



Durham County

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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

Monday, April 26, 2021

7:00 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

Regular Session

"Public Charge"

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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)

[21-0268](#) Announcements (5min)

Agenda Text:

1. **Reopening of COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Phone Line** - Beginning Monday, April 19th, the Durham County Department of Public Health reopened the telephone lines for vaccination appointment scheduling. All community members ages 16 and older should call 919-560-HELP (4357) to schedule an appointment.
2. **2021 Durham Youth Leadership Fund** - The Durham Office on Youth (OOY) is excited to announce the Durham Youth Leadership Fund. The Fund would invest in leadership and decisions making opportunities for young people and respond to COVID-19 needs. Young people, ages 13-24, community groups and organization are welcome to apply for \$500-\$20,000 in funding.

Applications must be submitted by May 2nd at 11:59pm. Please visit

www.durhamnc.gov <<http://www.durhamnc.gov>> for additional information in English and Spanish or contact A'lice Frazier at 984-260-6703 (English) or Cate Elander at 347-738-0694 (Spanish).

3. **Volunteer Services Scholarships** - Zakat Foundation of America is honoring the humanitarian contributions of high-school volunteers with over \$20,000 in scholarships for seniors going to college. To be eligible, you must be a NC high-school senior who volunteerism with the Zakat Foundation of America or other nonprofit.

Applications are being accepted until May 10th by visiting www.tinyurl.com/zfscholarship <<http://www.tinyurl.com/zfscholarship>>. For questions please email nayma@zakat.org

4. **NC Medicaid Managed Care Open Enrollment is Happening NOW!** - Clients will have five healthcare plans to choose from instead of just one Medicaid program. Please visit www.ncmedicaidplans.gov <<http://www.ncmedicaidplans.gov>> or call 1-833-870-5500 to make your selection.

5. **Zakat Foundation of America Presents: Ramadan 2021 Feel the Hunger to Do Good** - Throughout the month of April and May, there will be Iftar and Hot Meal Distributions at the locations listed below:

- 5410 Nc Highway 55 Suite AC (April 29th and May 6th from 6-7pm)
- 5114 Revere Rd (April 27th from 9-11am)
- 1501 Sima Ave (May 3rd and May 10th from 6-7pm)

6. **Food for Durham** - Food for Durham is here and is now accepting donations to benefit Durham County food pantries and other food distribution organizations. Food for Durham is a new, community-led initiative to help our incredible local food and hunger relief nonprofits secure food, equipment and other essentials so that they can keep supporting the community in this time of increased need.

To learn more, visit the Food for Durham website at www.unitedwaytriangle.org/foodfordurham <<http://www.unitedwaytriangle.org/foodfordurham>> or follow Food for Durham on social media using the hashtag #food4durham.

4. Minutes (5 min)

[21-0269](#)

Minutes (5min)

Attachments: [Regular Session - March 8 2021](#)
 [Regular Session - March 22 2021](#)

5. Ceremonial Items (20min)

[21-0192](#) **Resolution - Recognition of The Need to Make Durham Friendlier For Birds, People, And The Environment By Adopting The “Plan For A Bird-Friendly Durham” And “Best Practices For A Bird-Friendly Durham” (10min)**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to receive the resolution recognizing The Need to Make Durham Friendlier for Birds, People, And the Environment by Adopting the “Plan for A Bird-Friendly Durham” And “Best Practices for A Bird-Friendly Durham”.

The resolution’s purpose is to receive the commissioners’ support for the goals in the New Hope Audubon Society’s “Plan for a Bird-friendly Durham” and encourage use of the “Best Practices for a Bird-friendly Durham” document that New Hope Audubon has submitted to the Durham City/County Planning Department as its guide.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Goal 4: Environmental Stewardship and Community Prosperity.

Resource Persons: Lynn Richardson, New Hope Audubon Society

County Manager’s Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the resolution recognizing The Need to Make Durham Friendlier for Birds, People, And the Environment by Adopting the “Plan for A Bird-Friendly Durham” And “Best Practices for A Bird-Friendly Durham”.

Attachments: [Resolution - Bird Friendly Durham - 14April21](#)
 [BFCPlanFinal](#)

[21-0277](#) **Proclamation - National Volunteer Week 2021 (10min)**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to proclaim April 18 - 24, 2021 as National Volunteer Week and recognize the more than 300 volunteers who serve on the County’s 40+ Boards and Commissions. The goals of National Volunteer Week are to inspire, recognize, and encourage residents to seek creative ways to volunteer and engage in their communities. Volunteerism is vital to our future as a caring and productive community and, as such, it is fitting to recognize our Boards and Commissions volunteers for their dedicated service.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This proclamation aligns with Goal 3 of the Durham County Strategic Plan. Goal 3, the Safe and Secure Community goal increases resident engagement in communities.

Resource Persons: Monica Toomer, Clerk to the Board

County Manager’s Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board read and present the proclamation, adopting April 18-24, 2021 as National Volunteer Week and urge fellow citizens to volunteer in their respective

neighborhoods.

Attachments: [Proclamation - National Volunteer Week 2021](#)

6. Consent Agenda (15 min)

21-0239 Resolution to Designate Review Officers for the Town of Morrisville

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve a Resolution to Designate Review Officers for the Town of Morrisville.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government.

Resource Persons: Sharon A. Davis, Register of Deeds

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approves the Resolution to Designate Review Officers for the Town of Morrisville.

Attachments: [RES - Durham County - Plat Review Officers for the Town of Morrisville](#)

21-0244 Property Tax Releases and Refunds for March 2021

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve the Releases & Refunds for the month of March 2021. 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 March 2021.

Releases and refunds for year 2021 total \$ 1,563.64 and for 2020 the total is \$89,279.14. Prior years' (2015-2019) releases and refunds are in the amount of \$102,243.14. March 2021 refund and releases total \$193,085.92.

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: T. Dwane Brinson, Tax Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board accept the property tax release and refund report for March 2021 as presented and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined by the report.

Attachments: [Releases and Refunds Backup Detail-March 2021- April 26, 2021](#)
[Backup-Tax Release and Refunds-March 2021-April 26, 2021](#)
[NCVTS February Refund Rpt](#)

21-0254**Execution of the Public Art Agreement with Parasoliel, LLC for the Design of the Structural Public Art Screen Wall at the 318 E. Main Street Parking Deck****Agenda Text:**

The Board is hereby requested to authorize the County Manager to execute a contract with Parasoliel, LLC for the design of the Structural Public Art Screen Wall at the 318 E. Main Street Parking Deck, in the amount of \$185,000.00 (See Attachment 1, page 1).

The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was advertised on Call For Entries.org (CaFÉ,) the national site for Artist recruitment, from September 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020. An Artist Selection Panel (ASP) was assembled, with representatives from DCo Engineering, the project Architect, City of Durham, Durham Cultural Advisory Board, and other Community organizations, to evaluate the online applications. We received 97 submittals which were reviewed and scored by Panel members and resulted in a short-list of the top-ranked thirteen. After further review and discussion, the five highest-ranked candidates were scheduled for personal (virtual) interviews. Of those five, Uriah Beuller of Parasoliel, LLC was selected as the recommended Artist for the Structural Public Art Screen Wall based upon the body of work highlighted during the evaluation and interview process.

The Public Art Program requests that the County accept the Artist Selection Panel's recommendation and enter into a contract with Parasoliel, LLC in the amount of \$185,000.00 for the design, engineering, mock-up assembly production, and approval processes for the Structural Public Art Screen Wall at the 318 E. Main Street Parking Deck. Funding for the design, fabrication and installation services are available in the Capital Project Account.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This aligns with County's Strategic Goal 3: Safe Community, Goal 4: Environmental Stewardship & Community Prosperity, and Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient, and Visionary Government.

Resource Persons: Peri D. Manns, ASLA, LEED GA, Assistant General Manager/Deputy Director of Engineering and Environmental Services, Linda C. Salguero, AIA, CPD, Project Manager/Public Art Coordinator, and Joel Dabrowski, LEED AP BD+C, NCARB, Little

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board Authorize execution of the Public Art Agreement with Parasoliel, LLC for the design of the Structural Public Art Screen Wall at the 318 E. Main Street Parking Deck, in the amount of \$185,000.00.

Attachments:

[ATTACHMENT 1 - Parasoleil proposal for Structural Public Art Screen Wall.pdf](#)

[AAF Supplemental - Public Art Screen Wall 318 E. Main Deck.pdf](#)

[Durham County Public Art Program Manual, 2021 Edition](#)

21-0257**Request by the North Carolina Department of Transportation**

(NCDOT) for the Durham County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) to adopt a Resolution for the addition of 0.21 miles of Sunstone Drive to the State Maintained Secondary Road System.

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to adopt a Resolution in support of the request from the NCDOT to add .21 miles of Sunstone Drive to the State-maintained Secondary Road System. The requested extension will include all of Sunstone Drive to the end of pavement.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Goal 4 and Goal 5

Resource Persons: John E. Sandor, NCDOT District Engineer; Jay Gibson, P.E., General Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board adopt a resolution for the addition of 0.21 miles of Sunstone Drive to the State Maintained Secondary Road System.

Attachments:

[Sunstone Drive Resolution Request](#)

[Resolution for BoCC Secondary Road Addition Sunstone Drive April 2021](#)

[AAF Supplement for Sunstone Dr 21-0257](#)

7. Other Business (10min)

21-0270

Durham County Public Health Focused Update on the COVID-19 Crisis (10min)

Agenda Text:

The Board has requested a public health focused update from County staff on the COVID-19 response and efforts.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Goal 2: Health and Well-Being for All

Resource Persons: Rodney Jenkins, Public Health Director; Joanne Pierce, General Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive an update from County staff on the COVID-19 response and efforts

8. Board and Commission Appointments (10 min)

21-0252

Board and Commission Appointments (10min)

Agenda Text:

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

- Durham Community Safety & Wellness Task Force
- Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee

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, Clerk to the Board

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

Attachments: [BC Legistar - 4.26.2021](#)

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

10. Closed Session

[21-0271](#) Closed Session

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to adjourn into Closed Session for the following:

- To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract; pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5)
- 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)

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Goal 4 and 5

Resource Persons: Willie Darby, Senior Assistant County Attorney; Jane Korest, Division Head, Open Space and Real Estate

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that

the Board meet in Closed Session and provide direction to staff.

11. Adjournment