

**REVISED**  
(See Item No. 9)

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

Monday, November 6, 2006

Durham County Government Administrative Complex, Commissioners' Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
200 E. Main Street, Durham, NC 27701

9:00 A.M. Worksession

**AGENDA**

1. **Introduction of Interim General Manager of Triangle Transit Authority**

15 min.

The Board of Trustees of the Triangle Transit Authority appointed Mr. David King, effective October 9, 2006. "Mr. King is well respected throughout the state and among transportation professionals across the country," said TTA Chairman of the Board, Carter Worthy. Mr. King recently retired from the North Carolina Department of Transportation having last served as a Deputy Secretary.

Resource Person(s): Ellen W. Reckhow, Chairman

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board extend its congratulations to Mr. King and pledge its support to Triangle Transit Authority during this important transition.

2. **Request from Campaign for Decent Housing**

15 min.

The Campaign for Decent Housing has requested that the Board amend its policy for the disposal of surplus properties in order to facilitate ownership of the property by qualified nonprofit organizations for affordable owner-occupied and renter-occupied housing.

Resource Person(s): Ray Eurquhart, Southside Neighborhood; Miguel Rubiera, Habitat for Humanity; Gene Cook, Rebuild Durham; and Terry Allebaugh, Housing for New Hope

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board consult with the Attorney regarding whether appropriate language can be developed to accommodate the request.

3. **Durham Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan**

30 min.

The Durham Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan is an update of several previous bicycle-planning activities by the City and County, as well as the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO). The Plan incorporates various recommendations of the 1991 Regional (Durham/Orange County)

Bicycle Plan, the Bicycle Element of the DCHC MPO's 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the 2007-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Regional Priority List for NCDOT Division 5, the Center of the Region (CORE) Bicycle/Pedestrian/Greenspace Plan, and the City of Durham's 2001 Trails and Greenways Master Plan.

The Durham Comprehensive Bicycle Plan includes a number of recommendations on policy, program, and project initiatives. If the Durham Board of County Commissioners adopts the Plan, many of the policy and program recommendations in Section 6 will require input from local boards, commissions, and City officials, and implementation by a variety of departments within the City. Such policy recommendations, if approved, would be incorporated into existing policy documents, such as the Unified Development Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan, and will be presented separately to Council for approval upon revisions to existing policy and plan documents.

Resource Person(s): Felix C. Nwoko, City of Durham Transportation Planning Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the plan and place it on the November 13 Regular Session consent agenda for approval.

4. **Durham County Human Services Complex Design Update**

30 min.

The Board is requested to receive an update on the design development phase for the proposed Durham County Human Services Complex to be located on East Main Street. This project is to build a new Human Services Complex to house the Department of Social Services, Public Health Department, and The Durham Center (formerly Mental Health). This facility was included in the Durham County Facility Master Plan completed in 2000 and amended in 2003 to reflect the changes generated by the downsizing and reorganization of Mental Health.

The BOCC received presentations on the schematic design phase of the project on May 1 and June 5, 2006. Since then, efforts have progressed on the design development, incorporating revisions that respond to BOCC and Appearance Commission comments. The intent of this update is to receive input from the Board on the exterior appearance of the building, which will allow the project to advance to the construction document phase.

This project consolidates delivery of human services and improves service delivery by providing adequate facilities for each agency along East Main Street. The next phase of the project is construction document development.

Resource Person(s): Glen Whisler, P.E., County Engineer, and Zena Howard, AIA, The Freelon Group, P.A.

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the presentation and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

5. **South Regional Library Design Update**

30 min.

The Board is requested to receive an update on the design development phase for the proposed Durham County South Regional Branch Library to be located on the former Lowe's Grove School property purchased in May 2004 for development of the Library and a future EMS Station. On June 27, 2005, the Board of County Commissioners awarded a design contract to The Freelon Group, P.A., to provide architectural services for this branch. At the December 5, 2005 Worksession, the BOCC approved the current site location of the library and directed staff to proceed with the design.

A prototype plan developed and built for the East and North Branches has been refined for the South Branch and the architect will provide an update to the Board. Refinements include a larger meeting room and reconfigured entrance, a larger periodicals room, and exterior elevation modifications. The updated floor plan contains approximately 26,500 square feet with required parking spaces and provisions for a future addition of 10,000 square feet. The project received Appearance Commission approval on September 20, 2006; the site plan was submitted for approval on September 28, 2006. The intent of this update is to receive the Board's input on the updated plan for this branch, which will allow the project to advance to the construction document phase and maintain the July 2008 target date for construction completion.

Resource Person(s): Glen Whisler, P.E., County Engineer, and Zena Howard, AIA, The Freelon Group Inc.

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the presentation and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

6. **Social Services Strategic Planning Update**

30 min.

The Department of Social Services has initiated a strategic planning process called the Family Focus Initiative. Department staff would like to present information on the planning process while providing a status report on major agency strengths and challenges.

Resource Person(s): Sammy R. Haithcock, Director; Chuck Harris, Assistant Director; Rhonda Stevens, Assistant Director; and Sharon Hirsch, Assistant Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The Board is requested to accept the report from the Department of Social Services.

7. **Health Trust Fund**

15 min.

The Finance Department has invited Charles L. Curry Jr., Vice President and Director of Fixed Income Investments for Piedmont Investment Advisors, LLC., to speak to the BOCC concerning: Management of Fixed Income and Equity Portfolios and the

evaluation of the performance of these portfolios. He will also be available to answer any questions that the BOCC may have in this area.

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

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the information.

8. **Update on Wellness Initiative**

15 min.

The Wellness Initiative is on track to be launched in January 2007. A Health Risk Assessment Tool will begin the initiative and upon completion, a Wellness Clinic for Durham County Employees will be opened. To accomplish these objectives, the Human Resources Department issued a Request for Proposals for a Wellness Center (RFP No 07-006) for Durham County Employees on September 17, 2006. Three proposals were received by the deadline of October 17, 2006. 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.

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

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Commissioners receive information on the proposals and provide direction on the implementation of the Wellness Initiative.

9. **Board and Commission Stipends**

15 min.

The Board of County Commissioners recently commissioned a survey of stipends paid by the ten most populous counties to members of the Board of Education, ABC Board, Board of Adjustment, Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Jury Commission, and Airport Authority. The survey results indicate that an adjustment to certain stipends paid to Durham County board and commission members is warranted.

Resource Person(s): Mike Ruffin, County Manager, and Vonda Sessoms, Clerk to the Board

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board authorize that the following changes in stipends for board and commission members be placed on the November 13, 2006 Consent Agenda:

- Board of Education: \$900 per month for chairman; \$800 per month for other members, effective July 1, 2007;
- ABC Board: \$250 per month for the chairman; \$200 per month for other members;
- Board of Adjustment: **\$50** per month for each member (**pending JCCPC approval**);

- Planning Commission: **\$50** per month for each member (**pending JCCPC approval**);
- Jury Commission: \$25 per **month** for each member; and
- Board of Equalization and Review: \$85 per diem for the chairman, \$75 per diem for other members, plus \$15 per hour after first three hours for each member.

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