



# Durham County

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## Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

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Monday, August 25, 2025

5:00 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

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### Regular Session

### Closed Session (To be held at: 5:00 pm)

#### [25-0460](#)

#### 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 Plan Goal: High Performing Organization.

**Resource Persons:** Monica W. 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.

**"Public Charge"**

The Board of Commissioners asks its members and residents to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous manner, both with the Board and fellow residents. At any time, should any member of the Board or any resident 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.

**7:00 pm Regular Session**

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

**25-0465****Announcements (5min)****Agenda Text:**

- 1. Durham County to Observe Labor Day Holiday** - Most Durham County Government offices will be closed for in observance of the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 1, 2025. All offices will reopen with normal business hours on Tuesday, September 2. Please note that the Board of County Commissioners' Work Session will be held at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 2, not the usual first Monday of the month. For other impacts to services, visit [www.dconc.gov](http://www.dconc.gov) <<http://www.dconc.gov>>.
- 2. Durham County Residents Mailed Tax Bills** - The Durham County Tax Administration mailed out 2025 property tax bills to all real property owners on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. Current year bills are due by September 1,

2025, and may be paid without penalty through Monday, January 5, 2026. Property owners may visit [www.dconc.gov/tax](http://www.dconc.gov/tax) or call 919-560-0300 for more information. To search online for your tax bill, visit

<https://property.spatalest.com/nc/durham-tax/#/>  
<<https://property.spatalest.com/nc/durham-tax/>>.

3. **Disaster Recovery Center Open Through Aug. 30** - If you were impacted by Tropical Depression Chantal, you can get in-person help at the Durham County Library North Regional Branch (221 Milton Rd.) through Saturday, Aug. 30 at 1 p.m. Apply for disaster aid and loans, connect with recovery agencies, and get information on resources available. Hours: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. More info: <<https://www.durhamnc.gov/4888>>.
4. **Briggs Avenue Community Garden Fall Festival & Plant Sale** - The Durham County Cooperative Extension is holding its annual Briggs Avenue Community Garden Fall Festival and Plant Sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 13. Come out to 1314 S. Briggs Avenue for free seeds and compost, ask a Master Gardener Table, pepper tasting, kids activities, and the plant sale (cash and check only!). Info: <[https://durham.ces.ncsu.edu/event/4829739950/briggs-ave-garden-festival-plant-sale/](https://durham.ces.ncsu.edu/event/4829739950/briggs-ave-garden-fall-festival-plant-sale/)>.
5. **Welcome Baby's 2nd Annual Socktember** - Join Welcome Baby and help smash the goal of 4,000 pair of socks during the 2nd Annual Socktember Sock Drive during the month of September! Donate children's socks - sizes newborn through children's 9 - at 721 Foster Street. All donations will be shared with families during the weekly Giving Closet. You can organize your own sock drive in your neighborhood, social club, sports team, work, or faith community. Contact Volunteer Services Coordinator Cindy Riley at [ckriley@dconc.gov](mailto:ckriley@dconc.gov) <<mailto:ckriley@dconc.gov>> or 919-560-7319.
6. **500 East Main Street Parking Deck Opened Aug. 25** - Durham County's 500 E. Main Street parking deck (physical address of 114 S. Elizabeth Street) is now open to the public as of today, Monday, August 25, 2025. Residents visiting the Human Services Building at 414 E. Main Street, will be allowed to utilize the deck - receiving parking validation inside the Departmental Lobby service areas. You must present your parking ticket for validation. Please note, if you do not receive validation, regular parking deck charges will apply. The deck has three entrances (Main, Dillard and Elizabeth streets available for use.
7. **Protect Yourself from West Nile Virus** - Mosquito activity is high this time

of year, so it's important to protect yourself from mosquito bites and illnesses carried by mosquitoes like West Nile virus. Prevent West Nile virus by avoiding mosquito bites, by applying EPA-registered insect repellent, wearing long clothing, using screens on doors and windows, and dumping standing water in objects like birdbaths and tires to prevent mosquitoes breeding near water. For more information on West Nile virus, visit <https://CDC.gov/WestNile>.

8. **HomeShare Durham** - HomeShare Durham is looking to help math people seeking affordable housing with those who have extra space. This offers companionship support, reduce housing cost and provide security and stability. For more information, please visit [www.dcia.org/homesharedurham](http://www.dcia.org/homesharedurham) or email [homesharedurham@gmail.com](mailto:homesharedurham@gmail.com) <<mailto:homesharedurham@gmail.com>>.

#### 4. Minutes (5 min)

[25-0464](#)

##### Minutes (5min)

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to approve the August 4, 2025, Work Session minutes and the August 11, 2025, Regular Session minutes.

**Alignment With Strategic Plan:** This item aligns with Strategic Plan Goal - High Performing Organization

**Resource Persons:** Monica W. Wallace, Clerk to the Board

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the August 4, 2025, Work Session minutes and the August 11, 2025, Regular Session minutes.

**Attachments:**

[Work Session - August 4, 2025](#)

[Regular Session - August 11, 2025](#)

#### 5. Ceremonial Items (15 min)

##### Resolution - To Be Read/Recognized

[25-0451](#)

##### Resolution - Honoring the Life of Thomas Henry Krakauer (10min)

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to issue a resolution honoring the life of Thomas Henry Krakauer who made his transition on June 17, 2025. He was the long-time CEO of

the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science and renowned for transforming the museum from a small, hometown institution to a leader among museums of science and technology. The beloved Butterfly House is one of the many expansions and improvements that came about via his direction. During his remarkable tenure, he also secured six National Science Foundation grants. After his retirement, he lent his considerable talents to helping establish and manage the Museum of Durham History.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Regional Leadership

**Resource Persons:** Nida Allam, Chair, Board of County Commissioners

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board approve this resolution honoring the tremendous life and legacy of Thomas Henry Krakauer and extend heartfelt condolences to the entire Krakauer Family.

**Attachments:** [Resolution - Thomas Krakauer 25Aug25](#)

## Proclamation - To be Acknowledged Only

### [25-0374](#)

#### Proclamation - National Preparedness Month (5min)

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to proclaim September 2025 as National Preparedness Month in Durham County as a time to raise awareness about the importance of being prepared for emergencies and disasters.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** This item aligns with Durham County's Strategic Goal: Safe and Resilient Community.

**Resource Persons:** Mark Lockhart, OES Director and Elizabeth Schroeder, Chief of Emergency Management

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board proclaim September as National Preparedness Month in Durham County as a time to raise awareness about the importance of being prepared for emergencies and disasters.

**Attachments:** [Proclamation - Preparedness Month - August 2025](#)

## 6. Consent Agenda (15 min)

### [25-0461](#)

**Authorize the County Manager to Execute a Purchase of Goods Contract with GreenTech Solutions Group, LLC for the 500 E Main Street Parking Deck Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in the amount of \$75,684.65 plus contingency with a Not to Exceed amount of \$80,684.65**

**Attachments:**      [Attachment 1- AAF - Supplemental Form - 500 E. Main St. EV Charging Station](#)  
[Attachment 2- 500 E Main st EV Charger and Installation Estimate 1193 from](#)  
[Attachment 3- EV Charging State contract](#)  
[Attachment 4 - Sourcwell CCGI 042221-Contract Extension \(1\)](#)  
[Attachment 5- Blink EV Charging Station for State & Local Government](#)

**25-0473**      **Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC016 appropriating General Fund Balance Totaling \$312,000 for the Cooperative Extension 4-H Program**

**Agenda Text:**      The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC016 appropriating General Fund Balance Totaling \$312,000 for the Cooperative Extension 4-H Program.

These funds were unspent in FY 2024-2025 and require reauthorization in the current fiscal year. This technical amendment supports Durham County's 4-H youth development program initiative previously approved by the board for 4-H Youth Programming.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** This request aligns with Durham County Strategic Goals: Healthy Inclusive Community, Empowered Community, & Financial Stewardship.

**Resource Persons:** Donna Rewalt, County Extension Director; Crystally Wright, Chief Financial Officer

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC016 appropriating General Fund Balance Totaling \$312,000 for the Cooperative Extension 4-H Program.

**Attachments:**      [4-H AAF 312,000 Funds 03-25-2025](#)  
[AAF-16 Legal Form](#)  
[AAF 25-0473 4-H Funds CFO Approval](#)

**25-0474**      **Approval of Property Tax Releases and Refunds for July 2025**

**Agenda Text:**      The Board is requested to approve the Releases & Refunds for July 2025, 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 monthly releases and refunds for July 2025.

This month's report includes releases and refunds for tax year 2025 totaling \$ 45,845.42. Prior tax years' (2015-2024) releases and refunds are in the amount of \$213,849.81. July 2025, releases and refunds total \$ 259,695.23.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Financial Stewardship. This request is to ensure the county complies with financial requirements mandated by North Carolina General Statutes which ensures 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 July 2025, as presented and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined by the report.

**Attachments:** [Releases and Refunds Backup Detail-July 2025-Aug 25, 2025](#)  
[Backup-Bill Release Report July 2025-Aug. 25, 2025](#)  
[Backup-Pending Refund Report July 2025-Aug 25, 2025](#)  
[NCVTS June Refunds](#)

### **25-0480**

### **Approval of a Letter of Support for a Feasibility Study for a Passenger Rail Station in RTP**

**Agenda Text:** The Board is requested to approve a letter of support for a feasibility study for a passenger rail station in RTP.

At the August 12, 2025, Joint Durham County, City of Durham, and Durham Public Schools Board of Education meeting, a presentation was provided on the potential for a passenger rail station in RTP. As recommended by the Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization's Strategic Rail Infrastructure Study, rail service in the Triangle can be improved through an incremental approach including the study of new intercity passenger rail stations. The Board is asked to approve a letter of support to NCDOT to initiate the study of a new passenger rail station in RTP.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Regional Leadership

**Resource Persons:** Ellen Beckmann, Transportation Director

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board approve a letter of support for a feasibility study for a passenger rail station in RTP.

**Attachments:** [2025.08.25 Durham Co request for RTP station](#)  
[RTP Rail Station Presentations 2025-08-12](#)

## **7. Public Hearings (30 min)**

### **25-0437**

### **Public Hearing to Consider the Naming Request for William V. "Bill" Bell Lobby (30min)**

**Agenda Text:** The Board is requested to hold a public hearing to consider naming the 2nd Floor Lobby of the Administrative I Building after William V. "Bill" Bell, former County Commissioner. During this public hearing, the Board will hear public comments,

provide additional feedback and approve the request.

The Board received a presentation from the Naming Committee at the May 5, 2025, Work Session which outlined the application process and recommendations.

Upon approval of this request the Naming Committee will coordinate with the family on an appropriate date to plan the unveiling.

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

**Resource Persons:** Larissa Williamson, County Attorney; Deborah Craig-Ray, Chief Communications Officer; Motiryo Keambiroiro, Director of General Services; Kathy Everett-Perry, Chief Human Resources Officer; Shannon Trapp, Director of Community Partnership and Engagement and Monica Wallace, Clerk to the Board.

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board hold a public hearing to consider naming the 2nd Floor Lobby of the Administrative I Building after William V. "Bill" Bell, former County Commissioner.

**Attachments:** [Presentation - William Bell Lobby Naming Request 08.11.2025](#)

## 8. Other Business (10 min)

**25-0475**

### **Resolution - Supporting State Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (10min)**

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to adopt a resolution supporting state funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

The recent passage of H.R.1, or the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025, introduced numerous changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). One significant provision in H.R.1 is the shift of some SNAP benefit costs to the states for the first time in program history. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services estimates that this change will cost the state \$420 million each year beginning in FY 2027-2028. If the state chooses not to appropriate this funding, SNAP would be eliminated, which would result in devastating food security and economic consequences for Durham and other North Carolina communities. This resolution calls for the North Carolina General Assembly to appropriate the necessary funding in the state budget to continue the SNAP program.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** This item most closely aligns with DCo Forward Healthy & Inclusive Community (HI 1a, HI 1b, HI 3b) and Empowered Community (EC 1c, EC 1d, EC 2a, EC 2b) initiatives.

**Resource Persons:** Raina Goldstein Bunnag, County Food Security Coordinator (Cooperative Extension); Maggie Clapp, Director of Department of Social Services (DSS); Dr. Rodney Jenkins, Public Health Director (Public Health); Donna Rewalt,



County Extension Director (Cooperative Extension)

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board adopt this resolution supporting state funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

**Attachments:** [Resolution - Supporting State Funding for SNAP.25Aug25](#)

## 9. Board and Commission Appointments (10 min)

**25-0459**

### **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:

- Alliance Board of Directors
- Environmental Affairs Board

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 focus area: High Performing Organization.

**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:** [B&C Appt Memo - 8.25.2025](#)

## 10. Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda (20 min)

## 11. Adjournment