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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

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Monday, April 3, 2017

9:00 AM

Commissioners' Chambers

Worksession

"Public Charge"

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

9:00 am Worksession Agenda

1. Citizen Comments (30 min)

17-0151

Citizen Comments- 30 min

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:

17-0094

Update on Durham County Transit Plan- 30 min

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to receive an informational update on the Durham County Transit Plan. No action is requested.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: (brief statement and relevant goal)

Resource Persons: Linda Thomas-Wallace, Transportation Program Manager; John Tallmadge, Director, Regional Services Development

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

Attachments:

[OVERVIEW of DRAFT PLANS - Durham BOCC Revised](#)

17-0159

Resolution to Support Healthy Durham 20/20 Movement - 30 min

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to review and revise a draft resolution prepared by members of the Healthy Durham Convening Group that will articulate the Board's support for improving health outcomes in Durham County.

The Convening Group is currently comprised of Farad Ali, Rukmini Balu, MaryAnn Black, Spencer Bradford, Deborah Craig-Ray, Wendell Davis, Geoff Durham, Gayle Harris, Bert L'Homme, Michelle Lyn, Kimberly Monroe, Lori O'Keefe, Rev. Dr. James Owens, Ivan Parra, Constance Stancil, Doug Stokke, Beverly Thompson, Gina Upchurch, Paul Vick, and Dr. Eugene Washington.

The Healthy Durham 20/20's mission is to ensure sustained improvement in the health and equity of life of the entire Durham Community. Its vision is to establish Durham as one of the healthiest counties in the nation. To realize this vision, Healthy Durham 20/20 will:

- Maintain a multi-sector coalition representing the stakeholders necessary to address the major social determinants of health;
- Identify the set of interventions that measurably improve health across the community;
- Harness the capacity of public and private participating entities to implement multi-sector programs that reduce health disparities and improve health; and
- Create a movement that empowers every community member in Durham to be proactive and holistic in enhancing the quality of life for themselves, their loved ones and the entire community.

Healthy Durham 20/20 will document improvements in health status for all of Durham by using recognized national health rankings metrics.

Members of the Convening Group drafted resolutions to present to the: Board of Education, City Council, and Board of County Commissioners for their review and revisions to the parts of the resolution that detail their contributions to making Durham a healthier county. The Board of Education adopted a similar resolution in February 2017. Other sector-members will also approach their membership with similar documents/statements that will memorialize their commitment to this undertaking.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 2: Health and Well-being for All

Resource Persons: Gayle Harris, General Manager and Wendell Davis, County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board provide edits to the draft resolution that will document the Board's commitment to improving the health status for all of Durham and approve the resolution on the consent agenda during a regular session of the Board of Commissioners.

Attachments: [Resolution to Advance Health Together -DCo Draft](#)

17-0096

Bond Rating Criteria - 45 min

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to hear a presentation from DEC Associates, Inc., the County's Financial Advisor, on the criteria used by the Rating Agencies (Standard & Poor's and Moody's).

In addition, staff will provide recommendations for changes to the County's Financial Fund Balance Policy concerning the County's goal of fund balance available as a percentage of expenditures, the unassigned fund balance level, the committed for reappraisal reserve in the County's General Fund as well as some other technical changes.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government

Resource Persons: Douglas Carter, President & Managing Director, DEC Associates, Inc., George K. Quick, Chief Financial Officer and Susan Tezai, Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board hear the presentation and consider staff's recommendation.

Attachments: [Durham County Finance Policy Revised BOCC Approved April 3, 2017 w tracke](#)
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17-0154

Presentation - Counties for the Elimination of Discrimination against

Women - 20 min

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to receive a presentation from the North Carolina Coalition for Counties for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. NC Fellows will share their research on the status of women in Durham and offer some possible solutions.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: (brief statement and relevant goal)

Resource Persons: Beth Dehghan: Founder of the NC Coalition for CEDAW, Cristy Villalobos - Meredith College (Sr.), and Lauren Frey - North Carolina State University (Sr.), and Zoe Willingham - Duke University (Sr.)

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the presentation and direct staff accordingly.

Attachments: [durham county commissioners](#)

[Women's Presentation - Wages](#)

17-0155**Discussion of Triangle J Council of Governments' request for Resolution of Support in forming an Economic Development District through the United States Economic Development Administration**

Agenda Text: The Board of Commissioners is requested to discuss the attached Resolution supporting Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG) forming an Economic Development District (EDD) through the United States Economic Development Administration (USEDA). Should the Board agree with the proposed request following the discussions, a Consent Agenda item will be placed on the April 11, 2017 Regular Meeting agenda for formal action in favor of the request.

Background:

The United States Economic Development Administration (EDA) works with regions across the United States, primarily through Economic Development Districts (EDD). In North Carolina, EDDs have been formed in every region in North Carolina, except for the Triangle J region and the Isothermal Region in the western part of North Carolina (Isothermal is currently forming their own EDD, meaning the Triangle region will be alone in not having an EDD in a short period of time).

The formation of an EDD allows the region to have a more direct connection to US EDA and will allow TJCOG to assist member governments as they interact with EDA on grant projects and other initiatives. Formation of an EDD will not duplicate existing economic development efforts by local economic developers and is not meant as an economic development recruitment service. Rather, an EDD will allow TJCOG to provide enhanced services to its member governments in economic development coordination, capacity building and other needs as the member governments determine.

There is no financial commitment needed from Durham County for this effort, only a Resolution of support. The formation of the EDD will allow TJCOG to

receive funding from EDA to staff an individual to work on the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which was last adopted by the TJCOG Board of Delegates in 2012 and is due for an update this year. A current CEDS document is a critical component for any local government to be competitive for US EDA funds, so it is imperative that TJCOG build staff capacity so that the CEDS can be updated on behalf of the region and its member governments.

This effort will also allow TJCOG to enhance its successful Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) Program and provide other economic development support services to our member governments through enhanced staff capacity. The Triangle J Council of Governments' Board of Delegates have unanimously supported pursuit of the Economic Development District. In addition, the Board of Delegates has consistently identified economic development as a top priority in the region and expressed their expectation that TJCOG staff develop capacity to assist member governments in this area. The formation of the EDD is directly related to the Board of Delegates' direction to TJCOG staff on this item. Resolutions of support are required from the counties in the region to move forward with an application to EDA. Further, the concept has also been presented to local economic developers at a recent Research Triangle Regional Partnership Economic Developers meeting and received support from the group.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The proposed Resolution supports the following goal areas: Goal Area 1 - Community and Family Enrichment; Goal Area 4 - Environmental and Economic Stewardship; Goal Area 5 - Visionary Government

Resource Persons: Lee Worsley, Executive Director, TJCOG; Jay Gibson, P.E., General Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board discuss the request from TJCOG and attendant resolution and, if favorable, direct staff to prepare the Consent Agenda item for action on April 11, 2017.

Attachments: [Durham County EDD Resolution](#)

17-0157

Update on Homeless Day Service Center at Nehemiah Christian Center -20 min

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to receive an update on the homeless day service center being run by the Nehemiah Christian Center.

When the Main Library branch closed for renovations in January 2017, Durham County entered into a service contract with Nehemiah Christian Center to provide a safe space during weekdays where community members have access to a warm and secure space with restrooms and public computers. Staff will provide an update on attendance at the current day center and discuss possible opportunities for fiscal year 2017-18.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This presentation aligns with Goal 1 - Community Prosperity

Resource Persons: Drew Cummings, Chief of Staff, Rafael Baptista, Strategic Initiatives Analyst

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the update on the homeless day services center at Nehemiah Christian Center.

Attachments: [Nehemiah - Scope of Services](#)
[Base Service Contract w Nehemiah \(1\)](#)

17-0152 Discussion - Rules of Procedures (Remote Participation) - 45 min

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to continue discussion on amendments to the Board's Rules of Procedure. The Board will discuss remote participation at Board meetings.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 5

Resource Persons: Lowell Siler, County Attorney; V. Michelle Parker-Evans, County Clerk; Board of County Commissioners

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board discuss its Rules and direct staff accordingly.

Attachments: [SOG - Remote Participation in Meetings](#)
[Remote Participation Policy for Meetings of Board - Draft](#)

17-0153 Commissioner Comments - 15 min

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to allow each Commissioner three minutes to report on conferences or make comments regarding issues that may be of interest or concern to the Board.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 5

Resource Persons: Board of County Commissioners

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board allow comments from each commissioner and direct staff accordingly.

3. Adjournment