

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

Monday, February 6, 2023

9:00 A.M. Work Session

MINUTES

Place: Commissioners' Chambers, second floor, Durham County Government
Administrative Complex, 200 E. Main Street, Durham, NC

Present: Chair Brenda Howerton, Vice-Chair Wendy Jacobs, and Commissioner Heidi
Carter

Absent: Commissioners Nida Allam and Nimasheena Burns

Presider: Chair Brenda Howerton

Citizen Comments

The Board of County Commissioners provided a 30-minute comment period to allow Durham County citizens an opportunity to speak. Citizens were given the option to deliver their Citizen Comments in-person or virtually via email to the Clerk no later than Sunday, February 5th at 12 noon.

There were no citizens signed up to speak.

Announcements

23-0073 Announcements - 2023 DCo Cares Recipient Organization Applications Open

Monica Wallace, Clerk to the Board, announced that the 2023 DCo Cares Recipient Organization Applications were open to all nonprofits serving the Triangle community. Durham County (DCo) Cares was the annual Durham County Government Employee Giving Campaign, in which County employees donated funds to those nonprofit agencies chosen as the annual recipient organizations. Applications were accepted until February 10, 2023. For more information, or to apply to be a recipient organization, individuals were encouraged to visit dcocares.org.

Ceremonial Items

23-0059 Recognize David Harris with the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District for receiving the Supervisor of the Year award from the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts on January 10, 2023

The Board was requested to recognize an award recently received by David Harris, an elected Supervisor with the Durham County Soil and Water Conservation District Board.

Each year the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation District (NCASWCD) presented the “Supervisor of the Year” award to one of the 492 Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors across the state. The annual NCASWCD Supervisor of the Year Award recognized a District Supervisor who made significant contributions to the conservation and proper management of North Carolina’s natural resources. The key qualification was a keen interest in conserving our natural resources and record of outstanding contributions to the cause of conservation.

On January 10, 2023, David Harris with the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) was named the 2023 Supervisor of the Year for North Carolina. Mr. Harris had been involved in the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District since 2014 when he started as an Associate Supervisor. He fulfilled an elected position on the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors in 2017. Since becoming a supervisor, David Harris made it his primary goal to be a strong advocate for the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District (Durham SWCD), farmers, and the environment.

Mr. Harris was exemplary as a Durham SWCD Supervisor because he did not limit himself to county boundaries. He was always the first to volunteer when the board and staff needed an extra hand. Additionally, he always inspired everyone and encouraged staff and board members to explore new opportunities and directions.

Eddie Culberson, Durham Soil and Water Conservation District Director, spoke on David’s passion and introduced Bryan Evans, North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Executive Director. Mr. Evans presented the award to Mr. Harris.

Mr. Harris stated he was deeply honored to receive the award on behalf of Durham. He noted other Durham Soil and Water Conservation District supervisors who received the award in past years and thanked the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District staff for their work and efforts.

Chair Howerton thanked Mr. Harris and acknowledged his spouse, Gayle Harris, as she had served Durham County for 48 years.

Vice-Chair Jacobs congratulated and thanked Mr. Harris for his dedication to public service.

Commissioner Carter congratulated and thanked Mr. Harris and the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District.

Consent Agenda

The Board was requested to review the following Consent Agenda items for the February Regular Session.

23-0041 Durham County Sheriff's Office Contract Amendment with Cornerstone Detention Products, Inc, in the Amount of \$160,077, and to Authorize the County Manager to Execute Any Other Amendments Not to Exceed a Project Cost of \$168,080

Questions were raised regarding the protocols for the padded cells and how people undergoing withdrawal or having a mental health crisis would be managed and monitored. Major Sean Barnes, Durham County Sheriff's Office, clarified that staff was in the process of creating policies and procedures for the padded cell project inside the Durham County Detention Facility. The Mental Health Team would help with determining whether someone should be placed in a padded cell or moved to another facility.

Directive: Major Barnes to share the policies and procedures for the padded cell project with the Board once they were completed.

23-0058 Interlocal Agreement with the City of Durham for the Administration and Enforcement of Sediment and Erosion Control Requirements by Durham County within the City of Durham

General Manager Jay Gibson stated that there were three (3) inspectors and one (1) inspector supervisor. Staff would evaluate whether this was enough to fulfill the obligations in the contract, but he believed they were able to provide adequate coverage.

Mr. Gibson described what occurred when a developer was out of compliance and how it could result in penalties. He also explained that this was more or less an enterprise funded program because the fees collected from the sediment erosion projects were used to fund this program.

23-0069 Additional Funding for Contract with Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham LLP

County Attorney Alan Andrews clarified that this item was not for additional funding but rather funding that was already reviewed and approved by the Board—staff was simply making it formal via this item.

23-0071 Durham County Matching Grants Program - Approval of FY 2022-23 Grant Cycle

Staff discussed the purpose of this item for the public; it was a 50% matching program which sought to fund recreation and open space projects in Durham County.

23-0075 Capital Project Amendment No. 23CPA00016 Appropriating \$3,500,000 of PAYGO Funding to Create both the Board of Elections S. Roxboro Renovation Project (47302645DC155) and the Shoppes of Hope Valley Roofing and HVAC project (47302645DC156), as well as Authorize the County Manager to Execute a Contract for Architectural Design Services with RND Architects for both Projects

Peri Manns, Assistant General Manager, discussed the item and the two capital projects. He described the current status as well as the upcoming phases.

County Manager Sowell announced there would be a more in-depth discussion of these projects at the Board's Budget Retreat on March 1, 2023.

Mr. Manns discussed the County's efforts to ensure future projects were adhering to renewable energy implementation. He confirmed that there were three responses to the RFQ.

23-0080 Budget Amendment No. 23BCC0064 and Capital Project Amendment No. 23CPA00015 appropriating \$2,079,600 of Sewer Utility Fund Fund Balance to the New Supervisory Control & Data Acquisition System (SCADA) Upgrade Capital Project (SE061); Budget Amendment No.23BCC000065 Appropriating \$15,000 of General Fund Fund Balance to the Rougemont Fund Center to Cover the Cost of Upgrading the Rougemont Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA); as well as Authorize the County Manager to Execute a Contract with CITI, Inc. for the Installation of the SCADA Upgrade Project in the amount of \$1,745,500 and Execute Any Related Contract Amendments Not to Exceed a Total Project Budget of \$2,094,600

David Ades, Assistant Director of Budget and Management Services, noted this was a majority enterprise fund project. He added that Rougemont was separated out from the enterprise fund a few years ago and, thus, the General Fund had to pay for Rougemont's portion (approximately \$15,000).

23-0092 Short term Property Management Agreement with The Wood Group, LLC for the Shoppes of Hope Valley located at 3825 S. Roxboro St. Durham, NC 27707

Nancy Mitchell, Senior Real Estate Officer, clarified that the property manager who was managing the property worked for the property owner, an investment firm which had a branch to manage the properties they owned. The firm did not typically manage for others but, upon Ms. Mitchell's inquiry, agreed to stay on for six months to allow the County to get a new property manager in place.

There were no questions regarding the items below:

23-0001 Capital Project Amendment No. 23PA00012 - Moving Existing Public School Building Capital Fund Lottery Funding Between Durham Public School Projects and Appropriating New Lottery Fund Funding to Various Existing and New Durham Public School Projects

23-0029 Resolution Delegating Authority to Approve Refunds of Overpaid Excise Taxes

23-0047 Stormwater Operations Specialists, LLC Contract Amendment in the amount of \$13,050 increasing the total contract amount to \$112,150 for Sewer Easement Maintenance Services

23-0050 Vision NC, LLC Contract Amendment increasing the contract by \$25,000 to a total current contract amount of \$141,600 for Sewer Line Cleaning, Video, and Pump and Haul Services for the Durham County Utilities Division

23-0055 Request for Consent of Access to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality to allow its Division of Waste Management and Contractors Access to the 721 Foster Street Site

23-0056 Approval to Renew the County's Annual Contract with NWN to Continue the Usage of Varonis Cloud and Security Analytics Licenses in the amount of \$174,222.36

23-0057 Approval to Renew the County's Annual Enterprise Maintenance Contract with SAP in the amount of \$147,815.88 for the Continuation of SAP On-premises Licenses and Support Services

23-0065 Amendment of two Chemical Purchase Contracts for the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant

23-0066 Meritech Inc. Contract Amendment in the amount of \$7,600 to a total current contract amount of \$109,500 for Laboratory Services for the Durham County Utilities Division

23-0081 Budget Amendment No. 23BCC000063 and Capital Project Amendment No. 23CPA00014 Appropriating \$590,436 of Sewer Utility Enterprise Fund Fund Balance and Transferring Those Funds to the New Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant Access Control and Video Management System Capital Project (SE060); Awarding the Request for Proposal (RFP 23-006) Contract to Brady Integrated Security, Inc.; as well as Authorizing the County Manager to execute the contract in the amount of \$536,760 and execute any related contract amendments not to exceed a total project budget of \$590,436.

23-0083 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Division of Sales Tax Between the County of Durham and the City of Durham July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

23-0091 Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the City of Durham to Support the Bull City United Program

Discussion Items

23-0079 Presentation from Forward Cities on the E3 Durham Community Navigator Program

The Board was requested to receive a presentation from Fay Horwitt, President and CEO of Forward Cities, on the Equity for Every Entrepreneur (E3) Durham Community Navigator program.

In October of 2021, the Small Business Administration announced that Forward Cities' application for the Community Navigator Pilot Program received a \$1 million award to create a network of organizations committed to serving small businesses and entrepreneurs in underserved communities. Forward Cities' application on behalf of Durham was the only successful application in the state.

Forward Cities served as the lead organization or "hub" and incorporated "spokes" to leverage partnerships with deeply trusted community-based organizations to help small businesses connect with resources and opportunities. Spokes included the following Durham-based organizations: Durham Tech Small Business Center; Echo; Infinity Bridges, Inc.; Knox St. Studios; North Carolina Central University School of Business; and Provident1898. Durham County and the City of Durham both served as strategic partners to this effort.

Utilizing a "hub and spoke" model, the E3 Durham Community Navigator Program supported the development of a stronger network of local entrepreneur support organizations, improving trust and collaboration between institutional and grassroots organizations.

Building on Forward Cities' ethos of ensuring Equity for Every Entrepreneur, the E3 Durham program worked with Navigators to recruit and support entrepreneurs and small business owners through services focused on Connections, Convenings, Counseling, Capital, Care, Civic Supports, Communications, and Coordination.

Ms. Horwitt clarified the difference between the work performed by Forward Cities and by the Greater Durham Black Chamber of Commerce (GDBCC). The Black Chamber was an

entrepreneurial support organization whose work was designed to deliver direct services to entrepreneurial organizations and convene Black businesses and organizations that primarily served Black entrepreneurs. Forward Cities worked as the “hub” and their role was to serve all the organizations that served entrepreneurs.

Ms. Horwitt discussed the importance of having capital resources, especially when scaling up, and confirmed entrepreneurs at different levels were referred to a capital access directory once they were ready for it. She expounded on the difference between “entrepreneur” and “small business” and noted it was mostly about perception. Entrepreneurs were typically perceived as white males and small business owners were Black women or Black couples.

Andrew Miracle, Economic Development Director, and Ms. Horwitt discussed funding for the program; it was entirely funded by the state and the grant was one million dollars for two years which launched in January 2022.

Directive: Andrew Miracle to research and provide the Board with answers to the following questions:

- **What type of funds were going into the City through the Office of Economic and Workforce Development related to small business/entrepreneurial support?**
- **What was the level of funding and how was it being used?**
- **What opportunities existed to redirect the use of some of those funds?**

23-0089 Community Intervention and Support Services Department Presentation

The Board was requested to receive an update from Krystal Harris, Director, on the Community Intervention and Support Services (CISS) Department. The presentation provided an overview of department staffing levels, website development, and highlighted key community partnerships that advanced the services offered through the programs within the department supporting participants and the community at large.

Uzuri Holder, Duke University Hospital Program Manager, provided information on the hospital-based Violence Intervention Prevention (HVIP) and Intensive Case Management.

Ms. Holder described what occurred with patients who lived outside of the census tracts. Staff provided intensive case management to these patients while following them for nine to 12 months. Staff also referred them to other community-based programs to support them in their recovery.

Ms. Holder listed some of the data points that Duke Hospital was tracking, and they included the number of gunshot wound victims, where the patients lived, where the patients were coming from, what resources they lacked in the community, EMS calls, wait times, etc. She confirmed that patients were provided with wrap-around services which included the family they lived with.

Project BUILD was targeted for ages 14-21, but Ms. Harris noted staff was in the process of discussing whether to start the outreach at an earlier age because gang interaction and affiliation was seen even as early as in elementary school. Vice Chair Jacobs supported this, and Commissioner Carter voiced her support in hearing a request for additional outreach workers in order to start the outreach at an earlier age.

Ms. Harris introduced Cory Robinson, the new My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Durham Program Manager.

Directives:

- **Krystal Harris to provide the Board with more information regarding the Week of Peace.**
- **Krystal Harris to reach out to Jess Bousquette, Adverse Childhood Experiences and Resilience Coordinator, to collaborate on trauma-informed approaches.**
- **Staff to bring back information about the option to expand Project BUILD to serve youth/children below age 14.**

23-0074 Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Annual Report

The Board was requested to receive a presentation of the annual report from Doug Plachcinski, Executive Director of the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) was the regional transportation planning agency in North Carolina's western Triangle. In cooperation with NCDOT, the MPO was responsible for planning and programming funds for all modes of transportation including highways, public transportation, freight, bicycles, and pedestrians. As a part of its Public Involvement Process, DCHC MPO was presenting its FY2021-2022 Annual Report. The Board was invited to the MPO Annual Orientation Program on Wednesday, February 15th at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Plachcinski discussed using new measures to evaluate success and the development of a rubric around racial equity measures. He noted that a written Annual Report would be made available for the following year.

Ellen Beckmann, Durham County Transportation Manager, announced the MPO was considering a study on bicycle, pedestrian, and greenway planning for the following year. It would be something the City and County coordinated on as a county-wide plan.

23-0076 Update on the Durham County Memorial Stadium Operations

The Board was requested to receive an update from Zachary Pritchard, Stadium Manager, regarding the operations of Durham County Memorial Stadium.

Mr. Pritchard and the Memorial Stadium Authority (MSA) continued to pursue new policies to assist in modernizing stadium processes and creating a more dynamic events facility. This update addressed the current stadium environment, provided an update on policy creation and provided an opportunity for the Board to ask questions of stadium leadership.

Motiryo Keambiroiro, Director General Services, described the process in which a no-fee event could take place at the Stadium. Individuals seeking to have an activity at the Stadium at no cost had to present a proposal to the MSA who would judge the value of the event. If the MSA chose to waive the fees, the cost would be covered under the Stadium budget. Pam Karriker, Stadium Authority Chair, described previously held no-fee events and spoke on traits they valued most when judging proposals.

Vice Chair Jacobs voiced concerns regarding the need to find other revenue sources for the Stadium due to the new Northern High School facility having its own football stadium. She encouraged the Board to consider the quarter cent sales tax (“prepared meals tax”) that other counties had implemented. She noted the County had tried it in 2010 and it was meant to provide funding for entertainment and sports.

Mr. Pritchard shared his efforts to work with other schools and organizations to replace the football games that would be lost once Northern’s stadium was in use. Ms. Keambiroiro stated that the revenue generated from a quarter cent sales tax could be used for the Stadium’s CIP and even a Sports Complex.

Mr. Pritchard quoted how much the County covered in terms of gaps in funding. Ms. Keambiroiro confirmed the County’s General Fund supported the Stadium but noted the Stadium was able to come close to being revenue-neutral (aside from the two years of closure due to the pandemic).

23-0072 National Opioid Settlement Funding Framework - Survey Update and Next Steps

The Board was requested to receive a brief update from Gudrun Parmer, Interim General Manager for Safe Community and Director of the Criminal Justice Resource Center, on preliminary results from the community survey.

Durham County launched a survey to receive community input on the use of funds received from the National Opioid Settlement. The survey closed on January 31, 2023.

Concerns were raised regarding the lack of diversity in the survey respondents. Ms. Parmer and Manager Sowell discussed the methods used for distributing the survey, attempts to ensure people who did not have access to the electronic survey were provided with hardcopies of it, and efforts to create a version of the survey that was at a more accessible literacy level.

Discussion was held regarding the need to hire someone to help manage, monitor, and evaluate the distribution of funds.

The Board voiced their support for Ms. Parmer to move forward with next step of community engagement via a virtual and in person Town Hall.

Directive: Staff to update the summary information with the recently received responses. Depending on the outcome, staff to also try reaching out to the organizations which were not represented in the responses again.

23-0067 Update to the Environmental Affairs Board City-County Interlocal Agreement

The Board was requested to approve an updated City-County Environmental Affairs Board (EAB) Interlocal Agreement to change the composition of the Board.

The EAB sought to update the 2019 version of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (ILA) between the City of Durham and Durham County, with the goal of making participation on the EAB more accessible to a diversity of Durham residents, including youth. The City already approved this version of the ILA.

The EAB had fifteen voting seats for residents and seven non-voting ex officio members. Eleven of the resident seats were designated to be filled by individuals with particular issue-area expertise, three were At-Large seats, and one was filled by the Soil and Water Conservation Board of Supervisors (SWCB). Juilee Malavade, EAB Chair, discussed the EAB proposed changes which included converting all 11 of the issue-area City and County appointed seats into At-Large seats. The intent of this change was to make the EAB more accessible to a variety of potential applicants and to enable the EAB to be more flexible in addressing a wide range of environmental issues over time. The current restrictions on who could apply based on issue-area expertise was a barrier for many people who had relevant lived experiences in environmental issues and whose voices were missing from current EAB discussions.

The proposed changes also added three youth seats to increase the voice of younger residents. These voting seats would be filled with residents ages 15-22 for one-year terms with the ability to serve up to four years/terms. Youth members would have to wait two years before applying for a non-youth seat. In making recommendations for appointments, the EAB chair would continue to consider whether Board membership comprised experience and expertise in areas including the current seat-specific topics such as energy, public health, etc. The SWCB would continue to appoint one of its members to serve on the EAB.

Commissioner Carter voiced her support for the recommended changes.

Vice Chair Jacobs suggested that, in the future, both the City and County be given the opportunity to discuss any changes proposed for joint City-County boards at the same time and provide feedback before either one approved it.

23-0105 Durham County Sheriff's Office Grant Amendment with The Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR) In the Building Bridges Between Jails and Community-Based Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder Demonstration Project Extending the Grant Period to February 28, 2023

The Board was requested to suspend the rules and vote on the approval and authorize the County Manager to execute a grant amendment to the subaward agreement between Durham County and the Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR) in the Building Bridges Between Jails and Community-Based Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders Demonstration Project extending the Grant Period to February 28, 2023.

This was a no-cost extension of one month through February 28, 2023, and services provided to the Durham County Sheriff's Office were not to exceed \$110,795. The Subaward Agreement started on March 1, 2020, through February 28, 2021, and was subsequently extended through December 31, 2022, by and between the Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR) and the Durham County Government (DCG). The previous amendment (AAF#21-0522) was approved by the Board on September 13, 2021. This amendment provided the time needed for Detention Staff to utilize the remaining funds within the agreement, including Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Training.

Vice-Chair Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter, to suspend the rules.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Jacobs, to authorize the County Manager to execute a grant amendment to the subaward agreement between Durham County and the Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR) in the Building Bridges Between Jails and Community-Based Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders Demonstration Project extending the Grant Period to February 28, 2023.

The motion carried unanimously.

23-0077 Provide a Letter of Support for General Services' Application to the Environmental Protection Agency's Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program to Obtain Federal Funding for the Renovation of the Redwood Convenience Site

The Board was requested to suspend the rules and vote to provide a letter of support for General Service's application to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program to obtain federal funding for the renovation of the Redwood Convenience Site.

The Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grant Program for Political Subdivisions of States and Territories offered funding for infrastructure to improve or increase recovery, reuse, recycling, repair, refurbishing, or composting of post-consumer materials. A grant project could request a minimum of \$500,000 in funding and maximum of \$4,000,000 in funding. The EPA anticipated awarding approximately 25 assistance agreements with at least one award per each EPA Region. Applications were due February 15, 2023. Announcements of SWIFR selections were scheduled to take place in April 2023.

The County's application requested approximately \$2.5 million for construction and equipment related costs for the renovation. Though a cost share was not required, the application included a County contribution of \$450,455.

The Solid Waste Division partnered with the Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG) Grant Assistance Program to write the application. The Grant Assistance Program provided comprehensive assistance on grant tracking, project and proposal development, grant writing, reporting, funding agency engagement, and application evaluation for federal, state, and private funding programs. More than a third of TJCOG member governments, including Durham County, participated in the program and paid a pro-rated annual cost that enabled TJCOG to staff a sustainable and robust program.

Vice-Chair Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter, to suspend the rules.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Jacobs, to provide a letter of support for General Services' application to the Environmental Protection Agency's Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program to obtain federal funding for the renovation of the Redwood Convenience Site.

The motion carried unanimously.

23-0107 Approval to enter into a contract with The National Institute of Minority Economic Development (The Institute), to serve as the fiscal agent for the Hayti Reborn - Justice Movement

The Board was requested to enter into a \$2,000,000 contract with The National Institute of Minority Economic Development (The Institute), to serve as the fiscal agent for the Hayti Reborn - Justice Movement. The Hayti Reborn - Justice Movement served as an “umbrella organization” that worked in concert with existing community partners, with a goal of developing coordinated strategies that interrupted the cycle of violence, while concurrently increasing the health and prosperity within marginalized communities.

In FY 2021-22, Durham County Government and the City of Durham established an Interlocal Agreement to expand community-based programming coordinating by the County’s CISS Department. The agreement allocated \$100,000, equally funded by Durham County and City of Durham with the goal of community-based organizations that developed strategies to bolster resident and community safety and prosperity. The interlocal agreement was in addition to the joint funding for the Bull City United initiative. The Hayti Reborn - Justice Movement would leverage the City and County’s initial investment to secure additional funding, including a federal grant that would become available by Fall 2023.

The City of Durham was recently awarded funding from the Partnership for Equitable and Resilient Communities (PERC) to support results-driven partnerships targeted to advance racial equity and address justice matters for under-resourced communities. The Institute would serve as the fiscal agent for the PERC grant. The \$2.5 million PERC grant required matching funds from other foundations, private donations or other non-government contributions. Although county dollars could not count towards a grant match for the PERC funding, the County was committed to transformative coordination, leadership and oversight that yielded optimal community outcomes.

In the January 27, 2023 meeting, the Board of County Commissioners appropriated \$2,000,000 million dollars to support the Hayti Reborn - Justice Movement. Hayti Reborn - Justice Movement would coordinate quarterly fiscal and performance reports through June 30, 2024.

Manager Sowell and Attorney Andrews provided context as to why this item was on the agenda.

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Jacobs, to suspend the rules.

The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter, to rescind the vote made on January 23rd for agenda item 23-0063 Approval of an Interlocal Agreement Between Durham County and the City of Durham to support the Partnership for Equitable and Resilient Communities (PERC) Grant Match and to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 23BCC00057 appropriating \$2,000,000 in General Fund fund balance.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Jacobs, to approve a \$2,000,000 contract with The National Institute of Minority Economic Development (The Institute) to serve as fiscal agent for the Hayti Reborn - Justice Movement. The contract was to extend through June 30, 2024.

The motion carried unanimously.

Manager Sowell clarified that the only change in the agreements was the fiscal agent, everything else from agenda item 23-0063 remained the same. Discussion was held regarding the terminology used and why it changed from having an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City to a contract with The Institute.

23-0102 Commissioner Comments

The Board allowed each Commissioner six minutes to report on conferences or make comments regarding issues that may be of interest or concern to the Board.

Commissioner Carter voiced her concerns regarding the City having different benefits for City-appointed members of joint City-County boards which included a tangible annual gift and stipends to some board members. She believed these practices should be standardized and the County should follow suit.

Mrs. Wallace, Clerk to the Board discussed the County's benefits and noted she had been in contact with the Budget Office to determine what else the County could offer in funds to County-appointed board members. She stated staff was researching what neighboring counties were offering and gathering information for a meeting she was planning with the City Clerk. Vice Chair Jacobs believed this needed to be considered from a policy standpoint due to the various nuances involved and asked the Chief of Staff, Shannon Trapp to consider taking it on. Attorney Andrews noted County employees could not legally receive a stipend for serving on a board and that service term limits would need to be monitored closely to ensure compliance.

Vice Chair Jacobs announced that Durham County was featured on the NACo website for their involvement in the Justice Peer Learning Network. She provided a status update on the Familiar Faces Initiative.

Chair Howerton discussed her tour of Oak City Cares (a facility for people experiencing homelessness in Raleigh, NC), the NACo Legislative Goals Conference, and the Healthy Counties forum. She also acknowledged her appointment to the EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee and her goals for the appointment.

Directive: Staff to assess policy regarding stipends for Boards and Commissions and bring back recommendation to BOCC.

23-0103 Follow-Up on Board Directives

The Board was requested to review staff follow-up regarding previously issued directives. Board directives from previous meetings and staff follow-up were reviewed monthly at Work Sessions. Staff made efforts to input all directives into the system as accurately as possible soon after they

were issued and to follow-up with the Board and/or with other relevant parties in an appropriate time frame.

Dionne Hines, Assistant to the County Manager, noted that a few pending items were in yellow but were scheduled to soon be resolved.

Adjournment

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Jacobs, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tania De Los Santos", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tania De Los Santos
Administrative Assistant