

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

Monday, March 14, 2011
12:30pm

JAIL TOUR

General Account of Tour

Place: Durham County Detention Center

Present: Chairman Michael D. Page Vice-Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow and Commissioner Brenda A. Howerton

Absent: Commissioners Becky Heron and Joe W. Bowser

Staff: County Manager Mike Ruffin; Interim Deputy County Manager Marqueta Welton; Michael Davis, Assistant to the County Manager; and Michelle Parker-Evans, Clerk to the Board

Detention Staff: Lt. Col. Natalie Perkins, Captain Elijah Bazemore, Captain Marie Spencer, Major Rita Collins, Lt. Adib Abdullah, Staff Sgt. Jermaine Russell, Sgt. James Weaver, Sgt. Terry Evans, and Officer Darrell Faison.

Lt. Col. Perkins welcomed the group. She and her officers briefed the Board and County staff on the detention facility operations. She explained that the jail was divided into pods vs. the traditional cells. She stated that gang members co-exist among the other inmates in equal numbers. The population for the day was 508 inmates.

A major concern for the jail was the need for security cameras in the recreation areas.

The tour included the women's and men's pods; library; educational classrooms; magistrates area; courtroom; and the kitchen. Lt. Col. Perkins provided a copy of the inmates' menu.

The Board thanked the detention staff for the enlightening tour.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Michelle Parker-Evans
Clerk to the Board