



Durham County

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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

Monday, February 25, 2019

7:00 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

Regular Session

"Public Charge"

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

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

7:00 pm Regular Session

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

19-0101 Announcements

Agenda Text:

1. **Individual Meetings to Discuss the Appraisal Process** - There are still four (4) dates left to meet with tax staff to discuss the appraisal process. Interested residents are asked to contact the Tax Office at 919-560-0300 or visit www.dconc.gov/taxhelp <<http://www.dconc.gov/taxhelp>> to register to attend any of the sessions listed below.

Southwest Regional Library: Tuesday, February 26th, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

East Regional Library: Wednesday, February 27th, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Administrative Building II: Thursday, February 28th, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

South Regional Library: Friday, March 1st, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Please note the deadline to schedule a meeting has been extended to Thursday, February 28th.

2. **Durham County, State Officials Announce the Expansion of AveXis, Inc., in RTP** - Durham County Government played a pivotal role in an official announcement at the North Carolina Biotechnology Center on Monday, February 18, 2019, where gene therapy company AveXis, Inc., and the North Carolina Department of Commerce announced a doubling of the expansion of AveXis' manufacturing center in Durham County. The \$60 -million expansion will bring an additional 200 jobs that offer a spectrum of employment opportunities that exceed the County's average pay. AveXis, which develops treatments for rare and life-threatening neurological diseases, previously announced it would expand in May 2018 and create 200 jobs with a \$55-million investment at its facility located inside Research Triangle Park.
3. **My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Durham Mini Grant Program Accepting Applications** - The MBK Durham Mini Grant Program awards grants to local groups to provide support for youth focused grassroots initiatives to impact community change and is intended to provide support and engagement for boys and young men of color in Durham County. The goal is to support mentorship, creative discussion and activities by nonprofits and other community driven initiatives who will use their efforts toward helping our boys and young men of color many other milestones.

More information and the mini grant application can be found at: [_<http://www.mbkdurham.info>](http://www.mbkdurham.info)

4. **2019-2020 Durham Pre-Kindergarten Programs Now Enrolling** - Your 4-year old child may be eligible to attend Durham County's NCPRE-K Program, Durham PreK and/or Durham Public Schools' Pre-Kindergarten.

For more information or to apply please do one of the following:

- a. Call 919-314-6813 to set an appointment time between February 4th and May 16th
 - b. Visit www.dpfc.net/our-work/ncpk/
[<http://www.dpfc.net/our-work/ncpk/>](http://www.dpfc.net/our-work/ncpk/) or www.dpsnc.net
[<http://www.dpsnc.net>](http://www.dpsnc.net)
 - c. Walk in at East Durham Children's Initiative (EDCI) at 2101 Angier Ave between 11am - 2pm on March 4th, 18th or April 1st, 15th or 29th or 4pm - 6pm on March 5th, 19th or April 2nd, 16, or 30th.
5. **Safe Haven for Online Sales** - The Durham County Sheriff's Office can provide you with a safe and secure location to complete online sales. Available during business hours or Monday - Friday 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. and

Saturday - Sunday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Please call 919-560-0900 to schedule an appointment or we will meet you at the Courthouse Parking Lot on S. Roxboro Street and Pettigrew Street.

6. **LIEAP - Low Income Energy Assistance Program:** LIEAP will be open to ALL Durham County residents, January 2 - March 31, 2019. Applications will be taken at the Department of Social Services in the Crisis Lobby #27 Monday - Friday at 414 East Main Street from 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Call 919-560-8000 to schedule your LIEAP appointment. Walk-ins are welcome. The LIEAP Program assists with heating only. Bring a photo ID, Social Security card, income verification and verification of heating source-heating bill to your appointment.

7. **Save The Date: Women's Health Awareness 2019** - A Women's Wellness Conference with **FREE** health screenings, education sessions, healthy living sessions and health resources will be held on Saturday, April 6th from 8:00am - 5:00pm at the Mary Townes Science Building located at 1900 Concord St (NCCU Campus).

Registration for this event is FREE and ends Friday, March 15th. Register at www.niehs.nih.gov/whad <<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/whad>>. For more information please email whad@niehs.nih.gov <<mailto:whad@niehs.nih.gov>> or call (984) 287-4414.

8. **Boys of Color Conference** - My Brother's Keeper Durham and North Carolina Central University Male Achievement Center (M.A.C) will kick-off their inaugural conference on April 13, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Miller Morgan Auditorium located at 1801 Fayetteville St (NCCU Campus).

This year's theme is Be the Change: The Re-Dedication to Black Male Achievement. This event is free and is aimed for males ages 14 and up.

Pre-registration is suggested at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-boys-men-of-color-conference-aami-tickets-54901674386?fbclid=IwAR1Q3fHsVyPKeXYDPHtW0-cUHk2rdzDGzSxPTUaJ1CMwTrtNsDuCyZqnyvk>

Volunteers and sponsors are also needed. Please contact mybrotherskeeper@dconc.gov if you are interested.

9. **We're 150 Years Old, Y'all!** As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Durham throughout 2019, we're honoring the changemakers who shaped Durham's unique sense of place, and we're rightfully touting Durham's position in the future. Home to scholars, artists, and entrepreneurs, we're accustomed to movement, creativity, and blazing new trails. SAVE THE DATE, April 13, 2019 - Durham 150 opening celebration. Visit www.DURHAM150.ORG <<http://www.DURHAM150.ORG>> and look for announcements in January for more on how to get involved.

10. **Durham's First Youth National Track and Field Championship** - The Durham Sports Commission will host the 2019 USA Track & Field Youth Outdoor National Championships on June 25-30, one of four national championships USATF holds each year for youth amateur athletes, and the first national championship for youth track and field hosted in Durham. Registration for the championship is now live for both athletes and spectators. Athletes can register by going to www.athletic.net <<http://www.athletic.net>> and spectators can purchase an all-championship pass on the Eventbrite event page. All day championship passes are \$55 and single day tickets are \$10.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-usatf-youth-nationals-outdoor-championship-tickets-55716644985?fbclid=IwAR1MgFexs0AIoDA3BNtr7RlxMFjF07m1QhIvvDbeP3WsICn9KV8PtXASspo&utm_campaign=Bull-etin&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=70056129&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-5K-SbSIZIfIu70gwqfVvghT1kV8ZItJPqxZn9qcnAYtHZJhziKv2Xl5yie9c9r0V0cut3ZXnBtIGeJzmQACiYmIn3zA&_hsmi=70056129>

11. **Alert Durham** - Sign Up Today: Durham County wants to keep its citizens informed and safe in the case of an emergency. Sign up for Alert Durham to receive notifications about severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. To sign up for Alert Durham, visit www.AlertDurham.com <<http://www.AlertDurham.com>>

12. **Get Involved!** It's your County. Durham County Government has approximately 43 active advisory boards referred to as Boards and Commissions. Citizens of Durham County may volunteer to participate by applying for a vacancy.

Interested citizens should fill out an application and send it to the Clerk to the Board's Office. A description of the boards as well as a list of vacancies can be found on the County's website at <http://www.dconc.gov/government/departments-a-e/board-of-commissioners/boards-and-commissions>. If you need additional information, please contact

the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025 or email to:

BoardsandCommissions@dconc.gov

[<mailto:BoardsandCommissions@dconc.gov>](mailto:BoardsandCommissions@dconc.gov)

This information can also be found on our Durham County Website:
www.dconc.gov

These announcements along with additional details may also be found on the County's website or you may call the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025.

4. Minutes (5 min)

[19-0096](#)

Minutes

Attachments: [Work Session - January 7, 2019](#)

5. Ceremonial Items (20min)

[19-0043](#)

Presentation of the 2018 Champions in Transportation Awards & Proclamation

Agenda Text:

This event originally scheduled for December 10, 2018 was cancelled due to inclement weather and is rescheduled for Board action February 25, 2019.

The Board is requested to formally proclaim February 25, - March 4, 2019 as Champions in Transportation Week and present the 2018 "Champion in Transportation" Awards.

Now in its' third consecutive year Durham County ACCESS in conjunction with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) will recognize some of the true unsung champions that utilize the demand response service. Without Durham County ACCESS, in many cases these recipients would not have a dedicated, safe and accessible means to travel to work, medical & health related appointments or trips to basic destinations for essential needs. The community and organizational awardees represent some of the heroes and true champions that work endlessly to support and advocate for greater mobility options and investment in public transportation, locally, statewide and at the national level.

The 2018 "Champion in Transportation" award categories and recipients are as follows:

Passenger of the Year: LeRoy Farrington (Rural General Public- Work Trip)

Senior Citizen of the Year: Mary Cropper (Senior Center Activities)

Exceptional Customer Service

Employee of the Year: Thandiwe (Tiny) Meek, First Transit

Excellence in Advocacy: David Rhew, Executive Director, NCPTA

CHAIRMAN'S AWARDS

Heart of a Champion: Randolph Lynch (First Transit)

Spirit of Durham: Zack Hawkins, State Representative and TAB Member

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 1- Community and Family Prosperity and Enrichment and Goal 2 - Health & Well-being for All. Increased mobility and access to transportation enhances the quality of life, health and economic well-being of Durham County residents. The program and activities highlight the riders and partners that utilize and advocate for public transportation service.

Resource Persons: Linda Thomas, Durham County ACCESS, Transportation Program Manager, Deborah Crandell, Interim Director Durham County Cooperative Extension.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board formally announce and present the 2018 "Champion in Transportation" Awards and proclaim February 25 - March 4, 2019 as "Champions in Transportation Week."

Attachments:

[2018 Champions in Transportation AFF Supplemental 2-25-2019](#)

[2018 Champions in Transportation Proclamation 2-25-2019](#)

[Redesigned Champions in Transportation Invitation February 25-2019](#)

[Proclamation - Champions in Transportation Week](#)

19-0098

Thank Dr. Deborah Crandall for Serving as Interim Director of Durham County Cooperative Extension

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to thank Dr. Deborah Crandall for serving as the Interim Director of Durham County Cooperative Extension from October 8, 2018 - February 28, 2019. Dr. Crandall is a graduate of Bennett College (BS Degree) and NC State University (Master of Science and Doctoral Degrees in Adult Education). She served 34 years in a variety of roles in NC Cooperative Extension including the Director of the Mecklenburg County Center and District Director. She was retired for more than eight years when she willingly accepted the call to serve as Interim Director of the Durham County Center. During her short time with us, Dr. Crandall worked with the team to improve and continue the very positive trajectory that was in place.

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

Resource Persons: Gayle Harris, General Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board thank Dr. Deborah Crandall for serving as Interim Director of Durham County Cooperative Extension from October 8, 2018 through February 28, 2019.

19-0083**Introduction of Donna Rewalt as the Director of the Durham County Center of NC Cooperative Extension Effective March 1, 2019****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to recognize Donna Rewalt as the director of the Durham County Center of NC Cooperative Extension effective March 1, 2019.

Ms. Rewalt currently works with the Durham County Center of NC Cooperative Extension as Community Outreach Coordinator where she directs Community Development programming. She is an experienced trainer and facilitator in a variety of areas, including strategic planning, communication, team building, advocacy, and leadership, including Parent & Family Advocacy and Support Training (PFAST) and Parents as Leaders (PAL), which help families better navigate public schools to help their children succeed. She is a certified facilitator in the MBTI and Real Colors personality instruments along with Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Successful People.

She holds a BA in Communication from Wake Forest University and an MA in Communication from the University of Georgia. She is a graduate of Leadership Durham and NC State's Natural Resources Leadership Institute. She previously worked with the Durham Public Education Network as Community Engagement Director where she coordinated an Annenberg Foundation grant in community engagement. Ma. Rewalt has taught college courses in communication and worked in community & public relations and fundraising at colleges and nonprofit organizations. She is the proud parent of a DPS graduate and a 10th grader at Riverside High School where she serves on the PTA Board and School Improvement Team. She and her husband, Jeff Pitts, have been Durham residents since 1995.

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

Resource Persons: Gayle B. Harris, General Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board recognize Donna Rewalt as the director of the Durham County Center of NC Cooperative Extension.

19-0099**Recognition of the Recent Graduating Cohort of Bull City YouthBuild****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to recognize and congratulate the recent graduating cohort of Bull City YouthBuild.

YouthBuild is a drop-out recovery program designed to give youth ages 16-24 the opportunity to earn their high school equivalency and become highly employable through hands-on construction skills experience. The mission of Bull City YouthBuild is to cultivate community leaders by providing inclusive and creative pathways for

young adults to build the educational and job skills needed to be a positive force for change. Our students with the partnership with NC State University wrote a book entitled "Strong and Unbroken." It's comprised of poems, stories, reflections and more. Bull City YouthBuild's Cohort 2 Students averaged 650 hours of instruction per student. The Average attendance rate of 80%, 26 students received OSHA certificates, 93% of students made at least one Educational Functioning Level gain, 81% of students made at least two Educational Functioning Level gains and 21 graduated the program.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Goal 1: Community Empowerment and Enrichment

Resource Persons: Wendy Jacobs, Chair, Board of County Commissioners and Corey Rawlinson, YouthBuild Program Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board recognize and congratulate the recent graduating cohort of Bull City YouthBuild.

6. Consent Agenda (15 min)

19-0077

Property Tax Releases and Refunds for January 2019

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve the Releases & Refunds for the month of January 2019.

Due to property valuation adjustments for over assessments, listing discrepancies, duplicate listings, and clerical errors, etc. the attached report details releases and refunds for the month of January 2019.

Releases and Refunds for 2019 total \$13,041.88. Prior year's releases and refunds for January 2019 are in the amount of \$16,857.95. The current year and prior year's releases and refunds amount to \$29,922.09.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 5, Accountable, Efficient, Visionary Government. To ensure the county complies with North Carolina General Statutes ensures we are accountable to our citizens. The Board of E&R ensures that we are accountable and efficient as tax revenues are impacted by the actions of this Board. The actions of the tax department and this Board impact all strategic goals due to the revenues needed.

Resource Persons: Teresa Hairston, Interim Tax Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board accept the property tax release and refund report for January 2019 as presented and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined by the report.

Attachments: [Backup-Tax Release and Refunds-January 2019-February 25, 2019](#)
[NCVTS December Refunds](#)
[Releases and Refunds Backup Detail January 2019.xlsx](#)

19-0092**Contract Amendment for Velasquez Digital Media Communications****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to approve additional funding to support taping and broadcasting of County Commissioners Meetings and the added service of producing the “In Touch with Durham County” TV show through the end of the fiscal year.

The Board is asked to authorize the County Manager to execute an amendment to the current contract of \$30,000 with Velasquez Digital Media Communications in the amount of 25,000. The total is not to exceed \$55,000.

Velasquez is the company that provides broadcast services for Durham County to include videotaping and broadcasting BOCC meetings, editing the County’s TV Show and other special video services as needed. This request is being generated due to a funding shortage that emerged related to the change of taping locations and original vendor.

With the move into Admin II and the availability of a new studio, a decision was made to transition filming of “In Touch” to Velasquez Digital Media. The company received specialized initial training to make the studio operational. The new task of shooting the show was added to the Velasquez existing contract to bridge the gap created when the previous contractor was unable to transition into the new location. Velasquez agreed to provide the services needed to produce the show between October and the end of the fiscal year.

This request will not require any new money because there are sufficient funds in the Public Information Broadcasting budget line item to support the adjustment.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: This request aligns with Goal 1: Community and Family Prosperity and Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient & Visionary Government.

Resource Persons: Deborah Craig-Ray, General Manager of Strategic Management, Public Affairs, Innovation and Special Projects

County Manager’s Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the request and authorize the County Manager to execute an amended contract for broadcasting services with Velasquez Digital Media Communications in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00

Attachments: [Velasquez Contract](#)

7. Board and Commission Appointments (10 min)

19-0084

Board and Commission Appointments

Agenda Text:

Monica Toomer, Interim Clerk to the Board, will distribute ballots to the Board to make appointments to the following boards:

- Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee
- Animal Services Advisory Committee
- Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee
- Women's Commission

The Board of Commissioners recognizes the need to have a representative sample of the citizens of Durham County serve on boards, commissions, committees and authorities. No citizen may serve more than four consecutive terms for 2-year term boards; three consecutive terms for 3-year term boards; two consecutive terms for 4-year term boards; and one consecutive term for 5 and 6-year term boards in any one position, unless otherwise stated by statute; or there are no other applicants who meet the eligibility requirements. The Equalization and Review Board shall be exempt from these term limits.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Goal 5 Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government. When citizens are engaged and partners on our Boards and Commissions, the vision of our Strategic Plan is achieved - a thriving, vibrant diverse community with abundant opportunity for all residents to live, work, learn, play and grow.

Resource Persons: Monica Toomer, Interim Clerk to the Board

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners vote to appoint a member to the aforementioned Boards and Commissions.

Attachments:

[25february19](#)

8. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA (20 min)

9. Closed Session

19-0097

Closed Session

Agenda Text:

The Board is 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 pursuant to G.S 143-318.11(a)(3)

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The item aligns with Strategic Plan Goal: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government

Resource Persons: Lowell Siler, County Attorney

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board adjourn to Closed Session and direct staff as appropriate.

10. Adjournment