

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

Monday, November 27, 2023

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 Jacob, Commissioner Nimasheena Burns and Heidi Carter

Presider: Chair Brenda Howerton

Excused Absence: Commissioner Nida Allam

Zoom Hybrid
Participants: 1

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Chair Howerton announced that there were no agenda adjustments.

Announcements

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

1. **Durham Holiday Parade** – Cheer on hometown bands, drill teams, schools, and community groups as they make their way down Main Street in downtown at the Durham Holiday Parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 9, presented by the City of Durham’s Parks and Recreation Department. The procession will conclude with a guest appearance from Santa. This free event will be held rain or shine. Seating is not provided. Spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs and blankets. More information here: <https://www.dprplaymore.org/309/Holiday-Parade>.
2. **Welcome Baby Annual Coat Drive** – The Welcome Baby Annual Coat Drive has begun! They are accepting new and gently worn winter coats, hats, and gloves for children sizes newborn to 8. Drop off your donation at 721 Foster Street, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The drive runs through January 5, 2024. Please contact Cindy Riley at ckriley@dconc.gov or 919-560-7319 if you would like to host a “drive”. Additional drop off locations in Durham will be posted on our website www.welcomebaby.org.
3. **New Intake Line for Aging and Adult Services** – Help spread the word! The Durham County Department of Social Services has a new dedicated centralized Intake Line for its Aging and Adult Services Division. The new number is 919-560-8588. Residents can call to get assistance with information and referrals for Aging and Adult Services programs, Adult Protective Services reports, guardianship referrals, Meals on Wheels referrals, in-home aid referrals, adult home care

complaints, adult placement services, community resources, and get answers to your other questions. For more information on Aging and Adult Services, visit <https://www.dconc.gov/county-departments/departments-f-z/social-services/aging-and-adult-services>.

4. **Navigating Grief During the Holidays** – The Durham County Main Library will host the 2nd Annual Navigating Grief During the Holidays community event from 3-5 p.m. on Saturday, December 2. This free event features a remarkable lineup of speakers, each offering a wealth of knowledge, compassion, and resources for the bereaved, guiding them through the holiday season without their loved ones. Register at <https://durhamcountylibrary.libcal.com/event/11268866>.
5. **New Star Talk Podcast from DCo Sheriff** – The latest edition of the Durham County Sheriff's Office podcast "Star Talk" is out! This time Sheriff Clarence Birkhead and Capt. Kimberly Lane have a discussion surrounding the recruitment and training division. Find the Sheriff's podcast episodes here: <https://dcsostartalk.podbean.com>.
6. **New Durham Planning Dashboard** – Those interested in development data and trends Durham County have a new online resource at their fingertips with the Durham City-County Planning Department's new Durham Planning Dashboard. Data will be updated quarterly on this interactive website designed to let users easily explore trend data, population and demographic information, and an interactive map that provides tools to check the status of development cases, review past approvals, and review data and other information about parcels of land. To access the dashboard, visit <https://planning-durhamnc.hub.arcgis.com/>.
7. **DCoDPH Hosting Holiday Healthy Eating Webinar** – Join the Durham County Department of Public Health for a free webinar "Healthy Eating During the Holidays" on Tuesday, December 5, 6-7 p.m. This virtual Zoom session will inform participants about tips you can do this holiday season to stay healthy with so many food options at work, home, and everywhere in between. Chelsea Hawkins, MPH, RDN, LDN, will be the guest speaker. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/23jaa6p4>.

Commissioners shared the following additional announcements.

- A new state historical marker was unveiled at the corner of Broad Street and Club Boulevard in Durham honoring Private Booker T. Spicely, an African-American United States Army Soldier shot in 1944 for resisting Jim Crow laws on a bus.
- Medicaid Expansion launched in North Carolina on December 1, 2023.

Minutes

Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Vice Chair Jacobs to approve the November 13, 2023 Regular Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Howerton stated Commissioner Allam would not be attending the meeting due to requesting an excused absence.

Ceremonial Items

23-0863 Resolution – Honoring the Memory of Arnold Dennis

ARNOLD DENNIS

- WHEREAS,** Arnold Dennis was born in New York, New York, where he received his secondary education before attending Wilberforce University, and Howard University for his undergraduate studies; and
- WHEREAS,** following graduation, he returned to Long Island, New York to attend Adelphi University where he received a master’s degree in social work; and
- WHEREAS,** thereafter, he worked in various departments of the U.S. social and justice systems where he came to understand a need for more equity, and fairness in the lives of black children, black families, and black communities; and
- WHEREAS,** his passion to help others led him to spend two years in Tanzania where he taught young men in a secondary school; and
- WHEREAS,** eventually his family found their way to Durham, NC where Arnold Dennis spent a lifetime helping to build better lives for young men who were justice involved, or to prevent them from becoming justice involved; and
- WHEREAS,** he unselfishly shared his talents with others, leading as a visionary and mentor for many young men who joined his “Rites of Passage” program, known for its positive impact on impressionable young black males; and
- WHEREAS,** after retiring from Durham County Government where he served as Youth Home Director from 1985-2005, he joined North Carolina Central University as a faculty member in the Criminal Justice Department continuing to share his passion and intellect with the next generation of leaders; and
- WHEREAS,** Arnold Dennis will long be remembered as a role model, mentor, and dynamic visionary to all whose lives he touched.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby resolve to honor the memory of:

MR. ARNOLD DENNIS

We urge all Durham County residents to remember this amazing life force and the unique contributions he made to the entire Durham community and beyond.

This the 27th day of November 2023.

Brenda Howerton, Chair

Wendy Jacobs, Vice-Chair

Nida Allam, Commissioner

Nimasheena Burns, Commissioner

Heidi Carter, Commissioner

Betty Dennis, Mr. Dennis wife thanked the Board for the recognition. She added Mr. Dennis lived as a light for others and shared a light with residents and the community.

The Board thanked Mr. Dennis for sharing his wisdom, perspectives and commitment with the Durham community.

23-0836 Recognition of OES Director Jim Groves for Receiving the Colonel Phillips Nichlos Waters Award from the NC Emergency Management Association

Dwane Brinson, Assistant County Manager introduced Jim Groves, Office of Emergency Services Director and gave an overview of the Colonel Phillips Nichlos Waters Award. Mr. Groves thanked Mr. Brinson and the Board for the recognition. He added his ambition was to work with the Office of Emergency Services and with Durham County.

The Board thanked Mr. Groves for leading the Office of Emergency Services and for providing Durham County with needed services and preparation for all emergency situations.

23-0838 Recognition of Gudrun Parmer for receiving the Order of the Long Leaf Pine for her 25 years of outstanding service, dedication and leadership as the Director of Durham County's Criminal Justice Resource Center

Roshanna Parker, Justice Services Department Director introduced Gudrun Parmer, former Justice Services Department Director and read the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. Representative Marcia Morey, General Assembly District 30 provided an overview of Ms. Parmer's career and highlights during her tenure in Durham County.

Ms. Parmer thanked Roy Cooper, Governor, the Justice Services Department, the Board and all who advocated on her behalf to receive the award. The Board thanked Ms. Parmer for her leadership, vision, services, and programs for Durham County.

Other Business

23-0864 Board of County Commissioners Highlights

Chair Howerton shared the "Board of County Commissioners Highlights" and provided the following summary:

"Good evening to our audience. I want to take a few moments to reflect on the extraordinary work that has been done by this wonderful Board of County Commissioners and under my leadership as the Chair of the Board.

First, you will recall that when we were elected in 2020, we became the first all-Female Board of Commissioners in North Carolina. There were few cities with that dynamic, but not in County government.

I was honored to be elected by this historic Board as its Chair. Please know that it has been my pleasure to work with such an outstanding group of dedicated, hardworking commissioners on behalf of the entire community.

We all bring our different backgrounds and experiences to this table, and we have worked together as we examine issues, develop policies, and serve the great people of Durham County.

A major task of County Commissioners is to hire certain staff. For the first time since I've been on this Board, we had the responsibility of hiring all of our top leaders that the Commissioners are responsible for hiring.

In 2022, our Board selected Dr. Kimberly Sowell as Durham County's first female County Manager! Her leadership continues to be outstanding! Our Board also hired a new County Attorney Al Andrews, and just a few weeks ago, we named our new Tax Administrator Keyar Doyle. These leaders will continue to move

Durham County forward.

As our Board began to operate, we were still addressing the COVID pandemic. Over the months and years, our Public Health Director Rod Jenkins and his staff helped ensure that we received vaccines, and that we used proper health standards to regain our lifestyles during the pandemic.

You may remember that for a time we had Plexiglas shields in this room, and our meetings were completely virtual. Thankfully, we can now conduct our business in person with the addition of virtual technology. A positive result is more participation by our residents.

Earlier this year, I was part of a delegation that traveled to Lake Placid for a final vote by the FIFA International University Sports Federation, to bring the World University Summer Games to the region in 2029.

Durham along with Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Greensboro, and Cary will be the locations of these games. We were successful and this will be one of our state's largest ever sports events. We expect these games to bring an economic impact of nearly \$150 million dollars to the state.

After four years of collaboration among community members, Planning staff, and elected officials, with the common goal of producing an equitable final product, the 2023 Comprehensive Plan was adopted by our Board of Commissioners and our Durham City Council. This is a major accomplishment for our community. I am so grateful that this plan will be used to guide important decisions around zoning and other planning issues for the next 15 to 20 years.

In March 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act, giving \$1.9 trillion to state and local governments to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. When Durham County received over \$62 million of these funds, our Board of Commissioners proactively developed and adopted a comprehensive framework to guide the distribution of these proceeds.

This framework allocates and funds projects that are now being used to transform our community's health, education; infrastructure; and the economy, all while aligning with County strategic goals.

Additionally, the funds are helping our public health response to COVID-19 through expanded access to medical and behavioral health care, while also addressing health disparities.

Funds are also combating negative economic impacts, by assisting small businesses; and expanding an infrastructure to create a pipeline for workforce development by Building Up Local Labor markets through the BULLs initiative.

A portion of these funds will replace public sector revenue losses, enabling Durham County to continue providing essential government services such as free and reduced public health care and funding food insecurity for those needing crucial support.

Transformative investments are being made to expand access to broadband in underserved communities. Further, \$10 million will support a new lift station, needed for current and future waste management.

Our Board has worked with The City of Durham to leverage ARPA funds to optimize transformative infrastructure funds. In FY 2022-23, we approved two Interlocal Cooperative Agreements with the City of Durham on affordable housing initiatives related to projects previously bid by the City of Durham in 2021. This partnership totals \$27 million in expanded resources for new affordable housing projects, including \$13.5 million from each jurisdiction.

Also, Durham County and the City of Durham have partnered to support a project called Carver Creek. This project will provide affordable housing and expand it into a supportive housing campus for people

transitioning out of homelessness. Services including substance abuse treatment, mental and physical health care will be provided on site.

In the spring, our Board came together with the community to celebrate the midpoint of our 300 East Main Street project. This includes affordable housing, parking, and daycare. Construction on the related 500 East Main Street project continues as well.

Economic development, job readiness and training are important values for this Board. I am very proud of our focus on business development...especially small and minority business development.

This Board of Commissioners exhibits a commitment to inclusion and the advancement of minority-owned small businesses and professionals in the county through the launch of a new initiative, the MWBEvolution in Durham, managed by Interise.

The program, which kicked off just a few weeks ago, is designed for minority, women, small business owners who want to take their business to the next level. Participants must attend 13 sessions to complete the program.

In 2021-2022, Made in Durham continued to build out the BULLS initiative with its partners through its efforts to create and align strategies in Community Engagement, Education Engagement, and Corporate Engagement. The 22-23 scope of work continues and begins the scaling of the BULLS Biotech Academy. Our Board has supported this effort in our annual budget. The goal is to prepare our young people for challenging careers in the growing life science industry by providing financial assistance, certifications, and post graduate support.

Our Board continues to support our strong Economic Development efforts. Over the period, we were able to increase our staff of one and added 3 more employees.

But the amazing result is that during the pandemic Durham County continued to welcome new companies and experienced significant expansions in others.

Kempower announced an investment of \$41.2 million dollars and 300 jobs.

Eli Lilly announced an investment of \$450 million dollars and 100 positions.

Catalent announced an investment of \$39.4 million dollars and 201 jobs.

Jaguar Gene Therapy announced an investment of \$125 million dollars and 200 jobs.

And Smart Wires announced an investment of \$23.5million dollars and 250 jobs.

Certainly, Durham County has continued its reputation for being highly competitive and business friendly.

Commissioner Allam and I became founding members of the Counties for a Guaranteed Income program earlier this year, along with 15 other counties from across the nation. Commissioner Allam spoke eloquently at the White House with President Biden's staff regarding funding for a national Guaranteed Income Program and shared important points about how much families need this assistance.

As you know this program is modeled after Mayors for A Guaranteed Income, initiated by former Mayor of Stockton California Michael Tubbs.

I am so proud that this Board has taken a critical step towards addressing economic disparities by implementing DCo Thrives, a guaranteed income pilot program that aims to help Durham families go from surviving to thriving. This program will provide no-strings attached financial support to 125 low-income families and assess the potential positive impacts on the community.

We will provide \$750 to families with children each month, to help them with everyday living expenses. Last Monday, we launched the program to the community by showing the film, "It's Basic," and discussed how

life changing these funds can be for families.

I was honored to have been appointed to the National Environmental Local Government Advisory Committee by EPA Secretary Michael Regan. Our work has been centered on issues affecting local governments, including PFAS and how they affect health and the environment, regulatory innovation and reform, environmental protection, pollution prevention, performance measures, and coordinated environmental management and stewardship.

I am also excited to note that Durham County recently received a grant for \$3.3 million from the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The money will be used to renovate our Redwood Convenience Center in northeast Durham and to improve our recycling processes. Our 4th District Congresswoman Valerie Foushee, along with other state and federal officials joined us for the presentation a few weeks ago. Thanks to our General Services staff for preparing this grant!

Durham County also received a \$1.5 million grant for Energy Efficiency Upgrades in Low-income Homes. The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Competitive Program is a funding opportunity from the Office of State and Community Energy Programs at the U.S. Department of Energy. Durham County was the only entity in North Carolina to be selected for the grant program. The purpose is to implement a program that will reduce energy burdens and promote energy efficiency in under-resourced neighborhoods.

Last year, I served on the NACo Board of Trustees and was also the Chair of the Healthy Counties Committee. I was asked to again chair that committee and was happy to work with Aetna, BCAGlobal, and our Public Health Staff to bring us a community wellness event called, "Mindful Eating for the Beloved Community."

The sole purpose of the event was to begin cultivating a healthy focus on food and working to reconnect food to family, community, culture, and faith.

The event was held at our Senior Center for Life and was a day of screenings, massages, food tastings, and fun!

Education has always been a top priority for our Board of County Commissioners. Over the past 3 years we continued to fully fund Durham Public Schools requests for operations and capital funding. And that also included substantial increases for the classified employees.

Pre-K Expansion resulted in new slots for our Pre-K program to give our youngest residents a great start in their educational journey. We also increased our funding support for Durham Technical Community College in requested capital funding.

I am honored to serve on the Durham Tech Board of Trustees. This fall, Durham Technical launched its President's Emerging Leaders Institute, which will identify and develop emerging leaders for growth and advancement within the College now and in the future. Durham Tech and UNC-Chapel Hill also announced an innovative partnership in late September to provide space for its small-business and corporate services, along with academic programming.

But one of the most significant actions taken by this Board was the decision to conduct a 2022 General Obligation Bond Referendum. We put a bond vote before our community for \$550.2 million dollars. This was Durham County's largest bond ever!

*\$423 million dollars for Durham Public Schools
\$112 million dollars for Durham Technical Community College
And \$13 million dollars for our Museum of Life and Science*

All three questions were approved and now we see new buildings, renovations, land acquisitions, and future expansions underway!

Over the period, our Board of Commissioners worked to provide support for our employees. In our budget approvals, we worked to ensure that salaries and benefits were in line with, and often better than our peer local governments. We supported a recent Classification and Compensation study. We approved a new county employee holiday, Juneteenth, that went into effect in 2021.

Through the years we supported the County Manager's budget recommendations around bonuses for hard to fill positions and those employees who did not have the option of remote work.

We worked with the group Mom's Rising to implement improved benefits to our employees. Our employees have responded positively to having 5 dedicated wellness days, more time with adoptions and more options to care for themselves and their families. As they say, it takes a village!

Other key Budget priorities for this Board included work on:

Black Maternal Health. Black women are three to four times more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes compared to white women, and Durham is no exception. This Board continued to prioritize Black Maternal Health, and our Public Health staff and community partners continued its work to improve systems to better address the needs of our Black birthing community.

Expectant mothers with pre-existing health conditions are being given blood pressure monitors. Continued steps are being made to ensure that Durham is a breastfeeding-friendly environment for all families, such as encouraging employers to provide lactation spaces.

Durham County Department of Public Health continues its collaboration with Born in Durham, that is focused on maternal and infant health outcomes with a goal of eliminating perinatal inequities in Durham County.

Durham County Department of Public Health has partnered with Guilford County Health Department, NC Department of Health and Human Services, and other key stakeholders to convene a regional Black Maternal Health and Infant Mortality Conference this spring.

We have hired our first Food Security Coordinator, Mary Oxendine. This position supports the community by developing a strong and equitable food system for residents to find affordable and healthy food. This was one of the disparities identified during the COVID pandemic and it was critical that we work to help our families find and receive healthy and nutritious food.

The work around Durham County's Master Aging Plan is positively moving forward. Much like communities everywhere, we see a growing number of older adults, and those adults are living longer. Our Board is committed to bringing resources to bear to ensure that our seniors age with dignity and enjoy a comfortable lifestyle in their golden years.

The Master Aging Plan steering committee has convened working groups to address:

- Community Support and Health Services*
- Senior Hunger & Nutrition*
- Housing*

As committees are being formalized, action plans with strategies to address the key components will soon emerge.

Transportation is a priority in any community. The Board continued to work closely with our region on this issue. I am honored to have been chosen recently as the First Black Female to chair the GoTriangle Board

of Trustees.

Also, I want to share a few important Transportation accomplishments that we enacted during the past 3 years:

Our Board approved a new Durham County Transit Plan providing a vision for how to spend more than \$1 billion of transit revenues to improve passenger rail, implement bus rapid transit or faster buses, improve bus stops and stations, and provide more bus service.

We also approved a new Durham Transit Governance Agreement that enhances inter-agency partnerships and improves transparency and accountability for the County transit revenues.

And Durham County was awarded a \$1.2 million Federal Railroad Administration grant to conduct a planning study to improve safety at three railroad crossings in East Durham. This is a major win for our community.

Our Board supported the establishment of the Community Intervention and Support Services Department. This new department brings together three program areas that were previously operating separately... Bull City United, My Brother's Keeper, and Project BUILD.

The Department's focus is to provide coordinated and programmatic support and systems-level strategies, in partnership with the community, to promote resident and community safety and prosperity.

Bull City United entered an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Durham to expand its work to reduce gun violence in census tracts that were experiencing higher firearm related incidents. The staff was expanded from 7 to 25.

Bull City United received a Byrne-Justice Assistance Grant from the Department of Justice in the amount of \$250,000 to examine cross-systems approaches to address gun violence and offer recommendations for promising practices and sustainable solutions.

My Brother's Keeper is now utilizing the national MBK model to continue the work to improve life and career outcomes for young boys and men of color.

Project BUILD received an additional \$25,000 from Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Reallocated funds to expand skill building opportunities for its participants.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

The County joined with the Boys and Girls Club of Durham and Orange Counties to expand tutoring services, including an initiative that collaborates with Durham County Library operations to expand homework help through in-person and remote learning options.

Durham County and the City of Durham established an Interlocal Agreement to expand community-based programming coordination by the County's Community Intervention and Support Services Department.

The Hayti Reborn – Justice Movement is an “umbrella organization” that works with existing community partners, to help develop and coordinate strategies that interrupt the cycle of violence, while concurrently increasing the health and prosperity within marginalized communities.

This Board allocated \$2 million to leverage federal funds awarded by Congress in the amount of \$700,000, to support the Hayti Reborn – Justice Movement efforts. Many thanks to former Representative David Price who ensured that these funds were approved. And the work continues successfully.

As you can see, as Chair for the last three years, members of this Board and the staff have worked very hard

with various community organizations, residents, staff, and employees to achieve goals and priorities in so many areas. It has been our pleasure to work on projects and initiatives that improve the quality of life for all our residents.

Thank you for your attention and have a great evening.”

Chair Howerton thanked the Board, County Manger Dr. Sowell and County staff.

Consent Agenda

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

Requests were made to comment on the following items 23-0846; 23-0856; and 23-0857.

- **Item 23-0846**
 - Vice Chair Jacobs highlighted the MyDurham Academy for immigrants and migrants.
- **Item 23-0856**
 - Commissioner Burns highlighted the Shoppes of Hope Valley and the approval of contracts for the American Rescue Plan Act Community Grants.
- **Item 23-0857**
 - Vice Chair Jacobs asked Nancy Mitchell, Senior Real Estate Officer to give an overview of the item. Ms. Mitchell stated the property owner of 308 Orange Factory Road contacted Durham County to purchase the 129-acre tract of land. She added the purchase of the property would allow for a Farm Campus for Durham County residents. Donna Rewalt, Cooperative Extension Director stated the Farm Campus would honor agricultural history and provide future farming – noting the community would be allowed an opportunity to engage with the creation of the Farm Campus in upcoming months.
 - Commissioner Carter requested that the Farm Campus be discussed at an upcoming Work Session.

Directives: Commissioner Carter requested the Farm Campus to be discussed at an upcoming Work Session meeting.

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

Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Vice Chair Jacobs, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

*23-0825 Approval of Lease Agreement between Durham County and Progress Carolina NC, LLC for Space at the 115 N. Queen Street Deck - Suite C (Former 300 E. Main St. Deck) and Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00067 Recognizing \$19,344 in Annual Rent Revenue

23-0826 Approval of Lease Agreement between Durham County and Coastal Horizons for Office Space

in the Justice Services Department at 326 E Main Street

*23-0831 Approval to enter into a contract with Hayti Reborn - Justice Movement as subrecipient for the 2023 Bryne Discretionary Grant Program (BJA) and Budget Ordinance Amendment 24BCC00068 to recognize \$700,000 in Grant Funding for the 2023 Byrne Discretionary Community Project Funding/Byrne Discretionary Grant Program (BJA) to Community Intervention and Support Service Department

*23-0846 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00059 Cooperative Extension to recognize \$7,000 in grant funding from the University of North Carolina Institute for the Study of the Americas Building Integrated Communities (BIC) initiative for the enhancement of MyDurham Academy for immigrant and refugee residents

*23-0847 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00061 Cooperative Extension to Recognize \$3,600 in Rental Fees for the new Durham-Orange County Mobile Poultry Processing Program

*23-0848 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00062 Cooperative Extension to recognize \$4,905 in grant funding from the Town and Country Garden Club for the Briggs Avenue Community Garden Orchard Project

*23-0849 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00063 Cooperative Extension to recognize \$1,852 from the Briggs Avenue Fall Festival plant sale for Briggs Avenue Community Garden program expenses

*23-0852 Capital Project Amendment No. 24CPA00011 Appropriating \$13,948,000 of 2022 GO Bond Funds for Three New Museum of Life and Sciences Capital Projects: \$7.3M for the Create, Reinvent and Renew Learning Environments Capital Project (61903100CD040); \$5,850,000 for the Program and Event Infrastructure Capital Project (61903100CD041); and \$798,000 for the Sustainability Upgrades Capital Project (61903100CD042)

23-0856 Approval of Property Management Agreement with TradeMark Properties, Inc. for the Management of the Shoppes of Hope Valley

*23-0857 Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.24CPA00012 and Budget Amendment No.24BCC00060 Reducing the Open Space and Farmland Preservation Capital Project (47302635DC089) by \$1,068,500; Increasing the New Orange Factory Road Farm Campus Capital Project (47302635DC157) Budget by \$1,068,500; Appropriating \$1,068,500 of General Fund Balance and Transferring \$1,068,500 to the PAYGO Fund for the New Orange Factory Road Farm Campus Capital Project for a New Total Project Budget of \$2,137,000; as well as Approve the Purchase of 128.99 Acres of Property located at 308 Orange Factory Road from Cameron Grove Holdings, LLC, for \$2,107,000 in Addition to \$30,000 for Closing Costs and Soils Analysis, for a Total Purchase Price of \$2,137,000; and Authorize the County Manager to Execute All Documents Necessary to Effect This Transaction

*23-0858 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00065 Cooperative Extension to recognize a \$200 contribution from the Pi Alpha Zeta, Iota Chapter for 4-H programming

23-0859 Approval of contract for the American Rescue Plan Act Community Grants Awarded in RFP Category 3: Improving Child and Family Social-Emotional and Mental Health Children Ages 0-12,

totaling \$120,315

23-0861 Approval of Slater Road Lift Station Water and Sewer Project as an American Rescue Plan Act project totaling \$10,000,000

23-0866 Approval of contracts for the American Rescue Plan Act Community Grants Awarded in RFP Category 7: Crime Interventions, totaling \$455,000

*23-0867 Approval of Property Tax Releases and Refunds for October 2023

23-0868 Approval of FY2023-24 Contract with the DPS Foundation for the Bull City Community Schools Project

23-0879 Approval of contracts for the American Rescue Plan Act Community Grants Awarded in RFP Category 4: Improving Child and Family Social-Emotional and Mental Health Children Ages 13-24, totaling \$450,740.00

23-0888 Approval of contract for the American Rescue Plan Act Community Grants Awarded in RFP Category 3: Improving Child and Family Social-Emotional and Mental Health Children Ages 0-12, totaling \$48,000

Consent Agenda Item #23-0825

**Durham County, North Carolina
2023-2024 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 24BCC00067**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2022-2023 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>Revenue</u>			
Rental Income	\$1,169,339.27	\$19,344.00	\$1,188,683.27
Other Financing Sources	\$73,506,306.90	(\$19,344.00)	\$73,486,962.90

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

Approved November 27, 2023

Consent Agenda Item #23-0831

**Durham County, North Carolina
2023-2024 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 24BCC00068**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2022-2023 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	\$127,705,418.61	\$700,000.00	\$128,405,418.61
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$79,142,437.58	\$700,000.00	\$79,842,437.58

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

Approved November 27, 2023

Consent Agenda Item #23-0846

**Durham County, North Carolina
2023-2024 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 24BCC00059**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2022-2023 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>			
Economic and Physical Development	\$9,234,700.87	\$7,000.00	\$9,241,700.87
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$79,070,789.58	\$7,000.00	\$79,077,789.58

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

Approved November 27, 2023

Consent Agenda Item #23-0847

**Durham County, North Carolina
2023-2024 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 24BCC00061**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2022-2023 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>			
Economic and Physical Development	\$9,241,700.87	\$3,600.00	\$9,245,300.87
<u>Revenue</u>			
Service Charges	\$31,754,015.00	\$3,600.00	\$31,757,615.00

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

Approved November 27, 2023

Consent Agenda Item #23-0848

**Durham County, North Carolina
2023-2024 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 24BCC00062**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2022-2023 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>			

Economic and Physical Development <u>Revenue</u>	\$9,245,300.87	\$4,905.00	\$9,250,205.87
Intergovernmental	\$79,077,789.58	\$4,905.00	\$79,082,694.58

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

Approved November 27, 2023

Consent Agenda Item #23-0849

**Durham County, North Carolina
2023-2024 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 24BCC00063**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2022-2023 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>			
Economic and Physical Development	\$9,250,205.87	\$1,852.00	\$9,252,057.87
<u>Revenue</u>			
Service Charges	\$31,757,615.00	\$1,852.00	\$31,759,467.00

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

Approved November 27, 2023

Consent Agenda Item #23-0852

**Durham County, North Carolina
FY 2023-2024 Capital Project
Amendment Number 24CPA-11**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:
That the FY 2023-24 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Project #	Project Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Updated Budget
61903100CD042	Museum Sustainability Upgrade	\$0.00	\$798,000.00	\$798,000.00
61903100CD041	Museum Program and Event Instructure	\$0.00	\$5,850,000.00	\$5,850,000.00
61903100CD040	Museum Create, Reinvent, and Renew Learning Environments	\$0.00	\$7,300,00.00	\$7,300,000.00

All capital projects in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved November 27, 2023

Consent Agenda Item #23-0857

**Durham County, North Carolina
FY 2023-2024 Capital Project
Amendment Number 24CPA-12**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:
That the FY 2023-24 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Project #	Project Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Updated Budget
47302635DC083	Open Space and Farmland Preser.	\$14,314,519.70	(\$1,068,500.00)	\$13,246,019.70
47302635DC157	Orange Factory Road Farm Campus	\$0.00	\$2,137,000.00	\$2,137,000.00

All capital projects in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved November 27, 2023

**Durham County, North Carolina
2023-2024 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 24BCC00060**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2022-2023 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	\$191,072,328.13	\$1,068,500.00	\$192,140,828.13
<u>Revenue</u>			
Other Financing Services	\$72,455,946.17	\$1,068,500.00	\$73,524,446.17

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

Approved November 27, 2023

Consent Agenda Item #23-0858

**Durham County, North Carolina
2023-2024 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 24BCC00065**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2022-2023 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>			
Economic and Physical Development	\$9,252,057.87	\$200.00	\$9,252,257.87
<u>Revenue</u>			
Contributions and Donations	\$271,920.00	\$200.00	\$272,120.00

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

Approved November 27, 2023

Releases and Refunds – October 2023

Current Year 2023 Taxes	Releases	Refunds	
Real Property	\$358,196.05	\$55,355.01	
Personal Property	\$65,788.39	\$0.00	
Motor Vehicle	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Solid Waste	\$0.00	\$80.37	
Stormwater Utility	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Public Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	
VTS Refunds	\$0.00	\$16,564.69	
Gross Rec.	\$0.00	\$2,064.63	
SUB – TOTAL	\$423,984.44	\$74,064.70	\$498,049.14
Prior Year 2019-2022	Releases	Refunds	
Real Property	\$51,108.88	\$9,759.55	
Personal Property	\$363,296.95	\$55.20	
GAP Vehicles	\$0.00	\$4.63	
Motor Vehicle	\$0.00	\$448.29	
Solid Waste	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Stormwater Utility	\$0.00	\$0.00	
VTS Refunds	\$0.00	\$0.00	
SUB – TOTAL	\$414,405.83	\$10,267.67	\$424,673.50
GRAND TOTAL	\$838,390.27	\$84,332.37	\$922,722.64

Other Business

23-0850 County Food Security Initiatives Update and Upcoming Plans

Mary Oxendine, County Food Security Coordinator shared the *Durham Food Security Update and Plans* which highlighted the following: Land Acknowledgement, Agenda, Food Security in Durham County, Community Health Assessment, Individuals Served by Food Panties and Direct Distributions, Continued Challenges and Approach; FY23 Food Security Initiatives and Impacts, Enhancing Durham Counties Social Safety-Net, Durham County Nonprofit Grants, Efforts Towards Systemic Chance; FY24 Food Security Plans, Enhancing Durham County’s Social Safety-Net, Efforts Toward Systemic Change, How Far We’ve Come, Overall Food Security Investments, What We Set Out To Do, Summary and Supplemental Slides.

The Board asked about a plan of action to maintain food security in Durham. Ms. Oxendine responded that food security was maintained with the support of grants, food-drives, fundraisers and with investments outside of food such as housing and education. The Board inquired about the status of the Meals on Wheels and the refugee and immigrant waiting list for residents in need of food. Donna Rewalt, Cooperative Extension Director replied the department was connecting residents with organizations to aid with food security.

The Board asked if the County participated in reducing food waste. Ms. Oxendine responded that the department partnered with Public Health to reduce food waste. The Board inquired about the feasibility report for the Farm Campus. Ms. Rewalt stated the department worked with contractors and was receiving community engagement; adding the Board would be provided a report once completed.

The Board thanked Ms. Oxendine and Ms. Rewalt for the update.

Board and Commission Appointments

Al Andrews, County Attorney announced the voting results.

Durham County Women's Commission

Alexandra Alvarez (Allam, Burns, Carter, Howerton, Jacobs)

Farmland Protection Advisory Board

(i) **Kenon Browning** (Allam, Burns, Carter, Howerton, Jacobs)

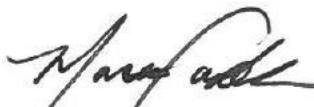
(i) **Nicole Connelly** (Allam, Burns, Carter, Howerton, Jacobs)

Adjournment

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 9:37 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Macio Carlton
Deputy Clerk to the Board