



Durham County

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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

Monday, January 24, 2022

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)

22-0055 Announcements (5min)

Agenda Text:

1. **FREE At-Home COVID 19 Tests** - Residential households in the U.S. can now order one set of four (4) FREE at-home test from USPS.com.

Please visit <https://special.usps.com/testkits> to input your contact information and shipping address for your at-home test.

2. **Get Your COVID-19 Vaccination at DCoDPH** - COVID-19 cases are still on the rise. Take your shots at the Durham County Department of Public Health as soon as you can.

The vaccine clinic is open every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am - 4pm; Tuesdays from 9am - 5:45pm and closed on Fridays. No appointment is necessary. A reminder that the clinic is closed daily from 11:30am - 1pm.

3. **Low-Income Homeowners Relief Program (LIHR) Extension** - The LIHR has been extended until January 31, 2022. All details on the requirements for the LIHR are available at www.dconc.gov/dss <<http://www.dconc.gov/dss>>.

Durham residents who wish to receive assistance with the application process can call 919-560-8000 Monday - Thursday to schedule an hourly appointment.

4. **Business Recovery Grant Program** - The NC Department of Revenue has created a new grant program for small businesses that had significant economic losses due to COVID. The Business Recovery Grant Program includes \$500 million for two grant programs: \$300 million for hospitality businesses to include arts, entertainment, recreation, hotel, restaurants and bars as well as \$200 million for businesses that are not in one of the categories mentioned above and were also not recipients of any previous COVID relief funding. The application period is open until January 31, 2022. For more information, visit the state's link at <<https://www.ncdor.gov/business-recovery-grant>>

5. **Durham PreK for 2022-2023 Application Period Begins February 8th** - The Durham PreK Application for the 2022-2023 school year will open on February 8th. Visit www.durhamprek.org <<http://www.durhamprek.org>> to receive more information - this is just an interest form, not the official application.

If you have questions, please visit www.durhamprek.org <<http://www.durhamprek.org>>, call 1-833-773-5338 or email prekchildcareservices.org for assistance.

6. **DCHC MPO Seeks Public Comment on Transportation Plan Amendment by February 22nd** - The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization is seeking public input on Amendment #4 to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Some changes include the removal of the former Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit and add bus access improvements. The plan in its entirety can be reviewed by visiting www.dchcmpo.org.

Residents who wish to provide comments may do so at the virtual public hearing on Wednesday, February 9th at 9am by emailing kayla.peloquin@durhamnc.gov or by calling 919-560-4366, ext. 36419.

7. **IGNITE Business Bootcamp Now Accepting Applicants** - The IGNITE Business Bootcamp is a 10-week, 10-session, business bootcamp, featuring 20 hours of cohort style training. This bootcamp will provide growth and development opportunities for participants and their businesses. Participation is **FREE** of charge with support provided by the US Black Chambers CEDC and Durham County. The cohort will meet on Wednesdays beginning February 2 - April 6 from 1-3pm, via Zoom.

Applications will be considered until 5pm on February 1. Participants are encouraged to join every session; but may miss some if necessary. Please apply at <https://gdbcc.org/ignite>

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8. **Durham Residents Can Receive Help with Their Energy Bill** - As of January 3, 2022, all Durham residents will be eligible to apply for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP), you can make a virtual appointment by phone for assistance, or simply visit the state's website to complete their application.

Durham residents are to call (919) 560-8192 to make a virtual appointment with LIEAP specialists on staff. For those residents who are comfortable completing the LIEAP application without assistance, must visit, <http://epass.nc.gov> to apply for the one-time energy assistance benefit. The LIEAP program ends March 31, 2022.

4. Minutes (5 min)

[22-0056](#)

Minutes (5min)

Attachments: [Regular Session - January 10, 2022](#)

5. Ceremonial Items (10 min)

[22-0061](#)

Resolution - Honoring the life and legacy of Fashion Icon and Durham Native Andre Leon Talley (10min)

Agenda Text: The Board has requested that a memorial resolution be prepared to honor Durham's own Andre Leon Talley, known for shattering the highest levels of the international

fashion industry as a journalist, fashion historian, creative stylist, mentor, and trailblazer.

He loomed larger than life while making his unique mark on the international fashion scene in Paris, New York and beyond. Mr. Talley helped dress former first lady Michelle Obama and was a beloved mentor to supermodel Naomi Campbell. He passed on January 18, 2022 and was 73 years old.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Goal 1: Community and Family Prosperity

Resource Persons: Chair Brenda Howerton, Durham Board of County Commissioners

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the resolution honoring the life and legacy of Andre Leon Talley.

Attachments: [Resolution - Andre Talley - 24Jan22](#)

6. Consent Agenda (15 min)

22-0037 Approve a \$1,824,391 contract with “Davenport Group” for IS&T hardware and services

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve a \$1,824,391 contract with Davenport Group for the provision of IS&T hardware and services in modernizing its technology infrastructure to support business continuity of Durham County services. Overall funding of this initiative is part of a \$7,056,360 IS&T Hardware and Software capital project that was authorized by the Board in June 2021.

Davenport Group delivers innovative IT solutions to commercial customers and government agencies nationwide. Davenport specializes in designing and delivering data center modernization solutions that include virtualization, storage, data protection, hyper-converged, and client computing. With their industry-leading partner Dell Technologies, Davenport Group brings real-world technical experience, business know-how, and an all-in commitment to every engagement. Davenport and Dell Technologies will assist Durham County in modernizing its technology computing infrastructure in order to support continuity of Durham County services.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 5 (Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government) of the DCo Strategic Plan

Resource Persons: Greg Marrow, Chief Information Officer; Aaron Stone, Assistant Director of IS&T

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve a \$1,824,391 contract with Davenport Group for the modernization of Durham County hardware and services.

Attachments: [Dell DVPT DR AAF SUPP AS LH.docx](#)
[DAVENPORT GROUP DR PROJECT CONTRACT 1222021-12212026](#)

22-0042 **Property Tax Releases and Refunds for November 2021**

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

Releases and refunds for year 2021 total \$ 161,270.76. Prior years' (2016-2020) releases and refunds are in the amount of \$ 4,826.35. November 2021 releases and refunds total \$166,097.11.

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 November 2021 as presented and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined by the report.

Attachments: [Releases and Refunds Backup Detail-November 2021- January 24, 2022](#)
[Backup-Tax Release and Refunds-November 2021-January 24, 2022](#)
[NCVTS October Refunds](#)

22-0046 **Property Tax Releases and Refunds for December 2021**

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Releases and refunds for year 2021 total \$ 491,377.21. Prior years' (2016-2020) releases and refunds are in the amount of \$26,336.28. December 2021 releases and refunds total \$517,713.49.

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[NCVTS November Refunds](#)

22-0048

Award Contract for Cleaning, Disinfecting, and Sanitation Services to Belfor USA Group, Inc.

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to authorize the Interim County Manager to enter into a service contract with Belfor USA Group, Inc. in the amount of \$608,774.97 to provide COVID 19 disinfecting, and sanitation services for Durham County facilities. General Service's and Public Health's Approved FY 2021-22 operating budgets will cover the cost of this service contract.

Belfor USA Group, Inc. provides cleaning and disinfection services for businesses, healthcare facilities, manufacturing plants, senior living facilities, and retail stores that have been impacted by COVID 19. Their cleaning protocols meet the center for disease control and prevention guidelines. Belfor USA Group, Inc. offers a 3-step clean system that can provide a residual surface protection for up to 90 days. Step #1 uses a botanical disinfectant solution that kills 99.9% of viruses (including the human coronavirus). Step #2 is the application of BIOPROTECT RTU Antimicrobial Surface Protectant which provides surface protection for up to 90 days. Step #3 is a certificate informing all building occupants that the property was treated with Belfor's disinfectant and antimicrobial surface protectant. All products used by Belfor are registered with the EPA and are deemed food safe. More information about Belfor's 3-step clean process as well as product safety are included as attachments.

The current proposal is to have Belfor USA Group, Inc. provide COVID 19 disinfection services two times before the end of the fiscal year. The current list of buildings to receive this service are Administration I, Administration II, CJRC, Main Library, North Regional Library, South Regional Library, Southwest Regional Library, East Regional Library, Health and Human Services, Durham County Courthouse, the Center for Senior Life and the Detention Center.

Belfor USA Group, Inc. North Carolina State contract # 202000528: STC 926A, which satisfies all Durham County bidding requirements.

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

quality of life through preventive, behavioral and physical care services. Reduce barriers to access services.

Resource Persons: Motiryo Keambiroiro, General Services Director, Josh Edwards, Deputy Director of General Services, Eli McCutcheon, Quality Control Contract Specialist

County Manager's Recommendation: The Interim County Manager recommends that the Board authorize the Interim County Manager to enter into a service contract with Belfor USA Group, Inc. in the amount of \$608,774.97 to provide COVID 19 cleaning, disinfecting and sanitation services for Durham County facilities with an option to amend the contract to add buildings or additional services as long as it is within the General Services Janitorial Operational Budget.

Attachments: [Belfor USA Supplemental Document](#)
[Belfor 3-Step Clean System](#)
[Belfor - Durham County Departments](#)
[Belfor USA Group -Quotes \(Revised\)](#)

7. Other Business (95 min)

[22-0054](#) **Durham County Public Health Focused Update on the COVID-19 Crisis (30min)**

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 and Joanne Pierce, General Manager

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

[22-0063](#) **Office of the Sheriff Update to the Board of County Commissioners (20min)**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to receive an update from Sheriff Birkhead on the increase in COVID-19 cases amongst the Sheriff's Office and detainee population.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Goal 3: Safe Secure Community

Resource Persons: Sheriff Clearance Birkhead, Durham County Sheriff

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receives the update from Sheriff Birkhead.

21-0747**American Rescue Plan Act Update (45min)****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to receive an update on the American Rescue Plan Act funds. The American Rescue Plan will deliver \$350 billion for state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency. Funding will also focus on infrastructure issues that face communities including efforts to bring back jobs. Durham County will receive \$62,445,275.

ARPA funds can support several priorities including a public health response due to COVID-19, address negative economic impacts, replace public sector revenue loss and fund premium pay for essential workers. The federal dollars can also address water, sewer and broadband infrastructure. Funding must be encumbered by 2024 with all invoices paid by 2026.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 1: Community Empowerment and Enrichment; Goal 2: Health and Well Being for All; Goal 3: Safe Community; Goal 4: Environmental Stewardship & Community Prosperity; Goal 5, Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government.

Resource Persons: Claudia Hager, Interim County Manager; Deborah Craig-Ray, General Manager; Dwane Brinson, Interim General Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The Interim County Manager recommends that the Board receives the update on ARPA funds.

Attachments:

[ARPA Presentation - January 24, 2022.](#)

[NACo ARPA Final Rule Overview_3](#)

8. Board and Commission Appointments (10 min)**22-0047****Board and Commission Appointments (10min)****Agenda Text:**

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

- Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
- Board of Adjustment
- Board of Health
- Durham County 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 Wallace, 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: [Legistar Attmt - 1.24.2022](#)

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

10. Closed Session

22-0062

Closed Session

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to adjourn into Closed Session to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee; pursuant to G. S. 143-318.11(a)(6)

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

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

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board meet in Closed Session and provide direction to staff.

11. Adjournment