



Durham County

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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

Monday, September 14, 2026

5:30 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

Regular Session

Closed Session (To be held at: 5:30 pm)

[26-0478](#)

Closed Session

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to adjourn into Closed Session to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged by G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3).

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic 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.

"Public Charge"

The Board of Commissioners asks its members and residents to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous manner, both with the Board and fellow residents. At any time, should any member of the Board or any resident 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.

7:00 pm Regular Session

- 1. Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance (5 min)**
- 2. Agenda Adjustments (5 min)**
- 3. Announcements (5 min)**

26-0485 Announcements (5min)**Agenda Text:**

- 1. Veteran Services Office to Offer Limited Services from September 21 - 25** - Residents seeking assistance from Durham County Department of Veteran Services Office from Monday, September 21 through Friday, September 25, 2026, should note that limited services will be available as staff will be attending their annual accreditation training. The office will resume full service on Monday, September 28. Customers can still reach Veteran Services by calling 919-560-8387, emailing veteranservices@dconc.gov <<mailto:veteranservices@dconc.gov>>, or visiting their office at 201 N. Roxboro Street, Durham, NC 27701.

2. **Get Help with Your Child with RYSE** - The Resources for Youth Success & Empowerment (RYSE) Assessment Center supports Durham families with youth ages 10 to 17 through fast screenings and referrals. RYSE connects youth with trusted tutoring, mentoring, mental health, workforce programs and more. Walk-ins welcome. Visit their office at 2432 Broad Street or call today. Families, schools, and other community partners can refer to RYSE, your one-stop resource hub. Contact ryse@dconc.gov or 919 560 7661.
3. **Reimagining Durham County Memorial Stadium** - Durham Next, in partnership with Durham County Government and the Durham Sports Commission, is conducting a feasibility study for Durham County Memorial Stadium. The stadium has long been a hub for athletics, events, and community gatherings, and this study will explore potential upgrades, expansion, or rebuilding to better serve Durham and support larger events. Share your vision for the stadium's future through this anonymous 10-15 -minute survey. Whether or not you've used the stadium, your input matters. Take the survey and share your perspectives here:
https://gensler.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9FTzf7asazEzDv0
4. **Need help with your property taxes?** - The Durham County Department of Social Services offers the Low-Income Homeowners Relief (LIHR) Program for eligible Durham residents. The program provides assistance on current property taxes for eligible homeowners. To qualify, you must own your property, it must have served as your primary residence for at least the past five years, and your income must be less than or equal to 80% of the Area Median Income. If you think you may qualify, click here to learn more and apply online:
<https://dconc.gov/Social-Services/Aging-and-Adult-Services/Low-Income-Homeowners-Relief-LIHR>. To apply in person, call (919) 560-8000 to schedule an appointment. For FAQs, visit
<https://dconc.gov/Social-Services/Aging-and-Adult-Services/Low-Income-Homeowners-Relief-LIHR>.
5. **Join Welcome Baby for the 3rd Annual Sock Tember Sock Drive** - All September, Welcome Baby is collecting new children's socks (sizes Newborn-Kids 9) with a goal of 6,000 pairs. Donations support families through Welcome Baby's free weekly Giving Closet. Drop-off locations include:
 - Durham County Libraries (Main, East, North, Southwest, South)
 - YMCA (Downtown, Lakewood, Hope Valley Farm)
 - Book Harvest

- Durham Cooperative Extension

To host a private drive or collection box, contact Cindy Riley at 919-560-7319 or ckriley@dconc.gov <<mailto:ckriley@dconc.gov>>.

6. Now Airing: In Touch with Durham County - Host Deborah Craig-Ray speaks with Derek L. Bowens, Director of Elections, about what to expect for the upcoming General Election and early voting. She also welcomes Kathy Everett-Perry, Chief Employment Officer, for a conversation on building a strong talent pipeline and fostering excellence across county government. Watch the full episode on demand on the Durham County Government YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIIkXMdSNss>

4. Minutes (5 min)

[26-0487](#)

Minutes (5min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve the August 3, 2026, Work Session meeting minutes.

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

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

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the August 3, 2026, Work Session meeting minutes.

Attachments:

[Work Session - August 3, 2026](#)

5. Ceremonial Items (40 min)

To Be Recognized

[26-0488](#)

Introduction of Sheila Bratts, Durham County Youth Home Director (10min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to receive the introduction of Ms. Sheila Bratts in her new role as the Durham County Youth Home Director.

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

Resource Persons: Dwane Brinson, Assistant County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the introduction of Ms. Sheila Bratts as the Durham County Youth Home Director.

[26-0453](#)

Resolution - Ms. Carrie Zimmerman Matthews 95th Birthday (10min)

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to recognize the 95th birthday of Ms. Carrie Zimmerman Matthews.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Goal - Empowered Community

Resource Persons: Dr. Tyechia Culmer, 20th NC State Director, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Alpha Alpha Epsilon Zeta (AAEZ)

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board recognize the 95th Birthday of Ms. Carrie Zimmerman Matthews.

Attachments: [Resolution - Ms. Carrie Zimmerman Matthews - 95th Birthday.14Sept26](#)

To Be Acknowledged Only

[26-0475](#) Proclamation - World Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness Day (5min)

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to proclaim September 21, 2026, as World Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness Day in Durham County.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Plan Goal -

Resource Persons: Adam J. Hopler, Chair of Board of Dementia Inclusive, Inc.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board proclaim September 21, 2026, as World Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness Day in Durham County.

Attachments: [Proclamation - Alzheimer and Dementia Awareness Day - 14Sept26](#)

[26-0476](#) Proclamation - Diaper Need Awareness Week 2026 (5min)

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to proclaim September 14 - 20, 2026, as National Diaper Need Awareness Week in Durham County and raises awareness of diaper need as a public health and economic issue affecting local families.

The proclamation also recognizes the work of Diaper Bank of North Carolina and its community partners in providing diapers and other basic necessities to families in need throughout Durham County.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Plan Goal -

Resource Persons: Sebastian Rio, Community Navigator - Diaper Bank of NC

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board proclaim September 14 - 20, 2026, as National Diaper Need Awareness Week in Durham County.

Attachments: [Proclamation - Diaper Need Awareness Week - 14Sept26](#)

[26-0477](#) Proclamation - National Recovery Month (5min)

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to proclaim September as National Recovery Month in Durham County, NC.

For the past 10 years the Recovery Community of Durham has been honored to host a recovery event to celebrate September as National Recovery Month and demonstrate that people can and do recover from mental and substance use disorders every day right here in Durham, NC. This Years tag line is RECOVERY IS REAL (Restoring Every Aspect of Life). We will present inspiring speakers, music and entertainment, resource and recovery vendors, food, fun and family activities and a moment of remembrance.

This event is free and the public is invited to join us at Fellowship Hall, Elizabeth St UMC 1209 N. Elizabeth St 27701 on Saturday, September 26th from 3:30 to 7:30 pm.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Plan Goal - Empowered Community

Resource Persons: Michelle McKinney, Peer Support Specialist - Recovery Community of Durham

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board proclaim September as National Recovery Month in Durham County.

Attachments: [Proclamation - National Recovery Month - 14Sept26](#)

26-0491

Proclamation - 5th Annual North Carolina Black Alliance Rooted in Wellness Day (5min)

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to proclaim September 19, 2026, as Rooted in Wellness Day in Durham County.

The North Carolina Black Alliance addresses policy and economic issues to enhance Black communities by developing and promoting systemic policy change as well as youth and leadership development. The impact of our annual Rooted in Wellness Day is to bring communities that are not reached by the traditional healthcare system closer to health-promoting resources, access to healthcare screenings, and to connect with local leaders who will directly impact the progress of health equity in their communities through health policies and mutual aid.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Plan Goal - Empowered Community

Resource Persons: Kaída Giddings, Access to Healthcare Program Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board proclaim September 19, 2026, as Rooted in Wellness Day in Durham County.

Attachments: [Proclamation - Rooted in Wellness Day - 14Sept26](#)

6. Consent Agenda (15 min)

26-0384 Approval of FY 2026-2027 Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) Grant Funding Resolution, Funding Two Deputies with 75% County Funding and 25% Federal, as well as Reduce Sheriff's Office Authorized FTE Count by One Position

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve a one-year extension of the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) Grant for the Sheriff's Office and have the Chairman sign the Resolution, and approve a reduction of one position from the Sheriff's Office authorized full-time equivalent positions. In FY22, the Governor's Highway Safety Program awarded the Durham County Sheriff's Office a four-year step-down reimbursement grant that requires a local match at varying percentages each year to fund three sworn deputy positions to work traffic enforcement. This renewal, and all subsequent renewals, will require a local match of seventy-five percent (75%) and a federal allocation of twenty-five percent (25%). This action will reduce the Sheriff's Offices' original (3) grant funded deputy positions to (2) two grant funded deputy positions. For FY 2026-27, the local match will be in the amount of \$143,251.00 (75%) and a federal allocation in the amount of \$47,750.00 (25%); for a total amount of \$191,001.00. The BOCC initially approved these funds on September 13, 2021 (21-0550).

The Governor's Highway Safety Program helps fund law enforcement agencies to reduce traffic crashes in North Carolina. The Sheriff's Office will work to reduce traffic accidents across Durham County in the following categories:

- Overall Fatalities
- Alcohol Fatalities
- Unrestrained Fatalities
- Speed Related Fatalities
- Motorcycle Fatalities
- Teen Fatalities
- Pedestrian Fatalities

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with the County's Strategic Goal 3: Safe Community.

Resource Persons: Michael Hogan, Lieutenant, Durham County Sheriff's Office; Clarence Birkhead, Durham County Sheriff.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve a one-year extension of the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) Grant for the Sheriff's Office and have the Chairman sign the Resolution and approve a reduction of one position from the Sheriff's Office authorized full-time

equivalent positions. In FY22, the Governor's Highway Safety Program awarded the Durham County Sheriff's Office a four-year step-down reimbursement grant that requires a local match at varying percentages each year to fund three sworn deputy positions to work traffic enforcement. This renewal, and all subsequent renewals, will require a local match of seventy-five percent (75%) and a federal allocation of twenty-five percent (25%). This action will reduce the Sheriff's Offices' original (3) three granted funded deputy positions to (2) two grant funded deputy positions. For FY27, the local match will be in the amount of \$143,251.00 (75%) and a federal allocation in the amount of \$47,750.00 (25%); for a total amount of \$191,001.00. The BOCC initially approved these funds on September 13, 2021 (21-0550).

Attachments: [FY27 GHSP Grant application](#)
[Grant Award Notification](#)
[County Resolution - unsigned](#)
[GHSP 26-27](#)

26-0426 **Approval to Enter into a Contract with Hayti Reborn - Justice Movement in the Amount of \$330,000**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve the contract with Hayti Reborn - Justice Movement (HR-JM) in the amount of \$330,000. The Hayti Reborn - Justice Movement operates as an "umbrella organization" that works in concert with existing community partners, with a goal of developing coordinated strategies that interrupt the cycle of violence, while concurrently increasing the health and prosperity within marginalized communities.

HR-JM functions as a centralized hub that coordinates community-based organizations, law enforcement agencies, and service providers into a cohesive network focused on interrupting recidivism. This collaborative framework addresses the factors that contribute to criminal justice system reengagement, including unemployment, housing instability, and limited access to support systems. HR-JM's centralized coordination model is essential because individuals return from multiple facilities across two correctional systems (state and federal), creating complex reentry needs that require unified, comprehensive support.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Safe & Resilient Community.

Resource Persons: Krystal Harris, MSW, Community Intervention & Support Services Director

County Managers' Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the contract with Hayti Reborn - Justice Movement in the amount of \$330,000.

Attachments: [Hayti Reborn Contract FY26-27](#)

26-0428**Approval of Proposed Interlocal Agreement and Joint Use Agreement for the New Emergency Operations Center & Backup 911 Call Center Facility Located at 2422 Broad Street, Durham, NC****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to approve the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) and Joint Use Agreement (JUA) with the City of Durham for the new Emergency Operations Center & Backup 911 Call Center Facility located at 2422 Broad Street, Durham, NC; and to authorize the County Manager to execute the agreements pending approval by the County Attorney and City of Durham at their September 21, 2026, Council Meeting.

The total project budget is set at \$55,156,315.24. Of this total budget, the County will be responsible for \$25,869,253 (46.9%) and the City will be responsible for \$29,287,061.43 (53.1%). These figures include the facility design and construction cost as well as the provisioning of furniture, fixtures & equipment, IT, technology and other departmental specific provisioning. Refer to attached exhibit D for the cost sharing methodology based on prior interlocal agreements (attachments #3 & #4).

A separate agenda item is concurrently being proposed to appropriate funding and execute a GMP contract to construct the new facility.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Safe and Resilient Community: Supporting the Emergency Operations Center, Backup 911, & Sheriff's Backup Call Center is a key factor in strengthening emergency response and prevention systems throughout the County.

Resource Persons: Joel T. Jones, Project Manager; Dan Nosbusch, Project Manager, Peri Manns, Deputy Director; James Faress, Sr. Project Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) and Joint Use Agreement (JUA) with the City of Durham for the new Emergency Operations Center & Backup 911 Call Center Facility located at 2422 Broad Street, Durham, NC; and to authorize the County Manager to execute the agreements pending approval by the County Attorney and City of Durham at their September 21, 2026, Council Meeting.

Attachments:

[Exhibit A - Durham County Emergency Operations Center](#)

[Exhibit B - Durham County EOC, Sheriff and 911 Backup Call Centers – Floor F](#)

[Exhibit C - JUA for EOC - Review Draft 1 - 8.28.26 JTJ](#)

[Exhibit D - Durham County Emergency Management, City of Durham 911, and I EOC ILA Review Draft 1 - 8.28.26 JTJ](#)

[Attachment #3 - Emergency Management ILA, July 1, 1998](#)

[Attachment #4 - 911 ILA, Jan. 1, 2008](#)

26-0429**Adopt the 2026 Agriculture Development and Farmland Preservation Plan****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to adopt the 2026 Agriculture Development and Farmland

Preservation Plan from the Farmland Protection Advisory Board. This revised plan establishes the framework to enhance, promote, and preserve agriculture in Durham. Agriculture contributes significantly to Durham's green spaces and rural character while serving as a foundation for natural resource conservation and food security.

With ongoing loss of farmland to development and increasing public interest in local foods, the updated plan is both timely and essential. Originally adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on December 14, 2009, the Agriculture Development and Farmland Preservation Plan has guided substantial progress over the past decade. The 2026 revision recognizes these accomplishments and provides clear, forward-looking recommendations to support the future of agriculture in Durham County.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Aligns with Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment and High Performing Organization

Resource Persons: Dwane Brinson, Assistant County Manager; Nicole Connelly, Farmland Protection Advisory Board Chair; Mark Waller, Farmland Protection Advisory Board Vice-Chair; Gerry Cohn, Contractor that assisted with the Plan; Sherry Scully, Durham Soil and Water Ag Development Coordinator.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board adopt the 2026 Agriculture Development and Farmland Preservation Plan from the Farmland Protection Advisory Board.

Attachments: [Sept 2026 Agriculture Development and Farmland Preservation Plan](#)

26-0438 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC018 Increasing Both the Expenditures and Revenues of the Shoppes of Hope Valley Fund Center by \$365,000 to Align the County Budget with Recent Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Requirements; there will be a Net Zero Change to the FY 2026-27 Budget

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC18, increasing both the expenditures and revenues of the Shoppes of Hope Valley Fund Center (4730263800 in Environmental Protection Functional Area) by \$365,000 to align the Durham County budget with recently released GASB requirements. There will be a net zero dollar change to the FY 2026-27 budget because the expenditures and revenues will be increased by an equal amount.

The Shoppes of Hope Valley Fund Center accounts for revenue and expenses for the Shoppes of Hope Valley and the Bell Building restaurant spaces. For accounting purposes, the Shoppes of Hope Valley was recently re-classified from a Capital Project to a Revenue Generating Asset, which, in compliance with NC Local Government Commission GASB Statement 87, requires line-item accounting of every revenue and expense item, instead of allowing one accounting entry of net revenue.

This is a technical change and will not impact budget availability.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This agenda item aligns with the County's Sound Financial Stewardship Goals.

Resource Persons: Christy Raulli, Senior Real Estate Officer; Jonathan Yeomans, Budget and Management Analyst; David Ades, Asst Director of Budget and Management; Keith Lane, Director of Budget and Management; Pat Haley, Executive Accountant; Conniecia Brown, Asst Chief Financial Officer; Crystally Wright, Chief Financial Officer; Peri Manns, ASLA, LEED GA Deputy Director of Engineering and Environmental Services; H. Jay Gibson, PE, Director of Engineering and Environmental Services

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC18, increasing both the expenditures and revenues of the Shoppes of Hope Valley Fund Center (4730263800 in Environmental Protection Functional Area) by \$365,000 to align the Durham County budget with recently released GASB requirements. There will be a net zero dollar change to the FY 2026-27 budget because the expenditures and revenues will be increased by an equal amount.

Attachments: [AAF-18 SoHV Exp and Rev GASB Adjustment \(\\$365K\)](#)

26-0439

Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA010 & Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC017 Reducing the Available Budgets of Six Durham Public School Capital Project Budgets to \$0, Transferring \$48,404.11 to the Debt Service Fund and \$12,517.87 to the County's Lottery Fund Account (for Future Allocation), and then Closing the Projects in the County Accounting System

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC017 and Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA010 reducing the available budgets of six completed Durham Public School Capital Project budgets to \$0, transferring \$48,404.11 to the County Debt Service Fund and \$12,517.87 to the County's Lottery Fund Account (for future allocation), and then closing seven completed DPS projects in the Durham County Accounting system. The remaining Lottery funds will be held at the County until DPS requests them through the process with North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) and/or they are returned to the State for future allocation to DPS.

Project Name and Number	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Updated Budget
High School Theater Renovations (59105400SH291)		\$2,411,442.00	(\$45,934.38) \$2,365,507.62
DPS Radio Replacement (59105400SH321)	\$341,672.00	(\$2,469.73)	\$339,202.27
Mult. Schools - LED Lighting Installation (59105400SH302)		\$1,239,000.00	(\$3,498.01)
	\$1,235,501.99		
K-5 Schools Replace Playground Equipment (59105400SH305)		\$3,189,948.90	(\$19.16)

	\$3,189,929.74		
Districtwide - Carpet and Flooring Updates (59105400SH324)	\$100,000.00	(\$268.89)	\$99,731.11
Districtwide - Roofing Repairs (59105400SH322)	\$150,000.00	(\$8,730.81)	\$141,269.19
Districtwide - Life Safety Equipment Upgrade (59105400SH323)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$7,432,062.90	(\$60,920.98)	\$7,371,141.92

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This agenda item aligns This capital project amendment aligns with Goal 1-Community and Family Prosperity and Enrichment, though providing access to educational, vocational, economic and cultural opportunities and by providing support for educational opportunities that ensure high academic achievement.

Resource Persons: Clifton Williams, Durham Public School Executive Director of Facilities

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC017 and Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA010 reducing the available budgets of six completed Durham Public School Capital Project budgets to \$0, transferring \$48,404.11 to the County Debt Service Fund and \$12,517.87 to the County's Lottery Fund Account (for future allocation), and then closing seven completed DPS projects in the Durham County Accounting system.

Attachments:

[AAF-17 Reducing DPS Capital Project \(\\$48,404.11\)](#)

[CPA-10 LEGAL FORM Reducing DPS Capital Project](#)

[CPA-10 LEGAL FORM CLOSING DPS Capital Projects](#)

26-0440

Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC019 Recognizing a \$15,000 Grant from the Burt's Bees Foundation to Support Conservation Corps North Carolina's Ecological Restoration Work on Durham County Open Space Preserves

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC019 to recognize \$15,000 in grant revenue from the Burt's Bees Foundation to support Conservation Corps North Carolina's (CCNC's) ecological restoration work on Durham County Open Space Preserves.

Recent ecological research supported by the Durham County Open Space Program has identified specific actions to improve wildlife habitat and biodiversity on County preserves. A key recommendation is careful vegetation management - specifically removing invasive species - to protect native plants that sustain Durham County's most significant and sensitive ecosystems.

For seven weeks this Fall, Durham County's Open Space Program will partner with Conservation Corps North Carolina (CCNC), a nonprofit that provides workforce development for young adults interested in conservation careers. CCNC crews will remove invasive species and help restore native plant communities on County Open Space land in the New Hope Corridor, the Little River Corridor, and eastern Durham

County near Falls Lake.

This is the sixth grant award Durham County has received from the Burt's Bees Foundation in support of the Open Space Program. This \$15,000 grant covers 16% of the CCNC project cost. Durham County is contributing \$55,000 (60%) through budgeted contracted services funds, and CCNC is providing \$29,999 (24%) as in-kind personnel support, for a total project cost of \$91,999.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This Burt's Bees Foundation grant award and the partnership with CCNC aligns with Durham County Strategic Plan Goal 1: Community Empowerment and Enrichment's Workforce Development Objective as well as Strategic Plan Goal 4: Environment's Natural Resource Stewardship and Protection Objective.

Resource Persons: Celeste Burns, Open Space and Real Estate Division Manager; David Bradley, Open Space Specialist; Jessie Birkhead, Executive Director of Conservation Corps North Carolina; Peri Manns, Deputy Director, Engineering and Environmental Services.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC019 to recognize \$15,000 in grant revenue from the Burt's Bees Foundation to support Conservation Corps North Carolina's (CCNC's) ecological restoration work on Durham County Open Space Preserves.

Attachments: [AAF Supplemental - Grant Revenue from Burts Bees 2026 for Conservation Co](#)
[AAF-19 Recognize Burts Bees for OSRE \(\\$15K\)](#)

26-0446 **Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA011 appropriating \$1,649,000 of Sewer Utility Capital Fund Fund Balance to Support the TWWTP Rehabilitation and Upgrade Capital Project (7100SE063); as well as Approve the County Manager to Enter Into A Service Contract Amendment with Hazen and Sawyer for Professional Engineering Services for the TWWTP Rehabilitation and Upgrade Project (FR24-715) in the amount of \$1,649,000 Bringing the Total Contract Amount from \$1,053,026 to \$2,702,026 with a not to exceed amount of \$2,912,635**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA011 appropriating \$1,649,000 of Sewer Utility Capital Fund Fund Balance to the TWWTP Rehabilitation and Upgrade for the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant (TWWTP) Project SE063. The Board is also requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract amendment with Hazen and Sawyer to provide engineering services for the TWWTP Rehabilitation and Upgrade Project (FR 24-715) in the amount of \$1,649,000 bringing the total contract amount from \$1,053,026 to \$2,702,026 with a not to exceed of \$2,912,635.

Name / Location of Project	Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Revised
Budget Project Status			
TWWTP Rehabilitation and Upgrade Project (SE063)	\$1,263,635	\$1,649,000	
\$2,912,635 ONGOING			

Project Background:

The Scope of Services has been broken into three categories with multiple tasks included as part of each one. To date Category 1 has been completed which included the Basis of Design Report, Equipment Pre-Selection for the UV Disinfection System, UV Disinfection System 30% Design, and Evaluation of the Reclaimed Water System.

This approval will cover tasks within Category 2 that have been determined to be the priority to remain in compliance. Tasks included are:

- UV & Cascade Aeration Final Design Completion \$1,449,000
- Headworks & IPS Improvements - 30% Design Only \$200,000

Future phases will include final design of headworks and IPS improvements, filter replacement final design, reclaimed water modeling and improvements and additional items as outlined in Category 3.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment by ensuring TWWTP continues to meet effluent standards as required by NPDES Permit NC0026051.

Resource Persons: Jay Gibson PE, Director of E&ES; Stephanie Brixey, Deputy Director of E&ES; Jerry Morrone PE, Project Manager; David Ades, Assistant Director of Budget & Management Services.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends the Board approve Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA011 appropriating \$1,649,000 of Sewer Utility Capital Fund Fund Balance to the TWWTP Rehabilitation and Upgrade for the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant (TWWTP) Project SE063. The Board is also requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract amendment with Hazen and Sawyer to provide engineering services for the TWWTP Rehabilitation and Upgrade Project (FR 24-715) in the amount of \$1,649,000 bringing the total contract amount from \$1,053,026 to \$2,702,026 with a not to exceed of \$2,912,635.

Attachments:

[AAF Supplemental Doc](#)

[Hazen & Sawyer Contract](#)

[Hazen & Sawyer Quote](#)

[CPA-11 LEGAL FORM for TWWTP Rehab App \(\\$1,649,000\)](#)

26-0448**Adoption of the Cultural Roadmap Plan Pending Modifications and Considerations by Upper Management**Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to adopt the Cultural Roadmap Plan pending modifications

and considerations by upper management.

A presentation was received by the Board of County Commissioners of the final report from the consulting team and staff on the Cultural Roadmap Plan on September 8th, 2026.

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

Resource Persons: Brenda Hayes-Bright, Assoc. AIA, CDT, MPM,- Project Manager/Public Art Manager, Sarah Martin, MFA - Public Art Coordinator, Rebecca Holmes - City of Durham Cultural & Public Art Manager, Jaci Field - City of Durham, Community Programs Division Manager, Steve Schewel-Cultural Roadmap Planning Group Co-Chair, Margaret McNab- Durham Cultural Advisory Board Chair, Margie Reese- MJR Partners.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board adopt the Cultural Roadmap Plan pending modifications and considerations by upper management.

Attachments:

[1 - MEMO - 1 - AGENDA MEMO DURHAM CULTURAL ROADMAP - 9-17-2026](#)

[2 - Attachment A - Proposed Durham Cultural Roadmap](#)

[3 - Attachment B - Presentation on the Durham Cultural Roadmap-upload](#)

[4 - Attachment C - Implementation Guide](#)

26-0449

Sole Source Exemption Approval for Utilities Division Purchase of 75 HP Nord Motor and Spare Parts from Veolia Water Technologies, Inc. (dba Kruger)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to provide approval for sole source exemption for the purchase of a replacement Nord 9082.1 75-horsepower helical-bevel gearmotor and spare parts from Veolia Water Technologies, Inc. (dba Kruger) in the amount of \$112,194.73. Veolia Water Technologies, Inc. (dba Kruger) is the sole source of sales, distribution, and service provider of Kruger equipment for the United States market. Attached are the sole source letter and quote.

This item has been reviewed by the Purchasing Division for compliance with the request for sole source exemption. North Carolina General Statute 143-129(g) (3) allows local governments to be exempted from competitive bidding requirements when a sole source is available, performance or price competition for a product is not available, a needed product is available from only one source of supply, or standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration. This purchase will be funded by the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment and will result in compliance with NPDES Permit NC0026051.

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

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends the Board approve the sole source exemption for the purchase of a replacement Nord 9082.1 75-horsepower helical-bevel gearmotor and spare parts from Veolia Water Technologies, Inc. (dba Kruger) in the amount of \$112,194.73.

Attachments: [AAF Supplemental Document](#)

[Quote](#)

[Sole Source Letter 2026](#)

26-0450 **Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 27BCC022 to recognize \$171,408 in Grant Funding and Approval of Interlocal Agreement for the 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 27BCC022 recognizing \$171,408 from the 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to the Durham County Sheriff's Office and to authorize the County Manager to execute the interlocal agreement between the City of Durham and the County of Durham for these funds. This award will be shared in a 50/50 split between the Durham County Sheriff's Office and the Durham Police Department.

The Durham County Sheriff's Office will use these funds to obtain a virtual reality training system for the Sheriff's Office Training facility. The Durham Police Department will use funds to modernize, update, and expand the capabilities of its Training and Forensic Services Divisions. More information on the technology and equipment that will be purchased using this grant funding can be found at <https://www.durhamsheriff.com/Home/Components/News/News/10873/3199?npage=2>

The full amount is being recognized in the County, and the City's expense will be seen as an expenditure in the County's system. The full revenue will also be budgeted and collected in the County's system as a reimbursement for expenditures.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with the County's Strategic Goal 3: Safe Community and Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient, and Visionary Government

Resource Persons: David LaBarre, Director of Planning & Development, Durham County Sheriff's Office; Clifford Webster, Major of Operations, Durham County Sheriff's Office

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 27BCC022 recognizing \$171,408 from the 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to the Durham County Sheriff's Office and that the County Manager be authorized to

execute the interlocal agreement between the City of Durham and the County of Durham for these funds.

Attachments:

[FY25 JAG Award Letter](#)

[DCSO-DPD Program Narrative](#)

[FY25 JAG Supplemental](#)

[JAG25 Interlocal Agreement](#)

[BCC-22 Legal Form 2025 JAG Grant Award \\$171,408 in County Sheriff Office.r](#)

26-0451

Approval of Raftelis Contract Amendment for Financial Planning, Rate Study, and Support Services for the Durham County Utilities Division in the Amount of \$44,793.75 Bringing the Total Amount to \$99,793.75 with a Not to Exceed Amount of \$110,000

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract amendment with Raftelis (FR 25-501)(RFP 24-048) to provide Financial Planning, Rate Study, and Support Services for the Utilities Division in the amount of \$44,793.75 bringing the total contract amount from \$55,000 to \$99,793.75 and to execute any other related contract amendments not to exceed \$110,000, subject to budget availability. This contract is funded by the Sewer Utility Enterprise Fund.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This action is in accordance with Durham County Strategic Plan focused on Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment and Financial Stewardship as this study ensures the Division can adequately fund sewer operations, known and projected capital improvement costs and bond debt, while keeping rates affordable.

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

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends the Board to authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract amendment with Raftelis (FR 25-501)(RFP 24-048) to provide Financial Planning, Rate Study, and Support Services for the Utilities Division in the amount of \$44,793.75 bringing the total contract amount from \$55,000 to \$99,793.75 and to execute any other related contract amendments not to exceed \$110,000, subject to budget availability.

Attachments:

[Durham County SDF Scope 5.14.26](#)

[FR 25-501 Raftelis Financial Consultants Inc. Amendment #2](#)

[Raftelis Supplemental Doc](#)

26-0452

Authorize Award of contract for Easement Maintenance Services (RFP 26-034) for Durham County Utilities to Stormwater Operations Specialists, LLC, in the amount of \$300,000.00 and to execute any related contract amendments not to exceed \$325,000.00

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a service

contract with Stormwater Operations Specialists, LLC (RFP 26-034) for easement maintenance services for Durham County Utilities in the amount of \$300,000.00 and to execute any other related contract amendments not to exceed \$325,000.00. This service is funded by the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This action is in accordance with Durham County's DCo Forward 2029 Strategic Plan:

- Strategic Plan Goal "Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment" by maintaining, protecting, and improving natural and built systems to support a sustainable community
- Strategic Plan Goal "Financial Stewardship" by improving access for routine and preventive maintenance, prolonging infrastructure life span, and reducing response times for emergency repairs.

Resource Persons: Jay Gibson PE, Director of E&ES; Stephanie Brixey, Deputy Director of E&ES; Jerry Morrone PE, Project Manager; Vincent Chirichella PE, Sr. Project Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends the Board authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract with Stormwater Operations Specialists, LLC (RFP 26-034) for easement maintenance services for Durham County Utilities in the amount of \$300,000.00 and to execute any other related contract amendments not to exceed \$325,000.00.

Attachments:

[AAF Supplemental Document Easement Mowing](#)

[RFP 26-034 Proposal Tabulation Easement Maintenance Services for DCo Util](#)

[Small Business Review Form-Agenda Action Form - RFP 26-034 Easement Cle](#)

[Summary Evaluation Form RFP 26-034 Easement Maintenance Services](#)

26-0454

Budget Ordinance Amendment 27BCC021 Appropriating \$25,000 of Eno Fire Tax District Fund Balance and Increasing the Distribution to Eno Fire and Emergency Services, Inc. for the Purchase of a new Multipurpose Response and Utility Vehicle

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment 27BCC021 Appropriating \$25,000 of Eno Fire Tax District Fund Balance to purchase a new 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 pickup truck to be used as a response and utility vehicle. Eno Fire and Emergency Services Inc. has requested this fund balance distribution to support the procurement of a new response and utility vehicle. Eno Fire and Emergency Services Inc. provides fire, rescue and emergency services for approximately 2 square miles of western Durham County and responds to 20 calls in the area on average annually. These funds will be distributed to the district at their request and used to fund a portion of the vehicle purchase (\$42,617.40) and upfit costs (\$9,741.25). Vehicle upfit will be performed by Mincey's Graphics and in-house by Eno Fire and Emergency Services Inc. members. The remaining funding for the purchase will be provided by Eno Fire and Emergency Services Inc.

These funds are in a county-held fund balance for the district. Distribution of this amount complies with Finance's fiscal policies and ensures that the remaining balance reserve level is sufficient for future needs.

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: Tyler Fitts, Chief Fire Marshal, Office of Emergency Services

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment 27BCC021 Appropriating \$25,000 of Eno Fire Tax District Fund Balance and Increasing the Distribution to Eno Fire and Emergency Services, Inc. for the Purchase of a new Multipurpose Response and Utility Vehicle

Attachments:

[Spare 2026 Silverado CK10543 \(1\)](#)

[Upfitting Costs](#)

[August 2026 - Letter to County \(Fund Balance\) \(003\) \(1\) \(1\)](#)

[Est 6999 from Minceys Graphics LLC 29692](#)

[BCC-21 Legal Form](#)

26-0456

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 27BCC020 Appropriating \$212,000.00 of General Fund Fund Balance to the Vehicle Fund Center for Increased Costs Related to a Previously Approved Ambulance Purchase

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 27BCC020, which authorizes the appropriation of \$212,000.00 of General Fund Fund Balance to the Vehicle Fund Center to cover increased costs associated with the purchase of 11 previously approved Braun Liberty Custom Type I ambulances built by Spartan Fire and Emergency Apparatus.

When Durham County EMS placed its order for these ambulances in 2023, the price reflected the specifications and regulatory requirements in place at that time. After the order was submitted, the State of North Carolina adopted updated CAAS standards for all newly manufactured ambulances, requiring additional equipment, configuration changes, and compliance features not included in the original build. Spartan Fire and Emergency Apparatus confirmed that these CAAS updates increased the manufacturing cost of each unit, creating an unanticipated cost impact across all 11 ambulances.

In addition to the CAAS-related cost increases, the initial purchase did not account for the mandatory 3% Highway Use Tax applied to the total vehicle purchase price at delivery, and together these State-mandated CAAS upgrades and required Highway Use Tax produce a total cost increase of \$212,000.00 above the originally approved

amount for the ambulance purchase, ensuring this budget amendment fully funds the procurement of all 11 ambulances so Durham County EMS can move forward without delay while meeting regulatory requirements and satisfying all financial obligations tied to delivery, inspection, and vehicle titling.

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 Marc Ferguson, Business Operations Officer

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approves Budget Ordinance No. 27BCC020 appropriating \$212,000.00 of General Fund Fund Balance to the Vehicle Fund Center to cover increased costs associated with the purchase of 11 Braun Liberty Custom Type I ambulances built by Spartan Fire and Emergency Apparatus.

Attachments:

[AAF-XX SUPPLEMENTAL \\$212,000 in GF Fund Balance to Vehicle Fund Cent](#)

[7 Durham County EMS quote](#)

[FR 23-1184 SPARTAN FIRE AND EMERGENCY](#)

[BCC-20 Legal Form](#)

26-0457

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 27BCC024 Public Health to Recognize \$300,000 from Carolina Complete Health's Community Reinvestment funding for Durham County's Health Consortium: Project Access Durham County

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 27BCC024 Public Health to Recognize \$300,000 from Carolina Complete Health's Community Reinvestment funding for Durham County's Health Consortium: Project Access Durham County

Through Durham County's Health Consortium, Durham County Department of Public Health and Project Access Durham County have been awarded funding aimed at supporting innovative projects that address social drivers of health and advance health equity in North Carolina. Funds will be used to improve health outcomes for people by addressing barriers to health care and providing resources to uninsured or underinsured individuals through a comprehensive approach to care. Please note that this amendment requires no additional County funds.

The Board of Health has approved this amendment.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Healthy Community.

Resource Persons: Dr. Rodney Jenkins, DrPH, MHA, Public Health Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 27BCC024 Public Health to Recognize \$300,000 from Carolina Complete Health's Community Reinvestment funding for Durham County's Health Consortium: Project Access Durham County

Attachments:

[AAF Durham County Health Consortium-Carolina Complete \\$300,000](#)

[Project Access Durham County Award Letter](#)

[AAF Supplemental Durham County Health Consortium-Carolina Complete \\$300](#)

[AAF-24 Legal Form](#)

26-0459

Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA014 Appropriating \$48,919,120 of Funding to Support the New Durham County Emergency Operations Center Capital Project (4730DC158); and Authorizing the Execution of the Construction Manager At-Risk Guaranteed Maximum Price Contract with Bordeaux Construction for the Construction of the Emergency Operations Center at a Total Amount Not-To-Exceed \$45,422,037 (Base Bid, Alternates Plus Owner's Contingency)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA014 appropriating \$48,919,120 of funding to support the new Durham County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Capital Project (4730DC158), and authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with Bordeaux Construction Company for the construction of the Emergency Operations Center at the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$44,099,065 (Base Bid, Alternates Plus Owner's Contingency); as well as execute any other related contracts - including change orders if necessary - for a not-to-exceed budget of \$45,422,037 (See Attachment 1). The remaining balance of funding outside of Bordeaux's Construction Contract - \$3,497,083 - will be used to purchase furnishings, fixtures and equipment, code required Construction Materials Testing/Special Inspections, network equipment, and other necessary occupancy requirements. Debt issuance and funding determinations will be finalized in the coming months.

Project #	Current Budget	INCREASE	Revised Budget
Emergency Operations Center (4730DC158)		\$6,237,195	\$48,919,120 \$55,156,315
Summary	\$6,237,195.00	\$48,919,120.00	\$55,156,315.00

On January 13, 2025, the BOCC awarded a Construction Manager at Risk (C, M @R) Pre-construction Services contract to Bordeaux Construction. The pre-construction services phase of the project was the first step in the Construction Manager at Risk process, during which the contracting team provided cost estimating, constructability reviews, schedule development and value analysis of the project design. Following the pre-qualification of subcontractors, bids were received, publicly opened, and read by Bordeaux Construction.

This project will pursue LEED Gold certification as part of the County's adoption of the high-performance building policy and will incorporate technologies aligned with the adoption of the Renewable Energy Resolution. When activated, this facility operates 24/7, making it an excellent candidate for incorporation of these conservation strategies as an appropriate long-term investment. The current project budget includes rooftop photovoltaics, infrastructure for a battery energy storage system (BESS), and other sustainability strategies that will have budget implications now but will result in markedly reduced energy costs, carbon footprint, and maintenance for the duration of the building's anticipated fifty-year life span.

The Emergency Operations Center will be constructed on the existing Broad Street site, beside the present EOC facility. The existing facility will remain in operation until the new building can be occupied. Once the occupants have been relocated to the new facility, the existing EOC building will be demolished to make room for activation parking and other site improvements.

The new EOC will also house a backup 911 communications call center and backup DCSO emergency call center. These backup call centers will be co-located on the 2nd floor of the new facility. In partnership with the City, the City will be responsible for their portion of the associated cost, which will be outlined in a forthcoming interlocal agreement (ILA) between the County & City. The City will also be responsible for a portion of the new EOC costs, as there is an existing ILA that stipulates that costs associated with the operations of the EOC are split evenly between the City & County (see attachment #3 for reference).

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Safe and Resilient Community: Supporting the Emergency Operations Center, Backup 911, & Sheriff's Backup Call Center is a key factor in strengthening emergency response and prevention systems throughout the County.

Resource Persons: Joel T. Jones, Project Manager; Dan Nosbusch, Project Manager; Peri Manns, ASLA, LEED GA, Deputy Director Engineering & Environmental Services; Jay Gibson, P.E., Director of Engineering & Environmental Services; Elizabeth Schroeder, Chief Emergency Manager; Blair Bordeaux, President, Bordeaux Construction

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA014 appropriating \$48,919,120 of funding to support the new Durham County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Capital Project (4730DC158), and authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with Bordeaux Construction Company for the construction of the Emergency Operations Center at the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$44,099,065 (Base Bid, Alternates Plus Owner's Contingency); as well as execute any other related contracts - including change orders if necessary - for a not-to-exceed budget of \$45,422,037 (See Attachment 1). The remaining balance of

funding outside of Bordeaux's Construction Contract - \$3,497,083 - will be used to purchase furnishings, fixtures and equipment, code required Construction Materials Testing/Special Inspections, network equipment, and other necessary occupancy requirements. Debt issuance and funding determinations will be finalized in the coming months.

Attachments:[Attachment #1 \(GMP Proposal\)](#)[Attachment #2, Cost Share Breakout](#)[Attachment #3 - Emergency Management ILA, July 1, 1998](#)[Attachment #4 - 911 ILA, Jan. 1, 2008](#)[Supplemental Document](#)[CPA-14 LEGAL FORM for EOC \(\\$48,919,120\)](#)**26-0460****Approve Acquisition of Three Agricultural Conservation Easements: Matthew & Brittany Eagle for 64.5 acres, Penny Family for 201 acres, and William H. Sparrow, Sr. for 47 acres****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to approve acquiring three agricultural conservation easements from Matthew and Brittany Eagle, the Penny Family, and William H. Sparrow Sr.; to authorize using existing open space capital project funds for up to 50% of the easement costs; and to authorize the Manager to execute options to purchase and funding agreements if funds are awarded.

- Eagle Acres - 65 acres: Beef cattle farm and managed pine forest, a portion of 1317 Thompson Road (REID 160294)
- Penny Family Farm - 201 acres: Beef cattle farm, a portion of 880 Johnson Mill Road (REID 190202), 9021 Roxboro Road (REID 190199), and REID 19020
- Sparrow Farm Phase 2 - 47 acres: Sheep farm and managed pine forest at 3903 Red Mill Road (REID 169351); expands protection of the Sparrow Family Farm

Protecting these properties will preserve agricultural, scenic, wildlife, and water-quality resources. All three properties are eligible for USDA-NRCS (United States Department of Agricultural- Natural Resource Conservation Service) Agricultural Lands Easement (ALE) funds, which would pay 50% of the easement value if funding is granted. The Farmland Protection Advisory Board has considered and supports the protection of these three farms.

To proceed, the County must secure signed real estate options confirming landowner and County intent for the anticipated October 2026 ACEP-ALE application deadline. The total cost for all three easement projects is estimated at \$3.5 million. At this time the County's open space and farmland preservation capital project account has sufficient funds to cover its 50% share, so no additional funding is required. If ALE funds are awarded, final budgets will be presented to the Board for approval prior to closing which would likely be 18-24 months from now.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The acquisition of conservation easements for permanent open space aligns with Strategic Plan Focus Area: Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment, Objective SI 3: Preserve and restore the natural and built environment, and SI 3d: Protect and restore natural resources, land, recreational, historical, and rural spaces.

Resource Persons: Celeste Burns, Open Space & Real Estate Manager; Jill Fusco, Open Space Coordinator; 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 acquiring three conservation easements from Matthew and Brittany Eagle, the Penny Family, and William H. Sparrow Sr.; to authorize using existing open space capital project funds for up to 50% of the easement costs; and to authorize the Manager to execute options to purchase and funding agreements if funds are awarded.

Attachments:

[AAF Supplemental - Three Conservation Easements - September 2026](#)

[Maps and Photos - Three Conservation Easement Projects - Eagle - Penny - Sr](#)

26-0462

Approval of the FY27 Q1 Durham Transit Work Program Amendment

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve an amendment to the FY27 Durham Transit Work Program (Work Program).

As part of the appropriations process for the Durham County Transit Plan, an Annual Work Program is developed to outline the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The Transit Governance Interlocal Agreement (ILA) establishes the process for developing and approving this budget, requiring formal approval by both the Durham Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and the GoTriangle Board of Trustees.

At its meeting held on August 19, 2026, the Staff Working Group (SWG) recommended approval of an amendment to the Work Program. The BOCC is requested to adopt this amendment.

If approved, the proposed amendments would result in a net zero impact on the adopted Multi-Year Operating Plan (MYOP), which is programmed through FY40. GoTriangle plans to fund the increased costs for Route 800 and Route DRX through schedule efficiency savings on Route 700 and by deferring the planned Route 400 changes from FY30 to FY37. This amendment updates the MYOP to reflect these adjustments.

Although the amendments are cost neutral overall, they create a small change to the FY27 budget summarized below:

1. Route 700 Improvements - decreases FY27 budget by \$219,996
2. Route 800 Improvements - increases FY27 budget by \$109,998

The resulting net decrease to the FY27 Work Program is \$109,998.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with 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 Q1 Durham Transit Work Program Amendment.

Attachments:

[FY27 Q1 Amendment Memo](#)

[FY27 Q1 Amendment Presentation](#)

[FY27 Q1 Amendment Packet](#)

26-0465

**Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA013
Appropriating \$700K of North Carolina Public School Building
Repair Fund Funding to Support Five New Durham Public School
Capital Projects**

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA013 appropriating \$700K of North Carolina Public School Building Repair Fund Funding to support Districtwide Improvement Projects for: water heater replacements, flooring repairs, roofing repairs, life safety system repairs, and elevator repairs. The repairs will ensure the building systems are repaired or replaced to adequately meet the needs of students and staff.

Water heater replacements will include the installation of tankless water heater systems, which are more sustainable, energy-efficient, and cost-effective to operate. **Floor repairs** will improve the functionality, safety, and appearance of multiple instructional and support spaces across the district. **Roofing repairs** will address ongoing leaks, prevent further water intrusion, and improve the overall integrity of the building envelope. **Life safety system repairs** will include the repair and replacement of backflow prevention devices, fire alarm components, and kitchen fire suppression systems identified as deficient during annual inspections. **Elevator repairs** will address code compliance violations and repair critical equipment to ensure safe, reliable, and consistent operation for students, staff, and visitors.

All projects are expected to be completed by June 2027. The table below indicates funds reconciled by DPS and the County that are available for transfer:

Project Name and Number	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Updated Budget
Districtwide - Water Heater Repair (59105400SH326)		\$0.00	\$200,000.00 \$200,000.00
Districtwide - Roofing Repairs (59104500SH327)		\$0.00	\$100,000.00 \$100,000.00
Districtwide - Flooring and Carpet Upgrades (59105400SH328)		\$0.00	\$100,000.00 \$100,000.00
Districtwide - Fire Alarm and Life Safety Repairs (59105400SH329)		\$0.00	\$200,000.00
	\$200,000.00		

Districtwide - Elevator Repairs (59105400SH330)	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Summary	\$0.00	\$700,000.00	\$700,000.00

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This capital project amendment aligns with Goal 1-Community and Family Prosperity and Enrichment, though providing access to educational, vocational, economic and cultural opportunities and by providing support for educational opportunities that ensure high academic achievement.

Resource Persons: Clifton Williams, Durham Public Schools, Executive Director of Facilities

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA013 appropriating \$700K of North Carolina Public School Building Repair Fund Funding to support Districtwide Improvement Projects for: water heater replacements, flooring repairs, roofing repairs, life safety system repairs, and elevator repairs. The repairs will ensure the building systems are repaired or replaced to adequately meet the needs of students and staff.

Attachments: [CPA-13 LEGAL FORM for DPS \(\\$700K\)](#)

[Lottery Forms Signed](#)

[NC State Lottery Funds](#)

26-0467

Approval of One Peer Support Specialist FTE for the Justice Services Department

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve one Peer Support Specialist FTE for the Justice Services Department. As part of the FY 2026-27 budget process, the Opioid Fund awarded the Justice Services Department funding to support the departments work in opioid use prevention. This funding will be used to create one Peer Support Specialist position. A new Peer Support Specialist will increase the department's ability to offer person-centered, strengths-based support for all JSD clients. Peer support specialists utilize their lived experience with substance use and justice involvement to aid participants during their recovery process, guide them through the justice system, and help them connect to resources in the community. This staff member will help justice-involved clients engage with the recovery assistance they need, connect them to prosocial community support, and provide transportation to appointments.

This approval is for the FTE only, funding is already allocated within the FY 2026-27 Budget.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Safe & Resilient Community.

Resource Persons: Roshanna Humphrey, Justice Services Department, Jaeson Smith, Opioid Fund, Dwane Brinson, Assistant County Manager

County Managers' Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve One Peer Support Specialist FTE for the Justice Services Department

26-0470**Sole Source Exemption Approval for Utilities Division Purchase of Lamps, Sleeves, Ballasts, and Seals from Trojan Technologies****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to provide approval for sole source exemption for the purchase of replacement lamps, sleeves, ballasts and seals for the Trojan Ultraviolet System from Trojan Technologies in the amount of \$582,255.56. Trojan Technologies is the sole source of sales and distribution of Trojan equipment for the United States market. Attached are the sole source letter and quote.

This item has been reviewed by the Purchasing Division for compliance with the request for sole source exemption. North Carolina General Statute 143-129(g) (3) allows local governments to be exempted from competitive bidding requirements when a sole source is available, performance or price competition for a product is not available, a needed product is available from only one source of supply, or standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration. This purchase will be funded by the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment and will result in compliance with NPDES Permit NC0026051.

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

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends the Board approve the sole source exemption for the purchase of replacement lamps, sleeves, ballasts and seals for the Trojan UV System from Trojan Technologies in the amount of \$582,255.56.

Attachments:

[AAF Supplemental Document](#)

[QM0009250- revised](#)

[Sole Source - PJ 410916 - Durham County](#)

26-0479**Violence Reduction Working Group Resolution****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to adopt a resolution endorsing and supporting the recommendations of the Durham Violence Reduction Working Group.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with the Strategic Plan Goal Safe and Resilient Community

Resource Persons: Krystal Harris, MSW, Community Intervention & Support Services Director and Roshanna Parker, Justice Services Director

County Managers' Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board endorse the recommendations of the Durham Violence Reduction Working Group.

Attachments:

[Violence Reduction Working Group Resolution](#)

26-0481**Approval of Property Tax Releases and Refunds for August 2026****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to approve the Releases & Refunds for August 2026, which includes adjustments to the current year's levy as well as prior years' levies. Due to property valuation adjustments for over assessments, listing discrepancies, duplicate listings, and clerical errors, etc. the attached reports detail monthly releases and refunds for August 2026.

This month's report includes releases and refunds for tax year 2026 totaling \$ 1,830,616.34. Prior tax years' (2015-2025) releases and refunds are in the amount of \$ 663,489.26. August 2026 releases and refunds total \$ 2,494,105.60.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Financial Stewardship. This request is to ensure the County complies with financial requirements mandated by North Carolina General Statutes which ensures we are accountable to our citizens.

Resource Persons: Keyar Doyle, Tax Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the property tax release and refund report for August 2026, as presented and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined by the report.

Attachments:

[Releases & Refunds Backup Detail-August 2026-Sept 14, 2026](#)

[Backup-Bill Release Report Aug 2026-Sept 14, 2026](#)

[Backup-Pending Refund Report Aug 2026-Sept 14, 2026](#)

[NCVTS July Refunds](#)

[Recommended Denial Letter - Hilton Garden Inn Raleigh Durham Refund Request](#)

[Recommended Denial Letter - Millennium Hotel Durham Refund Request](#)

[Recommended Denials 9.14](#)

26-0484**Approval of Annual Settlement of 2025 Property Taxes and Charge of 2026 Property Taxes to the Tax Collector****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to approve the 2025 Tax Settlement and Charge the Tax Collector with the 2026 taxes.

As required by **G.S. 105-373**, the Tax Administrator is herewith submitting the settlement report of 2025 property taxes. The annual settlement provides in detail the collection for the County, all fire and special districts and the City of Durham, BID, City of Raleigh, Towns of Chapel Hill, Morrisville and Cary during Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

G.S. 105-373 (h) further authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to relieve the Tax Collector of the charges of taxes on classified motor vehicles that are one year or more past due.

Additionally, the General Statutes bar use of any remedies for collection enforcement that is not instituted within 10 years of said taxes becoming due.

Furthermore, pursuant to **G.S. 105-321 (b)**, the Board of County Commissioners charges the Tax Collector with the 2026 Property Tax Receipts.

The Tax Administrator requests authorization to relieve charges of taxes that are beyond the statute of limitations of 10 years and those vehicles that are more than two (2) years past due.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Financial Stewardship. This request is to ensure the County complies with financial requirements mandated by North Carolina General Statutes which ensures we are accountable to our citizens.

Resource Persons: Keyar J. Doyle, Tax Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive and approve the 2025 Property Tax Settlement Report and authorize the Chair to sign the resolution accepting it as reported for entry into the minutes and to authorize the release of taxes that are more than 10 years past due and motor vehicles taxes that are more than 2 years past due. The County Manager further recommends the Board to issue the Order to Collect to the Tax Collector for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Attachments:

[Exhibit 1 Resolution Approving Tax Collector's Settlement FY2025-2026](#)

[Exhibit 2 Settlement for FY 25-26 Tax Accounts](#)

[Exhibit 3 FY2025-2026 Settlement of Unpaid Taxes\(years 2015-2024\)](#)

[Exhibit 4 Tax Collector's Report of Minimal Property Tax Bills\(2025-2026\)](#)

[Exhibit 5 Accounts Receivable \(FY2025-2026\)](#)

[Exhibit 6 FY 25-26 Detail Collector's Rpt\(Unpaid Taxes\)](#)

[Exhibit 6 FY 25-26 Summary Net Collections Report \(All Rpt. Grps.\)](#)

26-0489

Resolution to support Durham Public Schools equipment financing agreement with Insight Investments LLC

Agenda Text:

The Board is asked to approve a financing plan that will enable Durham Public Schools to acquire new classroom technology. Under this proposal, the Durham Public Schools Board of Education will enter into an equipment financing agreement with Insight Investments LLC to purchase approximately 1,996 interactive panels, including installation, training, and warranty services. The total cost of the agreement is \$5,302,859.41, which will be paid over a 59-month period in five equal annual installments of \$1,060,571.88, covering fiscal years 2026-27 through 2030-31.

Because this arrangement qualifies as a continuing capital outlay contract under North Carolina law (N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 115C-441(c1) and 115C-528), it requires formal approval from the County Board of Commissioners before it can move forward. Importantly, this approval does not commit the County to spend new or additional money. Instead, the Board of Commissioners is simply pledging that its regular, ongoing appropriations to the school system will remain sufficient to cover the annual

contract payments; the payments will be drawn from existing funding levels rather than supplemental funds.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Financial Stewardship.

Resource Persons: Jeremy Teeter, CFO, Durham Public Schools; Crystally Wright, Chief Financial Officer; Keith Lane, Budget and Management Services Director; and Claudia Hager, County Manager.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the resolution to authorize Durham Public Schools to purchase interactive panels, including installation, training, and warranty services.

Attachments: [DPS, Durham County Resolution 4907-3518-2536.1](#)

26-0490

Approval of the Retention and Disposition Schedule for Local Government Agencies' Program and General Records

Agenda Text:

North Carolina public records laws require local governments to properly manage and retain public records. The schedule provides the legally approved retention periods for different types of records. Following the schedule helps ensure that records needed for government operations, historical purposes, audits, investigations, or public records requests aren't destroyed prematurely. Formal approval gives departments a common set of rules to follow rather than allowing each employee or department to decide independently how long records should be kept.

Keeping all of public records forever can create unnecessary storage and administrative costs. The schedule provides a structured way to retain records for the required period and then dispose of eligible records appropriately.

The Board of Commissioners is requested to approve the attached Retention and Disposition Schedules for Local Government Agencies for Program and General Records.

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

Resource Persons: Larissa Williamson, County Attorney and Maurice Jones, Deputy County Manager.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends the Board approve the Retention and Disposition Schedule for Local Government Agencies for Program and General Records.

Attachments: [LocalGeneralStandards 2021 2026ed](#)
[LocalProgramStandards 2021 2026ed \(002\)](#)

7. Other Business (45 min)

26-0463**2025 Durham County Community Health Assessment County-wide Survey Results (45min)****Agenda Text:**

The Durham County Department of Public Health (DCoDPH), Partnership for a Healthy Durham, and Duke Health collaborate every three years to design, implement, analyze, and present the survey data from the latest Durham County Community Health Assessment (CHA). The 2025 County-wide survey was conducted between March and June 2025 and reached more than 1200 Durham County residents.

A Community Health Assessment is a process of collecting, analyzing, and sharing information about community assets and needs. Community members and stakeholders gather and supply data to aid in understanding the health issues of the county. The process results in the selection of community health priorities.

Data is vital in giving an accurate picture of Durham County's health and driving decisions to best improve health outcomes for all Durham residents.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Healthy Community.

Resource Persons: Rodney Jenkins, DrPH, MHA, Public Health Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the Durham County Department of Public Health presentation on recent health data and health outcomes.

Attachments:

[AAF Template for 2025 CHA County-wide survey results](#)

[CHA Data report County-wide 082526 FINAL](#)

8. Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda (20 min)**9. Adjournment**

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

Monday, September 14, 2026

7:00 P.M. Regular Session

MINUTES

Place: Commissioners' Chambers, Second Floor, Durham County Government Administrative Complex, 200 East Main Street, Durham, North Carolina

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

Virtual: Commissioner Wendy Jacobs

Presider: Chair Dr. Mike Lee

Zoom Hybrid
Participants: 9

Closed Session – 5:30 PM

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

- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3).

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene to Open Session

Chair Dr. Lee announced the Board met in Closed Session and no action was taken.

Regular Session – 7:00 PM

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Commissioner Burton moved, seconded by Commissioner Valentine to approve the agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Monica Wallace, Clerk to the Board read the following announcements:

1. **Veteran Services Office to Offer Limited Services from September 21 – 25** – Residents seeking assistance from Durham County Department of Veteran Services Office from Monday, September 21 through Friday, September 25, 2026, should note that limited services will be available as staff will be attending their annual accreditation training. The office will resume full service on Monday, September 28. Customers can still reach Veteran Services by calling 919-560-8387, emailing veteranservices@dconc.gov, or visiting their office at 201 N. Roxboro Street, Durham, NC 27701.
2. **Get Help with Your Child with RYSE** – The Resources for Youth Success & Empowerment (RYSE) Assessment Center supports Durham families with youth ages 10 to 17 through fast screenings and referrals. RYSE connects youth with trusted tutoring, mentoring, mental health, workforce programs and more. Walk-ins welcome. Visit their office at 2432 Broad Street or call today. Families, schools, and other community partners can refer to RYSE, your one-stop resource hub. Contact ryse@dconc.gov or 919 560 7661.
3. **Reimagining Durham County Memorial Stadium** – Durham Next, in partnership with Durham County Government and the Durham Sports Commission, is conducting a feasibility study for Durham County Memorial Stadium. The stadium has long been a hub for athletics, events, and community gatherings, and this study will explore potential upgrades, expansion, or rebuilding to better serve Durham and support larger events. Share your vision for the stadium's future through this anonymous 10–15-minute survey. Whether or not you've used the stadium, your input matters. Take the survey and share your perspectives here: https://gensler.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9FTzf7asazEzDv0
4. **Need help with your property taxes?** – The Durham County Department of Social Services offers the Low-Income Homeowners Relief (LIHR) Program for eligible Durham residents. The program provides assistance on current property taxes for eligible homeowners. To qualify, you must own your property, it must have served as your primary residence for at least the past five years, and your income must be less than or equal to 80% of the Area Median Income. If you think you may qualify, click here to learn more and apply online: <https://dconc.gov/Social-Services/Aging-and-Adult-Services/Low-Income-Homeowners-Relief-LIHR>. To apply in person, call (919) 560-8000 to schedule an appointment. For FAQs, visit <https://dconc.gov/Social-Services/Aging-and-Adult-Services/Low-Income-Homeowners-Relief-LIHR>.
5. **Join Welcome Baby for the 3rd Annual Sock Tember Sock Drive** – All September, Welcome Baby is collecting new children's socks (sizes Newborn–Kids 9) with a goal of 6,000 pairs. Donations support families through Welcome Baby's free weekly Giving Closet. Drop-off locations include:
 - Durham County Libraries (Main, East, North, Southwest, South)
 - YMCA (Downtown, Lakewood, Hope Valley Farm)
 - Book Harvest

- Durham Cooperative Extension

To host a private drive or collection box, contact Cindy Riley at 919-560-7319 or ckriley@dconc.gov.

6. **Now Airing: In Touch with Durham County** – Host Deborah Craig-Ray speaks with Derek L. Bowens, Director of Elections, about what to expect for the upcoming General Election and early voting. She also welcomes Kathy Everett-Perry, Chief Employment Officer, for a conversation on building a strong talent pipeline and fostering excellence across county government. Watch the full episode on demand on the Durham County Government YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIIkXMdSNss>

The Board highlighted the following announcement:

- A free historical exhibition at the Durham County Main Library featured three rare 19th-century prints of America's founding document, the Declaration of Independence. The temporary display was presented in collaboration with Duke University's Nasher Museum of Art and included historic copies on loan from the David M. Rubenstein Americana Collection including the famous 1823 Stone facsimile.

Minutes

Vice Chair Allam moved, seconded by Commissioner Burton to approve the August 3, 2026, Work Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ceremonial Items

To Be Recognized

26-0488 Introduction of Sheila Bratts, Durham County Youth Home Director

Dwane Brinson, Assistant County Manager, introduced Sheila Bratts, Durham County Youth Home Director and gave a brief overview of her work and educational background.

Ms. Bratts stated that she was committed to transparency, following policies, and working with staff to operate a safe and supportive youth home. She added that she looked forward to working with the Board.

The Board thanked Ms. Bratts for accepting the position and her dedication to offering better outcomes for our youth.

26-0453 Resolution – Ms. Carrie Zimmerman Matthews 95th Birthday

Commissioner Burton read the following resolution:

MS. CARRIE ZIMMERMAN MATTHEWS 95th BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Ms. Carrie Zimmerman Matthews was born September 19, 1931, attended primary school in Wilson County, North Carolina before graduating with a Bachelor of Arts from North Carolina Central University (NCCU), formerly known as the North Carolina College at Durham. She also earned a Master of Arts in Education from NCCU.

WHEREAS, Ms. Matthews was a Reading Instructor and Undergraduate Advisor at North Carolina Central University for over 45 years and served as a United States Postal Office Clerk. She has also served her community while being a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Eta Phi Zeta Chapter (Chapel Hill, NC) since 1980. She has served in various leadership capacities for over 30 years. Specifically, she has served as President, Secretary, Treasurer, National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Representative, and Undergraduate Advisor to the Omega Iota Chapter at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH).

WHEREAS, Ms. Matthews is a lifelong member of St. Titus Episcopal Church. She provides dedicated service to the Episcopal Women (missions), the Altar Guild, the Holy Cross Senior Organization, and the Usher Board. She is also actively involved in the community with other organizations, including the NCCU Durham Alumni Chapter.

WHEREAS, Ms. Matthews was inducted into 2013 Circle of Elders, sponsored by the Sigma Xi Zeta Graduate Chapter (Morrisville, NC) of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. The Circle of Elders continues the African tradition of honoring elders by paying homage to women (70+ years old) that are active in the community, state, and nation, and lead by example. Ms. Matthews joins the over one-hundred eighty Circle of Elders' members that work tirelessly, give of their time, talents, financial support, and offer priceless wisdom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Durham Board of County Commissioners hereby recognizes and celebrates

MS. CARRIE ZIMMERMAN MATTHEWS 95TH BIRTHDAY

in Durham County and hereby urge all residents to take note of this observance.

This the 14th day of September 2026.

Dr. Mike Lee, Chair

Nida Allam, Vice Chair

Michelle Burton, Commissioner

Wendy Jacobs, Commissioner

Stephen Valentine, Commissioner

Dr. Tyechia Culmer, 20th NC State Director, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Alpha Alpha Epsilon Zeta spoke on behalf of Ms. Matthews. She gave a brief overview of her education, work experience and achievements.

The Board thanked Ms. Matthews, Ms. Culmer and the family in attendance for joining in the celebration of the special occasion.

To Be Acknowledged Only

26-0475 Proclamation - World Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness Day

WORLD ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA AWARENESS DAY | 2026

WHEREAS, September 21st is World Alzheimer's Day; and

WHEREAS, Dementia Inclusive, Inc. holds an annual forum in the month of September to call attention to ways we can all make our community more inclusive for those living with dementia, and this year's world theme is "Understand. Act. Together."; and

WHEREAS, Dementia is a syndrome characterized by a decline in memory and thinking that affects behavior and the ability to perform everyday activities. Alzheimer's is the most common cause of dementia; and

WHEREAS, Dementia is currently the 7th leading cause of death worldwide, and the 6th leading cause for North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Evidence suggests that when people with dementia and their families are well prepared and supported, their shock, anger and grief are best balanced by reassurance and empowerment; and

WHEREAS, Durham invites you to join in partnerships, collaborations, and advocacy efforts to promote well-being, inclusion, and health equity for persons with dementia.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Mike Lee, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, hereby proclaim September 21, 2026, as

"WORLD ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA AWARENESS DAY"

in Durham, NC. We commend this observance and urge everyone to join Dementia Inclusive, Inc. throughout the year to support people with dementia and their caregivers, especially on September 21st; and to attend their annual forum on September 23, 2026.

This 14th day of September 2026.

Dr. Mike Lee, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Adam Hopley, Chair of Board of Dementia Inclusive, Inc. stated the organization aimed to build a community culture of well-being, inclusion, and hope for residents living at risk or with dementia and their care partners. He added Dementia Inclusive would celebrate World's Alzheimer's Day on September 23rd from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Durham Convention Center and Commissioner Jacob's would be one of the speakers at the event.

The Board thanked Mr. Hopley for his continued awareness of and support for Alzheimer's and dementia.

26-0476 Proclamation – Diaper Need Awareness Week 2026

NATIONAL DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK | 2026

- WHEREAS,** diaper need, the condition of not being able to afford a sufficient supply of clean diapers to keep babies and toddlers clean, dry, and healthy, can adversely affect the health and well-being of children and their families; and
- WHEREAS,** national surveys and research studies report that nearly one in two families struggles with diaper need, and 48 percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend the available supply; and
- WHEREAS,** many parents struggling with diaper need report missing an average of five days of work each month due to an insufficient supply of diapers; and
- WHEREAS,** without enough diapers, babies and toddlers risk infections and health problems that may require medical attention and result in additional medical costs, while parents may be prevented from accessing the childcare needed to go to work or school, thereby destabilizing a family's economic prospects and well-being; and
- WHEREAS,** the people of Durham County recognize that diaper need is a public health issue, and addressing diaper need can create greater economic opportunity for families and communities while improving the health and well-being of children, helping ensure that all children and families have access to the basic necessities required to thrive and reach their full potential; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County is proud to be served by trusted community-based organizations, including Diaper Bank of North Carolina, that recognize the importance of diapers in supporting children's health and providing economic stability for families, and that distribute diapers and other basic necessities to families through a variety of community partnerships and programs; and
- WHEREAS,** through its important work addressing diaper needs, Diaper Bank of North Carolina plays a critical role in supporting families, improving infant and child health and well-being, and strengthening the economic stability of communities throughout Durham County and North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Mike Lee, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, hereby proclaim the week of September 14 - 20, 2026, as

“NATIONAL DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK”

in Durham County, North Carolina, and recognizes and thanks Diaper Bank of North Carolina, its staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners for their dedicated service to families in need. Durham County further encourages residents to donate generously to diaper banks and diaper drives and to support organizations that collect and distribute diapers to families experiencing diaper need, so that all children and families in Durham County have the opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential.

This 14th day of September 2026.

Dr. Mike Lee, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Monica Wallace, Clerk to the Board stated that she would mail the proclamation to Sebastian Rio, Community Navigator, Diaper Bank of NC.

26-0477 Proclamation – National Recovery Month

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH | 2026

WHEREAS, behavioral health is now recognized as an essential part of one's overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the costs of not encouraging mental health and substance use recovery is significant for individuals, families, neighborhoods and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, recovery from mental and substance use disorders occurs every day through a variety of prevention, treatment and recovery support resources and programs. People in recovery strive to achieve healthy lifestyles, stable homes, meaningful daily activities, stronger neighborhoods and contribute in positive ways to the larger community; and

WHEREAS, the burden of mental illness in the United States is among the highest of all diseases and mental disorders are among the most common causes of disability. In any given year approximately twenty-five percent of adults experience a mental health issue and, of those diagnosed, one in seventeen experiences a serious and persistent mental illness. People, including children and adolescents, with untreated mental health disorders are at high risk for many unhealthy and unsafe behaviors, including alcohol or drug misuse, violent or self-destructive behavior, and suicide. In addition, the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics indicate that, although drug overdoses have declined over the last two years, overdose is still the leading cause of death for Americans 18 to 44 years old. Given these statistics, we must strive to reduce the stigma and shame associated with brain disorders and help individuals, families and the larger community learn to view them as we would any other medical condition.
<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/drug-overdose-data.htm>

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and the Recovery Community of Durham (RCOD) invite all residents of Durham County, North Carolina to participate in National Recovery Month; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Mike Lee, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, hereby proclaim the month of September, as

“NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH”

in Durham County, North Carolina, and call upon the people of Durham County to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies to celebrate people in recovery and those who support them. Everyone's journey is different, but we are all in this together.

This 14th day of September 2026.

Dr. Mike Lee, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Michelle McKinney, Peer Support Specialist, Recover Community of Durham thanked the Board for their continued support of National Recovery Month. She invited the community to celebrate National Recovery Month on September 26th from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Elizabeth Street United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The Board thanked Ms. McKinney and the Recovery Community of Durham for providing residents with services and programs that support recovery from mental and substance use disorders.

26-0491 Proclamation – 5th Annual North Carolina Black Alliance Rooted in Wellness Day

5th ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA BLACK ALLIANCE ROOTED IN WELLNESS DAY | 2026

- WHEREAS,** Rooted in Wellness Day brings communities across North Carolina together in a shared day of action for health equity, connecting people to free heart health screenings, mammograms, immunizations, nutrition education, and information on Medicaid coverage; and
- WHEREAS,** the North Carolina Black Alliance and a growing network of over 200 grassroots partners carry out this work in the places people already trust: churches, community centers, and neighborhood gathering spaces, so that care reaches Black and Brown communities without unnecessary barriers; and
- WHEREAS,** St. Mark AME Zion Church has long been a steady presence in the health and well-being of Durham County, showing what it means for a faith community to also be a public health partner; and
- WHEREAS,** St. Mark AME Zion Church is hosting Durham County's Rooted in Wellness Day, turning its doors into a point of entry for care and living out its commitment to the full person, body, mind, and spirit; and
- WHEREAS,** this day of action holds up a simple truth: our health outcomes are shaped by the policies enacted, the resources invested, and the strength and joy communities build for themselves; and
- WHEREAS,** a shifting political landscape continues to put access to healthcare at risk, as cuts to Medicaid and food assistance, together with the rising cost of care, push basic health services further out of reach for many North Carolina families; and
- WHEREAS,** in response, faith leaders, grassroots organizations, and community partners are choosing to stand in the gap, directly resourcing the communities they serve so that families are not left waiting on systems that have not always served them well; and
- WHEREAS,** Rooted in Wellness Day carries forward the understanding that public health is community work as much as medical work, and that a community rooted in wellness is a community equipped to face what lies ahead.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Mike Lee, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, hereby proclaim September 19, 2026, as

“ROOTED IN WELLNESS DAY”

in Durham County and encourage all to recognize and appreciate Rooted in Wellness Day and its impact on our community.

This 14th day of September 2026.

Dr. Mike Lee, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Kaida Giddings, Access to Healthcare Program Manager stated NC Black Alliance addressed policy and economic issues to enhance Black communities by developing and promoting systemic policy change, along with youth and leadership development. She invited the Board to attend the annual Rooted in Wellness Day on September 19th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

The Board thanked Ms. Giddings and the NC Black Alliance for their continued support for health and well-being of the Durham community.

Consent Agenda

Chair Dr. Lee asked the Board if they requested to pull or comment on any items on the Consent Agenda.

Chair Dr. Lee stated Items 26-0448 and 26-0479 were requested to be pulled for public comment and would be approved after the consent agenda approval.

Hearing no additional comments, Vice Chair Allam entertained a motion for approval.

Commissioner Burton moved, seconded by Commissioner Valentine to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda except Items 26-0448 and 26-0479.

The motion carried unanimously.

26-0384 Approval of FY 2026-2027 Governor’s Highway Safety Program (GHSP) Grant Funding Resolution, Funding Two Deputies with 75% County Funding and 25% Federal, as well as Reduce Sheriff’s Office Authorized FTE Count by One Position

26-0426 Approval to Enter into a Contract with Hayti Reborn - Justice Movement in the Amount of \$330,000

26-0428 Approval of Proposed Interlocal Agreement and Joint Use Agreement for the New Emergency Operations Center & Backup 911 Call Center Facility Located at 2422 Broad Street, Durham, NC

26-0429 Adopt the 2026 Agriculture Development and Farmland Preservation Plan

*26-0438 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC018 Increasing Both the Expenditures and Revenues of the Shoppes of Hope Valley Fund Center by \$365,000 to Align the County Budget with Recent Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Requirements; there will be a Net Zero Change to the FY 2026-27 Budget

*26-0439 Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA010 & Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC017 Reducing the Available Budgets of Six Durham Public School Capital Project Budgets to \$0, Transferring \$12,517.87 to the \$48,404.11 to the Debt Service Fund and County's Lottery Fund Account (for Future Allocation), and then Closing the Projects in the County Accounting System

*26-0440 Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC019 Recognizing a \$15,000 Grant from the Burt's Bees Foundation to Support Conservation Corps North Carolina's Restoration Work on Durham County Open Space Preserves

*26-0446 Approval appropriating of Capital \$1,649,000 of Project Amendment No.27CPA011 Sewer Utility Capital Fund Fund Balance to Support the TWWTP Rehabilitation and Upgrade Capital Project (7100SE063); as well as Approve the County Manager to Enter Into A Service Contract Amendment with Hazen and Sawyer for Professional Engineering Services for the TWWTP Rehabilitation and Upgrade Project (FR24-715) in the amount of \$1,649,000 Bringing the Total Contract Amount from \$1,053,026 to \$2,702,026 with a not to exceed amount of \$2,912,635

26-0449 Sole Source Exemption Approval for Utilities Division Purchase of 75 HP Nord Motor and Spare Parts from Veolia Water Technologies, Inc. (dba Kruger)

*26-0450 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 27BCC022 to recognize \$171,408 in Grant Funding and Approval of Interlocal Agreement for the 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

26-0451 Approval of Raftelis Contract Amendment for Financial Planning, Rate Study, and Support Services for the Durham County Utilities Division in the Amount of \$44,793.75 Bringing the Total Amount to \$99,793.75 with a Not to Exceed Amount of \$110,000

26-0452 Authorize Award of contract for Easement Maintenance Services (RFP 26-034) for Durham County Utilities to Stormwater Operations Specialists, LLC, in the amount of \$300,000.00 and to execute any \$325,000.00

*26-0454 Budget Ordinance Amendment 27BCC021 Appropriating \$25,000 of Eno Fire Tax District Fund Balance and Increasing the Distribution to Eno Fire and Emergency Services, Inc. for the Purchase of a new Multipurpose Response and Utility Vehicle

*24-0456 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 27BCC020 Appropriating \$212,000.00 of General Fund Fund Balance to the Vehicle Fund Center for Increased Costs Related to a Previously Approved Ambulance Purchase

*24-0457 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 27BCC024 Public Health to Recognize \$300,000 from Carolina Complete Health's Community Reinvestment funding for Durham County's Health Consortium: Project Access Durham County

*26-0459 Capital Project \$48,919,120 of Amendment No.27CPA014 Appropriating Funding to Support

the New Durham County Emergency Operations Center Capital Project (4730DC158); and Authorizing the Execution of the Construction Manager At-Risk Guaranteed Maximum Price Contract with Bordeaux Construction for the Construction of the Emergency Operations Center at a Total Amount Not-To-Exceed \$45,422,037 (Base Bid, Alternates Plus Owner's Contingency)

26-0460 Approve Acquisition of Three Agricultural Conservation Easements: Matthew & Brittany Eagle for 64.5 acres, Penny Family for 201 acres, and William H. Sparrow, Sr. for 47 acres

26-0462 Approval Amendment of the FY27 Q1 Durham Transit Work Program

*26-0465 Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA013 Appropriating \$700K of North Carolina Public School Building Repair Fund Funding to Support Five New Durham Public School Capital Projects

26-9467 Approval of One Peer Support Specialist FTE for the Justice Services Department

26-0470 Sole Source Exemption Approval for Utilities Division Purchase of Lamps, Sleeves, Ballasts, and Seals from Trojan Technologies

*26-0481 Approval of Property Tax Releases and Refunds for August 2026

26-0484 Approval of Annual Settlement of 2025 Property Taxes and Charge of 2026 Property Taxes to the Tax Collector

26-0489 Resolution to support Durham Public Schools equipment financing agreement with Insight Investments LLC

26-0490 Approval of the Retention and Disposition Schedule for Local Government Agencies' Program and General Records

Consent Agenda Item #26-0438

**Durham County, North Carolina
FY2026-27 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 27BCC018**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the 2026-2027 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Environmental Protection	\$7,446,591.00	\$365,000.00	\$7,811,591.00
<u>Revenue</u>			
Rental Income	\$654,200.00	\$365,000.00	\$1,019,200.00

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved September 14, 2026

**Durham County, North Carolina
FY 2026-27 Capital Project
Amendment Number 27CPA-10**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:
That the FY 2026-27 capital project is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Project #	Project Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Updated Budget
59105400SH291	High School Theater Renovations	\$2,411,442.00	(\$45,934.38)	\$2,365,507.62
59105400SH302	Multiple Schools - LED Lighting Installation	\$1,239,000.00	(\$3,498.01)	\$1,235,501.99
59105400SH305	K-5 School Replace Playground Equipment	\$3,189,948.90	(\$19.16)	\$3,189,929.74
59105400SH321	DPS Radio Replacement Project	\$341,672.00	(\$2,469.73)	\$339,202.27
59105400SH322	Districtwide - Roofing Repairs	\$150,000.00	(\$8,730.81)	\$141,269.19
59105400SH323	Districtwide – Life Safety Equipment Upgrades	\$150,000.00	(\$0.00)	\$150,000.00
59105400SH324	Districtwide – Carpet and Flooring Upgrades	\$100,00.00	(\$268.89)	\$99,731.11

All capital projects in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved September 14, 2026

**Durham County, North Carolina
FY 2026-27 Capital Project
Amendment Number 27CPA-10**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:
That the FY 2026-27 capital project is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Project #	Project Name	Final Budget	Closing Project
59105400SH291	High School Theater Renovations	\$2,365,507.62	Closing
59105400SH302	Multiple Schools – LED Lighting Installation	\$1,235,501.99	Closing
59105400SH305	K-5 Schools Replace Playground Equipment	\$3,189,929.74	Closing
59105400SH321	DPS Radio Replacement Project	\$339,202.27	Closing
59105400SH322	Districtwide – Roofing Repairs	\$141,269.19	Closing
59105400SH323	Districtwide – Life Safety Equipment Upgrades	\$150,000.00	Closing
59105400SH324	Districtwide – Carpet and Flooring Upgrades	\$99,731.11	Closing

All capital projects in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved September 14, 2026

**Durham County, North Carolina
2026-2027 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 27BCC017**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:
That the 2026-2027 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
General Government	\$111,634,693.00	\$48,404.11	\$111,683,097.11
<u>Revenue</u>			
Other Financing Services	\$109,331,140.00	\$48,404.11	\$109,379,544.11

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved September 14, 2026

Consent Agenda Item #26-0440

**Durham County, North Carolina
FY2026-27 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 27BCC019**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:
That the 2026-2027 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Environmental Protection	\$7,811,591.00	\$15,000.00	\$7,826,591.00
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$72,791,795.00	\$15,000.00	\$72,806,795.00

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved September 14, 2026

Consent Agenda Item #26-0446

**Durham County, North Carolina
FY 2026-27 Capital Project
Amendment Number 27CPA-11**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:
That the FY 2026-27 capital project is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Project #	Project Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Updated Budget
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71006011SE063	TWWTP Rehabilitation and Upgrade Project	\$1,263,635.00	\$1,649,000.00	\$2,912,635.00
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All capital projects in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved September 14, 2026

Consent Agenda Item #26-0450

**Durham County, North Carolina
FY2026-27 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 27BCC022**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:
That the 2026-2027 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Public Safety	\$96,671,333.72	\$171,408.00	\$96,842,741.72
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$72,522,045.00	\$171,408.00	\$72,693,453.00

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved September 14, 2026

Consent Agenda Item #26-0454

**Durham County, North Carolina
FY2026-27 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 27BCC021**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:
That the 2026-2027 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Public Safety	\$12,938,906.00	\$25,000.00	\$12,963,906.00
<u>Revenue</u>			
Other Financing Services	\$64,589.00	\$25,000.00	\$89,589.00

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved September 14, 2026

Consent Agenda Item #26-0456

**Durham County, North Carolina
2026-2027 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 27BCC020**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:
That the 2026-2027 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
General Government	\$195,685,219.00	\$212,000.00	\$195,897,219.00
<u>Revenue</u>			
Other Financing Services	\$23,628,135.72	\$212,000.00	\$23,840,135.72

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved September 14, 2026

Consent Agenda Item #26-0457

**Durham County, North Carolina
FY2026-27 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 27BCC024**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:
That the 2026-2027 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Services	\$113,357,333.00	\$300,000.00	\$113,657,333.00
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$72,993,453.00	\$300,000.00	\$73,293,453.00

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved September 14, 2026

Consent Agenda Item #26-0459

**Durham County, North Carolina
FY 2026-27 Capital Project
Amendment Number 27CPA-14**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:
That the FY 2026-27 capital project is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Project #	Project Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Updated Budget
47302635DC158	Emergency Operation Center (EOC) & Backup 911/DSO Call Center Project	\$6,237,195.00	\$48,919,120.00	\$55,156,315.00

All capital projects in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved September 14, 2026

Consent Agenda Item #26-0465

**Durham County, North Carolina
FY 2026-27 Capital Project
Amendment Number 27CPA-13**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:
That the FY 2026-27 capital project is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Project #	Project Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Updated Budget
59105400SH326	Districtwide – Water heater repair	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
59105400SH327	Districtwide – Roofing Repairs	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
59105400SH328	Districtwide – Flooring and Carpet Upgrades	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
59105400SH329	Districtwide – Fire Alarm and Life Safety Repairs	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
59105400SH330	Districtwide – Elevator Repairs	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00

All capital projects in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved September 14, 2026

Consent Agenda Item #26-0481

RELEASES AND REFUNDS – August 2026

Current Year 2026 Taxes	Releases	Refunds	
Real Property	\$ 1,310,734.12	\$ 48,356.70	
Personal Property	\$ 445,784.93	\$ 2,543.15	
Motor Vehicle	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Solid Waste	\$ 185.00	\$ 0.00	
Stormwater Utility	\$ 192.00	\$ 0.00	
Public Service	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
VTs Refunds	\$ 0.00	\$ 22,775.88	
Gross Rec. /Bev. Lic.	\$ 0.00	\$ 44.56	
SUB – TOTAL	\$ 1,756,896.05	\$ 73,720.29	\$ 1,830,616.34
Prior Year 2015-2025	Releases	Refunds	
Real Property	\$ 21,706.87	\$ 11,151.69	
Personal Property	\$ 630,451.19	\$ 157.78	
GAP Vehicles	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Motor Vehicle	\$ 0.00	\$ 20.64	
Solid Waste	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Stormwater Utility	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
VTs Refunds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Gross Rec. /Bev. Lic.	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.09	
SUB - TOTAL	\$ 652,158.06	\$ 11,331.20	\$ 663,489.26
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 2,409,054.11	\$ 85,051.49	\$ 2,494,105.60

Other Business

26-0463 2025 Durham County Community Health Assessment County-wide Survey

Dr. Rodney Jenkins, Public Health Director stated that the data was vital to providing an accurate picture of Durham County's health. He added the information guided decisions aimed at improving health outcomes for all Durham residents.

Savannah Carrico, Public Health Epidemiologist and Bria Miller, Public Health Educational Program Manager shared the *2025 Community Health Assessment County-wide Survey Results* presentation which highlighted the following: The Purpose of the Report, How We Collected Information, Key Locations, Topics Covered, Who Took the Survey, Health and Housing, Safety and Well-Being, Mental Health, Community Support, Stress, Food Access, Exercise, Emergency Preparedness, Better Serve Residents that use Opioids and Summary.

The Board inquired about the survey period and whether the survey was available only in-person. Ms. Carrico responded that the survey was conducted from March through June 2025 and stated residents could complete the survey either in-person or by using flyers with quick response (QR) codes. The Board asked how the County could assist residents with housing, mental health, and other needed services. Dr. Jenkins responded that Durham County was progressive; however, changes in federal and state funding created the difficulty of residents' needs exceeding the funding available to address them.

The Board inquired about the locations of the survey and listening sessions. Ms. Miller responded locations included libraries, the Farmer's Market, churches, ice cream shops, the lobby in the Health and Human Services Building, and virtual sessions. Dr. Jenkins noted that his department welcomed the opportunity to discuss the data with the Board.

The Board and County Manager Hager thanked Dr. Jenkins, Ms. Carrico and Ms. Miller for their efforts and work on conducting a successful survey.

Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda

26-0448 Adoption of the Cultural Roadmap Plan Pending Modifications and Considerations by Upper Management

The following citizens supported the adoption of the Cultural Roadman Plan: *Aya Shabu, Katie Wyatt, Patricia Lemm, Marget McNab, Tim Walter and Evonne Coleman.*

Rebecca Holmes, City of Durham Cultural and Public Art Manager stated the department collaborated with Durham Arts Council to offer school programs, paint murals at schools and involve local artists.

The Board inquired about youth grants. Claudia Hager, County Manager, stated she would provide the Board with an update at an upcoming meeting; adding the County was able to allocate \$400,000 due to budget limitations. The Board asked if the proposal was available online. Ms. Holmes replied the proposal was available at www.GreaterDurham.org. The Board asked if the budget portion of the proposal could be added separately to the website. Ms. Holmes responded she would add the budget separately to the website.

Vice Chair Allam moved, seconded by Commissioner Valentine to approve Item 26-

0448 from the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

26-0479 Violence Reduction Working Group Resolution

Kalilah Donald, Citizen

Ms. Donald stated residents familiar with violence would play an important role in the conversations about finding solutions. She added schools should be included in the efforts to resolve conflicts without guns.

Vice Chair Allam moved, seconded by Commissioner Valentine to approve Item 26-0479 from the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Valentine moved, seconded by Vice Chair Allam to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 8:57 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Macio Carlton', written in a cursive style.

Macio Carlton
Deputy Clerk to the Board