

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

Tuesday, March 25, 2003

9:00 A.M. CIP Worksession

**MINUTES**

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

Present: Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow, Vice-Chairman Joe W. Bowser, and Commissioners Philip R. Cousin Jr., Becky M. Heron, and Mary D. Jacobs

Absent: None

Presider: Chairman Reckhow

**Durham Technical Community College CIP Budget Request**

Dr. Phail Wynn, President, Durham Technical Community College, presented the capital improvement funding request to the Board of County Commissioners. The request included a \$3,000,000 match for the new Student Services/Classroom Building, \$1,200,000 for general campus improvements, and \$4,000,000 for the Newton Building expansion—a total of \$8,200,000.

The Board of County Commissioners asked questions and made comments.

Dr. Wynn responded to the questions and comments.

No official action was taken on this CIP funding request.

**Update on the Facility Master Plan**

Glen Whisler, County Engineer, stated that the following three topics would be addressed in today's presentation: (1) a review of the Facility Master Plan; (2) the Human Services Complex; and (3) the Justice Center.

The Facility Master Plan projected County facility needs for the years 2000 through 2020. The plan did not include Library or Emergency Management facilities since they were integrated in facility planning projects prior to the Facility Master Plan. Upon completion, the Facility Master Plan was incorporated into CIP efforts. The Human Services Complex and the Justice Center are two major projects included in the plan.

### Human Services Facility

According to the Facilities Master Plan, the Human Services Complex would be built on the south side of the 300 block of East Main Street and will house the Social Services, Public Health, and Mental Health Departments. Parking will be provided in a parking deck on the north side of East Main Street in the 300 block.

Mr. Whisler recognized Mr. Kevin Montgomery with O'Brien/Atkins Associates to review the Master Plan.

The County Commissioners asked questions and made comments to which Mr. Whisler and County Manager Mike Ruffin responded.

Chairman Reckhow, with the support of the other Commissioners, directed Engineering staff and the architect to revisit the Facilities Master Plan and CIP. They were instructed to take a detailed look at available space to determine if they could develop a better plan to reduce the square footage of the proposed Justice Center and to utilize better the existing buildings.

Mr. Whisler said that staff has considered various alternatives to the Human Services Complex on East Main Street. He presented the alternatives and described key features of each. New proposals were also discussed.

The Commissioners made comments and asked questions about the Human Services Complex.

Mr. Whisler and County Manager Ruffin responded to the questions and comments. Brian Letourneau, Public Health Director, assisted with the responses.

Vice-Chairman Bowser moved, seconded by Commissioner Cousin, to direct staff to explore Scenario 8 for providing human service facility needs in downtown Durham; cancel the other ideas that were presented.

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Commissioner Heron moved that staff consider all the scenarios and determine the cost of each. Keep all options open including the new scenario to buy property across from Dillard Street. Only make a decision after the Board obtains pertinent information.

Chairman Reckhow called for a second on the substitute motion.

The substitute motion died for the lack of a second.

Chairman Reckhow called for a vote on the motion made by Vice-Chairman Bowser.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Bowser, Cousin, Jacobs, and Reckhow

Noes: Heron

Chairman Reckhow clarified that, at this point, Scenario 8 would be incorporated into the Master Plan with the associated costs.

#### Durham County Justice Building

Mr. Montgomery made introductory remarks and presented the Master Plan for the Durham County Justice Center. The Justice Center is the highest priority project identified in the Master Plan. The recommended site is adjacent to and on the south side of the Detention Facility. A proposed deck will provide parking.

Kathy Shuart, Trial Court Administrator, was invited to answer questions on court utilization.

The County Commissioners asked questions and made comments.

Mr. Montgomery, Ms. Shuart, and County Manager Ruffin responded.

Chairman Reckhow suggested that the Board adopt the CIP with the Justice Center as a placeholder in terms of size and amount and directed staff to examine the relevant issues with the goal of utilizing our space efficiently and effectively and reducing cost when possible.

County Manager Ruffin responded that staff would review the long-range plan and answer all questions raised concerning the Justice Center project.

#### Agenda for March 26, 2003 CIP Worksession

The agenda would comprise a presentation from Durham Public Schools, the Durham County Youth Home, and the revenue model.

#### Adjournment

Chairman Reckhow adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Garry E. Umstead, CMC  
Clerk to the Board