



Durham County

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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

Monday, August 3, 2026

9:00 AM

Commissioners' Chambers

Work Session

"Public Charge"

The Board of Commissioners asks its members and citizens to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous manner, both with the Board and fellow citizens. At any time, should any member of the Board or any citizen fail to observe this public charge, the Chair will ask the offending person to leave the meeting until that individual regains personal control. Should decorum fail to be restored, the Chair will recess the meeting until such time that a genuine commitment to the public charge is observed.

"Land Acknowledgment"

As we convene for the Durham County Commissioners meeting, it's crucial to recognize the painful truth of history. We stand on the stolen ancestral lands of the Catawba, Eno, Occaneechi, Shakori, and Tuscarora peoples, whose deep connection to this land predates our arrival. We acknowledge with humility the unjust displacement and violence that occurred, leading to the dispossession of indigenous peoples from their homelands. Their resilience in the face of such adversity is a testament to their strength and spirit.

May we humbly honor the ancestors and elders of these nations, both past and present, by committing ourselves to fostering understanding, healing, and justice for all who inhabit this land. Let us walk forward together with open hearts, acknowledging the past and embracing a future guided by compassion, respect, and unity.

9:00 am Work Session Agenda

1. Citizen Comments (30 min)

[26-0406](#)

Citizen Comments (30min)

Agenda Text:

The Board of County Commissioners will provide a 30-minute comment period at a meeting once a month. Any resident 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 were asked to provide comments prior to the start of the meeting so that staff may reply to comments and/or questions. All speakers are

requested to refrain from addressing issues related to personnel matters.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Resident engagement aligns with all five of the strategic goals by allowing the Board to receive comments and concerns from the community related to important issues in Durham County.

Resource Persons: Monica W. Wallace, Clerk to the Board

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

2. Consent Agenda (20 min)

26-0249 Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA003 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC03 Reducing the Durham County Sheriff's Office Completed Detention Center Food Doors Capital Project (4310DC094) by \$561,725.00 and the Completed Sheriff IT Server Room Capital Project (4310DC095) by \$371,739.49, Transferring a Total of \$933,464.49 to the Durham County Sheriff's Office Operating Budget, as well as Appropriating \$142,587.23 in PAYGO Funding to the Durham County Sheriff's Office Operating Budget for a Total of \$1,076,051.72 to Support Year One of a Five-Year Contract with Tritech Software Systems, a CentralSquare Technologies Company (CentralSquare Technology) and Upgraded Computer-Aid Dispatch and Report Management Systems

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA003 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC003 reducing the Durham County Sheriff's Office Completed Detention Center Food Doors Capital Project (4310DC094) by \$561,725.00 and the Completed Sheriff IT Server Room Capital Project (4310DC095) by \$371,739.49, transferring a total of \$933,464.49 to the Sheriff's Office Operating Budget, as well as appropriating \$142,587.23 in PAYGO funding to the Sheriff's Office Operating Budget for a total of \$1,076,051.72 to support the first year of a five-year contract with Tritech Software Systems, a CentralSquare Technologies Company (CentralSquare Technology) and upgraded computer-aid dispatch and report management systems; and authorize the County Manager to execute subsequent renewals, not to exceed \$2,835,557.06.

This request will upgrade our current on-premises CAD system to a more secure, cost effective, and flexible cloud-based solution. Moving CAD to the cloud will provide our communicators and deputies with a more reliable system. In the event of extreme weather or a catastrophic incident that prevents the need for staff to respond to physical locations, communicators will have the ability to work remotely using a secure vendor-provided connection. This upgrade also enhances cybersecurity

protections for the system, which is critical as attacks on CAD servers continue to increase. Transitioning to the cloud will reduce the Sheriff's Office overhead costs associated with hardware, power, and cooling. System maintenance and security responsibilities will shift to the cloud provider, further lowering operational expenses. Additionally, the cloud-based system will reduce capital investment requirements and provide the flexibility needed as the Sheriff's Office footprint continues to grow.

Durham County Capital Projects		Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Updated Budget
Detention Center Food Pass Doors (4310DC094)			\$1,033,125.00	\$ (561,725.00)
\$471,400.00				
Sheriff IT Server Room (4310DC095)		\$1,091,518.00	\$ (371,739.49)	\$719,778.51
TOTAL	\$2,124,643.00	\$ (933,464.49)	\$1,191,178.51	

Durham County Capital Projects		Reallocated Funding	PAYGO Funding Appropriated
Year-One Budget			
Detention Center Food Pass Doors (4310DC094)		\$ 933,464.49	\$142,587.23
\$1,076,051.72			

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Goal 3: Safe Community

Resource Persons: Vincent Ritter, IT Director, Durham County Sheriff's Office; Keisha Gaither, Finance Manager, Durham County Sheriff's Office; Clarence Birkhead, Durham County Sheriff.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA003 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC003 reducing the Durham County Sheriff's Office Completed Detention Center Food Doors Capital Project (4310DC094) by \$561,725.00 and the Completed Sheriff IT Server Room Capital Project (4310DC095) by \$371,739.49, transferring a total of \$933,464.49 to the Sheriff's Office Operating Budget, as well as appropriating \$142,587.23 in PAYGO funding to the Sheriff's Office Operating Budget for a total of \$1,076,051.72 to support the first year of a five-year contract with Tritech Software Systems, a CentralSquare Technologies Company (CentralSquare Technology) and upgraded computer-aid dispatch and report management systems; and authorize the County Manager to execute subsequent renewals, not to exceed \$2,835,557.06.

Attachments:

[CAD Upgrade Supplemental](#)

[Re CentralSquare ONESolution Quote](#)

[CPA-03 LEGAL FORM Reducing DSO projects to Operating \(\\$933,464.49\)](#)

[AAF-3 Transferring PAYGO + Cap Funding to DSO for CONTRACT \(\\$1,076.05\)](#)

26-0356

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 27BCC006 to Recognize \$28,153 in LSTA Grant Funding Awarded by the State Library of North Carolina to Fund the "Learning Through Play" Initiative

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 27BCC006 to recognize \$28,153 for LSTA Grant Funding Awarded by the State Library of North Carolina to fund the “Learning Through Play” Initiative.

The grant will fund the “Learning Through Play” initiative which aims to develop interactive early literacy kits, create cognitive toys tailored to diverse needs, offer STEAM-infused early literacy programs, and hold workshops for early readers’ caregivers. This program is supported by grant funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as administered by the Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (IMLS grant number LS-260837-OLS-26).”

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This aligns with Empowered Community.

Resource Persons: Dana Conners, Library Director; Katherine Makens, Assistant Library Director; Patty Melendez, Senior Library Assistant

County Manager’s Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. to recognize \$28,153 for LSTA Grant Funding Awarded by the State Library of North Carolina to Fund the “Learning Through Play” Initiative.

Attachments:

[26-0356 AAF Supplemental Form Learning through Play LSTA Grant](#)

[NC-LSTA-26-014 Durham County grant agreement executed](#)

[BCC-06 Legal Form](#)

26-0358

Authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with Ardurra not to exceed \$114,800 for construction oversight services for the Whispering Pines Stream Restoration and Stormwater Improvement Project

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with Ardurra not to exceed \$114,800 for construction oversight services for the Whispering Pines Stream Restoration and Stormwater Improvement Project.

The Whispering Pines Mobile Home Park Stream Restoration Project was identified in the County Stormwater Nutrient Management Strategy as a potential project for compliance with the Falls Lake Nutrient Management Rules. The project consists of approximately 1,700 linear feet of stream restoration and a bioretention pond to treat stormwater on the property. The stream restoration project will remove sources of nitrogen and phosphorous from streambank erosion - helping the County meet the nutrient requirements of the Falls Lake Rules - while also reducing flooding impacts to residents of Whispering Pines Mobile Home Park.

Ardurra was selected following a qualification-based selection process. The County has worked with WK Dickson (Ardurra) on the design and permitting for the

Whispering Pines Project. WK Dickson was acquired by Ardurra in 2025, and the same team of engineers will continue on the project.

The Whispering Pines Project will be funded by a combination of grant funding (+80%) and County Stormwater Utility Fee dollars.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This agenda item supports Strategic Plan Goal 4: Environmental Stewardship and Community Prosperity. More specifically, it supports the objective of improving water quality and reducing flooding hazards to residents.

Resource Persons: Ryan D. Eaves, PE, Stormwater and Erosion Control Division Manager; Jay Gibson, PE, Director of Engineering and Environmental Services

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with Ardurra not to exceed \$114,800 for construction oversight services for the Whispering Pines Stream Restoration and Stormwater Improvement Project.

Attachments:

[Whispering Pines CACO Services Scope_6-11-2026](#)

[Whispering Pines Construction Phase Services - Detailed Task & Fee Breakdown](#)

[Small Business Review Form-Agenda Action Form - RFQ 26-038 Whispering Pines](#)

26-0379

Approval of the FY27 Durham Annual Transit Work Program Global Operating and Capital Agreements

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve the FY27 Durham Annual Transit Work Program Global Operating and Capital Agreements.

The FY27 Durham Annual Transit Work Program (Work Program) serves as the annual budget for the Durham County Transit Plan. It includes the projected revenues and expenditures, along with a Multi-Year Operating Plan and Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan. The Work Program was approved by the BOCC on June 8, 2026, and by the GoTriangle Board of Trustees on June 24, 2026.

A Global Agreement is an operating or capital funding agreement covering a logical grouping of capital projects, transit operations or studies. To receive reimbursement for project expenditures identified in the Work Program, Durham County must enter into Global Operating and Capital Agreements (Global Agreements) with GoTriangle, the Administrator of the Triangle Tax District, and Triangle West TPO for projects awarded federal funding.

The Global Agreements will allow the County to request up to \$1,408,463 in FY27 for eligible operating and capital expenditures, as well as reimbursement for carryover capital projects.

To qualify for reimbursement, GoTriangle must enter into Global Agreements with Durham County and, when applicable, Triangle West TPO for federally funded

projects.

The Global Agreements will allow GoTriangle to request up to \$16,785,562 in FY27 for eligible operating and capital expenditures, as well as reimbursement for carryover capital projects

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Focus Area: Regional Leadership

Resource Persons: Brandi Minor, CLGFO, Transit Program Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the FY27 Durham Annual Transit Work Program Global Operating and Capital Agreements.

Attachments:

[Global Agreement Memo](#)

[27-005 - Global Operating Agreement Package - Durham County](#)

[27-006 - Global Capital Agreement Package - Durham County](#)

[27-007 - Global Special Capital Agreement Package - Durham County](#)

[27-013 - Global Operating Agreement Package - GoTriangle](#)

[27-014 - Global Capital Agreement Package - GoTriangle](#)

[27-015 - Global Special Capital Agreement Package - GoTriangle](#)

26-0383

Approval of Contract with Moriah Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department for Fire, Rescue, and First Responder Services in the Mangum Fire Protection Service District

Agenda Text:

The BOCC is requested to authorize the County Manager to execute a contract with Moriah Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department for Fire, Rescue, and First Responder services in the Mangum Fire Protection Service District.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Focus Area 3: Safe and Resilient Community Initiative 2a: Innovate and strengthen emergency response and prevention systems

Resource Persons: Mark Lockhart, NRP, Director, Office of Emergency Services, and Tyler Fitts, Fire Marshal, Office of Emergency Services

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board authorize the County Manager to execute a contract with Moriah Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department for Fire, Rescue, and First Responder services in the Mangum Fire Protection Service District.

Attachments:

[AAF Supplemental Document Contract Approval Moriah VFD](#)

[Contract approval email](#)

[FY27 VFD Contract \(Moriah\) 7.7.26 2.0](#)

26-0385**Approval to Enter into a Service Contract with Roth Staffing, a Temporary Agency, in the Amount of \$255,747.66 to support the Board of Elections for the upcoming General Election****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to approve the Durham County Board of Elections request to enter into a service contract with Roth Staffing, a temporary employee agency, in the amount of \$255,747.66. Roth Staffing will provide temporary employee services to support election-related operations and other operational needs of the Department throughout the contract term.

Temporary employees will provide pre-election, election, and post-election support for the following election during the contract period:

- November 3, 2026, General Election

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Acquiring this service will permit the Durham County Board of Elections to operate efficiently and effectively, consistent with the County's Strategic Plan. Enabling the Board of Elections to acquire this service will ensure continued statutory compliance and allow the Board to lead in innovative election services and internal administrative controls

Resource Persons: Derek Bowens, Director of Elections

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the Board of Elections to enter into a contract with Roth Staffing for \$255,747.66 for temporary employee services in FY 2026-27 and to authorize the manager to execute future contract amendments, as needed.

Attachments:

[2026_05_06_FY26-27_Roth_Staffing_Contract.pdf](#)

26-0387**Approval of Purchase of Goods contract with PMC Commercial Interiors, Inc. for administrative office and miscellaneous furnishings from the NC State Contract (5610A-Furniture) and/or Omnia Partners buying programs in a total amount not to exceed \$134,600 for the new Sheriff's Training Facility.****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into contract with PMC Commercial Interiors, Inc. for the purchase of administrative office and miscellaneous furnishings from the NC State Contract (5610A-Furniture) and/or Omnia Partners buying programs to furnish the new Sheriff's Training Facility. The total contract authorization will be in the amount not to exceed \$134,600, which includes a 10% owner's contingency at \$12,242.09.

G.S. 143-129(e) allows local governments to be exempted from competitive bidding requirements in lieu of purchasing furnishings/equipment through group purchasing programs. This provides Durham County with the deepest discount possible for purchases under the respective purchasing programs. Purchases under this request will be made in accordance with the NC Department of Administration (DOA)

Statewide Term Contract 5610A-Furniture and Omnia Partners collaborative buying agreement (see attachments).

Construction of the New Sheriff's Training Facility is currently underway and is scheduled for substantial completion in November 2026, with anticipated occupancy by staff the following month. This will require all furniture installations to be in place prior to occupancy by staff. The Sheriff's Office and Engineering Departments have collaborated with RND Architects and agree with their recommendation that the County proceed with the procurement of the items referenced in the attached proposal.

Funding for this purchase is available in the Sheriff's Training Facility project account.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This aligns with the Strategic Plan Goal - Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment - through the improvement of an existing facility while repurposing land that is the site of a closed landfill and by providing consolidated Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) services into one facility, providing more efficient training/service delivery.

Resource Persons: Joel T. Jones, Project Manager; James Faress, Senior Project Manager; Peri Manns, Deputy Director of Engineering & Environmental Services; Jay Gibson, P.E., Director of Engineering & Environmental Services.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board authorize the County Manager to enter into contract with PMC Commercial Interiors, Inc. for administrative office and miscellaneous furnishings from the NC State Contract (5610A-Furniture) and/or Omnia Partners buying programs in a total amount not to exceed \$134,600 for the new Sheriff's Training Facility.

Attachments:

[PR12772 Durham County Sheriff Training Facility](#)

[PR12772 County of Durham Sheriff Training Facility \(1\)](#)

[5610A - Award & Pricing Info](#)

[Haworth - Contract 2020000606](#)

[Supplemental Document](#)

26-0389

Approval to Enter into a Contract to Purchase Paving, Striping and Concrete Repair Services from KPH Paving & Landscaping, Inc. Using Capital Funds from Ongoing Parking Resurfacing Program (4190DC074) in the Amount of \$149,500. The Following Locations will be Repaired with this Contract: (1) Durham County EMS 6 Building, followed by remaining facilities at (2) Durham Center Access (3) EMS #1 (4) Durham County Cooperative Extension Building (5) Foster Street Parking Lot (6) Durham County Main Library (7) The Durham County Community Shelter (8) Durham County General Services Building (9) Durham County Main Fueling Station and (10) Justice Services Center. Also, that the board authorizes the County Manager

to approve any change orders or amendments as long as funding is available.

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a \$149,500 contract to purchase paving, stripping and repair services from KPH Paving & Landscaping, Inc. Locations to be refurbished include (1) Durham County EMS 6 Building, followed by remaining facilities at (2) Durham Center Access, (3) EMS #1, (4) Durham County Cooperative Extension Building, (5) Foster Street Parking Lot, (6) Durham County Main Library, (7) The Durham County Community Shelter, (8) Durham County General Services Building, (9) Durham County Main Fueling Station, and (10) Justice Services Center. The approved funding to support this project uses Pay-As-You-Go capital funds allocated to support the County's Ongoing Parking Lot Resurfacing Program (4190DC074).

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Safe and reliable parking and transportation supporting citizens across our county departments align with (Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment) of the Strategic Plan.

Resource Persons: Motiryo Keambiroiro, Director of General Services, Shawn Swiatocha, Assistant Director of General Services, Lee Duncan, Project Facilitator.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with KPH Paving & Landscaping, Inc for \$149,500 with funds from the county's ongoing Parking Lot Resurfacing Program. The following locations will be refurbished: (1) Durham County EMS 6 Building, followed by remaining facilities at (2) Durham Center Access, (3) EMS #1, (4) Durham County Cooperative Extension Building, (5) Foster Street Parking Lot, (6) Durham County Main Library, (7) The Durham County Community Shelter, (8) Durham County General Services Building, (9) Durham County Main Fueling Station, and (10) Justice Services Center. Also, that the board authorizes the County Manger to approve any change orders or amendments as long as funding is available.

Attachments:

[AAF Supplement](#)

[Bid Tabulation 26-015R](#)

[IFB 26-015R \(Rebid- Paving & Parking Improvements _ DCo Facilities\) GBH](#)

[KPH Bid 26-015R](#)

[Documents from Duffie Rochelle](#)

[Memo to Lee Duncan](#)

[Conflict of Interest Lee Duncan](#)

26-0390

Approval of Budget Amendment No. 27BCC007 Distributing the Board Approved 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for FY 2026-27 to the Respective Budget Ordinance Approved Functional Areas (\$3,600,000)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Amendment No: 27BCC007 distributing

the Board approved 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for FY 2026-27, totaling \$3,600,000, between respective Budget Ordinance approved functional areas. The funding and COLA amounts were approved as part of the FY 2026-27 Approved budget. Initially, for maximum flexibility, all of the funds were placed in the General Government functional area during this year's process. Now that the budget and COLA are approved this budget amendment (administrative action) distributes the COLA funding to various departments across the General Fund as necessary for implementation.

Functional Area Name	Amount
General Government	(\$2,811,039)
Public Safety	\$1,231,695
Transportation	\$10,624
Environmental Protection	\$63,005
Econom. & Physical Devlp.	\$54,935
Human Services	\$1,264,147
Education	\$1,717
Cultural & Recreational	\$184,916
Grand Total	\$0

Note: The \$3.6 million was all budgeted in General Government. Some of it will remain in that functional area and, like other areas, be distributed out of the Non-Departmental business area into respective departments within the General Government function.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government

Resource Persons: Claudia O. Hager, County Manager; Keith Lane, Budget Director, Budget and Management Services

County Managers' Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Amendment No: 27BCC007 distributing the Board approved 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for FY 2026-27, totaling \$3,600,000, between respective Budget Ordinance approved functional areas. The funding and COLA amounts were approved as part of the FY 2026-27 Approved budget.

Attachments: [AAF-07 Legal Form Distributing COLA to Departments from Non Departmental](#)

26-0391

Award of Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant Residuals Transport and Disposal to McGill Environmental Systems of NC, Inc. in the amount of \$569,660 and to Execute Any Other Related Contract Amendments Not to Exceed \$626,626

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract with McGill Environmental Systems, Inc. (RFP# 26-032) for the transport and disposal of approximately 7,000 wet tons per year of wastewater treatment plant residuals with a total annual contract price of \$569,660 and to execute any other

related contracts, including amendments, not to exceed \$626,626.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This action is in accordance with Durham County Strategic Goal: “Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment,” as this contract allows for the disposal and beneficial reuse of the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant’s residuals as compost.

Resource Persons: Jay Gibson PE, Director of E&ES; Stephanie Brixey, Deputy Director; Joe Costa, Utility Supervisor - Operations

County Manager’s Recommendation: The County Manager recommends the Board to authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with McGill Environmental Systems, Inc. for the transport and disposal of approximately 7,000 wet tons per year of wastewater treatment plant residuals with a total annual contract price of \$569,660 and to execute any other related contracts, including amendments, not to exceed \$626,626.

Attachments:

[AAF Supplemental Doc](#)

[RFP- 26-032 - Bid Tabulation - Residuals Transport treatment and disposal for I](#)

[Small Business Compliance Review Form-Agenda Action Form - RFP 26-032 R](#)

26-0392

Durham Sports Commission Interlocal Agreements (ILA) Renewal

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to consider the renewal of two Interlocal Agreements (ILA) with the Durham Sports Commission (DSC). The first pertains to the operations of the Commission while the second ILA addresses annual funding. The Commission operates under an agreement between the City of Durham, Durham County, the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce, and Discover Durham. Established in 2016, this agreement formally defined the DSC as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit managed by Discover Durham.

The Commission is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors, with three seats appointed by each of the three participating governmental and business entities. Under the ILA, the commission is tasked with generating positive economic and social impact by recruiting and managing youth, amateur, collegiate, and professional sporting events in the Durham area. The DSC works alongside Discover Durham to enhance the city's sports tourism infrastructure, which features venues like the Durham County Memorial Stadium and the Durham Bulls Athletic Park.

There are several suggested changes for the Operations ILA including a proposed increase in the Commission’s Board of Directors from nine members to twelve. The Funding ILA takes into consideration the recent creation of Durham Next and proposes a significant reduction in the County’s financial obligation from \$201,250 in FY 2026 to \$79,972 in FY ’27 (approved by the Durham BOCC in the FY 2026-2027 Adopted Budget), and a final reduction to \$25,000 per year from FY ’28 to FY ’30.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Regional Leadership: Being a Regional Leader that Improves the Quality of Life for Residents.

Resource Persons: Maurice Jones, Deputy County Manager - External Affairs.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board consider the renewal of two Interlocal Agreements with the Durham Sports Commission.

Attachments: [DSC Proposed Creation Operations ILA FY26_FY30 Attachment](#)
[DSC Proposed ILA Funding FY26_FY30 Attachment](#)

26-0393 **Award of the Collection and Distribution System Emergency and Scheduled Repair Services for the Utilities Division (RFP 26-036R) contract to Carolina Civilworks Inc. and Axis Utility Inc.**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract with Carolina Civilworks Inc. in the amount of \$500,000 and Axis Utility, Inc. in the amount of \$145,000 (RFP 26-036R) to provide emergency and scheduled repairs for the collection and distribution system and also authorize renewal of the contracts yearly for up to four additional one-year periods in accordance with the terms and conditions of the original contract and subject to budget availability.

Background/Justification

Durham County owns and operates 13 sanitary sewer pump stations and 115 miles of sanitary sewer. To maintain compliance with Collection System Permit #WQCS00038, it's imperative to maintain the system in a continual state of readiness but also be prepared for an emergency.

Based on the two responses Durham County received regarding RFP 26-036R, Carolina Civilworks Inc. and Axis Utility Inc. were both determined to be qualified contractors. Carolina Civilworks Inc. and Axis Utility Inc. have provided the services requested for Durham County with outstanding results.

Durham County issued a Request for Proposal (RFP 26-036R) on June 8, 2026. RFP 26-036R was advertised in local newspapers and on the Durham County website. Two proposals were received on July 9, 2026. The proposal bid tabulation and evaluation summary are attached.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This action is in accordance with Durham County Strategic Goal: "Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment," as these contracts will ensure all emergency and scheduled repairs to the collection system are completed in a timely manner to prevent harm to the environment, prevent public health concerns, and to maintain compliance with Collection System Permit #WQCS00038.

Resource Persons: Jay Gibson PE, Director of E&ES; Stephanie Brixey, Deputy

Director of E&ES; and Vine Chirchella PE, Sr. Utility Development Services Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends the Board authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract with Carolina Civilworks Inc. in the amount of \$500,000 and Axis Utility, Inc. in the amount of \$145,000 (RFP 26-036R) to provide emergency and scheduled repairs for the collection and distribution system and also authorize renewal of the contracts yearly for up to four additional one-year periods in accordance with the terms and conditions of the original contract and subject to budget availability.

Attachments: [AAF Supplemental Document CS Emergency & Scheduled Repairs](#)
[RFP 26-036R - Bid Tabulation -DCo Emerg and Scheduled Collection and Distr](#)
[Evaluation Form RFP 26-036R1 Emergency & Scheduled Collection & Distributi](#)

26-0394 **Award of the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant Emergency and Scheduled Repair Services for the Utilities Division (RFP 26-035R) contract to Carolina Civilworks Inc., Neikens Electrical Contracting, LLC and Axis Utility Inc.**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract with Carolina Civilworks Inc. in the amount of \$150,000, Neikens Electrical Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$25,000, and Axis Utility, Inc. in the amount of \$40,000 (RFP 26-035R) to provide emergency and scheduled repairs for the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant and also authorize renewal of the contracts yearly for up to four additional one-year periods in accordance with the terms and conditions of the original contract and subject to budget availability.

Background/Justification

Durham County owns and operates the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant that is permitted to treat 12 million gallons per day and supply Reclaimed Water to industrial users and the Town of Cary. To maintain compliance with NPDES Permit #NC0026051 and Reclaimed Water Permit #WQ0032821, it's imperative to maintain the treatment plant in a continual state of readiness but also be prepared for an emergency.

Based on the three responses Durham County received regarding RFP 26-035R, Carolina Civilworks Inc., Neikens Electrical Contracting, LLC and Axis Utility Inc. were all determined to be qualified contractors among the three bidders. Carolina Civilworks Inc. and Axis Utility Inc. have provided the services requested for Durham County with outstanding results.

Durham County issued a Request for Proposal (RFP 26-035R) on June 8, 2026. RFP 26-035R was advertised in local newspapers and on the Durham County website. Three proposals were received on July 7, 2026. The proposal bid tabulation and evaluation summary are attached.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This action is in accordance with Durham County Strategic Goal: “Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment,” as these contracts will ensure all emergency and scheduled repairs to the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant are completed in a timely manner to prevent harm to the environment, prevent public health concerns, and to maintain compliance with NPDES Permit #NC0026051 and Reclaimed Water Permit #WQ0032821.

Resource Persons: Jay Gibson PE, Director of E&ES; Stephanie Brixey, Deputy Director of E&ES; and Vine Chirchella PE, Sr. Utility Development Services Manager

County Manager’s Recommendation: The County Manager recommends the Board authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract with Carolina Civilworks Inc. in the amount of \$150,000, Neikens Electrical Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$25,000, and Axis Utility, Inc. in the amount of \$40,000 (RFP 26-035R) to provide emergency and scheduled repairs for the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant and also authorize renewal of the contracts yearly for up to four additional one-year periods in accordance with the terms and conditions of the original contract and subject to budget availability.

Attachments:

[AAF Supplemental Document TWWTP Emergency & Scheduled Repairs](#)

[RFP 26-035R - Bid Tabulation -Durham County TWWTP Scheduled and Emerg](#)

[Evaluation Form RFP 26-035R TWWTP Emergency & Scheduled Repairs Sum](#)

26-0397

Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA006 & Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC008 Decreasing the Open Space & Farmland Preservation Capital Project (4730DC083) by \$115,000 and Transferring that Funding to the Open Space and Real Estate (OSRE) Department’s General Fund Operating Budget, as well as Recognizing a \$330,000 Contribution from the Army National Guard’s Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program to OSRE to support the Purchase of a 41-Acre Conservation Easement from Billy and Toni Stevens for a Total Cost of \$445,000

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA006 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC008 decreasing the Open Space & Farmland Preservation Capital Project (4730DC083) by \$115,000 and transferring that funding to the Open Space and Real Estate Department’s General Fund Operating Budget, as well as recognizing a \$330,000 contribution from the Army National Guard’s Readiness and Environmental Integration (REPI) Program to OSRE to support the purchase of Billy and Toni Stevens’s conservation easement, 41.76 acres located at 3500 Bahama Road, Rougemont for a total cost of \$445,000.

Project Name and Number	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Updated Budget
Open Space and Farmland Preservation (4730DC083)		\$12,460,769.70	(\$115,000.00) \$12,345,769.70

TOTAL \$12,460,769.70 **(\$115,000.00)** \$12,345,769.70

The Board approved this conservation easement project in January 2025. Since then, Army National Guard REPI funding has been secured to cover 75% of the appraised easement value. The transfer of \$115,000 to the General Fund will cover Durham County's 25% share of the easement value and closing fees.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The acquisition of conservation easements for permanent open space supports Strategic Plan Community Indicator Goal 4 (Environment) by protecting natural resources and promoting community and economic vitality for all Durham County residents, specifically through the Natural Resource and Stewardship Protection Objective.

Resource Persons: Celeste Burns, Open Space and Real Estate Manager, Peri Manns, Deputy Director of Engineering and Environmental Services, Jay Gibson, Director of Engineering and Environmental Services.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA006 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC008 decreasing the Open Space & Farmland Preservation Capital Project (4730DC083) by \$115,000 and transferring the funding to the General Fund, as well as recognizing \$330,000 from the Army National Guard's Readiness and Environmental Integration (REPI) Program to support the purchase of Billy and Toni Stevens's conservation easement, 41.76 acres located at 3500 Bahama Road, Rougemont for a total cost of \$445,000.

Attachments:

[AAF Supplemental - Stevens Conservation Easement](#)

[Attachment - Maps and Photos - Stevens Conservation Easement - Aug 2026](#)

[BCC-08 Legal Form for Conservation Easement Purchase \(\\$445,000\)](#)

[CPA-06 Decreasing Open Space and Farmland Preservation \(-\\$115,000\)](#)

26-0398

Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA007 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC009 Decreasing the Open Space & Farmland Preservation Capital Project (4730DC083) by \$123,000, Transferring that Funding to the Open Space & Real Estate Department's General Fund Operating Budget, as well as Recognizing a \$117,500 Contribution from the City of Durham's Water Supply Protection Program to Support the Purchase of a 19.27-Acre Conservation Easement from Robin Davis at 505 Mason Road for a Total Cost of \$240,500

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA007 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC009 decreasing the Open Space & Farmland Preservation Capital Project (4730DC083) by \$123,000, transferring that funding to the Open Space & Real Estate's General Fund Operating Budget, as well as recognizing a \$117,500 contribution from the City of Durham's Water Supply Protection Program to support the purchase of a 19.27-acre conservation easement from Robin Davis at 505 Mason Road for a total cost of \$240,500.

Project Name and Number	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Updated Budget
Open Space and Farmland Preservation (4730DC083)		\$12,345,769.70	(\$123,000.00) \$12,222,769.70
TOTAL	\$12,345,769.70	(\$123,000.00)	\$12,222,769.70

The Board approved this conservation easement in June 2025 after receiving notice that the City of Durham's Water Supply Protection Program would fund 50% (\$117,500) of the easement value. The transfer of \$123,000 to the General Fund will cover Durham County's remaining 50% share and closing costs.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The acquisition of conservation easements for permanent open space supports Strategic Plan Community Indicator Goal 4 (Environment) by protecting natural resources and promoting community and economic vitality for all Durham County residents, specifically through the Natural Resource and Stewardship Protection Objective.

Resource Persons: Celeste Burns, Open Space and Real Estate Manager, Peri Manns, Deputy Director of Engineering and Environmental Services

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA007 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC009 decreasing the Open Space & Farmland Preservation Capital Project (4730DC083) by \$123,000, transferring that funding to the Open Space & Real Estate's General Fund Operating Budget, as well as recognizing a \$117,500 contribution from the City of Durham's Water Supply Protection Program to support the purchase of a 19.27-acre conservation easement from Robin Davis at 505 Mason Road for a total cost of \$240,500.

Attachments:

[AAF Supplemental - Davis Conservation Easement](#)

[Attachment - Maps & Photos - Robin Davis Conservation Easement - Aug 2026](#)

[BCC-09 Legal Form for Conservation Easement \(240,500\)](#)

[CPA-07 Decreasing Open Space and Farmland Preservation \(-\\$123,000\)](#)

26-0400

Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA008 Closing Multiple Capital Projects that were Completed in FY 2025-26.

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA008 closing Capital Projects that were completed in FY 2025-26. The Board approved a Capital Project Amendment and a Budget Amendment reducing completed capital project budgets to \$0 and transferring the remaining availability to the Debt Service Fund at the June 22, 2026 Regular Session meeting.

The following list of projects is ready to be closed. All funds for these projects were either entirely expended or transferred (through previous Board action) to other funds; all balances are zero dollars. The closing of these completed projects is a technical issue as completed (final) capital projects cannot become a final asset (when

County owned) and begin depreciation until they are officially closed by the Board.

Project Name and Number	Final Budget	Project Status
21 IT Hardware Replacement (420019100DC138)	\$ 10,295,167.83	Closing
21 Audio-Visual Technologies (42001910DC139)	\$ 1,519,254.73	Closing
21 Telecommunications (4200DC140)	\$ 869,479.44	Closing
IT Security Program Support (4200DC142)	\$ 1,528,750.27	Closing
Body Worn Camera Project (43103600DC092)	\$ 2,565,905.00	Closing
EMS Far East County Station (43302000DC001)	\$ -	Closing
EMS Station Renovations (43302000DC006)	\$ -	Closing
EMS Duke West (43302000DC007)	\$ -	Closing
EMS MLK Blvd. Station (44103100DC134)	\$ -	Closing
EMS Land Acquisition (44103100DC136)	\$ 6,100.00	Closing
LCHC Phase II Renovation project (4730DC139)	\$ 2,265,249.40	Closing
Administration Building II Upgrade (47302635DC152)	\$ 675,775.62	Closing

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This request relates to the following elements of the Durham County Strategic Plan: the effort aligns with Goal #5 (Accountable, Efficient, and Visionary Government).

Resource Persons: Crystally Wright, Chief Financial Officer; Keith Lane, Budget Director; David Ades, Assistant Budget Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends approval of Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA008 closing several Capital Projects that were completed in FY 2025-26.

Attachments: [CPA-08 Closing Completed Capital Projects](#)

26-0401

Approve Acceptance of a Donated 22-acre Conservation Easement from David and Carmen Durack at 1700 Woodstock Rd and 3900 W. Cornwallis Rd (a portion of REID 137661 and all of 137648) for Permanent Open Space Protection

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve acceptance of a donated 22-acre conservation easement from David and Carmen Durack at 1700 Woodstock Rd and 3900 W. Cornwallis Rd (a portion of REID 137661 and all of 137648) for permanent open space protection.

The landowners wish to permanently protect their property by donating a conservation easement to Durham County. As longtime residents, they have lived on the property for more than 40 years and seek to ensure it remains protected from future development and that its natural resources are preserved.

Under the conservation easement, the owners will retain full fee ownership of the land, while Durham County will hold the easement, which will permanently prohibit future

development or subdivision of the easement area. No additional residential uses will be permitted within the easement area.

The easement donation reflects a significant commitment by the landowners, with an estimated value of approximately \$500,000. Durham County's anticipated costs are for survey, closing, and title work, estimated at no more than \$17,000. These expenses can be covered by existing funds within the Open Space and Farmland Preservation Capital Fund, so no additional funding is requested.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The protection of land for permanent open space aligns with Strategic Plan Goal 4: Environment - Protect natural resources and support and promote community and economic viability for all residents of Durham County, through the Natural Resource Stewardship and Protection Objective to protect and steward natural resources.

Resource Persons: Celeste Burns, Open Space & Real Estate Manager; Peri Manns, Deputy Director of Engineering and Environmental Services; Jay Gibson, Director of Engineering & Environmental Services.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve acceptance of a donated 22-acre conservation easement from David and Carmen Durack at 1700 Woodstock Rd and 3900 W. Cornwallis Rd (a portion of REID 137661 and all of 137648) for permanent open space protection.

Attachments: [AAForm - Supplemental - Open Space Easement Donation -Woodstock Rd 22](#) ;
[Maps and Photos - Woodstock Rd Conservation Easement](#)

2. Discussion Items (160 min)

26-0396 Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Amendment - A2500002 Evaluation and Assessment Report Policy Changes (EAR) (15min)

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to review and provide comments on the proposed Evaluation and Assessment Report (EAR) of the Comprehensive Plan changes. The public hearing is scheduled for August 10, 2026.

Motion

To receive the report and review and provide comments.

Summary

This phase of the EAR contains staff recommendations for amendments to policies of the Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendments aim to provide clarity, reduce inconsistencies, and refine the existing Comprehensive Plan Consistency Review document that is currently included with packet materials for zoning map change and annexation requests.

Attachments

Attachment A: Comprehensive Plan Consistency Review with EAR Track Changes

Attachment B: Comprehensive Plan Consistency Review with EAR Clean Version

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment. Maintaining, protecting, and improving natural and built systems to support a sustainable Community

Resource Persons: Peyton Burgess, Senior Planner. AICP and Sara Young, AICP, Planning & Development Director.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board review and provide comments on the proposed Evaluation and Assessment Report (EAR) of the Comprehensive Plan changes. The public hearing is scheduled for August 10, 2026.

Attachments:

[EAR Memo 08-03-26](#)

[Attachment A - Comprehensive Plan Consistency Review with EAR Track Chan](#)

[Attachment B - Comprehensive Plan Consistency Review with EAR Clean Versi](#)

[BOCC Work Session EAR Policy Edits](#)

26-0404

Data Center Moratorium Discussion (60min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is being asked to provide staff with guidance on a draft moratorium regarding data centers. A public hearing on the moratorium has tentatively been scheduled for August 24, 2026. As data centers have expanded across the state and nation, some jurisdictions have enacted temporary moratoria on new facilities, citing concerns about rising utility costs and environmental effects.

Large-scale data centers, data processing facilities, cryptocurrency mining operations, and similar uses can require significant electricity and water resources and may have impacts on infrastructure, the environment, and surrounding communities.

The table of permitted uses in the current Unified Development Ordinance does not define “data centers,” “data processing facilities,” “cryptocurrency mining operations,” or any other uses associated with data processing facilities. The County needs time to develop appropriate, comprehensive standards to ensure that any future development, and expansion of any such facilities, is consistent with the County's long-term land use plan and protects the public's health and interests.

Additionally, the Durham Code of Ordinances does not consider the impact of the aforementioned uses on existing County infrastructure. Some data centers are already located in Durham, but the impact of their continued development and expansion is not yet regulated. A temporary moratorium on accepting and processing new applications for such facilities, with possible exemptions, is a reasonable and necessary measure to allow County staff and the Planning & Development Department sufficient time to study the issues, engage with stakeholders, draft

appropriate amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance, consider appropriate provisions for the future LDC, and to allow the County to adopt any needed amendments to the Durham Code of Ordinances.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Empowered Community and Sustainable Infrastructure Environment

Resource Persons: Claudia Hager, County Manager; Larissa Williamson, County Attorney; Maurice Jones, Deputy County Manager; Sarah Young, Director of Planning and Development.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board provide guidance on the draft moratorium.

Attachments: [Draft Data Center Moratorium 8-03-26](#)

Lunch Break

[26-0405](#)

Update on the Capital Improvement Plan (60 min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to receive an update from staff on the Capital Improvement Plan.

The purpose of this update is to complete a check-in with the BOCC, highlighting projects underway or for consideration. Future updates will occur at the September 7, 2026, BOCC Work Session.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Plan Goal of Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment.

Resource Persons: Keith Lane, Budget and Management Services Director; Crystally Wright, CFO, Peri Manns, ASLA, LEED GA, Deputy Director of Engineering and Environmental Services; Jay Gibson, P.E., Director of Engineering and Environmental Services

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the update and provide input to County staff if appropriate.

Attachments: [DCo CIP Update Presentation - 08-03-26 WS BOCC.final](#)
[Project Management and Utilities Division - CIP Update Presentation - August 3](#)

[26-0403](#)

Initial Discussion of Proposed Items for 2027 NCACC Legislative Process (20min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to review the initial development of statewide items for the 2027 NCACC Legislative Goals process. Each biennium, counties are encouraged to submit proposed legislative items for consideration as the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners works through a rigorous process to develop critical legislative proposals to advocate for during the upcoming General Assembly term. Legislative goal proposals may include changes to statutes or requests for funding and

should have a 100-county impact. Staff have received a few proposals from County Departments which are included in this packet. During this discussion, the Board is also asked to share any other proposed items to include so that staff may prepare them for final review and approval at the next regular meeting.

All items submitted must be approved by the Board and forwarded to NCACC via their portal. The organization has set August 14th as the deadline for receiving items. Following a period of vetting with the various committees and the NCACC Board of Directors, the membership will adopt final goals at the NCACC Legislative Goals Conference later this year.

Goals must be submitted by: Adopted resolutions from full boards; A letter from board chairs on behalf of the full boards; or A letter from the resident of an affiliate and/or related county organization.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with all of Durham County's Strategic Goals

Resource Persons: Deborah Craig-Ray, Chief Communications Officer and other departments that have submitted items.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board discuss any proposed statewide legislative items, submit additional ones and instruct staff to bring back a final listing for approval at the August 10th meeting so that Durham County may submit its legislative goals to NCACC by the August 14th deadline as required.

Attachments: [NCACC Goals for 27 July 2026 for Aug 3 meeting](#)

26-0407

Appoint Voting Delegate - 2026 North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) 119th Annual Conference (5min)

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to suspend the rules and vote to appoint the following Commissioners for the 2026 NCACC 119th Annual Conference held on August 20-22, 2026, in Durham, NC.

The Board is requested to appoint Commissioner Michelle Burton as the voting delegate and Commissioner Wendy Jacobs as the voting alternate for the NCACC Annual Conference.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Goal: High Performing Organization

Resource Persons: Dr. Mike Lee, Chair

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board vote to appoint Commissioner Michelle Burton as voting delegate and Commissioner Wendy Jacobs as the voting alternate for the NCACC Annual Conference.

3. Closed Session

26-0408

Closed Session

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to adjourn into Closed Session 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; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee; pursuant to G. S. 143-318.11(a)(6)

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Plan Goal: High Performing Organization.

Resource Persons: Larissa S. Williamson, County Attorney

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board adjourn into Closed Session and provide direction to staff.

4. Adjournment

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

Monday, August 3, 2026

9:00 A.M. Work Session

MINUTES

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

Present: Chair Dr. Mike Lee, Vice Chair Nida Allam, Commissioners Michelle Burton,
Wendy Jacobs and Stephen Valentine

Presider: Dr. Mike Lee

Zoom Hybrid
Participants: 2

Citizen Comments

The Board of County Commissioners provided a 30-minute comment period to allow Durham County citizens an opportunity to speak. Citizens were given the option to deliver their Citizen Comments in-person, virtually or via email to the Clerk no later than Sunday, August 2nd at 12 noon.

David Carro spoke about the Forest Groves Homes Community and invited the Board to attend the annual fundraising event.

The following citizens voiced their concerns regarding Data Centers and the proposed Moratorium: *Leslie StDre, Scott Levitoan, Samuel Scarborough, Gabriela Paterson, Victoria Plant, Stephen Gars, Jade Brooks, Cole Parke-West, Rachel Meyer, Eva Bahnuk, Lauren Resnik, Ashley Daniels, Camile Leonard, Jennifer Griffith, Eficty Jagun, Pete Eiserman, Kimberly Lamm, Shanise Hamilton*

Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed the following Consent Agenda items for the August 10, 2026, Regular Session meeting.

26-0249 Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA003 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC03 Reducing the Durham County Sheriff's Office Completed Detention Center Food Doors Capital Project (4310DC094) by \$561,725.00 and the Completed Sheriff IT Server Room Capital Project (4310DC095) by \$371,739.49, Transferring a Total of \$933,464.49 to the Durham County Sheriff's Office Operating Budget, as well as Appropriating \$142,587.23 in PAYGO Funding to the Durham County Sheriff's Office Operating Budget for a Total of \$1,076,051.72 to Support Year One of a Five-Year Contract with Tritech Software Systems, a CentralSquare Technologies

Company (CentralSquare Technology) and Upgraded Computer-Aid Dispatch and Report Management Systems

The Board asked if this was a request to reallocate funds. County Manager Hager confirmed that this was a request to reallocate funds not a request for additional funds.

26-0379 Approval of the FY27 Durham Annual Transit Work Program Global Operating and Capital Agreements

The Board asked why the City of Durham projects were not included. Brandy Minor, Transit Program Administrator, stated that the Board was not required to approve projects with the City of Durham.

26-0387 Approval of Purchase of Goods contract with PMC Commercial Interiors, Inc. for administrative office and miscellaneous furnishings from the NC State Contract (5610A-Furniture) and/or Omnia Partners buying programs in a total amount not to exceed \$134,600 for the new Sheriff's Training Facility.

The Board requested an update on the progress of the Sheriff's Training Facility. County Manager Hager stated the Sheriff would update the Board at a future meeting.

26-0389 Approval to Enter into a Contract to Purchase Paving, Striping and Concrete Repair Services from KPH Paving & Landscaping, Inc. Using Capital Funds from Ongoing Parking Resurfacing Program (4190DC074) in the Amount of \$149,500. The Following Locations will be Repaired with this Contract: (1) Durham County EMS 6 Building, followed by remaining facilities at (2) Durham Center Access (3) EMS #1 (4) Durham County Cooperative Extension Building (5) Foster Street Parking Lot (6) Durham County Main Library (7) The Durham County Community Shelter (8) Durham County General Services Building (9) Durham County Main Fueling Station and (10) Justice Services Center. Also, that the board authorizes the County Manager to approve any change orders or amendments as long as funding is available.

The Board asked if there was a cycle for pavement maintenance. Shawn Swiatocha, Assistant Director General Services stated that the pavement maintenance was a 5-year cycle.

26-0392 Durham Sports Commission Interlocal Agreements (ILA) Renewal

The Board asked the reason for the request to increase the Board members. Marcus Manning, Executive Director Durham Sports Commission stated that the Sports Commission wanted more people at the table for the future. The Board asked about funding for Discover Durham in part 3 of the ILA. Tony Howell, Chief Financial Officer Discover Durham stated that part 3 of the agreement referred to redistribution of the occupancy tax.

26-0397 Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA006 & Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC008 Decreasing the Open Space & Farmland Preservation Capital Project (4730DC083) by \$115,000 and Transferring that Funding to the Open Space and Real Estate (OSRE) Department's General Fund Operating Budget, as well as Recognizing a \$330,000 Contribution from the Army National Guard's Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program to OSRE to support the Purchase of a 41-Acre Conservation Easement from Billy and Toni Stevens for a Total Cost of \$445,000

The Board expressed its sincere appreciation to the staff for their hard work and extended its gratitude to the residents.

26-0398 Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA007 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC009 Decreasing the Open Space & Farmland Preservation Capital Project (4730DC083) by \$123,000, Transferring that Funding to the Open Space & Real Estate Department's General Fund Operating Budget, as well as Recognizing a \$117,500 Contribution from the City of Durham's Water Supply Protection Program to Support the Purchase of a 19.27-Acre Conservation Easement from Robin Davis at 505 Mason Road for a Total Cost of \$240,500

The Board expressed its sincere appreciation to the staff for their hard work and extended its gratitude to the residents.

26-0401 Approve Acceptance of a Donated 22-acre Conservation Easement from David and Carmen Durack at 1700 Woodstock Rd and 3900 W. Cornwallis Rd (a portion of REID 137661 and all of 137648) for Permanent Open Space Protection

The Board expressed its sincere appreciation to the staff for their hard work and extended its gratitude to the residents.

There were no questions regarding the items below:

26-0356 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 27BCC006 to Recognize \$28,153 in LSTA Grant Funding Awarded by the State Library of North Carolina to Fund the "Learning Through Play" Initiative

26-0358 Authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with Ardurra not to exceed \$114,800 for construction oversight services for the Whispering Pines Stream Restoration and Stormwater Improvement Project

26-0383 Approval of Contract with Moriah Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department for Fire, Rescue, and First Responder Services in the Mangum Fire Protection Service District

26-0385 Approval to Enter into a Service Contract with Roth Staffing, a Temporary Agency, in the Amount of \$255,747.66 to support the Board of Elections for the upcoming General Election

26-0390 Approval of Budget Amendment No. 27BCC007 Distributing the Board Approved 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for FY 2026-27 to the Respective Budget Ordinance Approved Functional Areas (\$3,600,000)

26-0391 Award of Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant Residuals Transport and Disposal to McGill Environmental Systems of NC, Inc. in the amount of \$569,660 and to Execute Any Other Related Contract Amendments Not to Exceed \$626,626-0394 Award of the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant Emergency and Scheduled Repair Services for the Utilities Division (RFP 26-035R) contract to Carolina Civilworks Inc., Neikens Electrical Contracting, LLC and Axis Utility Inc.

26-0393 Award of the Collection and Distribution System Emergency and Scheduled Repair Services for the Utilities Division (RFP 26-036R) contract to Carolina Civilworks Inc. and Axis Utility Inc.

26-0394 Award of the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant Emergency and Scheduled Repair Services for the Utilities Division (RFP 26-035R) contract to Carolina Civilworks Inc., Neikens Electrical Contracting, LLC and Axis Utility Inc.

26-0400 Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA008 Closing Multiple Capital Projects that were Completed in FY 2025-26.

Discussion Items

Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Amendment - A2500002 Evaluation and Assessment Report Policy Changes

Peyton Burgess, Senior Planner Planning and Development, presented to the Board the proposed Evaluation and Assessment Report (EAR) of the Comprehensive Plan changes.

Commissioner Jacobs shared with the Board the process that the Joint City-County Planning Committee had and asked would approval of the Land Development Code affect the EAR.

Aaron Cane, Planning and Development Department, stated that they were somewhat related; however, the EAR was completed independently of the Land Development Code and upon adoption of the Land Development Code, changes would be made to the EAR.

The Board asked how much weight community feedback had.

Ms. Burgess stated that a significant emphasis was given on community feedback.

Data Center Moratorium Discussion

The Board received a presentation from Maurice Jones, Deputy County Manager, on a draft moratorium regarding data centers.

Mr. Jones defined and detailed the different types of data centers and listed concerns which included environmental impacts, noise, electricity and water consumption.

Mr. Jones stated that the proposed moratorium would prohibit the new development of data centers for nine months to align with the City of Durham's moratorium with an exemption for smaller enterprise scale data centers being proposed. Mr. Jones stated that megawatts could not be used as a determinant for data centers and recommended that the Board focus on square footage at a maximum between 80,000 to 100,000 square feet. This would allow for small enterprise scale data centers; however, would avoid hyperscale projects.

He stated the next steps were to obtain guidance from the Board and hold a Public Hearing which was scheduled for August 24, 2026. Upon approval, the regulatory process would continue and the new ordinance would be effective May 2027.

The Board asked for an update on the data center ordinance. Bo Dobrzanski, Assistant Planning and Development Director, stated that they were still in the research and engagement process and anticipated to present ordinance draft language to the Board in October or November 2026.

The Board asked what the impact would be on staff if Durham County had a different moratorium than the City of Durham. Mr. Dobrzenski stated that it would be manageable if that was what the Board decided.

Chair Dr. Lee read the following statement.

“Thank you. I want this to be the last word on this topic, so I'm asking the board to indulge me in a moment of personal privilege.

This is a first for me. I am in my tenth year as an elected official here in Durham, and this is the first time I have been attacked while standing on the same side of an issue as the people attacking me and the first time someone has flatly lied about my position.

We will hold a public hearing on the 24th on the data center moratorium. Before we get there, I am going to state my position once, clearly, on the record — because one individual, a lead organizer of this moratorium campaign, has chosen to purposefully and maliciously misrepresent me, my career, and where I stand on data centers. I am not going to say their name tonight. They know exactly who they are, everyone following this issue knows exactly who they are, and I will not give their name a place in this record because this was never supposed to be about personalities. It is about a lie, and I intend to end it right now.

*Here is my position. From the very first conversation, I have said that I support not just a moratorium on hyperscale data centers but an outright ban. Full stop. I said it on our Zoom calls. I said it in every single email exchange, and that entire written record exists and is available to anyone who wants to see it. And I am saying it again now, in public, on the record: **I support banning hyperscale data centers in Durham, and I intend to act on that when it comes before us.** No one gets to claim confusion about where I stand. Not anymore.*

So, what actually happened? I asked a question. In every conversation and every communication, I asked one simple, necessary question: how are we defining “data center”? Because not every data center is hyperscale, and most have nothing to do with AI. Durham and RTP are home to hundreds of companies that depend on smaller-scale data facilities every single day to store transactions, customer records, support tickets, and testing environments. Every company operating today, in technology or out of it, has to store and retrieve data to survive, including the companies the people in this room work for. A blanket moratorium, written loosely, could sweep in the server room of nearly any business in this city. Asking how we avoid that is not opposition. It is the job.

Apparently, asking that question was my sin. Because I would not rubber-stamp a blanket moratorium on all data centers without the due diligence this community elected me to do, the response was not a better argument. It was a campaign: a campaign to force me to recuse myself from this issue simply because I work at a technology company, and a manufactured story that I support AI data centers, that I somehow profit from data centers. That is false. It has always been false. And the person spreading it knows it is false.

Since my career has been made the accusation, let me address it directly. Yes, I have spent thirty years in technology, a hard-fought career in which I was often the only person who looked like me in the room, as far as the eye could see. I have been a programmer. I have led database administrators. I have run project, program, and product management, renewals, and customer success. I have done rack-and-stack work in co-located data centers, because the one thing every

role had in common was a reliance on them. I am not ashamed of a single line of that résumé, not the awards, not the recognition, not the promotions. That career is what lets me provide a stable, decent life for my family, the family I chose to raise right here. I didn't have a home base growing up. Durham is the home I built. It is why I ran for office in the first place: to build a Durham my children can keep calling home. I am invested in every aspect of this community.

And while I am correcting the record, let me deal with one more narrative making the rounds that I don't care about this community. Let me tell you what caring looks like in my life. I have a full-time job. I chair this board, the county board of commissioners. And still, every single school morning, I am up before dawn driving a school bus, serving three of our schools. When the school day ends, you will find me on the field at Northern High School, as head coach of the JV soccer team and assistant coach for varsity. Nobody assigns me those things. I do them because this is my home and those are our kids. So, if anyone wants to question my commitment to Durham, they are welcome to come ride the bus route with me at five thirty in the morning.

Thirty years of understanding exactly how this industry works is not a conflict of interest. It is precisely the expertise this board needs when this industry comes knocking. You do not silence the one person, the black man who has more experience in this than any other elected in the county, or maybe the state, at the table who can read the fine print.

*And let me be just as clear about the tactics, the lies, the coordinated attacks, the AI hearts pasted on my picture to intimidate me and pressure other members of this board. **I will not be bullied.** Not on this issue. Not on any issue.*

As elected officials, we do not have the luxury of making decisions without understanding their consequences across all of Durham. In ten years of elected service, I have led with integrity and pragmatism. I do the homework before I vote on anything that will shape this community, my community, my family's community, for the long term. That is not going to change because someone finds it inconvenient.

*So, I will close with this. Durham is different, or it is supposed to be. We do not lie and manufacture narratives to get our way. **If your position is strong, you should never need to lie about mine.** When we disagree in this community, we do it with honesty and integrity. Anyone who has to smear a colleague who agrees with them on the goal, who insinuates corruption they know to be false, is telling you everything you need to know about their leadership. Durham deserves better.*

On the 24th, I look forward to seeing the final proposed moratorium, based on the facts, in the open, the way this community deserves. And that will be the last word.

Thank you."

Directives

- The Board requested specific quantitative usage of water and electricity of the current data centers located in Durham.
- The Board requested a list of all pending applications for data centers.
- The Board requested more information concerning Research Triangle Park's needs regarding expansions on current data centers and requests for new data centers.
- The Board requested for the current data centers in Durham to be type classified.

Update on the Capital Improvement Plan

Keith Lane, Budget and Management Services Director, provided an update to the Board pertaining to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). He stated the CIP process emphasized multi-year planning, project prioritization, affordability, and debt management that supported political goals and maintained AAA ratings. Key steps included needs assessment, cash flow protection, and public review, with evaluations of projected readiness and financial strategies.

Peri Manns, Deputy Director of Engineering and Environmental Services, highlighted multiple projects including a new emergency operations center, utilities upgrades, and affordable housing, with budgets from \$15 million to \$68 million. Key initiatives involved facility construction, infrastructure improvements, and phased upgrades for sewer and water systems. He stated the next steps included bid submissions, approvals, and funding allocations, aiming for completion between 2026 to 2028.

The Board inquired about the status of the joint Durham City-County effort to fund a new location for the Durham Museum of History. County Manager Hager stated that would be a topic for a joint City-County meeting.

The Board asked about future possibilities of solar bonds. Mr. Manns states that they were in conversations with Durham Public Schools concerning solar bonds.

Directives

- The Board requested a decision-making rubric for upcoming projects.

Initial Discussion of Proposed Items for 2027 NCACC Legislative Process

Deborah Craig-Ray, Chief Communications Officer, reviewed with the Board proposed items from staff for the 2027 North Carolina Association of County Commissioners legislative process those items included Veterans Treatment Courts, water reuse regulations, and fees for public Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure. These goals would address justice, resource management, and transportation sustainability.

The Board's recommendations included how to increase school funding with a bond that includes all 100 counties, Education Lottery fund percentage designated for schools would be distributed correctly and protection for Medicaid expansion.

Ms. Craig-Ray stated that she would submit the Board's recommendations for consideration.

Appoint Voting Delegate - 2026 North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) 119th Annual Conference

Vice Chair Allam entertained a motion to suspend the rules.

Commissioner Valentine moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to suspend the rules.

The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair Allam entertained a motion for approval.

Commissioner Valentine moved, seconded by Commissioner Burton, to appoint Commissioner Michelle Burton as voting delegate and Commissioner Wendy Jacobs as the voting alternate for the NCACC Annual Conference.

The motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

The Board requested to adjourn to Closed Session for the following:

- 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; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee; pursuant to G. S. 143-318.11(a)(6)

Commissioner Valentine moved, seconded by Commissioner Burton Lee to adjourn into Closed Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene to Open Session

Chair Dr. Lee announced the Board met in Closed Session.

Chair Dr. Lee entertained a motion for approval.

Commissioner Burton moved, seconded by Commissioner Valentine, to approve a salary increase for the Department of Social Services Director of 15.7%.

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Valentine moved, seconded by Vice Chair Allam, to adjourn the Work Session meeting at 1:15 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Georgina Nicole Moreno
Administrative Assistant