

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

Monday, May 3, 1999

9:00 A.M. Worksession

MINUTES

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

Present: Chairman MaryAnn E. Black, Vice-Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow, and Commissioners William V. Bell, Joe W. Bowser, and Becky M. Heron

Absent: None

Presider: Chairman Black

Citizen Comment—Ralph McKinney

Mr. Ralph McKinney, 500 Fairfield Street, requested time on the agenda to make comments to the Commissioners.

Mr. McKinney spoke about racism and the equal protection of citizens.

No action was taken on his comments.

Nonprofit Presentations to the Board of County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners requested that nonprofit agencies that have applied for funding during the FY 1999-00 Budget be given an opportunity to make presentations. Previously, the Board has allowed three minutes per presentation.

County Manager's Recommendation: Utilize these presentations in the Board's future deliberations on these requests after the overall County budget is proposed through my office.

Ms. Robyn Riley, representing the Budget Department, welcomed everyone to the nonprofit presentations to the Board of County Commissioners. The Board allowed three minutes per presentation.

The following representatives spoke on behalf of their respective nonprofit organizations. The dollar amount is the request.

Jane Volland and Susan Gay, 311 E. Main Street, Durham County Teen Court and Restitution Program (\$30,000)

Ann Tropiano, Director, and Sharon Wilson, 300 N. Queen Street, Genesis Home (\$22,000)

Beth Morraco, PO Box 688, Orange/Durham Coalition for Battered Women (\$35,100)

Nancy Bernstein and Chuck Wilson, 4235 University Drive, Durham Workforce Partnership (\$25,000)

Joyce M. Mitchell, 1765 Dobbins Drive, Chapel Hill, Planned Parenthood of Orange and Durham Counties (\$7,500)

Dr. Oliver Johnson, Executive Director, Communities In Schools of Durham (\$10,000)

Sherry Nyman Heuser & Sue Guptill, 115 Market Street, Suite 20, Durham Council for Infants and Young Children With Special Needs (\$10,525)

Tom Stevens, Executive Director, 3308-F Chapel Hill Blvd., Family Counseling Service—Change Program (\$25,000)

Linda Bass, Executive Director, 2506 N. Roxboro Road, Meals on Wheels of Durham Inc. (\$25,000)

Captain Cape Grice and Mary Ann Crea, Director of Human Services, 909 Liberty Street, The Salvation Army (\$40,000)

Michael Tino, board member, 1311 N. Duke Street, Rape Crisis of Durham (\$15,000)

Terri Allred, Executive Director, 1703 Chapel Hill Road, Rape Crisis of Durham (\$--)

Linda Crawford, Vice Chair, Durham County Women's Commission (\$2,000)

Esther Curtis-Utley, Program Director, 807 East Main Street, The Center of My Joy Inc.--Adult Day Care (\$15,000)

Allison Halton, 2634 Chapel Hill Blvd., Durham Child Care Council (\$32,100)

Sheila Broderick, Executive Director, 806A Clarendon Street, Child and Parent Support Services (\$9,000)

Will Alexander, 150 E. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, Community Cuisine Inc. (\$5,000)

Nunna Hensley-See, Executive Director, 112 N. Queen Street, Women In Action for the Prevention of Violence and Its Causes (\$30,000)

Judy Orser, board member, 112 N. Queen Street, Women In Action for the Prevention of Violence and Its Causes (\$-0-)

Janet Kennel, McDougal Terrace, Seeds Inc. (\$10,000)

Richard Bell, Executive Director, 111 W. Main Street, Seeds Inc. (\$---)

Judy Allen, Festival Coordinator, 4419 Guess Road, Eno River Association (\$20,000)

Stephanie Moore, Intern, Executive Director, 2113 Cameron Street, Raleigh, Hopeline Inc. (\$1,000)

Linda Ohnt, Director, 211 E. Six Forks Road, Raleigh, Triangle Reading Service (\$4,500)

Oueta MacIntosh-Vick, Lincoln Community Health Center, Teen Link (\$92,556)

Kimberlee Smith, Coordinator and Health Educator for Teen Link, 1301 Fayetteville Street (\$---)

Tamara Cora-Beasley, concerned citizen and Vice President, Board of Directors of Lincoln Community Health Center, Teen Link, 1301 Fayetteville Street (\$---)

Joyce C. Nichols, 2014 Athens Street, Teen Link Program supporter, Lincoln Community Health Center (\$---)

Joan Pelletier, Executive Director, Council for Senior Citizens, 807 S. Duke Street (\$141,256)

Mary Suitt, Neighborhood Advisory, Council for Senior Citizens, 807 S. Duke Street (\$---)

Veronica Pettiford, 1504 N. Duke Street, Brogden Middle School-After School Program (\$79,849)

Al Singer, 301 W. Main Street, #306 Child Advocacy Commission (\$31,500)

Mary Holderness, Coordinator, 3940 Bristol Road, Project Graduation (\$2,000)

Talmahgia Sweat, Pharmacist, Senior PharmAssist, 123 Market Street, (\$100,000)

Gina Upchurch, Executive Director, Senior PharmAssist, 123 Market Street (\$---)

Bill Brent, Executive Director, AIDS Service Agency of NC Inc., 324 S. Harrington St., Raleigh (\$20,000)

Elaine A. Whitworth, 6 Hedgerow Place, Bridges Housing Corporation, Sickle Cell Center (\$42,000)

Dr. Dorothy C. Browne, E. Main Street, Accorded Inc. (\$20,000)

Jane Basker, E. Main Street, Accorded Inc. (\$---

Helen B. Outen, President, Cornwallis Road Community Council, 215-BE Cornwallis Road, Development Ventures Inc. (\$50,000)

Dean Jeffries Johnson, Chair, 1129 Lady Banks Drive, Durham County Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee (\$3,000)

Anna Crumpe, 503 Grant Street, Senior Aides Program (\$40,000)

Brian Bancom, 1317 W. Pettigrew Street, Double Take Documentary Film Festival (\$12,000)

Frank Johnson, Interim Director, Operation Breakthrough, 200 E. Umstead Street (\$203,879)

Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Report

The report is an update on the County's plans to upgrade the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant located on Highway 55 in southern Durham County. These upgrades include replacement of outdated facilities (to overcome flooding and OSHA safety issues), improvements to the treatment process (specifically Nitrogen removal), and the expansion of available capacity (for additional customers and for future economic development potential).

To proceed with the design of this project, McKim and Creed was ranked by a selection committee formed for this project as the best qualified applicant to provide the County with these services. The selection process, scope of work, and fee proposal are described in the report.

County Engineering requested that the Board receive this report, provide input and direction to staff, and consider approval of a contract with McKim & Creed at the May 10 meeting.

Resource persons: Glen Whisler, County Engineer; Sandra Phillips, Purchasing Director; David Powell, Economic Development and Property Management; and Chuck Hill, Utility Division Manager.

County Manager's Recommendation: This report addresses several significant issues including sewer service to County residents, improving the level of treatment to improve water quality, and providing the capacity for industries to locate and expand in this

section of the County resulting in an expanded tax base. The proposed contract is the first step towards the upgrade of the County's Wastewater Treatment Plant, which has previously been discussed with the Board. The recommendation is for a contract approval, which will be administered in two phases to address expediently the most immediate needs. The cost of this contract is \$2,135,500 (\$759,900 in Phase 1, \$1,375,600 in Phase 2). Funds in the amount of \$2,500,000 are currently budgeted in the Enterprise Fund for design of Treatment Plant improvements. To emphasize its priority, the project schedule is included in the contract (this is a new procedure intended to keep projects on schedule). The County Manager recommended the Board receive the report, provide input to staff, and consider approval of a contract with McKim and Creed at the May 10 meeting.

County Manager David F. Thompson said he reviewed the Wooten Report over the weekend, which caused him to change his recommendation. In the staff meeting this morning, it was decided that more work needs to be done on the Phase II portion of this study. His concern was based on the following two important issues that could have a major impact on Phase II: (1) House Bill 515 passed by the Legislature in 1997 mandated that major discharges into the Jordan Lake had to provide for nitrogen removal in addition to phosphorus removal. This legislation would have a major impact on the final dollar cost on Phase II. County Manager Thompson wished for clarification about the legislation prior to doing any Phase II design work. (2) There is a possibility of going to the City of Durham to utilize its excess capacity on the Farrington Road plant. It would cost \$5 million to connect with the City system. Discussions were held approximately one year ago with the City about the possibility of using the excess capacity. City and County engineers should have those discussions again since both governments have new engineers. Phase I scope of the study may need to be expanded to allow time to look at reconfirming the \$5 million connection cost and to find out what the real value of the new capacity would be at the City. This issue should be resolved prior to the Phase II study.

County Manager Thompson's recommendation regarding the Phase I study is to move forward. He asked the Commissioners to authorize the administration to negotiate the Phase I contract with add-on work and bring it back to the next Board meeting.

The Commissioners discussed issues about the wastewater treatment plant with the Manager and staff.

Vice-Chairman Reckhow requested cost figures and a thorough assessment of the project both ways (County only and jointly with the City) in Phase I.

Glen Whisler, County Engineer, said the presentation would follow the outline included in the agenda package. He gave a history of the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Chuck Hill, Utility Division Manager, presented an overview of this project and discussed several issues to be addressed through the upgrade and expansion.

Sandra Phillips, Director of Purchasing, reviewed the consultant selection process.

Tim Baldwin, Project Manager, McKim & Creed, introduced the design team and presented their overview of the project.

Mr. Whisler presented the recommendation for the contract.

A lengthy discussion followed by the Commissioners and County administration.

Mr. Baldwin answered the Commissioners' questions about the project.

County Manager David F. Thompson told Mr. Baldwin to put in a real scope of work in the contract. The engineers will begin design work on Phase I.

No official action was taken on this agenda item.

Lease Agreement for Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Department

The Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Department is requested to move operations into the Wachovia Bank facility in downtown Durham. The Fire Marshal and Emergency Management agencies were consolidated at the beginning of the fiscal year. Staff is currently located in different facilities. The space currently being occupied is overcrowded with insufficient accommodations for evidence storage and interviewing suspects and witnesses during fire investigations. The new space will allow the agency to locate personnel into one location; will accommodate the agency's space needs; and will provide sufficient space to County-locate an Emergency Operations Center in the same space, if so determined by the County Manager and BOCC in the future. In addition, the move will allow other County agencies to alleviate space problems by utilizing the vacated space.

Staff investigated several space options in the downtown area for the Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Department. Staff recommended leasing 8,000 square feet of office space at the Wachovia Bank facility (2000 West Main Street). The proposed lease rate is \$8.00 per square foot on a full service basis. The term of the agreement is for three years beginning June 1, 1999. The lease rate will increase by 5% per year. Even with the annual increases in rent, the rate will remain below market rate for downtown Durham, which is approximately \$10 to \$11 per square foot.

The County will be responsible for the costs of alterations and computer wiring/installation (estimated at \$46,029). Physical improvements to the space will cost an estimated \$21,150 and computer networking and hardware will cost an estimated \$24,879. Funds for rent and alternations were budgeted in the FY 1999 operating budget. No additional funds are required.

Resource Persons: David Powell, Economic & Physical Development
Jeff Batten, Fire Marshal/Emergency Management

County Manager's Recommendation: Place item on the consent agenda for the May 10th meeting. The County Manager recommends approving this request given the overall organizational need for more office space and the specific needs of this agency. Leasing space at Wachovia will not only meet the needs of this agency but also free up much needed space for other County agencies.

Mr. Batten gave the Commissioners a briefing on the current status of office facilities.

Commissioner Heron asked the County Manager to move forward in getting a back up facility for the 911 command center.

The Commissioners asked questions and made comments about the rental proposal to which County Manager Thompson, Mr. Batten, and Mr. Powell responded.

Chairman Black stated that we need to look at the total picture of renting the entire Wachovia building.

The Commissioners requested a master plan for the total Wachovia building.

The Commissioners discussed the proposal from the court system to use the Commissioners' Room for a courtroom in May from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

The Commissioners asked the trial court administrator to consider having night court.

The Commissioners did not approve the request from the trial court administrator.

The Commissioners concurred to put the Wachovia building lease on the May 10, 1999 Regular Session agenda for further discussion.

Adjournment

Chairman Black adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Garry E. Umstead, CMC
Clerk to the Board