

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

Monday, August 9, 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

Vice-Chair Jacobs asked for the Language Equity Resolution included with Consent Agenda Item 21-0491 to be read during Ceremonial Items.

Announcements

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

1. **Durham County Back-to-School Bash** – Join us at the Durham County Back-to-School Bash on Friday, August 20th from 10am – 2pm at the Durham County Memorial Stadium for free food, school supplies, haircuts and more. Bring your child to get their COVID-19 vaccine, or get vaccinated yourself, and get a free \$25 Visa gift card for each person who takes their shot, plus another \$25 gift card for driving someone to get vaccinated!
2. **Dco Public Health COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Hours** – The COVID-19 Vaccination clinic hours at the Department of Public Health have changed. The new hours are as follows: Monday and Wednesday, 9am-4pm; Tuesday 9am-6pm and closed on Thursday and Friday.

Appointments and walk-in are welcome. Please visit www.dcopublichealth.org/covidvaccines for more information.

3. **2021 Annual Property Tax Billings** – DCo Tax Administration will begin mailing 2021 tax bills to County property owners on August 13th. The 2021-22 Solid Waste Decals will also be enclosed in those tax bills. Taxes are due by September 1st but must be paid by January 5, 2022.

Please note that citizens will have the option to make partial payments on real property taxes. For additional information, please visit www.dconc.gov/tax or call 919-560-0300.

4. **Apply for Durham Pre-K Today** – Are you looking for Pre-K for the 2021-22 school year? All families with children that will be four years old on or before August 31, 2021 can apply. The application can be found at www.durhamprek.org.

For questions or assistance please call 1-833-733-5338 or email prek@childcareservices.org.

5. **Program Offerings at Durham County Cooperative Extension** – The Durham County Cooperative Extension program offers a wide variety of events during the month of August. Please visit www.durham.ces.ncsu.edu or www.facebook.com/DurhamExtension for al list of events.
6. **P-EBT Benefits Expanded for Children Under 6** – The NC Department of Health and Human Services has expanded the P-EBT benefits to more than 230,000 additional children under the age of 6. For more information, please visit www.ncdhhs.gov/PEBT
7. **Durham County Register of Deeds** – The Register of Deeds has moved Vital Records to appointment only but will continue to take request online. Please visit www.dconc.gov/ROD , call 919-560-0495 or email RODvitals@dconc.gov for more information.
8. **Durham Emergency Communication Center Wants You!** – Are you looking for a meaningful, rewarding, high-energy environment? If so, this job is for you. To learn more and apply www.bit.ly/911jobs
9. **Durham County Convenience Site Hours** - A reminder to all Durham County residents of the new hours for the County’s four Convenience Sites:
 - Parkwood: M-W-F (7 a.m.-2:30 p.m.); T-T (10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.); closed daily 12-12:30 p.m.; closed Saturdays and Sundays, except 2nd Saturday of each month – open 7 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 - Bahama, Rougemont and Redwood: M-F (7 a.m.-6 p.m.); Saturday (7 a.m.-12 p.m.); closed Sundays.

More information on the Durham County Convenience Sites can be found at www.dconc.gov/recycling.

10. **Main Library is Open** - Great news for everyone in Durham County as the Main Library in downtown Durham (300 N. Roxboro St.) has finally reopened! The renovated and state-of-the-art facility opened its doors to the public on Tuesday, July 20th and is ready for everyone to enjoy!

Hours for Main Library and all branch and regional locations (except Bragtown) are:

- Monday-Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Thursday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Closed on Sundays

Hours for the Bragtown Branch are: Monday 1-8 p.m. and Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Questions? Visit www.durhamcountylibrary.org.

Vice-Chair Jacobs stated a new Declaration to the State of Emergency would go into effect in Durham County at 5 p.m. to mandate mask in public spaces. She added the Department of Social Services (DSS) dispersed \$3,308,694 in eviction aid dollars from June to August 2021 and tenants/landlords were encouraged to apply for aid at: durhamerap@dconc.gov or call 919-560-8000.

Chair Howerton recognized Sharon Davis, Register of Deeds for being sworn in as the President of the International Association of Government Officials (iGO).

Minutes

Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Allam to approve the May 18th, May 27th, and June 3, 2021 Budget Work Session minutes; June 7, 2021 Work Session minutes and June 28, 2021 Regular Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ceremonial Items

21-0451 Durham County Sheriff's Office Receives the Triple Crown Award from the National Sheriff's Association for Achieving Accreditation from the Top Three Accrediting Agencies for the Detention Center

Robert Whitted, Chief Deputy, Durham County Sheriff's Office stated Clarence Birkhead, Sheriff of Durham County was unable to attend the meeting due to attending a community engagement.

Chief Deputy Whitted thanked the Board for the recognition and allowing the Sheriff's Office to highlight the Triple Crown Award. Brendan Hartigan, Lieutenant of Professional Standards, Durham County Sheriff's Office shared a brief overview of the accreditation and the work required for the Sheriff's Office to receive the award. Heather Cusher, Sergeant Accreditation for Detention, Durham County Sheriff's Office acknowledged that the Sheriff's Office achieved the accreditation during COVID-19 and a staff shortage.

The Board thanked the Sheriff's Office for achieving the accreditation only one percent of all Sheriff's Offices had attained.

21-0484 Resolution – Durham Digital Equity Plan

Chair Howerton read the following proclamation:

DURHAM DIGITAL EQUITY PLAN

WHEREAS, Durham County envisions digital equity and inclusion, for all people who live, work, and thrive in the City and County of Durham, NC; and

WHEREAS, Durham County supports digital inclusion efforts to provide access to digital skills training, technology, and affordable internet services to support health and wellness, educational and economic goals; and

WHEREAS, Durham County endorses that digital equity encompasses not only internet access, but also access to current appropriate hardware and software in working order, and trainings to develop digital literacy skills; and

WHEREAS, access to these resources should be equitably available to all in the County of Durham and adaptive to residents’ diverse needs, skills, identities, languages, disabilities and abilities, life stages, and experiences; and

WHEREAS, a digital equity plan should ensure inclusive access to allow all residents to fully engage in today’s digital society; and

WHEREAS, the Durham Digital Equity Plan’s goals are to 1) expand broadband access and adoption; 2) increase the number of people who have a device that allows them to participate fully online; 3) increase digital knowledge and skills among all groups in the community to encourage lifelong learning; and 4) implement and assess the outcomes of the Digital Equity Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Durham County Board of County Commissioners desire to approve and adopt a formal Digital Equity Plan for Durham County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the Durham County Board of County Commissioners do hereby resolve to approve and adopt the Durham Digital Equity Plan.

This the 9th day of August 2021.

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Brenda A. Howerton, Chair	Wendy Jacobs, Vice-Chair
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Nida Allam, Commissioner	Nimasheena Burns, Commissioner

Heidi Carter, Commissioner	

Tammy Baggett-Best, Library Director introduced Laura Fogle, Founder of Digital Durham and stated Ms. Fogle worked with Terry Hill, Deputy Library Director and Claudia Toomer, Main Library Manager to create and implement Digital Durham. Ms. Fogle provided a brief overview of the Durham Digital Equity Plan and thanked the Board for the recognition.

The Board thanked the Durham County Library staff involved with the plan and the grant.

Consent Agenda

Chair Howerton asked the Board if they requested to pull or comment on any items on the Consent Agenda.

The Board requested to comment on the following:

- Item 21-0474 – Vice-Chair Jacobs recommended the performance quarterly reports shared with

the County Manger be forwarded to the Board.

Vice-Chair Jacobs requested to pull Item 21-0491 to have the Language Equity Resolution read.

Hearing no additional comments, Chair Howerton entertained a motion for approval.

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda except Item 21-0491.

The motion carried unanimously.

21-0430 Approval of an Amendment to Architectural Design Service Agreement with Roughton Nickelson and DeLuca Architects for Water Intrusion Investigation and Testing at the Durham County Judicial Building Annex Renovations Project No. DC-141, in the amount of \$10,500, for a Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$393,583.00

21-0449 HVAC Quarterly Service at Various Durham County Facilities RFP 21-041

21-0450 Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Durham, Orange County, and Durham County Regarding Cost Sharing for the Transit Plan Governance Study

*21-0453 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 22BCC00007 Library to Recognize Durham County Grant Revenue: LSTA EZ Grant for the Digital Navigators Project to Expand the Library's Appointment Reservation System

*21-0454 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 22BCC00005 to Recognize \$3,311,290 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Epidemiology/ Communicable Disease Branch

*21-0455 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 22BCC00006 to Recognize \$75,000 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Women's and Children's Health Section/Immunization Branch

21-0456 Approve Public Health's Receipt of Vaccine Gift Card Incentives from the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS)

21-0458 Board of Elections Robert Half Amendment Contract

21-0459 Board of Elections Rush Computer Rental Contract Amendment

21-0460 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Durham Public Schools (DPS) for Shelter Sites

21-0461 Contract Amendment between Evergreen Linen Services and Durham County

21-0462 EMS|MC Contract Amendments with OES's EMS Division

21-0463 Reclaimed Water Supply Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the Town of Cary

21-0468 Approve Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Contract with Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce for Services Related to Industrial Recruitment and Economic Development

21-0469 Approve Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Contract with Downtown Durham, Inc. for Identified Downtown Economic Development and Business Support Services

21-0470 Approve Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Contract with Made in Durham for Identified Workforce Development Support Services

21-0474 BOCC Approval of the FY 2022 Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) Grant Application for the Durham County Sheriff's Office

*21-0475 Capital Project Amendment No. 22CPA000001 - FY 2021-22 Appropriation of Approved County Contribution (PAYGO) Funds (\$4,191,336) for Multiple Capital Projects

*21-0476 Capital Project Amendment No. 22CPA000005 - Closing Multiple Completed Capital Projects and Reducing Multiple Completed Capital Projects Budgets to \$0 in Preparation for Closure, and 21-0476 Durham County Page 20 Printed on 8/9/2021 Board of County Commissioners Meeting Agenda August 9, 2021 Budget Amendment 22BCC00008 Transferring \$971,918.45 in Unspent Project Funds to the Debt Service Fund

21-0477 BOCC Review of 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application

21-0478 Approving an increase of \$250,000.00 in the maximum construction budget for Resolute Building Company for the Administration Building Refurbishment Project (4730DC137)

*21-0491 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 22BCC00009 to Establish and Fund in the Amount of \$50,000 the Durham County Language Equity Program to Improve Durham County's Ability to Enhance Communications with its Citizens

- **Directive: Vice-Chair Jacobs recommended that the performance quarterly reports shared with the County Manger be forwarded to the Board in regard to Item 21-0474 pertaining to the Governor's Highway Safety Program grant.**

Consent Agenda Item #21-0453

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00007**

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>
GENERAL FUND			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Cultural and Recreation	\$14,139,093	\$19,242	\$14,158,335
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$61,743,960	\$19,242	\$61,763,202

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

Approved August 9, 2021

Consent Agenda Item #21-0454

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00005**

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>
GENERAL FUND			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Services	\$92,456,205	\$3,311,290	\$95,767,495
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$58,432,670	\$3,311,290	\$61,743,960

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

Approved August 9, 2021

Consent Agenda Item #21-0455

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00006**

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>
GENERAL FUND			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Services	\$95,767,495	\$75,000	\$95,842,495
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$61,743,960	\$75,000	\$61,818,960

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

Approved August 9, 2021

Consent Agenda Item #21-0475

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
2021-22 Capital Project Ordinance
Amendment Number 22CPA00001**

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.

Durham County Capital Projects	Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Updated Budget
Ongoing HVAC Replacement (4190DC076)	\$2,685,195.00	\$721,860	\$3,407,055
Ongoing Roof Replacement (4190DC073)	\$3,623,773.00	\$13,653	\$3,637,426
Ongoing Building Envelope (4190DC078)	\$1,903,745.00	\$470,670	\$2,374,415
Ongoing Security Improvements (4190DC081)	\$1,647,847.00	\$441,116	\$2,088,963
Ongoing Parking Lot Replacement (4190DC074)	\$1,812,361.00	\$182,691	\$1,995,052
County Stadium Upgrades (4190DC083)	\$1,809,859.00	\$1,285,729	\$3,095,588
General Services - Owned Convenience Sites (4190DC080)	\$654,618.00	\$100,000	\$754,618
EMS Far East County Station - Land Acquisition (4330DC001)	\$0.00	\$151,497	\$151,497
Open Space Land Acquisition (4730DC083)	\$13,258,367.70	\$500,000	\$13,758,368
New Youth Home (4400DC001)	\$1,810,833.00	\$324,120	\$2,134,953
TOTALS		\$4,191,336	

Adopted this the 9th day of August 2021.

Consent Agenda Item #21-0476

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
2021-22 Capital Project Ordinance
Amendment Number 22CPA00005**

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.

These Projects are to be Closed

Project Name and Number	Final Budget	Project Status
07 Go Southwest Elementary (59105400SH212)	\$717,611.06	Closing
07 Go Whitted Project (59105400SH227)	\$10,282,000.00	Closing
16 Go Boiler And Chiller Replacements (59105400SH267)	\$2,341,420.27	Closing
16 Go Hillside High School Renovations (59105400SH247)	\$1,018,121.52	Closing
16 Go Holt Roof Replacement (59105400SH257)	\$558,502.03	Closing
16 Go Pearsontown Renovations (59105400SH243)	\$1,062,371.54	Closing
16 Go Riverside High School Renovations (59105400SH250)	\$986,387.69	Closing
16 Go School Of Creative Studies Renovat (59105400SH251)	\$487,221.99	Closing
16 Go Southern High School Renovations (59105400SH252)	\$1,326,562.78	Closing
16 Go Staff Development Roof Replacement (59105400SH265)	\$333,106.38	Closing
16 Go Tennis Court Lighting (59105400SH272)	\$905,759.01	Closing
16 Go Watts Roof Replacement (59105400SH261)	\$248,260.71	Closing
16 It Hardware Upgrade Project (42001910DC103)	\$3,680,999.73	Closing
18 Lf Riverside High School Phase Ii (59105400SH276)	\$1,375,349.54	Closing
Admin. Bldg. Boiler Replacement (41904200DC071)	\$0.00	Closing
Dtcc-Newton Building Expansion (59205300CC009)	\$0.00	Closing
Dtcc-Northern Durham Expansion (59205300CC010)	\$988,400.00	Closing
E911 Facility County Share - 4320DC001 (4320DC001)	\$2,924,443.00	Closing
Emergency Responder Radio Upgrade (43203600DC002)	\$5,921,328.46	Closing
Ems Station #17 Co-Location Project (44103100DC133)	\$1,216,460.12	Closing
Lf 16 Southwest Elem Roof Replacement (59105400SH233)	\$1,472,765.70	Closing
Multi-Dept. Radio And Tower Replacement (43203600DC003)	\$0.00	Closing
New Junction Road Industrial Site (47302635DC140)	\$1,302,233.85	Closing
Parkwood Building Upgrade (47302635DC147)	\$0.00	Closing
Rcws Improvements Project (47302635DC142)	\$123,495.92	Closing
Rougemont Comm. Water System Ph Control (47302635DC144)	\$90,090.41	Closing
Scattered Site Housing Iii Project - 4120DC096 (4120DC096)	\$411,877.48	Closing

Single Family Rehabilitation 13 (41201200DC097)	\$167,585.27	Closing
Single Family Rehabilitation Program (41201200DC095)	\$292,827.04	Closing
Slater Road Pump Station Improvements (71006011SE053)	\$403,216.00	Closing
Stanford L. Warren Library Upgrade - 61102511DC079 (61102511DC079)	\$7,500.00	Closing
Stirrup Iron Creek Lift Station Improv. (71006011SE056)	\$1,057,301.40	Closing
Wastewater Treatment Land Purchase Proj. (71006011SE052)	\$5,063,638.50	Closing

This Project is to be Reduced to \$0 and Closed

Project Name and Number	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Updated Budget
Bethesda VFD Building Support (41904200DC082)	\$145,864	-\$145,864	\$0

These Projects are to be Reduced to \$0 and Closed at a Later Date

Project Name and Number	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Updated Budget
Detention Center Officers' Station Impro (43103300DC089)	\$850,000	-\$87,154.45	\$762,845.55
Detention Center Jail Beds/Hvac Grills (43103300DC090)	\$949,946	-\$4,320.00	\$945,626.00
Ems Station #19 Co-Location Project (44103100DC137)	\$734,580	-\$734,580	\$0

Adopted this the 9th day of August 2021.

Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00008

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>
DEBT SERVICE FUND			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
General Government	\$80,988,909	\$971,918	\$81,960,827
<u>Revenue</u>			
Other Financing Services	\$80,221,451	\$971,918	\$81,193,369

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

Approved August 9, 2021

Public Hearings

21-00499 Public Hearing to Consider Allocating Economic Development Funds to Smart Wires Inc.

Andy Miracle, Economic Development Officer stated the Board was requested to hold a public hearing to consider allocating a total of \$125,000 to Smart Wires Inc. and authorize the County Manger or Interim County Manager to enter into preliminary negotiations and execute an agreement with Smart Wires, Inc. This company specializes in electric bulk power transmission and control, would locate the corporate headquarters in Durham, create 250 jobs and invest \$23.5 million dollars.

Chair Howerton opened the public hearing.

Shannon Ross, Chief People Officer, Smart Wires, Inc. shared a brief overview and explained the company was excited to move their headquarters to Durham. She added the company looked forward to working with the Durham community and thanked the Board.

The Board stated there was a need for the company to assist the Durham community and the world with survival and helping the planet with climate change. Ms. Ross replied the company was focused on major issues for the community and the planet. The Board stated they would like for the company to focus on Durham residents and people of color for employment opportunities as well as giving back to the community.

Chair Howerton stated the public hearing would be open for 24 hours for receipt of comments.

Other Business

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

Elizabeth Stevens, Assistant Director of Public Health and Kristen Patterson Assistant Director of Public Health shared the *COVID-19/Vaccine Distribution Updates* which highlighted the following: COVID-19 Prevention Strategies, Current COVID-19 Statistics, Current Race and Ethnicity Trends, COVID-19 Percent Positive Labs, CDC Vaccine updates for Durham County Residents, NCDHHS Vaccine Updates for Durham County Residents, Vaccine Dashboard Data for Durham County Residents and Vaccine Equity.

The Board inquired about the percentage of COVID-19 positive cases amongst those vaccinated and the percentage of children with positive cases. Ms. Stevens replied 20 percent of positive cases were vaccinated people for the month of July and 23 percent of positive cases were youth under the age of 19.

The Board asked about the incentive policy changes for 18 years of age and older. Ms. Patterson replied the State policy for incentives was age 18 and older; however, the County developed a new incentive policy. The Board asked if the at-home COVID-19 test were accurate; they also recommended adding testing sites to the Public Health website. Ms. Stevens replied the at-home test provided false-negative results and she would add the testing sites to the website.

21-0493 Request for Support Letter for the NC Sentinel Landscape Partnership

Deborah Craig-Ray, General Manager introduced Dr. Mary Lou Addor, North Carolina State University Professor and NC Sentinel Landscape Partnership.

Dr, Addor shared the *Sentinel Landscapes* which highlighted the following: Orientation: Purpose and Introductions, Overview of NC Sentinel Landscapes and the NC Sentinel Landscape Partnership, Overview of the NC Sentinel Landscape Committee, Recent State Landscape-scale Designation, Questions, Request to Expand Federal Designation and Next Steps.

The Board expressed their support of the letter which provided an opportunity for Durham County to protect water-shed. They also thanked Dr. Addor creating the documents taking the time to present this information to the Board.

Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda Item #21-0491

Vice-Chair Jacobs read the following resolution:

DURHAM COUNTY LANGUAGE ACCESS POLICY

- WHEREAS,** language is a conduit for communication between individuals and groups; and
- WHEREAS,** language, a crucial element of diversity, equity, and inclusion, can be a powerful tool used to connect people and communities through communication; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County Government recognizes that there are people who live, work, and grow in Durham County experiencing barriers in communication that impede equal access to local government services; and
- WHEREAS,** the Durham County Board of Commissioners supports a Language Equity Policy which seeks to establish standards, practices, and procedures supporting equal access to communications related to services and programs for all residents; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County is a community rich in cultural diversity and contributing voices of residents from numerous backgrounds including those that may have limited proficiency related to their use of read, written, and spoken English; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County Government is committed to closing gaps in language access to improve how contributing voices are heard and understood; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County Government has prioritized the examination of language equity and understands how improvements to both written and oral communications produced by the organization can enhance meaningful access to a wide range of services, resources, activities, programs and more for residents; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County Government strives to create and foster more equitable outcomes for its stakeholders at every level and includes working to eliminate disproportionality and disparity related to language access for its increasingly diverse community; and

WHEREAS, Durham County Government is committed to improving quality of life for every resident regardless of what language they use or understand.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Brenda Howerton, Chair of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby resolve to enact the

DURHAM COUNTY LANGUAGE ACCESS POLICY

and encourage all residents, county officials, and county staff to supports efforts related to the policy designed to eliminate language barriers in our County and ensure equal access to government services for all.

This the 9th day August 2021

Brenda Howerton, Chair

Wendy Jacobs, Vice-Chair

Nida Allam, Commissioner

Nimasheena Burns, Commissioner

Heidi Carter, Commissioner

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00009**

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>			
General Government	\$137,071,662	\$50,000	\$137,121,662
<u>Revenue</u>			
Other Financing Services	\$28,980,114	\$50,000	\$29,030,114

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

Approved August 9, 2021

Commissioner Allam moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to approve Consent Agenda Item 21-0491.

The motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

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

- To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations; pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4)

Commissioner Allam moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns 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 Allam moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 9:41 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Macio Carlton
Deputy Clerk to the Board