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

Monday, February 7, 2011

9:00 A.M. Work session

AGENDA

1. Citizen Comments

30min.

The Board of County Commissioners will provide a 30-minute comment period at the beginning of its Work session meeting on the first Monday of each month. Any citizen of Durham County wishing to speak shall have an opportunity to do so. The Board may direct staff to research and reply to the concerns, if appropriate. Speakers must sign in prior to the start of the meeting providing a mail/ email address and telephone numbers so that staff may reply to comments and/or questions. Citizens who request an immediate response from the Board are encouraged to submit a brief description of the issue to the Clerk to the Board two weeks prior to the Work session to allow an opportunity for research prior to the meeting. **All speakers shall have three (3) minutes to speak and are requested to refrain from addressing issues related to personnel matters.**

Resource Person(s) : Michelle Parker-Evans, Clerk to the Board

County Manager's Recommendation : The Manager recommends that the Board receive citizen comments and direct staff to respond, as deemed appropriate.

2. Board Education: The Durham Center Documentary

20min.

The Chairman of the County Commissioners is pleased to introduce this item as the first of a new standing feature to be a part of each County Commissioner Work session. The purpose of the monthly feature is to provide information and education about County Departments and functions.

The Durham Center will be proud to share a new short documentary film produced by the NC Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services called *Guided by Science, Grounded in Practice*. It highlights successful evidence-based services being provided through the public system in North Carolina, including Wellness Management and Recovery, a Durham program designed to help individuals with serious mental illness collaborate with professionals and cope effectively with their symptoms. It also highlights the NC-START program, for which The Durham Center is the lead LME for the Central Region of North Carolina.

Resource Person : Ellen Holliman, The Durham Center Area Director

County Manager's Recommendation : The County Manager recommends that the Commissioners screen the documentary.

3. **The Durham Center-Update**

15min.

In past years, Durham County has had a history of high rates of admission of individuals with behavioral health disorders (defined as either mental illness, substance abuse, or both) to community emergency departments. However, from fiscal year 2008 to the present, the rate for Durham County has been lower than the state average and continues to trend downward. With Durham's rate continuing to decrease while the statewide rate is increasing, The Durham Center currently ranks among the lowest compared to the other LMEs for all disability groups.

The Durham Center will share and analyze this important and encouraging data with the Board as required by North Carolina General Statute .

Resource Person : Ellen Holliman, The Durham Center Area Director

County Manager's Recommendation : The County Manager recommends that the Commissioners receive this update.

4. **Position Adjustment: SAMHSA Grant Project**

10min.

In the original budget and staffing request to the BOCC on October 11, 2010 a request was made for a part-time Technical Assistance Coordinator and a part-time Social Marketing Coordinator as required by the Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) for the BECOMING project management staff.

After participating in orientation webinars regarding the planning and implementation requirements of the grant and in consultation with the SAMHSA Federal Project Officer and national Technical Assistance Officer, we would like to request an adjustment to the part-time status of these positions to fulltime.

The adjustment for the Technical Assistance Coordinator would be advantageous due to the extensive training we have proposed in the grant which accounts for a significant percentage of our in-kind match from community partners, and the Social Marketing Coordinator for the project will have multi-faceted and time-consuming responsibilities.

There will not be a budget impact for the increased time of either position due to unspent funds this year and carry over funds in subsequent years. No County dollars are involved.

Resource Persons : Ellen Holliman, Area Director, and Ann Oshel, Director, Community Engagement and System Development

County Manager's Recommendation : The County Manager recommends that the Board suspend the rules and vote to approve increasing the two above named positions from part-time to fulltime.

5. Public Health And Partnership For A Healthy Durham Presentation: 2009 Durham County Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results

30min.

The Board is requested to receive an update from the Health Department and the Partnership for a Healthy Durham on the results of the 2009 Youth Risk Behavior Survey. This survey was administered to 949 middle and high school students in Durham Public Schools. Students answered questions about their behaviors contributing to unintentional and intentional injuries, substance use, sexual behaviors, dietary habits and physical activity. Significant results from this survey will be presented.

Resource Persons : Gayle Harris, Health Director; Mel Downey-Piper, Partnership for a Healthy Durham Coordinator

County Manager's Recommendation : The Manager recommends that the Board hear the presentation and provide feedback as deemed appropriate.

6. Ban the Box for a Second Chance

15min.

The Durham Second Chance Alliance is a coalition of advocacy organizations, service providers, faith-based organizations, and community leaders that have come together to promote the safe and successful reintegration of adults and juveniles returning from incarceration by promoting policies that remove barriers to productive citizenship. Its latest initiative is "Ban the Box", a movement to remove questions about criminal records from the initial employment application so that individuals with criminal records have more opportunities to be evaluated based upon all of their skills and qualifications, not just their criminal record.

Resource Person : Daryl V. Atkinson, Attorney at Law, Durham Second Chance Alliance

County Manager's Recommendation : The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the presentation and advise the staff if additional information or action is necessary.

7. Proposed Change to Employment Application

5min.

The Human Resources Director is asking the Board of County Commissioners to receive information on a recommended change to the County's employment application.

Resource Person : Marqueta Welton, Director of Human Resources

County Manager's Recommendation : The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the report.

8. Falls Lake Update

15min.

The Falls Lake Rules – a nutrient management strategy of unprecedented scope and stringency in North Carolina - went into effect on January 15, 2011. Some changes were made to them after the last update that the County Commissioners received, so one purpose of this agenda item is to provide an update on the rules and the implications they have for Durham County. Durham County and its local government neighbors in the Falls watershed will need to begin compliance activities and also participate in much broader lake and watershed monitoring programs in the coming years. The monitoring will be important not only for establishing compliance with Stage I requirements in the rules, but also for ensuring that Stage II of the Falls Lake Rules are as adaptive and rational and manageable as possible.

Resource Person : Drew Cummings, Assistant County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation : The County Manager recommends that the Commissioners receive the report. No action is required.

9. Amendment to County Parking Ordinance

10min.

Due to changes in various parking lots owned by the County, Section Chapter 24, Article III of the Durham County Code of Ordinances regulating parking on County property needs to be amended to include new lots, better describe the areas which have been changed as well as other recommended changes.

The proposed changes to the Ordinance are attached along with the proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 24 Article III of the Durham County Code of Ordinances, entitled Parking, Stopping and Standing.

Resource Person(s): Carol Hammett, Deputy County Attorney; and Don Hasselbach, Assistant Director, General Services.

County Manager's Recommendation : The County Manager recommends that the Board receive a review of the proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 24 Article III of the Durham County Code of Ordinances related to Parking and if acceptable, place the Resolution Amending the Ordinance on the February 14, 2011 consent agenda for approval.

10. Durham Public Schools – Purchase of Property for New High School 'A'

20min.

On June 17, 2010, the Board of Education approved the selection and purchase of real property for New High School 'A'. The property is located at 2900 Duke Homestead Road, currently owned by Duke University. The proposed site is approximately 58 acres in the eastern portion of the 93+ acre tract. This school project is funded by the 2007 Bond including land acquisition, design, and construction.

On January 28, 2011, the Board of Education approved a request to put the design and construction of New High School 'A' on hold until a detailed review of capital needs and funding for the next several years can be completed. The Board agreed that the purchase of the Duke Homestead property should be completed upon County Commissioner's approval.

The Board of Education seeks the County's approval of the purchase price. The purchase price negotiated with Duke University is \$4,100,000. This price is based on a combination of the cost of land and Duke's cost to relocate existing facilities. An MAI appraisal was performed.

The Board of Education has reviewed its analysis and due diligence information and will present this to the Commissioners.

Resource Person(s): Hugh Osteen, Assistant Superintendent of Operational Services and Tim Carr, Construction & Capital Planning Program Director for Durham Public Schools

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the presentation from Durham Public School representatives, support the request and move the item to the consent agenda on the February 14, 2011 regular session.

11. **Discussion of Proposed Issues for 2011 Durham County Legislative Agenda**

20min.

The North Carolina General Assembly has convened the 2011 General Assembly Session in Raleigh. Following extensive collaboration with county department heads and other traditional legislative partners, several items were received as possible legislative proposals to be considered for inclusion in the final 2011 Durham County Legislative Agenda.

Staff will conduct the first discussion of these items with the Board of County Commissioners at the work session. The goal is to prepare a strategic, focused package of legislative items that can be aggressively supported by members of the Durham Delegation.

Pending approval of the final version of the agenda at the February 14th regular meeting, a breakfast meeting has been tentatively set for February 18th at 8:00am with members of the Durham Delegation.

Resource Person(s): Deborah Craig-Ray, Assistant County Manager; Lowell Siler, County Attorney; and Kathy Everett-Perry, Assistant County Attorney

County Manager's Recommendation : The Manager recommends that the Board receive the proposed legislative agenda items, discuss, and direct staff.

12. **Review of January BOCC Directives**

10min.

It was requested that at each month's Work Session, the Board of County Commissioners have the opportunity to review the previous month's directives for staff and make comments as necessary.

Resource Persons : Mike Ruffin, County Manager; Michael Davis, Assistant to the County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation : The Manager recommends that the Board review the January BOCC directives and make comments to staff as necessary.

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