

# THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Monday, October 5, 1998

9:00 A.M. Worksession

### AGENDA

#### 1. Closed Session

The Board is requested to adjourn to closed session in order to consult with an attorney and to preserve the attorney-client privilege regarding *Edinborough at the Park v. County*, 98 CVS 3626 and 98 CVS 3627.

#### 2. Citizen Comment?Ralph McKinney

Mr. Ralph McKinney has requested time on the agenda to make comments to the Commissioners.

#### 3. Child Day Care Subsidy Design Project

An update on the design of a unified subsidy system for child day care is being provided by the five partner agencies. These agencies are the Durham Partnership for Children, the Durham County Department of Social Services, Operation Breakthrough, the Durham Day Care Council, and the Triangle United Way. Representatives of these organizations will report on progress to date in coordinating efforts to more effectively meet the needs of families for quality subsidized child care. A target date of October 1, 1999 has been established for the consolidation of the child care functions from these agencies into a single location that will be more accessible for families seeking child care subsidy and to work more effectively with child care providers.

Resource Person: Dan Hudgins, Director of Social Services, will provide an overview and introduce other presenters from the partner agencies.

County Manager?s Recommendation: Accept as information.

#### 4. Falls Lake Normal Pool

At its August worksession, the Board discussed a proposal to fund a survey of the Falls Lake normal pool location on Ellerbee Creek. The Board expressed concern that this survey would establish an undesirable precedent for other community groups or property owners to request a similar effort on other tributaries. The Board asked the staff to invite Mr. Linwood Rogers, US Army Corps of Engineers, to speak to the Board about the methodology used to determine the location of the normal pool on Falls Lake tributary streams. The Board wanted to explore whether the methodology proposed for the Ellerbee Creek tributary was the same as that used for other tributaries. Mr. Rogers could not attend the September worksession due to flooding created by the hurricane season.

The Board had instructed staff to receive written confirmation of this methodology from Mr. Rogers prior to beginning the survey. A letter was sent out to Mr. Rogers on this issue. In addition to this inquiry, County Manager Thompson instructed staff to also send a letter to Mr. Steve Zoufaly of the Division of Water Quality to request guidance as to the steps that would need to be taken if the survey is authorized and completed. Staff has not been waiting on Mr. Rogers? presentation to the Board to authorize the survey, but rather a written response to the letter as directed by the County Commission.

Keith Luck of the Planning Department is the staff person working on this project and will be present at the meeting. Mr. Luck will advise the Board as to the status of this survey.

## **5. Durham County Utility Fee Schedule--Fee Study**

A Fee Study has been completed by The Raftelis Environmental Consulting Group. The report summarizes the Fee Study. The purpose of the Fee Study was to evaluate the sewer connection fees contained in the County's utility fee schedule, and if necessary, to assist the County in developing a cost justified set of connection fees.

The report recommends the development of a cost justified set of connection fees, and includes a proposed set of capital recovery charges for County consideration.

The Environmental Engineering Office agrees with the recommendations contained in the report, and expects to request BOCC approval at the October 12 meeting.

Glen Whisler of the Environmental Engineering Office and George Raftelis will present the report, discuss the recommendations, and answer any questions raised by the Board.

County Manager's Recommendation: Receive the report prepared by The Raftelis Environmental Consulting Group.