

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

Monday, January 3, 2012

9:00 A.M. Worksession

**MINUTES**

Place: Commissioners' Room, second floor, Durham County Government Administrative Complex, 200 E. Main Street, Durham, NC

Present: Chairman Michael D. Page, Vice-Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow and Commissioners Joe W. Bowser, Brenda A. Howerton and Pam Karriker

Absent: None

Presider: Chairman Page

**Closed Session**

Vice-Chairman Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Karriker to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to G.S. §143-318.11(a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to G.S. §143-318.10(e); to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee, pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(6); and to consult with an attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11(a)(3).

The motion carried unanimously.

**Reconvene from Closed Session**

Commissioner Karriker moved, seconded by Commissioner Bowser to suspend the rules.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Bowser moved, seconded by Vice-Chairman Reckhow to approve the salary for Gail Perry, Interim Director, Department of Social Services (DSS), to \$129,000 effective August 8, 2011.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Bowser moved, seconded by Commissioner Karriker to approve the salary for Jovetta Whitfield, DSS, to \$129,000 from July 27, 2011 to August 8, 2011.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Report: DSS Investigation**

At the November 7, 2011 Worksession, the Board directed the Internal Auditor to investigate and provide answers to question numbers 4 through 24.

Richard Edwards, Durham County Internal Auditor, informed the Board that Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards were applied to assess risk, collect sufficient, appropriate evidence, and measure it against stated criteria. The scope of the investigation covered a period from about April 2009 until December 2011.

The Board expressed several concerns regarding the report.

Mr. Edwards addressed questions and concerns raised by the Commissioners.

#### **Directive**

Consider a policy that would address monitoring outside personnel contracts.

### **Citizen Comments**

The Board of County Commissioners provided a 30-minute comment period at the beginning of the Worksession to allow any citizen of Durham County the opportunity to speak.

Chairman Page recognized Steve Bumgardner for comments; however, he was not in attendance.

### **Proposal for the Establishment of a new Durham County Criminal Justice Advisory Group**

Gudrun Parmer, Director of Durham County Criminal Justice Resource Center, led this item. She stated that the Board requested to hear a request and suggestion made by the Durham County Criminal Justice Partnership Program Advisory Board for the establishment of the Durham County Criminal Justice Advisory Group.

Ms. Parmer highlighted that the Durham County Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board was established in 1995 as a statutory requirement to participate in the state-local Criminal Justice Partnership Program grant process. The enabling legislation, Article 6A of

Chapter 143B of the General Statute, was repealed in June 2011 as part of HB 642, the Justice Reinvestment Act of 2011.

However, since July 2011, the Durham County Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board continued to meet at the request of the Criminal Justice Resource Center. At a meeting on November 16, 2011 the members of the CJPP Advisory Board, along with the management staff of CJRC, discussed a proposed advisory committee with a new purpose and membership structure. This proposal is presented to the Durham Board of County Commissioners for consideration and feedback.

Directive

Staff was directed to draft a resolution for approval by the Board at a future meeting.

**Electric Vehicle Charging Station Update and Review of the City-County Electric Vehicle and Charging Station Plan**

Tobin L. Freid, Sustainability Manager, introduced this item stating that the Board requested to receive an update on the County's electric vehicle charging station program and the City-County Electric Vehicle and Charging Station Plan.

Ms. Freid indicated that electric vehicles hold great promise to reduce Durham's greenhouse gas emissions from transportation and improve air quality. Both vehicles and charging station technologies and practices are changing rapidly. A team representing several City and County departments as well as community partners has worked diligently to understand the current market and policy environment to make sure Durham is ready for electric vehicles now that they are showing up on our roads. This team developed a plan to guide the County and City's internal and community practices and policies regarding electric vehicles and charging stations.

Ms. Freid informed the Board that the County received a grant from the Triangle J Council of Governments as part of their ARRA-funded Blue Skies & Green Jobs initiative. The County is using the funds to install several public charging stations for electric vehicles at five locations.

- ✓ Justice Center Parking Deck
- ✓ Human Services Parking Lot
- ✓ South Regional Library
- ✓ North Regional Library
- ✓ Main Library

Mr. Freid gave the following presentation:

- 2010 GHG Emissions
- Vehicles
- Benefits of EVs
- Cumulative PEV Fleet (#Vehicles) by County

- Types of Charging Stations
- EV and EVCS Plan
- Internal Operations
- Site Selection
- Planning for the Future
- City and County EVCS
- Accessibility
- Website

Ms. Freid replied to questions posed by the Board.

### **Strategic Plan Update**

Michael Davis, Assistant to the County Manager, presented this item stating that the Board requested to hear an update of the County's Strategic Planning Process. The County Manager's Office continues to seek the input of the BOCC in helping craft a meaningful Strategic Plan.

Mr. Davis emphasized the following key developments for December:

- Youth focus groups completed at Southern H.S. (This finishes youth focus groups; sessions completed at Hillside, Northern, Riverside, Youth Commission and Southern).
- In early and mid December, the Plan Development Team (PDT) and Direction Setting Team (DST) met to brainstorm and later refine initiatives of the Strategic Plan.
- The PDT and DST also met with department heads for an interactive session designed to get feedback on the draft plan, including specific plan initiatives.
- County staff completed a Strategic Plan branding logo for early stages of implementation.

Mr. Davis accentuated that in January, the BOCC would be briefed on the draft of the plan through individual input sessions. The PDT would then take feedback from the BOCC as well as department heads and refine the plan. The plan would be placed on board agenda for February adoption. Also, the Communications Team would keep working on branding and communication strategies to inform the general public as well as county employees. Staff members are taking steps to ensure a seamless transition to implementation, which would begin in February following plan adoption.

Dr. Tyrone Baines, Consultant and Michael Palmer, Consultant, made comments about which measure is caused by which outcome as well as issues the community that the youth want to improve.

Mr. Davis concluded the presentation thanking the Board for their support.

**Review of December BOCC Directives**

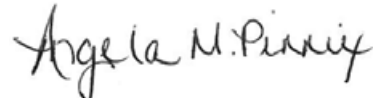
Michael Davis, Assistant to the County Manager, introduced this item stating that the Board is requested to review the previous month's directives for staff and make comments as necessary. This set of directives covers September, October, November and December of 2011.

County Manager Ruffin gave an update regarding the Senior for Center Life.

**Adjourned**

There being no further business, Chairman Page adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela M. Pinnix". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angela M. Pinnix  
Administrative Assistant  
Clerk to the Board's Office