

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

Thursday, March 7, 2013

9:00 A.M. Worksession

AGENDA

1. Citizen Comments (30 min)

- 1) The Board of County Commissioners will provide a 30-minute comment period at the beginning of its Worksession meeting on the first Monday of each month. Any citizen of Durham County wishing to speak shall have an opportunity to do so. The Board may direct staff to research and reply to the concerns, if appropriate. Speakers must sign in prior to the start of the meeting providing a mail/email address and telephone number so that staff may reply to comments and/or questions. Citizens who request an immediate response from the Board are encouraged to submit a brief description of the issue to the Clerk to the Board two weeks prior to the Worksession to allow an opportunity for research prior to the meeting. **All speakers shall have three minutes to speak and are requested to refrain from addressing issues related to personnel matters.**

Resource Person(s): Michelle Parker-Evans, Clerk to the Board

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive citizen comments and direct staff to respond, as deemed appropriate.

2. 2012 Crime Report (20 min)

- 1) The Board is requested to receive a presentation on crime in Durham County by the Durham County Sheriff's Office. Presented information will include a five year comparison of reportable crimes to the Sheriff's Office and agency efforts impacting the statistics.

Resource Persons: Sheriff Michael D. Andrews; Chief Deputy Don Ladd

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the presentation and ask questions as needed.

3. Proposed Agriculture Building Green Roof (15 min)

- 1) The Board is requested to hear a presentation from the Soil and Water Conservation Department regarding a proposal to install a green roof on the Durham Agriculture Building located at 721 Foster Street. This project is being pursued in conjunction with the Piedmont Conservation Council (PCC). In 2008, the Board of County Commissioners approved Durham County to join the once named Piedmont Resource Conservation Development (RC&D) for the purpose of bringing community based projects to Durham County. To date, the green roof project has secured funding (\$50,000) to conduct a site assessment and design through an Environmental Enhancement Grant (EEG) administered by the Department of Justice. The Department has solicited other partnerships from the City of Durham Stormwater Services (\$30,000/construction) and Duke University (\$20,000/construction and

\$12,500 monitoring). Due to the timing of the next EEG funding cycle an application for construction funds (\$207,000/construction) has been submitted with the announcement of the grantees coming this fall. In addition, the master gardeners of the Cooperative Extension Service have agreed to help with the planting materials. General Services has also been involved in regards to having accessibility to the roof top for maintaining the buildings heating and air units.

- 2) This project falls within Goal 4 of Durham County's Strategic Plan and is located within the Ellerbe Creek watershed. This watershed has proven to be a major contributor to the Falls Lake impairments. The project will provide valuable data that will hopefully lead other facilities to consider installing green roofs. Research from other municipalities has shown that if a cluster of buildings install green roofs the downtown temperatures could actually be reduced. Other studies show that green roofs reduce downstream flooding caused by flash flooding storms while reducing pollutants by 90% during the first flush (1/2 inch). The research conducted on the Agriculture Building will consist of comparing fertilized plots to non-fertilization, using different soil media to seek the highest nutrient reduction capability blends and a comparison of utility use before and after the green roof installation. Furthermore, it will improve the aesthetics from the buildings second floor. The project will be installed and monitored at no cost to the county.

Resource Persons: Eddie Culberson, Director Soil and Water Conservation Department; Glenn Whisler, County Engineer; Jacob Leech, PCC Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the presentation and ask any questions regarding the proposed project.

4. County Manager's Biennial Recommended Durham County FY2014-2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Capital Budget Discussion by Douglas Carter (County's Financial Advisor) (90 min)

- 1) Durham County maintains a 10-Year CIP Program for major facilities projects and programs, which includes major County facilities, as well as school facilities. Every two years County staff and the Manager review this plan, accept project requests and revise project funding as appropriate.
- 2) Additionally, County staff in conjunction with the County's financial advisor, Mr. Douglas Carter of DEC Associates, Inc., do a review of the county's existing and future debt service needs as defined in the CIP; do comparative analysis with our peers, and compare Durham County against the various benchmarks used by the financial rating agencies.
- 3) Mr. Carter will first make a presentation focusing on Durham County's FY2014-2023 capital program and provide a comparative analysis of this program with the County's North Carolina peers. Following, the Manager will present his Recommended CIP for FY2014-2023.

Resource Persons: Douglas Carter, President DEC Associates, Inc.; Mike Ruffin, County Manager; Pamela Meyer, Director Budget & Management Services; George Quick, Chief Financial Officer; Keith Lane, Senior Budget Analyst

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive Mr. Carter's financial presentation, along with the Recommended FY2014-2023 CIP, and advise staff if any further information is necessary.

5. Discussion on Amendments to County Economic Development Policy (60 min)

- 1) The Board is requested to review of the County's current Economic Development Policy to determine what changes may be necessary to encourage the desired economic investment in the community.

Resource Persons: Marqueta Welton, Deputy County Manager; Carol Hammett, Deputy County Attorney

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board review the County Economic Development Policy and provide direction to staff on desired changes for future adoption.

6. Closed Session (75 min)

- 1) The Board is requested to adjourn to closed session pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege.
- 2) The Board of Commissioners is requested to adjourn to closed session to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee, pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(6).

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board adjourn to Closed Session and direct staff as appropriate.

7. Emerging Issues Report (10 min)

- 1) Commissioner Ellen Reckhow will share her report from the Emerging Issues Conference.

Resource Persons: Ellen Reckhow, County Commissioner

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive Commissioner Reckhow's report.

8. Review of BOCC Directives (10 min)

- 1) The Board is requested to review the previous month's directives for staff and make comments as necessary. This set of directives covers October, November and December of 2012 and January and February of 2013.

RESOURCE PERSON: Ellen Whelan-Wuest, Assistant to the County Manager

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: The County Manager recommends that the Board review the March BOCC directives and make comments to staff as necessary.