

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

Monday, February 20, 2006

“Conversations with Commissioners”

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Place: Oak Grove Elementary School, 3810 Wake Forest Road, Durham, NC 27703

Present: Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow, Vice-Chairman Becky M. Heron, and Commissioner Michael D. Page

Absent: Commissioners Lewis A. Cheek and Philip R. Cousin Jr.

Staff: County Manager Michael Ruffin; Deputy County Managers Wendell Davis and Carolyn Titus; Assistant County Managers Deborah Craig-Ray and Heidi Duer; Wil Glenn, Public Information Specialist; Keith Lane, Budget Analyst; Cheryl Lloyd, Cooperative Extension Director; Angela McIver, Staff Specialist; and Yvonne Gordon, Deputy Clerk to the Board

Chairman Reckhow welcomed citizens to “Conversations with Commissioners”, a community meeting to allow citizens the opportunity to give input on the FY 2006-2007 County Budget.

County Manager Ruffin introduced the County Commissioners to the citizens and described their duties. He proceeded by outlining the Durham County Government organizational chart to acquaint citizens with the governmental structure. Mr. Ruffin then introduced individual staff members.

Mr. Lane presented County organization in further detail as follows:

- Durham County Mission Statement
- Boards & Commissions
- General Government and its functions
 - internal departments
- Public Safety and its functions
 - departments
- Environmental Protection and its functions
 - departments
- Economic and Physical Development
 - departments
- Human Services
 - departments
- Education

- Durham Public Schools
- Durham Technical Community College
- Cultural and Recreational Services
 - Library
 - Nonprofits
- General Fund Expenditures
 - FY05-06 Adopted Budget
- General Fund Revenue
 - FY05-06 Adopted Budget

Ms. Duer gave a brief presentation on Results Based Accountability (RBA). She discussed RBA priority areas and Results Based "Community Report Card" (Progress Report).

Ms. Lloyd led the introductions of citizens. She facilitated budget conversations among groups to generate concerns and questions to consider during budget preparation.

Citizens suggested that the County consider the following concerns and recommendations when drafting the budget:

- Expand resources for Sheriff's Department (i.e. additional radars and equipment)
- Middle School safety challenge
- Promote community positives—aggressive campaign
- Awareness and availability of services for youth
- Community self-esteem
- Increase activity and education—impacts health (i.e. diabetes)
- Involve PACs in Health Education programs
- Address prosperity for all citizens (i.e. vocational education)
- Sustainable framing for future (i.e. school preparation)
- Mentoring programs

Ms. Lloyd reviewed the list with citizens and staff.

Chairman Reckhow offered closing remarks, thanking citizens for their input on the upcoming budget. She adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne R. Gordon
Deputy Clerk to the Board