

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

Monday, December 4, 2006

**\*9:30 A.M.** Worksession

**AGENDA**

1. **Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners**

10 min.

The County Commissioners, at their first meeting in December, elect a Commission chairman and vice chairman.

County Attorney Chuck Kitchen will preside over the election of the Board's chairman.

The newly elected chairman will preside over the election of the vice chairman.

2. **Approval of Public Official Bonds**

5 min.

The Board of Commissioners is required to approve the bonds of public officials on the first Monday of December of each year. Following approval, the bonds will be recorded in the Register of Deeds Office and then sent to the Clerk of Superior Court for safekeeping.

Resource Person(s): Chuck Kitchen, County Attorney, and Cathy Whisenhunt, Risk Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board suspend the rules to approve the bonds, as they meet the statutory requirements.

3. **Salary for the Sheriff**

5 min.

The Sheriff was duly elected to a fourth term of office. The election filing fee was based on a minimum starting salary of \$77,000, which was set by the Board of County Commissioners prior to the filing period. The incumbent was re-elected, and his current salary of \$110,000 is based on incremental increases granted during the previous terms. As there is no intent to decrease the incumbent's salary, and as the salary for the incumbent was reviewed in June 2006 and will continue to be reviewed on a regular basis, the Board was requested to reset the salary for the Sheriff at \$110,000.

Resource Person(s): Marqueta Welton, Director of Human Resources

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board suspend the rules and approve the Sheriff's salary at \$110,000.

4. **Presentation of ‘AAA’ Credit Considerations for Durham County, NC**

30 min.

County staff is in the process of updating the County’s 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY2008-2017, and has begun working with the County’s financial advisors from Davenport & Company LLC to review all of the new requests for funding over the next ten years. Such a financial and debt review has not been done for several years; with the magnitude of new funding requests beginning in FY2008, a new financial and debt review was warranted before a final Recommended CIP is presented to the Board in February 2007.

James M. Traudt, Senior VP, and Joseph D. Mason, VP of Davenport & Co., will make a presentation: ‘AAA’ Credit Considerations for Durham County, NC, which will provide information and comparisons with ‘AAA’ counties in North Carolina, as well as with a regional peer group. Davenport & Company will also provide key observations on how Durham County is doing with our current capital improvement plan and the associated debt, as well as recommendations concerning the requested capital improvement plan (which includes the new full 10-year request received from Durham Public Schools). After the presentation, staff from Davenport & Company will be available for questions.

Resource Person(s): Mike Ruffin, County Manager, and Pam Meyer, Budget & Management Services Director

County Manager’s Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners receive the presentation on ‘AAA’ Credit Considerations from Davenport & Company.

5. **Update from The Durham Center on the Implementation of its Substance Abuse Action Plan**

45 min.

In May of this year, The Durham Center presented its Substance Abuse Action Plan to the Commissioners. Support was received for the work to strengthen and nurture the substance abuse treatment infrastructure by creating a recovery culture in Durham, adapting a System of Care framework to substance abuse services, expanding and training the substance abuse workforce, ensuring quality improvement among providers, and providing a more effective continuum of services to the citizens of Durham County.

The Durham Center will provide an update on its progress in implementing these County-funded activities contained in its Substance Abuse Action Plan.

Resource Person(s): Ellen Holliman, Area Director, The Durham Center

County Manager’s Recommendation: The Manager requests that the Board of County Commissioners receive this report.

6. **Impact Fee Interest**

10 min.

Over the life of the Impact Fee Fund, it has earned \$320,000 plus and continues to earn interest income. The Finance Department would like to close this fund and request direction from the BOCC as to the disposition of the current balance.

Resource Person(s): George K. Quick, Finance Director, Durham County

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board suspend the rules, authorize the closure of this fund, and direct that the balance be appropriated to Durham Public Schools Capital Outlay Fund.

7. **Discussion of Issues for 2007 State Legislative Agenda**

60 min.

The North Carolina General Assembly will convene the 2007 General Assembly Session at noon on January 24 in Raleigh. Following a communication to county department heads and other traditional legislative partners, several items were received as possible legislative proposals to be considered for inclusion in the final 2007 Durham County Legislative Agenda.

Staff will conduct the first discussion of these items with the Board of County Commissioners at the worksession. The goal is prepare a tight package of legislative items that can be aggressively supported by members of the Durham Delegation.

In addition, staff is finalizing a joint meeting with the Durham Delegation for later this month or early January.

Resource Person(s): Deborah Craig-Ray, Assistant County Manager, and Chuck Kitchen, County Attorney

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager's recommendation is that the Board receive the proposed legislative agenda items, discuss, and direct staff.

8. **Proposed Jordan Lake Rules**

30 min.

The staff will present a report on the status of the draft of the proposed Jordan Lake Rules. The Rules, as they are currently proposed, would require the County to adopt an ordinance, which would be subject to DENR approval, to implement the rules which DENR is proposing. The County would then have to fund the implementation of the ordinance. This would result in an unfunded multi-million dollar mandate from the State.

Resource Person(s): Chuck Kitchen, County Attorney; Glen Whisler, County Engineer; and Joe Pearce, Stormwater and Erosion Control Division Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the report and give directions to staff.

9. **Update on Wellness Initiative**

15 min.

The Wellness Center Review Committee met with the two finalists being considered to operate the Durham County Employees Wellness Clinic. The Durham County Wellness Initiative's goals are to reduce health claims risk for our employee population based on (1) identifying risk potentials; (2) providing a clinical service professional to treat/manage/advise those persons at greatest risk; and (3) proactively working with individuals by monitoring and evaluating compliance based on their uniquely designed health risk intervention plan. Based upon these goals and the experience, abilities and references of the vendors considered, the Committee recommends that the BOCC authorize staff to negotiate with HealthSTAT to operate the Wellness Clinic.

Resource Person(s): Marqueta Welton, HR Director; Debbi Davidson, Benefits Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the BOCC agree in principle with the Wellness Center Review Committee's recommendation and authorize staff to negotiate an agreement with HealthSTAT to operate the Wellness Clinic, and to authorize that the agreement be placed on the December 11 consent agenda for approval.

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\*Note—Time change of Worksession

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3.5 hrs.