for everyone who wants to enroll their child in high quality Pre-K from Durham PreK! Bring your required documents to start or complete an application. Bilingual support staff available. Visit www.durhamprek.org or call 1-833-773-5338 to find out more.
5. **Communities of Faith Mobilizing to Prevent Overdose** – Please join this VIRTUAL event to raise awareness of the pervasive substance use disorder/addiction and overdose problem we face in the Durham community. This event is FREE and although intended for faith leaders and health ministry leader, all are welcome to participate.

Please register by visiting: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GKHKWSX>

6. **Volunteers Needed for NCDOT Spring Litter Sweep** – Please sign up to volunteer for the North Carolina Department of Transportation's 2022 Spring Litter Sweep, which will be held from April 16 – 30th. Residents throughout the State can participate in local efforts to help clean up North Carolina's roadways. For those interested in volunteering, please contact visit www.ncdot.gov/littersweep.
7. **Hometown Revitalization Grant Program 2022** – Duke Energy's Foundation \$500,000 Hometown Revitalization Grant Program will award 20 communities across the state a \$25,000 grant via a partnership with a local 501c3 nonprofit. Please visit www.duke-energy.com/2022 for a full list of requirements and to apply.

The application period opens March 31 – May 31, 2022 and grant decisions will be made by August 31st. For questions, please email communityaffairs@duke-energy.com

8. **Ride for Free** – We are excited to share that transit is currently free for all riders on GoDurham, GoCary, GoRaleigh or GoTriangle buses until June 30, 2022! Riders do not need a ticket, pass, or ID. Just hop on a ride. Visit www.godurhamtransit.org for more information.
9. **Durham County to Recognize Good Friday Holiday** – Durham County Government will close most offices in recognition of the Good Friday holiday on Friday, April 15, 2022. All offices will reopen with normal hours of operation on Monday, April 18. Visit www.dconc.gov for more information and to view online services.
10. **BULLS Biowork Academy** – We are excited to announce the BULLS Biowork Academy is now accepting applicants for its second spring cohort. Please join us on April 12th at 11:30 a.m. or Thursday, April 14th at 6:00 p.m. for a live information session to learn more about this opportunity. We encourage interested students and community organizations to attend. The Building Up Local Labor Systems (BULLS) Initiative is offering full scholarships to young Durham residents interested in pursuing a career in Durham’s growing life sciences industry.

Commissioners shared the following additional announcements.

- April 10th – 16th was National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and Black Maternal Health Week.
- North Carolina Department of Transportation was spending transportation funds on collecting trash along highways and encouraged residents to volunteer for the Highway Cleanup Program.

Minutes

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Allam to approve the March 18, 2022 Regular Session Minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ceremonial Items

22-0203 Proclamation – April 2022 – Fair Housing Month

Vice Chair Jacobs read the following proclamation:

FAIR HOUSING MONTH | 2022

WHEREAS, The Fair Housing Act, enacted on April 11, 1968, enshrined into federal law the goal of eliminating racial segregation and ending housing discrimination in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, and disability, and commits recipients of federal funding to affirmatively further fair housing in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Durham County is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, our social fabric, the economy, health, and environment are strengthened in diverse, inclusive communities; and

WHEREAS, more than fifty years after the passage of the Fair Housing Act, discrimination persists, and many communities remain segregated; and

WHEREAS, acts of housing discrimination and barriers to equal housing opportunity are repugnant to a common sense of decency and fairness.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Brenda A. Howerton on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of April 2022 as

“FAIR HOUSING MONTH”

in Durham County. As an inclusive community committed to fair housing, and to promoting appropriate activities by private and public entities to provide and advocate for equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of Durham County

This the 11th day of April 2022

Brenda Howerton, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Pete Eisenmann, Co-Chair of Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee with Durham Regional Association of Realtors thanked the Board for the proclamation and stated systemic and institutional racism remained in the housing industry. He added the committee worked with the North Carolina Real Estate Commission to educate realtors to establish fairness in the housing industry.

The Board inquired about solutions for fair housing and if the committee worked with property owners/landlords. Mr. Eisenmann replied, the Urban Durham Reality worked on a 501c3 nonprofit named Deeds for Deeds to encourage realtors, brokers and clients to invest in community housing and the committee was focusing on real estate professionals. The Board

asked about training to educate appraisers on fair appraisals. Mr. Eisenmann responded the Federal Government was working on an initiative with Fannie Mae and Freddy Mac to create a non-personal appraisal process.

The Board thanked Mr. Eisenmann for creating the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee and for helping to provide fair housing in the Durham community.

22-0186 Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month

Chair Howerton read the following resolution:

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH | 2022

WHEREAS, to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate the long, lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

WHEREAS, as citizens of Durham County we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase the awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and economic well-being of children and families to live in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities work because of meaningful partnerships between individuals, child organizations, and government agencies that bring about community-based solutions; and

WHEREAS, Durham County received 3,067 reports of suspected child abuse and neglect during fiscal year July 2019 and June 2020.

WHEREAS, child abuse remains a serious problem in our community affecting our most vulnerable population of children; and

WHEREAS, we must continue to make every effort to combat child abuse and neglect by promoting programs that enhance strong and thriving children; and

WHEREAS, prevention and awareness remain the best defense for our community in fighting the battle of child abuse and neglect.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Brenda A. Howerton on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of April 2022 as

“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”

in Durham County, and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith-based groups, and medical facilities to join with the Department of Social Services to increase its participation in our efforts to prevent child maltreatment and strengthen the communities in which we live.

This the 11th day of April 2022

Brenda Howerton, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

William Rose, Department of Social Services Director thanked the Board for the proclamation and stated attention to child abuse was needed because the pandemic increased mental health and suicide rates in children. He added the pandemic also increased stress and high turnover rates with Child Welfare workers.

Jovetta Whitfield, Assistant Director of Child and Family Services shared an overview of the Child Abuse Prevention Month events including

- April 1st Wear Blue Day
- April 18th Gun Lock and Safety/Safe Sleep Information Table at Health and Human Services
- April 19th Blue Ribbon Tree Celebration
- April 20th Ensuring Strong Foundation for Children Statewide Webinar
- April 25th Lunch and Learn with Child Welfare and DSS
- April 27th Partnering with Exchange Family Center for Push the Pinwheel Event-Downtown Durham.

The Board inquired about virtual events. Ms. Whitfield responded the events on April 20th and 25th were both virtual events. The Board asked if Child Protective Service (CPS) workers would remain labeled as First Responders. Mr. Rose replied yes, CPS Investigators were the only workers labeled as First Responders.

The Board thanked Mr. Rose, Ms. Whitfield and Social Services employees for providing continued support for children in the community. The Board also thanked Foster Parents for welcoming children and providing a safe home.

22-0220 Proclamation – Durham Reentry Week

Commissioner Burns read the following resolution:

DURHAM REENTRY WEEK | 2022

WHEREAS, more than 500 Durham County residents return to our community from state and federal prisons and nearly 7,000 cycle through our local detention facility annually; and

WHEREAS, Durham County Government and its Board of County Commissioners have been supporting reentry and rehabilitation efforts in Durham County for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, effective reentry programs offer the chance for a better life to those who return from our nation’s corrections facilities; and

WHEREAS, it’s up to all of us, working together, to emphasize the importance of these programs and policies that much such a positive and lasting difference, not only to the individuals served, but to the communities in which they return; and

WHEREAS, over the last ten years, the US Department of Justice has partnered with state, local and tribal agencies as well as national organizations to support hundreds of reentry programs across the country, yet the demand for effective reentry programs remains high; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to highlight the important work of these services, the US Department of Justice has designated April 2022 as “Second Chance Month” and has called upon communities across the country to plan activities; and designate April 25 – 29, 2022 as “Reentry Week”; and

WHEREAS, the Durham County Board of County Commissioners joins the effort to highlight the value of local reentry programs and calls upon the community to support their work. The investments we make today through resources we dedicate, and the enthusiasm we generate, will greatly benefit the returning citizens and the overall public safety in Durham County.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Brenda A. Howerton on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the week of April 25-29, 2022 as

“DURHAM REENTRY MONTH”

in Durham County and urge all citizens to join in recognizing how important it is to help justice involved individuals positively transition to become law abiding and productive members of society.

This the 11th day of April 2022

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Durham Board of County Commissioners

Roshanna Parker, Criminal Justice Resource Center (CJAC) Assistant Director thanked the Board for the proclamation and highlighted the importance of helping Durham residents, reenter into the community. She added CJAC planned activities including an art competition to possibly create a mural for CJAC and panel sessions dedicated for clients to ask questions, discuss needs and receive referrals to local agencies.

Ben Haas, Religious Coalition for A Nonviolent Durham Director invited the Board and residents to attend the Annual Durham Reentry Homecoming on Thursday, April 28th at Elizabeth Street United Methodist Church at 6 p.m to celebrate the residents who have returned home during the pandemic.

The Board stated the community would need to continue working and assisting with the reentry programs for success. They stated housing was an issue for reentry residents and Opioid funds could be used to provide housing.

The Board thanked Ms. Parker and Mr. Haas for advocating for the reentry community and working with community partners to provide services for reentry residents.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

*22-0156 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 22BCC00078 Public Health to Recognize \$262,706.00 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Women's and Children's Health Section/Children and Youth Branch to Support School Health Nurses and School Health Serving Positions to Provide Services to Students

*22-0169 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 22BCC00079 to Recognize \$5,000 in Additional Grant Funding from the ABC Board to Durham Adult Drug Treatment Court

22-0185 Purchase two BioQuell Sanitizing Systems for OES Emergency Vehicles via a Sole Source Vendor - BioQuell, Inc.

*22-0189 Approve Capital Project Amendment No.22CPA00024 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No.22BCC00084 Reducing the Main Library Upgrade Capital Project (6110DC094) by \$575,000 in 2016 GO Bonds and Increasing S.L. Warren Upgrade Capital Project (6110DC097) by \$1,580,746 Using \$575K in 2016 GO Bonds from Main Library Project and A \$1,005,746 Appropriation of Debt Service Fund Fund Balance to the PAYGO Fund; As Well as Execution of a Construction Contract with Muter Construction for Envelope Improvements and interior repairs

22-0194 Standard Non-Reimbursable Utility Contracts for the Extension of the County Sanitary Sewer System

22-0195 Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC Contract Amendment for Utilities Division

22-0196 Sole Source Exemption Approval to Purchase Pump from Carolina Pumpworks, LLC

22-0197 Emergency & Scheduled Repairs for TWWTP Contract Amendment with TA Loving

22-0198 Hoist and Crane Services for TWWTP Contract Amendment with FHS, Inc.

*22-0202 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 22BCC00083 Appropriating \$1,937,915 of General Fund Fund Balance for the Purchase of Seven (7) Ambulances through the SAVVIK Cooperative Agreement for the Office of Emergency Services

22-0204 Approval of FY21-22 Contract for Bull City Community Schools Project

22-0207 Approval of Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Durham for the Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Initiative

22-0212 Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Durham for Continuation of Durham's Gang Reduction Strategy in Fiscal Year 2021-2022

*22-0216 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 22BCC00085 Durham County Library to Recognize Revenue in the Amount of \$30,000 from the Durham Library Foundation Awarded by the Forest at Duke for Collections and Annual Library Fest

22-0219 Contract Amendment between the County of Durham and Tyler Technologies in the amount of \$6,000.00

Consent Agenda Item #22-0156

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00078**

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</u>
<u>Budget</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Services	\$126,130,045.16	\$262,706.00	\$126,392,751.16
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$88,302,799.11	\$262,706.00	\$88,565,505.11

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

Approved April 11, 2022

Consent Agenda Item #22-0169

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00079**

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</u>
<u>Budget</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Public Safety	\$72,524,575.97	\$5,000.00	\$72,529,575.97
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$88,565,505.11	\$5,000.00	\$88,570,505.11

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

Approved April 11, 2022

Consent Agenda Item #22-0189

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
2021-22 Capital Project Ordinance
Amendment Number CPA-24**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the 2021-22 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.

Project #	Project Name	Current Budget	Increase	Updated Budget
61102511DC094	Main Library Upgrade Project – 61102511DC094	\$ 48,336,290.22	(\$575,000.00)	\$ 47,761,290.22
61102541DC097	Stanford L. Warren Library Upgrade – 61102541DC097	\$1,892,500.00	(\$1,580,746.00)	\$3,473,246.00

All capital projects in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved April 11, 2022

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00084**

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</u>
<u>Budget</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
General Government	\$99,626,829.45	\$1,005,746.00	\$91,652,575.45
<u>Revenue</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$89,859,371.45	\$1,005,746.00	\$99,865,117.45

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

Approved April 11, 2022

Consent Agenda Item #22-0202

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00083**

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</u>
<u>Budget</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
General Government	\$142,391,442.24	\$1,937,915.00	\$144,329,357.24
<u>Revenue</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$47,780,540.81	\$1,937,915.00	\$49,718,455.81

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

Approved April 11, 2022

Consent Agenda Item #22-0216

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00085**

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</u>
<u>Budget</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Cultural and Recreation	\$14,633,110.17	\$30,000.00	\$14,663,110.17
<u>Revenue</u>			
Contributions and Donations	\$209,620.00	\$30,000.00	\$239,620.00

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

Approved April 11, 2022

Closed Session

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 Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Allam to adjourn into the Closed Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene to Open Session

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

Adjournment

Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Allam to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 9:20 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Macio Carlton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "C".

Macio Carlton
Deputy Clerk to the Board