



Durham County

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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

Monday, April 29, 2024

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.

"Land Acknowledgment"

As we convene for the Durham County Commissioners meeting, it's crucial to recognize the painful truth of history. We stand on the stolen ancestral lands of the Catawba, Eno, Occaneechi, Shakori, and Tuscarora peoples, whose deep connection to this land predates our arrival. We acknowledge with humility the unjust displacement and violence that occurred, leading to the dispossession of indigenous peoples from their homelands. Their resilience in the face of such adversity is a testament to their strength and spirit.

May we humbly honor the ancestors and elders of these nations, both past and present, by committing ourselves to fostering understanding, healing, and justice for all who inhabit this land. Let us walk forward together with open hearts, acknowledging the past and embracing a future guided by compassion, respect, and unity.

As a courtesy to others, please turn off all 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)

[24-0256](#) Announcements (5min)

Agenda Text:

1. **Second Annual Regional Black Maternal and Infant Health Conference** - Co-hosted in Durham - On Tuesday, April 30, 2024, this gathering brings together a diverse array of stakeholders - healthcare professionals, policymakers, researchers, advocates, parents, and community leaders - all committed to addressing the disparities in maternal and infant health outcomes within the Black community. From cross-disciplinary collaborations to grassroots initiatives, this conference highlights the importance of a collective commitment to prioritizing the voices, perspectives, and needs of Black Birthing Persons. Join as we strengthen bonds, forge new partnerships, and chart a course towards equitable health outcomes in our communities and beyond.

Visit Broadening Our Reach: Expanding Our Community of Practice (www.wakeahec.org <<http://www.wakeahec.org>>) to register. Limited space is available.

2. **Durham Public Schools: Summer Meals Site Opportunity** - Durham Public Schools (DPS) School Nutrition Services provides summer meals countywide from June 17 through July 26, 2024. Our most successful programs are when we're in partnership with community groups already gathering children and youth, age 0-18 years, together for summer activities. DPS provides the food (breakfast and/or lunch) and the program training; you provide the activities and the fun.

If you have or know about a community group that would like to serve FREE summer meals to kids, please visit <<https://www.dpsnc.net/Page/3788>> or contact Sky Harris, DPS School Nutrition Program Specialist at 919-560-2370 or linda.harris@dpsnc.net <<mailto:linda.harris@dpsnc.net>>. Contact us soon - summer is right around the corner!

3. **Foster Parent Recruitment** - April is Foster Care Month, an opportunity to honor the courage of young people in the foster care system. It is also a time to shed light on the need for safe temporary care for children who are unable to remain safely in their homes. If you have a safe and nurturing home and have the willingness to collaborate with others to support the needs of children in foster care, consider changing the life of a child by becoming a foster parent with the Durham County Department of Social Services. For more information, call 919-560-8092 or email fosterdreams@dconc.gov <<mailto:fosterdreams@dconc.gov>>.
4. **Durham County Community Health Assessment** - Read about Durham's top health issues, amongst many other important topics, written by subject matter experts throughout our community in the recently released Durham

County Community Health Assessment. The assessment uses high-quality, reliable data to provide a clear and detailed picture of the health, assets, and needs of Durham County residents in order to equitably guide decision-making, create programs, and policies and to improve health outcomes. The health assessment is available on the Partnership for a Healthy Durham webpage at <https://healthydurham.org/health-data/2023-durham-county-community-health-assessment-pc>

5. **Durham This Week Online** - Did you know the Durham County Manager's Office releases a newsletter - Durham This Week Online - that provides weekly updates on County services, news items, video releases, job listings, and much more? Subscribe today to receive the weekly communication directly to your inbox at bit.ly/SubscribeDTWO
6. **Alert Durham** - Summer is almost here! Severe weather outbreaks, such as strong thunderstorms, extreme heat, and flooding can come along with the summer as well. Durham County residents are invited to sign up for Alert Durham to receive emergency notifications about severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods, and more to keep you informed! Visit AlertDurham.com to sign up for free today.
7. **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: <https://www.dconc.gov/county-departments/departments-a-e/board-of-commissioners/boards-and-commissions> or by calling 919-560-0025 <https://www.dconc.gov/county-departments/departments-a-e/board-of-commissioners/boards-and-commissions%20or%20by%20calling%20919-560-0025>.

4. Minutes (5 min)

[24-0265](#)

Minutes (5min)

Attachments:

[April 1, 2024 Work Session](#)

[April 8, 2024 Regular Session](#)

5. Ceremonial Items (40 min)

[24-0225](#)

Resolution - Arab American Heritage Month (10min)

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to issue a resolution celebrating Arab American Heritage Month for April 2024 in Durham County.

The purpose of the resolution is to acknowledge and honor Arab American Heritage Month in Durham County, bringing awareness and celebration to the experiences and contributions of Arab Americans in Durham County. Arab American Heritage Month has been nationally recognized and celebrated since 2023 in acknowledgement of the contributions, achievements, and influence of the estimated 3.7 million Americans in the United States with Arab roots. We are committed to fostering a culture of inclusivity, diversity, and understanding within Durham County. Together, we strive to acknowledge, learn from, and appreciate the diverse narratives that shape our collective history.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 1: Community & Family Prosperity and Enrichment; Goal 3: Safe & Secure Community; and Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government

Resource Persons: Dr. Brent Lewis, Director, Equitable Well-being

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board issues a resolution celebrating Arab American Heritage Month for April 2024.

Attachments: [Resolution - Arab American History Month 2024](#)

24-0243

Proclamation - Year of the Aerial Insectivore (10min)

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to proclaim 2024 as the Year of the Aerial Insectivore in Durham County.

The mission of the New Hope Audubon Society is to promote the conservation and enjoyment of birds, other wildlife, and ecosystems, focusing on Chatham, Durham, Orange, and parts of surrounding counties. This proclamation would recognize the need in the Durham County to conserve bird species that specialize in eating flying insects, thereby benefiting the economy and citizens of the City of Durham, by designating 2024 as the "Year of the Aerial Insectivore" and encouraging practices that protect the population of aerial insectivores.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Goal 4: Community Stewardship

Resource Persons: Jennifer Maher, Member of the New Hope Audubon Society

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board proclaim 2024 as the Year of the Aerial Insectivore.

Attachments: [Proclamation - Year of the Aerial Insectivore - April 2024](#)
[Best Practices for Conserving Aerial Insectivores in Durham](#)

24-0244

Resolution - Lights Out Durham 2024 (10min)

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to issue a resolution acknowledging Lights Out Durham.

Lights Out Durham is a voluntary, educational program for citizens and businesses in Durham County to help protect birds during Spring and Fall migration by turning off unnecessary outside lights from 10 pm until 6 am. This will not only save birds, but it will also save energy and money. Durham County will join many other communities across the country in helping to protect birds during migration.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Goal 4: Community Stewardship

Resource Persons: Barbara Driscoll, Conservation Chair for New Hope Audubon Society

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board issue a resolution acknowledging Lights Out Durham.

Attachments: [Resolution - Lights Out Durham - April 2024](#)
[Lights out-Durham Fact 2-7-24](#)

24-0246 Proclamation - Alcohol Awareness Month 2024 (10min)

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to proclaim April 2024 as Alcohol Awareness Month in Durham County.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Goals: Community Well-Being and Community Safety

Resource Persons: Dr. Wanda Boone, CEO Together for Resilient Youth

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board proclaims April 2024 as Alcohol Awareness Month

Attachments: [Proclamation - Alcohol Awareness Month - April 2024](#)

6. Consent Agenda (15 min)

24-0082 Approval of Contract with LYME Technology Solutions for the RAVE Alert Pro Mass Notification Platform for Emergency Management in the Amount of \$55,389

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to execute a contract with LYME Technology Solutions in the amount of \$55,389. Lyme Technology Solutions is the vehicle which RAVE Mobile Safety utilizes for GSA. RAVE Alert Pro is a leading mass notification platform that allows Emergency Management staff to send emergency notifications to multiple individuals in three easy steps through phone, text and email, and the mobile app. The platform also allows Durham County and the City of Durham to communicate with its employees through the same methods. This

product offers a user-friendly platform for emergency notifications, as well as increased integration and interoperability for key Emergency Management principles and programs. Furthermore, it offers greater Public Safety collaboration on a multi-disciplinary front to provide for the safety and wellbeing of our community. RAVE Alert Pro will replace Everbridge, which is the current host system for AlertDurham.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This request supports Goal 3: Safe Community and Goal 5: Visionary Government.

Resource Persons: Elizabeth Schroeder, Chief of Emergency Management and Nate Sanders, Deputy Chief of Emergency Management

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board authorize the County Manager to execute a contract with Lyme Technology Solutions for the RAVE Alert Pro Mass Notification Platform for emergency management in the amount of \$55,389.

Attachments:

[March 2024 RAVE AAF Supplemental Document - Contract Approval](#)

[Sales Quotation 237952](#)

[Rave Alert Pro Proposal - Durham County, NC 2.21.24](#)

[March 2024 RAVE Contract - Legal Support Email](#)

[March 2024 RAVE Contract - Purchasing Support Email](#)

[March 2024 RAVE GSA](#)

[IT Approval of RAVE](#)

24-0206

Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.24CPA00019 Appropriating \$750K of North Carolina Public School Building Repair Fund Funding to the New DPS Interior Repairs Capital Project (59105400SH319), as well as Appropriating \$1.3M from the North Carolina Education Lottery Building Capital Fund to the New CC Spaulding Elementary School Auditorium Capital Project (59105400SH320) to Fund Auditorium Renovations

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Capital Project Amendment No.24CPA00019 appropriating \$750K of North Carolina Public School Building Repair Fund Funding to the new DPS Interior Repair Capital Project (SH319) for installation of bathroom partitions, blinds replacement, interior painting, kitchen equipment replacement, and window repairs at several school sites, as well as \$1.3M of North Carolina Education Lottery Building Capital Fund Funding to the CC Spaulding Elementary School Auditorium Capital Project (SH320) to fund the renovation of the CC Spaulding Elementary School Auditorium. Renovations will include new finishes, seating, ADA improvements, new lighting, and hazardous abatement.

All projects will be completed during the Summer break of 2024.

Detailed explanations of both projects are below:

DPS Interior Building Repairs Project. These repairs and replacement projects will consist of the new restroom partitions and interior blind replacement for visual safety concerns. Projects will also provide funding for small interior painting refresh and window glass replacements that will be completed across the district. Also, several pieces of district wide kitchen equipment such as dishwashers and steamers will be replaced due to age and life cycle.

CC Spaulding Elementary School Auditorium. Funding for this project will provide DPS a new refreshed school auditorium. The historic school auditorium needs repairs and remediation of hazardous materials. The project scope includes updates to equipment and finishes, energy efficient lighting, and ADA requirements.

The table below indicates funds reconciled by DPS and the County that are available for transfer:

Project	Current Budget	Increase/ Decrease	Revised Budget	Project Status
DPS Interior Building Repairs Project (SH319)			\$0.00 \$750,000.00	\$750,000.00 NEW
CC Spaulding Elementary School Auditorium (SH320)			\$0.00 \$1,300,000.00	\$1,300,000.00 NEW
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$2,050,000.00	\$2,050,000.00	

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This capital project amendment aligns with Goal 1-Community and Family Prosperity and Enrichment, though providing access to educational, vocational, economic and cultural opportunities and by providing support for educational opportunities that ensure high academic achievement.

Resource Persons: Fredrick A. Davis, II, Durham Public Schools Senior Executive Director of Building Services

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve Capital Project Amendment No.24CPA00019 appropriating \$750K of North Carolina Public School Building Repair Fund Funding to the new DPS Interior Repair Capital Project (SH319) for: installation of bathroom partitions, blinds replacement, interior painting, kitchen equipment replacement, and window repairs at several school sites, as well as \$1.3M of North Carolina Education Lottery Building Capital Fund Funding to the CC Spaulding Elementary School Auditorium Capital Project (SH320) to fund the renovation of the CC Spaulding Elementary School Auditorium. Renovations will include new finishes, seating, ADA improvements, new lighting, and hazardous abatement.

Attachments:

[ADM Lottery Funding](#)

[CPA-19 AAF LEGAL FORM Appropriating \\$2M for Interior Repairs and Spauldi](#)

24-0207

Approve a Service Contract of \$50,000 in County Non-profit Funds for Meals on Wheels to Expand the Number of Food Insecure Seniors Provided Meal Delivery Services.

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve a service contract of \$50,000 in County non-profit funds for Meals on Wheels to expand the number of food insecure seniors

provided meal delivery services. FY23-24 funds for this contract have already been budgeted for this purpose.

Data from the Durham County Food Security Grants program, indicated that a disproportionate number of older adults (65 years and older), especially those identifying as Black/African American and Latinx/Hispanic, are served by food pantries and other food assistance organizations in Durham County. In addition, older adults are more likely to experience illness and challenges with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) that affect their ability to procure and prepare healthy meals.

To continue targeted supports for older adults, Durham County will contract with Meals on Wheels of Durham to provide additional home delivered meals to older adults at most nutritional risk, with an emphasis on supporting Black and Latinx individuals. Meals on Wheels will deliver nutritious meals and provide social interaction for seniors with limited mobility. They will expand the current number of seniors provided services by taking at least 25 seniors off the waiting list for a year, focusing on individuals at most nutritional risk and prioritizing individuals that identify as Black and Latinx. Volunteers will deliver meals five days a week. All clients will receive nutritious meals and each meal will contain 1/3 of the minimum daily nutritional requirements for senior adults.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item supports multiple goals of the Durham County Strategic Plan.

Resource Persons: Donna Rewalt, County Extension Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve a service contract of \$50,000 in County Nonprofit Funds for Meals on Wheels to expand the number of food insecure seniors provided meal delivery services.

Attachments: [MOWD Grant Agreement packet](#)

24-0212 **Approve a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between North Carolina State University and Durham County to continue to provide Cooperative Extension services in Durham County.**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between North Carolina State University and Durham County to continue to provide Cooperative Extension services in Durham County.

All 100 NC Counties plus the Cherokee Nation maintain this standard MOA between NC State Extension at NC State University and local counties to provide Cooperative Extension resources and services. The agreement reflects the relationships, responsibilities, and mutual support each party provides to maintain these services. This MOA maintains Durham County's current approach to this

relationship centering local responsiveness to community needs and interests, flexibility, and equity.

Cooperative Extension offers significant opportunities to focus on the special challenges, needs, and interests of local residents and county leadership. The programmatic personnel and funding complement and reflect the unique needs of adults and youth in Durham County. The Durham County Extension Advisory Council, community residents, and Durham County Government are consulted on a regular basis to assist in prioritizing educational program content. Program participants include individuals, families, communities, agricultural community, businesses, community organizations, and our local governments.

The MOA Addendum further maintains Durham County's current approach and allows for the greatest flexibility for Durham County to make choices to provide resources to maintain a more equitable employment approach between County and County-State cost share Extension staff. This agreement and addendum honors the longstanding investment Durham County has made in Cooperative Extension.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with multiple goals of the County Strategic Plan.

Resource Persons: Donna Rewalt, County Extension Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between North Carolina State University and Durham County to continue to provide Cooperative Extension services in Durham County.

Attachments:

[Durham County MOA 2024](#)

[Extension MOA Addendum Durham DCo Legal Approval](#)

[DCo Legal Approval Email 04-08-2024](#)

24-0220

Approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Contract with Cherry Bekaert, LLP (\$171,000).

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve the attached audit contract for the fiscal year 2024 financial and single audit with the audit firm, Cherry Bekaert, LLP. The contract totals \$171,000.

The annual financial and single audit is required by state statute, GS 159-34(a). The attached contract is the standard contract required by the Local Government Commission of the State Treasurer's Office for governmental units, LGC-205.

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

Resource Persons: Tiffany Murray, Chief Financial Officer, Crystally Wright,

Deputy Chief Financial Officer

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the audit contract for the fiscal year 2024 annual financial and single audit.

Attachments: [Durham County 6-30-24 Contract - Annual Audit Contract](#)

24-0227 Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.24CPA00025 Appropriating \$4,786,693 of Limited Obligation Bond Funding (LOBS) to the Board of Elections S. Roxboro Street Renovation Capital Project (4730DC155), as well as Execution of the Construction Manager @ Risk GMP#3 Contract for the BOE S. Roxboro St. Renovation Project

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve Capital Project Amendment No.24CPA00025, appropriating \$4,786,693 of Limited Obligation Bond Funding (LOBS) to the Board of Elections S. Roxboro Street Renovation Capital Project (4730DC155) for renovation and construction. The amendment also requests authorization for the County Manager to enter into a contract or change order with Samet/WC Construction Joint Venture (SWC) for the Board of Elections S. Roxboro St Renovation project located at 3825 S. Roxboro Street, Durham NC, for GMP#3 in the amount of \$4,598,777 (Bid Package 1B - base bid plus alternates and allowances), as well as approve the owners construction contingency at (5%) in the amount of \$184,573.00 and execute any other related contracts including change orders if necessary not to exceed the available budget of \$4,786,693. for GMP#3 Phase 1B of the project. (See Attachment 1, Pages 1-18).

Project	Current Budget	Increase/ Decrease	Revised Budget
BOE S. Roxboro Renovation Project (47302635DC155)			\$26,136,015.13
	\$30,922,708.13		\$4,786,693.00
TOTAL	\$26,136,015.13	\$4,786,693.00	\$30,922,708.13

On July 10, 2023, the BOCC awarded the Construction Manager at Risk (C, M @R) Pre-construction Services contract to Samet/ WC Construction Joint Venture. The Pre-Construction Services phase of the project was the first step in the Construction Manager at Risk process in which the contracting team provided cost estimating, constructability reviews, schedule development and value analysis of the project design. For an efficient scheduling process the project has been broken down into (4) packages which are Package A which consists of items which were immediate and long lead time ((Electrical - 1) Generator/ATS and 2) Switchboards, Mechanical - VRF / ERV units, Structural / Misc. Steel Package; Generator /ATS). GMP#1, Package A was approved by the BOCC on October 9, 2023. On November 13, 2023 Package B GMP#2 was approved by BOCC for the interior completion of the former Kroger box renovation. Package B consists of the remaining packages for the BOE Renovation project thus GMP#2. Package 1B GMP #3 includes (Exterior site work, landscaping, exterior lighting and fencing, etc.). This mode

of bidding allows for the timely completion of construction activities and the opening of the facility, currently scheduled for August 2024. GMP #4 for the roofing and HVAC rooftop unit replacement for the balance of the shopping center will be bid at a later date.

In review of the MWBE Compliance for CM@R BOE Renovations Phase 1B GMP # 3, Samet

with WC Construction will be utilizing 9.1% MWBE Certified Black American businesses, 1.9%

MWBE Certified Hispanic American business, and 13% MWBE Certified Woman-Owned businesses to be used as MWBE subcontracting participation to perform this phase on the project. For M/WBE information (See Attachment 2, page 1). The contractor is also pursuing additional MWBE participation if the opportunity is available.

GMP#1 totaled \$1,688,650.08 plus the owner's contingency amount of \$47,365.05 totaling \$1,736,015.13 and GMP#2 \$18,763,101.51 (Bid Package B - base bid plus alternates and allowances) and approve the owners construction contingency at (5%) in the amount of \$785,775.60, to execute any other related contracts including change orders if necessary, not to exceed the available budget of \$19,548,877.06. for a combined construction cost of \$21,284,892.19. GMP#3 \$4,598,777 (Bid Package 1B - base bid plus alternates and allowances) and approve the owners construction contingency at (5%) in the amount of \$184,573.00, to execute any other related contracts including change orders if necessary, not to exceed the available budget of \$4,598,777.00 for a combined construction cost of \$4,786,693.00.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The relocation of various departments into this facility also addresses Goal 5 by providing more efficient service delivery and better customer service.

Resource Persons: Brenda Hayes-Bright, Assoc. AIA, CDT, MPM, Project Manager; Peri Manns, ASLA, LEED GA, Deputy Director of Engineering and Environmental Services; Jay Gibson, P.E., Director of Engineering and Environmental Services; Charles Nicholson, AIA, RND Architects; Adam Fouse, Samet/WC Joint Venture, Project Executive.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Capital Project Amendment No.24CPA00025, appropriating \$4,786,693 of Limited Obligation Bond Funding (LOBS) to the Board of Elections S. Roxboro Street Renovation Capital Project (4730DC155) for renovation and construction. The amendment also requests authorization for the County Manager to enter into a contract or change order with Samet/WC Construction Joint Venture (SWC) for the Board of Elections S. Roxboro St Renovation project located at 3825 S. Roxboro Street, Durham NC, for GMP#3 in the amount of \$4,598,777 (Bid Package 1B - base bid plus alternates and allowances), as well as approve the

owners construction contingency at (5%) in the amount of \$184,573.00 and execute any other related contracts including change orders if necessary not to exceed the available budget of \$4,786,693. for GMP#3 Phase 1B of the project.

Attachments:

[AAF Supplemental Doc Contract Amendment BOE S. Roxboro Renovation -](#)

[Attachment 1 Board of Elections GMP #3 R1 03.28.2024](#)

[Attachment 2 MWBE AAF for CM@R BOE Renovation Phase 1B GMP #3 041](#)

[CPA-25 LEGAL FORM Appropriating LOBS Funding Elections \(\\$2.7M\)](#)

24-0231

Approval of Opioid Settlement Fund Spending Authorization and Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00097 Public Health to Allocate \$367,400 of Opioid Settlement Funds Awarded to Durham County

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Opioid Settlement Fund Spending Authorization and Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00097 Public Health to Allocate \$367,400 of Opioid Settlement Funds Awarded to Durham County

Durham County Department of Public Health (DCoDPH) will use the funds to advance two strategies identified in Exhibit A of the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation: collaborative strategic planning and recovery support services programs.

Funds in the amount of \$140,900 will be allocated to create a new county Opioid Program Manager position focused on overseeing the development, administration, budget, grant management, and reporting for Durham County's Opioid Settlement Program. This position will work closely with staff and community partners involved in community overdose prevention, education, harm reduction, treatment opportunities, and recovery support.

Funds in the amount of \$226,500 will also be used to continue the Community Linkages to Care (CLC) Peer Support Program as it was developed to connect individuals who are struggling with substance use disorder (SUD) with comprehensive, evidence-based care, which acknowledges social determinants of health and responds to current housing challenges. The goals are to (1) reduce overdose hospital visits and fatalities in Durham County; (2) increase the number of naloxone opioid overdose reversal kits distributed to Durham County residents with SUD; and (3) engage key stakeholders across Durham County to help respond to the overdose crisis and address social determinants of health for individuals affected by SUD.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This grant aligns with Strategic Goal 2: Health and Well-being for all by supporting evidence-based strategies that reduce the risk of overdose among individuals with opioid use disorder or any co-occurring substance

use disorder or mental health condition.

Resource Persons: Rodney Jenkins, MHA, Public Health Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board Approval of Opioid Settlement Fund Spending Authorization and Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00097 Public Health to Allocate \$367,400 of Opioid Settlement Funds Awarded to Durham County

Attachments: [Annual Budget Ordinance for Opioid Manager and CLC - Opioid Settlement Fur](#)
[CLC and Manager Position Spending Authorization for 4-29-24 BOCC Meeting](#)
[AAF-97 Legal Form](#)
[AAF - Opioid Settlement Funds - Opioid Program Manager and CLC v3](#)
[CLC Opioid Spending Proposal - Recovery Support Services v2](#)
[Line Items for AAF 24 Opioid Settlement Funds \\$140,900](#)

24-0239 **Approval of the Agreement between Durham County and the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the Freeway, Arterial, Street and Tactical (FAST) Transit Priority Study, as well as Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No.24BCC00094 Recognizing \$110K from GoTriangle to Fund Durham County's Local Match Requirement.**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve the agreement between Durham County and the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the Freeway, Arterial, Street and Tactical (FAST) Transit Priority Study, as well as Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00094 recognizing \$110K of GoTriangle funding that will cover the County's local match requirement.

The FAST Study will make recommendations for how to integrate transit priority infrastructure along the roadway system to support enhanced transit service. The FAST approach prioritizes transit efficiency and reliability while improving mobility for all users. The FAST Transit Priority Study (FAST 2) is a follow up initiative to the original FAST study conducted in FY 2020-21.

NCDOT's Integrated Mobility Division will manage the study in conjunction with regional partners. Contributions to the FAST 2 Study will be a coordinated effort among regional partners including Durham County, GoTriangle, and the City of Durham. The Durham County contribution is in the FY24 Durham Transit Work Program and will be fully reimbursed through GoTriangle.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This study aligns with the County's Strategic Plan Goal 4 - Environmental Stewardship and Community Prosperity - by increasing the use of environmentally preferred transportation options and providing enhanced community travel options.

Resource Persons: Ellen Beckmann, AICP, Transportation Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the agreement between Durham County and the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the Freeway, Arterial, Street and Tactical (FAST) Transit Priority Study, as well as Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00094 recognizing \$110K of GoTriangle funding that will cover the County's local match requirement.

Attachments: [FAST 2 Memo](#)
 [Durham County FAST Agreement](#)
 [AAF - 094 Legal Form](#)

24-0241 **Approve amended language to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Durham and Durham County Government to use American Rescue Act (ARPA) funds to support Culture and Arts Recovery Efforts totaling \$1,000,000.**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve additional language added to the interlocal cooperation agreement between the City of Durham and the County of Durham, to support Culture and Arts Recovery Efforts funded by \$1,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds. The original interlocal cooperative agreement required a minor change to the project scope.

On November 21, 2022, the Durham City Council approved an initial subgrant award from its SLFRF funding to the Durham Arts Council to support grant programs aimed at bolstering the recovery of organizations, venues, and independent artists operating within Durham's culture and arts sector totaling \$1,000,000. On April 7, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved \$1,000,000 as an interlocal agreement with the City of Durham to expand efforts supporting the culture and arts sector. The agreement allocates \$200,000 to support recommendations included in the Durham Cultural Arts Plan update, which the City of Durham and Durham County jointly sponsor. The remaining amount reserved \$800,000 to be used to partner with the Durham Arts Council and the Hayti Heritage Center/St. Joseph's Historic Foundation to support the development of minority-owned businesses and organizations operating in the culture and arts sector throughout the Hayti community. The revised agreement changes the focus area to Durham County and the Hayti community.

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, Deputy County Manager; John Keefer, Grants Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that

the Board of County Commissioners approve the amended Interlocal Agreement between the City of Durham and Durham County Government to use American Rescue Act (ARPA) funds to support Culture and Arts Recovery Efforts totaling \$1,000,000.

Attachments: [ILA with City of Durham and Durham County for Culture and Arts.v3](#)

24-0242 Authorize Project Category Realignments Within US Treasury-Designated Categories for ARPA Fund Use and Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00102 Appropriating \$533,307 of General Fund Fund Balance and Recognizing \$1,497,764 of ARPA Interest Earned Within the General Fund to Establish a \$2,031,071 General Fund Budget for ARPA-Approved Projects

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to make category realignments within US Treasury-designated categories for previously approved ARPA projects as needed. These adjustments will not impact the funding amounts utilized for approved projects or the availability of funding for grantees or contractors but will instead allow County staff to maximize operational efficiencies for ARPA grant management. This action would also authorize staff to reclassify grants as contracts where necessary and in compliance with federal requirements, including amending existing contractual language as needed, thus reducing the administrative burden for funds management. The Board is also asked to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00102 establishing a budget totaling \$2,031,071 funded by current year and previous year interest income to support ARPA-related projects. Staff will provide an ARPA grant update during the May 8, 2024, work session.

In March 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Of the \$1.9 trillion package, Durham County received \$62,445,275. Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024. In addition, all funds must be expended to cover obligations, and all work must be completed by December 31, 2026. This ARPA funding, a transformative investment in the Durham community, holds the potential to leverage resources from other local, state, and federal dollars, thereby optimizing the potential overall community impact and paving the way for a brighter future.

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

Resource Persons: Claudia Hager, Deputy County Manager; John Keefer, County Grants Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve project category realignments within US Treasury-designated categories for ARPA fund use. This approval will also authorize staff to amend contracts from a subrecipient grant to a traditional contract. The Board is also asked to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00102 appropriating

\$533,307 of General Fund fund balance and recognizing \$1,497,764 of FY 2023-24 ARPA interest earned within the General Fund to establish a \$2,031,071 General Fund budget for ARPA-approved projects. An additional additional \$39,652 in interest income will be appropriated in the FY 2024-25 budget, bringing the total to \$2,070,723 for both fiscal years.

Attachments:

[AAF-102 LEGAL FORM GF ARPA Interest Earned and GF fund balance for AR Supplemental Form - ARPA US Treasury Category Realignment April 2024](#)

24-0245

Approval of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Nonprofit Grant Program Phase 2 - Small Business Support Grant to AB Community DBA Knox Street Studios for \$750,000

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve ARPA Nonprofit Grant Phase 2 - Small Business Support Grant to AB Community DBA (doing business as) Knox Street Studios for \$750,000 in contracted services.

As part of the Board's strategic plan for administering the County's ARPA funding, the Board initially authorized the use of \$1,500,000 to implement a comprehensive entrepreneurial ecosystem that included targeted support for small businesses negatively impacted by the pandemic. After the applications were reviewed, staff recommended, and the Board approved the initial award to Forward Cities (FC), as well as a second grant award of \$750,000 to Knox St. Studios (KSS). Both organizations will work in partnership to support the E3 small business ecosystem that maximizes the coordination of service-delivery and impact for Durham County entrepreneurs. FC will serve as the system administrator, convener, and provider of front-end navigation, while KSS will be a primary provider of programs and services that position Durham small businesses for success.

KSS programming and services will prioritize technology companies and growth-stage companies (4-8 years in operation) while also supporting the broader needs of the ecosystem. A high-level summary of contracted services include:

- Hosting Start-Up Weekends as part of the Early Stage Accelerator cohorts
- Provision of 1:1 Counseling through Trusted Advisors
- Facilitation of the Ice House Entrepreneurship Program
- Hosting the Support to Scale Incubator cohorts
- Access to Capital through third-party support
- Digital Certification programming and support
- Tech Skills Workshops and Industry Awareness Campaign

This project's primary objective is to proactively identify and prioritize historically

underrepresented businesses for targeted support. Recognizing the importance of equipping small business owners and their employees with essential digital skills in today's rapidly evolving landscape, the second objective for the project will be to facilitate access to skill-building programs. To learn more about the project objectives and services included, please read the attached Scope of Services to the agenda item.

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: Andy Miracle, Economic Development Director, and John Keefer, Grants Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the ARPA Nonprofit Grant Phase 2 - Small Business Support Grant to AB Community dba Knox Street Studios for \$750,000 in contracted services.

Attachments: [AB Community dba Knox St. Studios ARPA Federal Grant Agreement](#)
[AB Community dba Knox St. Studios ARPA Federal Grant Scope of Services](#)

24-0248

Approval of Contract with Durham Children's Initiative in the Amount of \$1,591,000 to Serve as the Third-Party Administrator for DCo Thrives, Durham County's Guaranteed Income Pilot Program.

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve the contract with Durham Children's Initiative in the amount of \$1,591,000 to serve as the third-party administrator for DCo Thrives, Durham County's guaranteed income pilot program.

On Monday, August 14th the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) unanimously approved the DCo Thrives program, a guaranteed income pilot program for Durham County. This followed a presentation at the BOCC's August 7th work session, in which Durham County Chief of Staff, Shannon Trapp, gave a detailed accounting of the proposed guaranteed income pilot's goals, processes, and strategies. The pilot will target low-income families with at least one child under the age of 18 and will distribute \$750 per month to 125 families for one year. There will also be a control group of 125 families who do not receive \$750 payments each month. Both the control group and the group receiving the monthly \$750, also known as the treatment group, will be offered the opportunity to complete a monthly survey, for which they will be compensated \$100. The survey responses will help the County evaluate the impact that the \$750 cash assistance has on participants. Durham County's BOCC approved \$1.69 million in ARPA funding for this 1-year pilot program.

Durham County posted a Request for Proposals, RFP 24-024, for a third-party administrator for the DCo Thrives guaranteed income pilot program on Friday, November 24, 2023. This RFP was posted for 45 days to allow all interested parties

enough time to submit sealed bids over the holiday period, and closed on January 9, 2024, at 2 p.m. RFP 24-024 received six responsive bids. The top 4 respondents were invited for interviews that took place on Tuesday, February 6, 2024. The top respondent was selected due to their strong history working with Durham families, their demonstrated flexibility, their community outreach plan, and their proposed budget and timeline.

In addition to this contract for a service provider to administer the DCo Thrives pilot program, the County will also be partnering with a technical assistance provider, Counties for Guaranteed Income, to facilitate design and implementation of the program, and with the Family Economic Policy Lab as a research partner to assist in analyzing program data and evaluating program outcomes at no additional cost to the county. The Family Economic Policy Lab of the Blue Cross NC Institute for Health and Human Services operates out of Appalachian State University in Boone, NC and has experience evaluating guaranteed/basic income programs across the US.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with all strategic priorities of Durham County.

Resource Persons: Samantha Smith, Special Projects Coordinator, Shannon Trapp, Chief of Staff

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the contract with DCI to serve as administrator of DCo Thrives.

Attachments:

[DCo Thrives MWBE Compliance Review Form for AAF](#)

[DCo Thrives Scope of Work](#)

[DCo Thrives Service Contract](#)

24-0251

Approval of Three Emergent Legislative Issues

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to review and approve three legislative issues that have emerged from other agencies for the Short Session of the General Assembly. Staff has worked closely with other agencies, our lobbyists, and our Senior Senator Mike Woodard on these items:

- 1) Occupancy Tax Distribution Legislation. The Board requested to approve the redistribution of occupancy tax as proposed by Discover Durham and defined in the draft bill submitted as part of this package. Senator Mike Woodard is prepared to sponsor the bill contingent on receiving support from Durham County Commissioners. Durham City Council provided their approval on April 15th.
- 2) RTP Legislative Changes. Scott Levitan, President and CEO of the Research Triangle Foundation requests proposed law changes for RTP 3.0 described as “clarification language” instead of new areas of the law. Mr. Levitan and his lobbyists met with Durham County Senior leadership and our lobbyists on

this issue. Their lobbyists are asking that Durham County Commissioners support this proposed update. This has been shared with Senator Mike Woodard as well.

- 3) GoTriangle Fee 2024 Legislation. While GoTriangle has announced this legislative proposal to seek an increase in the fee structure, Senator Woodard sent forth this legislation and it has been included in this package for the Board's information.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: These items align with all five Strategic Plan Goals.

Resource Persons: Deborah Craig-Ray, Chief Communications Officer; Tony Hall, Discover Durham Chief Financial Officer & Vice President of HR and Operations; Maurice Jones, Deputy County Manager - External Affairs.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the proposals, indicate support as necessary, and direct staff to work with lobbyists and members of our Durham Delegation as needed to gain approval from the General Assembly.

Attachments:

[Occupancy Tax Bill](#)

[RTP Legislative Changes March 2024](#)

[GoTriangle Fee 2024](#)

24-0252

Approval of Property Tax Releases and Refunds for April 1 - 12, 2024

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve the Releases & Refunds for April 1 through April 12, 2024, which includes adjustments to the current year's levy as well as prior years' levies. Due to property valuation adjustments for over assessments, listing discrepancies, duplicate listings, and clerical errors, etc. the attached reports detail partial month releases and refunds for April 2024.

This month's report includes releases and refunds for tax year 2023 totaling \$ 51,728.67. Prior tax years' (2019-2022) releases and refunds are in the amount of \$0.00. April 1 through April 12, 2024, releases and refunds total \$ 51,728.67.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 5, Accountable, Efficient, Visionary Government. The reason for the request is to ensure the county complies with North Carolina General Statutes which ensure we are accountable to our citizens.

Resource Persons: Keyar Doyle, Tax Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the property tax release and refund report for April 1 through April 12, 2024 as presented and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined by the report.

Attachments: [Releases and Refunds Backup Detail-April 2024-April 29, 2024 \(#1\)](#)
[Backup-Pending Refund Report_April 2024-April 29, 2024 \(#1\)](#)
[Backup-Bill Release Report_April 2024-April 29, 2024 \(#1\)](#)

7. Board and Commission Appointments (10 min)

[24-0230](#) **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:

- Citizens Advisory Committee
- Durham County Hospital Corporation Board of Trustees
- Durham Open Space and Trails 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 - 4.29.2024](#)

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

9. Closed Session

[24-0257](#) **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 Goal 5

Resource Persons: Monica Wallace, Clerk to the Board

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

10. Adjournment