



Durham County

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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

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Monday, January 4, 2016

9:00 AM

Commissioners' Chambers

Worksession

"Public Charge"

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

As a courtesy to others, please turn off cell phones during the meeting.

9:00 am Worksession Agenda

1. Citizen Comments (30 min)

16-806

Citizen Comments

Agenda Text:

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

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

Resource Persons: V. Michelle Parker-Evans, County Clerk to the Board

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

2. Discussion Items:

16-814

Durham County Space Needs Analysis and Facility Master Plan Update Presentation- 45 min

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to receive a presentation on the update to the Durham County Space Needs Analysis and Facility Master Plan. On March 9, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners awarded a contract to O'Brien/Atkins Associates, P.A. to update the Space Needs Analysis and Facility Master Plan. The original Master Plan was completed in March 2000 and amended in March 2003.

The previous Master Plan required updating in order to address the current and project operational needs of the County due to growth in the population, legislatively mandated services, changes in technology, economic development and other factors. A series of surveys and meetings were held with various departments as part of this effort. This work is nearing completion and the architect will provide an update to the Board.

This update will provide a comprehensive look ahead at space need requirements for service delivery, parking, storage, vehicle storage and etc. The update will also allow Durham County to make informed decisions about the future use of the DSS Main Street facility and other County owned facilities in preparation for the creation of the upcoming Capital Improvement Plan.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This requests aligns with Strategic Plan Goal #5 - (Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government) - by providing a plan that will allow more efficient service delivery and better customer service through the design and construction of County facilities.

Resource Persons: Jay Gibson, P.E, Director of Engineering and Environmental Services; Peri Manns, ASLA, Senior Project Manager; Kevin Montgomery, FAIA, O'Brien/Atkins Associates, P.A.; Tim Hillhouse, AIA, O'Brien/Atkins Associates, P.A.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the presentation and provide direction to staff appropriately.

16-837

Upper Neuse River Basin Association Update- 30 min

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to receive the update from Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) Executive Director Forrest Westall and ask any questions they wish.

The Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) was formed in 1996 to provide an ongoing forum for cooperation on water quality protection and water resource planning and management within the 770-square-mile watershed. Seven (of the 8) municipalities, 6 counties (including Durham County), and local Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the watershed voluntarily formed the Association.

The mission of the UNRBA is to preserve the water quality of the Upper Neuse River Basin through innovative and cost-effective pollution reduction strategies, and to constitute a forum to cooperate on water supply issues within the Upper Neuse River Basin by:

- Forming a coalition of units of local government, public and private agencies, and other interested and affected communities, organizations, businesses and individuals to secure and pool financial resources and expertise;
- Collecting and analyzing information and data and developing, evaluating and implementing strategies to reduce, control and manage pollutant discharge; and
- Providing accurate technical, management, regulatory and legal recommendations regarding the implementation of strategies and appropriate effluent limitations on discharges into the Upper Neuse River Basin.

The nature and function of the UNRBA changed substantially in FY13-14 due to growing concerns with the nature of and potential liabilities associated with the Falls Lake Rules adopted by the state. In addition to our normal dues, which are based on both population and land area in the Falls watershed, each participating UNRBA jurisdiction also started paying a monitoring assessment. These assessments have helped UNRBA, working with a new and very experienced executive director as well as contracting with expert consultants, to collect additional information about the watershed and lake water quality which will help Durham County and other participating governments, working with the state, to make sure the Falls Lake Rules, which are currently under revision, are revised to reflect better science and thus better public policy.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Protecting water quality is clearly in line with Goal 4 of our strategic plan, but compliance costs with the rules could certainly be significant enough to affect our ability to invest in other areas important to Durham County.

Resource Persons: Forrest Westall, Executive Director (Upper Neuse River Basin Association); Drew Cummings, Assistant County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that

the Board receive the update from Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) Executive Director Forrest Westall and ask any questions they wish.

16-807**Proposed Amendments to the Durham County Solid Waste Ordinance - 30 min****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to review and consider amendments to Sections 20-4, 20-5, 20-16 and the addition of Section 20-18 to the Durham County Solid Waste Ordinance. These amendments and changes to the Ordinance are in response to the increasing need of Solid Waste Division staff to reduce the number of illegal dump sites and nuisance properties located within the unincorporated areas of Durham County. New provisions to the Ordinance include establishing responsibility for litter found at illegal dump sites (prima facia), expanding the number of violations subject to civil penalties, increasing the amounts of penalties and fines for violating sections of the Ordinance and establishing for addressing nuisance properties within the unincorporated areas of Durham County.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Durham County Government through State Statutes and County Code of Ordinances is responsible for properly managing and disposing of the solid waste and recyclable materials generated in the unincorporated areas of Durham County. These responsibilities align with Strategic Plan Goal 4 - Environmental Stewardship, by strengthening and enforcing rules that protect our environment.

Resource Persons: Motiryo Keambiroiro, General Services Director; Brian S. Haynesworth, Solid Waste Program Manager; Chrissie Koroivui, Waste Reduction Supervisor; and Ozzie Day, Litter Control Investigator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board review and consider amendments to Sections 20-4, 20-5, 20-16 and the addition of Section 20-18 to the Durham County Solid Waste Ordinance.

Attachments:

[Proposed Amendments to Solid Waste Ordinance](#)

16-821**DSS Report on Able Bodied Adults without Dependents****Agenda Text:**

At the request of Commissioner Wendy Jacobs, the Board is requested to receive a report about state legislation that goes into effect January 2016 that could impact approximately 2700 Durham residents related to their food and nutrition benefits. In January, the Department will be required to implement new requirements for Able Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs) ages 18-49 who could now be required to work, volunteer or be in school at least 20 hours per week to be eligible for food benefits for more than three months.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 2: Health and Well-being for All which decrease health disparities within the community.

Resource Persons: Michael A. Becketts, DSS Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that

the Board receive the report on Able Bodied Adults without Dependents.

Attachments: [Able Bodied Chart backup for AAF](#)

3. Adjournment