

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

October 28, 2002

7:00 P.M. Regular Session

AGENDA

1. **Opening of Regular Session**?Pledge of Allegiance
2. **Agenda Adjustments**

Commissioner Heron added a Resolution to designate the week of November 3-9, 2002 as Animal Shelter Appreciation Week. This became item 5(a).

Commissioner Bowser asked to pose questions to the County Manager and County Attorney regarding the Youth Home escape this morning of three juveniles. This would be the last item.

Chairman Black moved item #7 to follow item #8.

3. **Minutes**

- a. a. June 18, 2002 Worksession Minutes
- b. b. September 9, 2002 Regular Session Minutes

Commissioner Heron moved, seconded by Vice-Chairman Reckhow, to approve the June 18, 2002 Worksession Minutes and the September 9, 2002 Regular Session Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, as submitted.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. **4. City of Medicine Program?High School Awards**

Chairman MaryAnn E. Black requested the winners and runners-up of the City of Medicine High School Awards be placed on the agenda so the Commissioners can recognize the accomplishments of the four seniors.

Chairman Black will introduce the four student winners to the Board of County Commissioners.

In the medical specialist category, the winner is Joy Marsh of Jordan High School and the runner-up is Kimberly Handy of Southern High School. The winner in the Applied Health category is Brittany Lambert of Jordan High School and the runner-up is Born Hollington of Southern High School.

Resource Person(s): Garry E. Umstead, CMC, Clerk to the Board

Ms. Diane Wright, Chairman of Durham Health Partners Inc., introduced the four student winners. Each student introduced herself, spoke of her academic plans beyond high school, and thanked those who helped her in her endeavors. The Commissioners expressed their congratulations and recognized Mr. McDonald, Principal of Southern High School and Mr. William E. Cole, Director of the City of Medicine/Special Programs.

5. **5. Proclamation for Home and Hospice Care Month**

November is National Home Care and Hospice Month. Helen Poole, Director of Major Gifts, Marketing and Development for Duke Health Community Care, has asked that the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners proclaim the month of November as Home and Hospice Care Month in Durham County.

County Manager's Recommendation: Present the proclamation to Ms. Poole for inclusion in various community observances of Home and Hospice Care Month.

The proclamation was read. Ms. Poole accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commissioners for their recognition of home and hospice care.

ADDED ITEM:

5a. Addition of a Resolution to designate the week of November 3-9, 2002 as Animal Shelter Appreciation Week.

Commissioner Heron asked for addition of this resolution in recognition of the Durham County Animal Shelter providing lifesaving services of animals and people in our community.

6. 6. Report on the Visit from County Durham, England

Durham County was privileged to host a six-member delegation from County Durham, England from Tuesday, October 15 through Sunday, October 20, 2002. The delegation came to us through the Sister Cities Organization as an exchange program and was here to strengthen relationships and support links between the two Counties.

The group began their visit by meeting with the Board of County Commissioners to gain an understanding of our governing system; what emerged was a unique discussion of similarities and differences between the two jurisdictions. The group also received presentations from some County Departments to better understand how services are delivered.

During their five-day visit, the delegation met with Durham Public Schools, enjoyed informative visits with entities in Research Triangle Park, and visited Duke University and North Carolina Central University to understand their economic impact and learn about some neighborhood initiatives that the universities are involved in. Additionally, the group visited Durham Technical Community College, enjoyed a variety of local attractions, visited magnet school programs, and got a taste of life here in Durham County, North Carolina.

The delegation consisted of:

- *Ken Manton, Elected Leader of Durham County Council
- *Brian Walker, Councilor and Lead Cabinet Member (Business Support)
- *Kingsley Smith, Chief Executive of Durham County Council
- *Mark Lloyd, Deputy Chief Executive, Director of Economic Development and Planning
- *Professor John Anstee, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Durham University
- *Rob Statham - Economic Development Officer, Durham University

Chairman MaryAnn Black and other local officials visited County Durham, England in the fall of 1998. During that visit, an official charter between the Durham County Council in England and Durham County, North Carolina was signed to support links between the two areas' universities and chambers, and to 'foster mutual understanding in all aspects between our respective areas." This visit further developed the relationships between the two counties.

Resource Person(s): County Commissioner Chairman MaryAnn Black

County Manager's Recommendation: Receive the presentation.

Chairman Black delivered the report of the visit by the delegation from County Durham, England.

7. **7. Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 03BCC000020?Emergency Services Telephone System Fund Appropriation of Wireless Surcharge Funds**

The FCC has mandated enhanced 9-1-1 service for Wireless callers. Durham Emergency Communications (DECC) is now equipped to receive Phase One data which meets the FCC mandate to provide 1) the address and sector of cell towers transmitting wireless calls, 2) the phone number associated with that tower sector, and 3) the call back number of the wireless customer. DECC is now ready to move forward with the Phase Two Enhanced Wireless component of the FCC mandate.

Phase Two Enhanced Wireless requires upgrading the existing 9-1-1 system. The cost of the project is \$441,055.99. The source of funding for this upgrade is the Wireless Surcharge monies collected by Durham County Government in the Emergency Services Telephone System Special Revenue Fund.

The attached information provides details regarding both the Phase One and Phase Two upgrades and funding.

Resource Person(s): Chuck Johnson, Director Emergency Communications; Tonya Pearce, E-911 Database Coordinator, Emergency Communications Center; and Pamela Meyer, Director, Budget & Management Services

County Manager?s Recommendation: The County Manager recommends approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 03BCC000020, to appropriate \$441,056, amending the Emergency Services Telephone System Special Revenue Fund budget.

Commissioner Heron moved, seconded by Commissioner Cousin, to approve the item and to send a letter in protest to the NCACC and the Governor regarding the state tapping wireless surcharge funds.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. **8. Consent Agenda**

- a. a. Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 03BCC000019?Mental Health?The Durham Center?s Budget to Recognize Additional Medicaid Revenue in the Amount of \$1,000,000 (approve this budget amendment to recognize additional Medicaid Revenue);
- b. b. Resolution on NCDOT 15-501 Proposed Bridge Replacement over New Hope Creek (Receive this resolution from the Durham Open Space and Trails Commission (DOST) regarding and consider adoption);
- c. c. Petition For Road Addition?Phar Lap Lane, Black Horse Run Subdivision (adopt the resolution to approve this addition to the state?s road maintenance system, subject to the certification of eligibility by the appropriate officials of the NC Department of Transportation);
- d. d. Property Tax Releases and Refunds for Fiscal Year 02-03 (accept the property tax release and refund report as presented and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined by the report; these are normal recurring releases and refunds that are presented for the consent agenda);
- e. e. Execution of Architectural Design Service Contract with Gurlitz Architectural Group, P.A. for the Proposed Durham County Senior Center Complex?RFQ 02-044 Project No.: DC068-30 (authorize the execution of an architectural design contract with Gurlitz Architectural Group, P.A., in the amount of \$485,450.00);
- f. f. Approval of Construction Contract for Phase II of the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project (authorize the County Manager to enter into a construction contract for

Phase II of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project, subject to issuance of Revenue Bonds, as follows:

	T.A. Loving Company	
\$19,999,319.00		
5% Contingency		
	<u>1,000,000.00</u>	
Total		\$ 20,999,319.00
g.	g. Renewal of Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Chapel Hill for Tax Billing/Collections (renew the currently expired interlocal agreement for four years, ending June 30, 2007);	
h.	h. Claims and Subrogation Report (Receive the report for inclusion in the minutes);	
i.	i. Appointments?Boards and Commissions (approve appointments); and	
j.	j. Work First Block Grant Plan for 2003-2005 (approve the Work First Plan for 2003-2005 so that it may be submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services in Raleigh by the deadline; Chairman Black?s signature is required for approval).	

Vice-Chairman Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Heron, to approve Consent Agenda items 8(a), (b), (c), (d), (g), (h), (i), and (j).

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Heron pulled item 8(b) for discussion. Commissioner Cousin pulled items 8(e) and 8(f) for questions which were answered by Yolanda Moore-Gaddy of Purchasing and Glen Whisler, County Engineer.

Commissioner Cousin moved, seconded by Commissioner Heron, to approve Consent Agenda items (e) and (f).

The motion carried unanimously.

ADDED ITEM:

Youth Home Escape of Three Juveniles

The escape this morning of three juveniles from the Youth Home was discussed by Commissioner Bowser, County Manager Ruffin, and County Attorney Kitchen.

The County Attorney advised that under law very little information could be shared, since the incident involved juveniles.

The County Manager advised that standard procedure had been followed. The neighboring citizens and businesses had been notified. Personnel from the City Police and Sheriff?s Department are cooperating to apprehend the three. An investigation has been launched to obtain the facts regarding the escape from the facility. At the termination of the situation, a change in policies and/or procedures may be forthcoming. County Manger Ruffin added that the Capital Improvement Plan proposes a new youth detention center in the near future.

Commissioner Bowser said his concern was keeping the neighboring citizens safe from another such incident. He suggested that the addition of razor wire or some other precaution to the Youth Home.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:17 P.M.