



Durham County

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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

9:00 AM

Commissioners' Chambers

Work Session

"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.

9:00 am Work Session Agenda

1. Citizen Comments (30 min)

[25-0493](#)

Citizen Comments (30min)

Agenda Text:

The Board of County Commissioners will provide a 30-minute comment period at a meeting once a month. Any citizen of Durham County wishing to speak shall have an opportunity to do so. The Board may direct staff to research and reply to the concerns, if appropriate. Speakers were asked to provide comments prior to the start of the meeting so that staff may reply to comments and/or

questions. All speakers are requested to refrain from addressing issues related to personnel matters.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Citizen engagement aligns with all five of the strategic goals by allowing the Board to receive comments and concerns from the community related to important issues in Durham County.

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

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the board receive citizen comments and direct staff to respond, as deemed appropriate.

2. Consent Agenda (15 min)

25-0392 Approve a Resolution Delegating Authority to the County Manager to Sign Real Estate Leases of County-Owned Property for up to a One-Year term as Allowed by State Statute

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve a Resolution Delegating Authority to the County Manager to sign real estate leases of County-owned property for up to a one-year term as allowed by state statute.

North Carolina General Statute §153A-176 incorporates and extends to Counties the legislative authority of Cities in Article 12 of Chapter 160A. That Article includes GS §160A-272, which authorizes County Boards of Commissioners to delegate authority to sign leases of County property, that the County does not need, for a term of up to and including one year. Durham County, from time to time, has properties meeting this description and in order to permit prompt action requests the Board delegate this authority to the County Manager.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with the Durham County Forward Strategic Plan Objective HP1: Create and improve policies and procedures that meet the organization's needs, through Initiative HP 1d: Innovate and streamline County processes

Resource Persons: Christy Raulli, Sr. Real Estate Officer; Peri Manns, ASLA, Deputy Director of Engineering; Jay Gibson, P.E., Director of Engineering; Maurice Jones, Deputy County Manager; Curtis Massey, Deputy County Attorney; Larissa Williamson, County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve a Resolution Delegating Authority to the County Manager to sign real estate leases of County-owned property for up to a one-year term as allowed by state statute.

Attachments: [Resolution Delegating Leasing Authority to County Manager Draft 7-22-25 \(002'](#)
 [GS_153A-176](#)
 [GS_160A-272](#)

25-0448 **Approval of Contract with Boundtree Medical for the Purchase of UEScope Video Laryngoscopes not to exceed the amount of \$146,073.12.**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve a contract with Boundtree Medical for the purchase of UEScope Video Laryngoscopes to replace outdated video laryngoscopes. The Office of Emergency Services (OES) will utilize existing capital budget funds for EMS equipment replacement in the amount not to exceed \$146,073.12 utilizing Buy Board cooperative purchasing group exemption.

EMS has utilized King Vision video laryngoscopes for several years; however, the manufacturer has discontinued both the device and its essential components. As critical parts, such as the compatible blades, are no longer available for purchase, EMS must transition to a new video laryngoscope system. Following a comprehensive field evaluation of multiple brands, EMS has selected the UEScope as the replacement for the King Vision.

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

Resource Persons: Mark Lockhart, OES Director and Marc Ferguson, OES Business Operations Officer

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the BOCC approve the contract with Boundtree Medical in the amount not to exceed \$146,073.12 and authorize the County Manager to sign and execute all contract documents for the purchase of UEScope Video Laryngoscopes.

Attachments: [AAF Supplemental Document - Contract Approval Template -UEScope VL FY2](#)
 [1. BTM Quote-Standard 07-28-2025 4-14-09 PM](#)
 [uescope-vl460-brochure](#)
 [704-23-Award-Tabulation-Report](#)

25-0449 **Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC010 for the Department of Social Services to Recognize Durham County's FY 2025-26 Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funding Plan in the Amount of \$932,221, Which Includes the Required Durham County DSS Local Match of \$86,123 to be Appropriated via General Fund Fund Balance.**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC010 for the Department of Social Services to recognize Durham County's FY 2025-26 Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funding Plan in the amount of \$932,221, which includes the required Durham

County DSS local match of \$86,123 to be appropriated via General Fund fund balance. The Home and Community Care Block Care Grant (HCCBG), as authorized in G.S. 143B-181.1 (a) (11), is designed to improve the planning and coordination of in-home and community-based services provided to North Carolina's older adults. It is also intended to promote the visibility of aging programs at the local level by giving counties increased flexibility with respect to funding aging services available through the Block Grant. The majority of funding comprising the HCCBG is authorized by the federal Older Americans Act.

The Board is also requested to approve the Department of Social Services request to recognize additional Home and Community Block Grant (HCCBG) Funds subsequent to adoption of the FY25-26 Budget. The Department (DSS) and the Durham Center for Senior Life (DCSL) are co-lead agencies for receiving the HCCBG funds and administering the programs. The goal of services provided under this grant is to enable recipients to stay at home longer, receiving the care and services they need in their own homes, thus reducing the necessity for out-of-home placement. Services provided are Adult Day Care Services, Congregate Meals, Senior Center Operations, Information and Case Assistance, Transportation, Home Delivered Meals, and In-Home Aide Services.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: Healthy and Inclusive Community supporting equitable and inclusive health and well-being for all.

Resource Persons: Maggie Cveticanin, Director, Department of Social Services, Travis Williams, Assistant Director, Department of Social Services, Margaret Faircloth, Assistant Director, Department of Social Services.

County Manager's Recommendation: Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 25BCC010 for the Department of Social Services to recognize Durham County's FY 2025-26 Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funding Plan in the amount of \$932,221, which includes the required Durham County DSS Local Match of \$86,123 to be appropriated via General Fund fund balance.

Attachments:

[HCCBG Signed AAF SAP \\$932,221 FY26](#)

[HCCBG AAF Suppl FY25-26 \\$932,221](#)

[HCCBG-732](#)

[DCSL-732](#)

[735 HCCBG Agreement AAIFY 26- DC-MOU](#)

[HCCBG Legistar FY25-26 \\$932,221](#)

[AAF-101 LEGAL FORM DSS to appropriate \\$932,221 in HCCBG funds](#)

25-0466

Approval to Enter into Contract with Runbeck Election Services LLC an Arizona Limited Liability Company for Ballot Printing Services in the Amount of \$105,000.00

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve the Durham County Board of Elections' request to enter into a contract with Runbeck Election Services LLC, an Arizona limited liability company, for the printing of ballots. The total value of the contract is \$105,000.00 and will cover a three-year period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028, as outlined in RFP 25-052 for Ballot Printing Services.

In accordance with Article 14A of Chapter 163 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the NC Administrative Code, counties are required to purchase ballots in quantities equal to 100% of registered voters within their jurisdiction. Runbeck Election Services LLC is a certified ballot printer in North Carolina. As mandated by NCGS 163-165.9(b)(1), county boards of elections may only purchase ballots from state-approved vendors.

Scheduled Election Dates are as follows:

October 7, 2025, Municipal Primary Election
November 4, 2025, Municipal General Election
March 3, 2026, Statewide Primary Election
November 3, 2026, Statewide General Election
October 5, 2027, Municipal Primary Election
November 2, 2027, Municipal General Election
March 7, 2028, Statewide Primary Election

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with the Durham County Strategic Goal: Regional Leadership. Acquiring this service will support efforts which ensure that registered voters in Durham County have access to ballots and other election related material printed by the vendor.

Resource Persons: Derek Bowens, Director of Elections

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the Board of Elections' contract with Runbeck Election Services, an Arizona limited liability company, in the amount of \$105,000.00 for ballot printing services over the three-year contract period from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2028, and to authorize the Manager to execute future contract amendments as needed.

Attachments:

[2025 08 13 FY26 Final Runbeck Ballot Printing Services Contract.pdf](#)

25-0468

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC011 Public Health to Recognize \$212,893 from NC DHSS Division of Public Health for the Prevention of Communicable Diseases

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC011 Public Health to Recognize \$212,893 from NC DHSS Division of Public Health for the Prevention of Communicable Diseases

Through efforts to recruit and retain highly qualified staff, these funds will support the foundational service areas and core functions of Durham County Public Health. Core functions include: (1) preventing the spread of communicable disease, (2) ensuring food, air, and water quality are safe, (3) supporting maternal and child health, (4) improving access and linkages to clinical care services, and (5) preventing chronic disease and injury.

Please note that this amendment requires no additional County funds.

The Board of Health has approved this amendment.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Healthy Community.

Resource Persons: Rodney Jenkins, DrPH, MHA, Public Health Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC011 Public Health to Recognize \$212,893 from NC DHSS Division of Public Health for the Prevention of Communicable Diseases

Attachments:

[117 FY26 Durham](#)

[AAF for AA117 Funds FY26](#)

[FY26_AAF Supplemental Doc - AA117](#)

[AAF-11 Legal Form](#)

25-0469

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC012 Public Health to Recognize \$3,200 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Chronic Disease and Injury Section/ Cancer Prevention and Control Branch

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC012 Public Health to Recognize \$3,200 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Chronic Disease and Injury Section/ Cancer Prevention and Control Branch

This grant provides funding through Agreement Addendum 452 Breast and Cervical Cancer to the Local Health Department (LHD) to help support activities associated with breast and cervical screening. The target number of screenings has increased to 55.

The Board of Health has approved this amendment.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This grant aligns with Strategic Goal 2: Health and Well-being for All

Resource Persons: Rodney Jenkins, DrPH, MHA, Public Health Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that

the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC012 Public Health to Recognize \$3,200 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Chronic Disease and Injury Section/ Cancer Prevention and Control Branch

Attachments:

[452 FY26 Durham - signed](#)

[AAF - Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening](#)

[AAF Supplemental Document - Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening](#)

[AAF-12 Legal Form](#)

25-0470

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC013 Public Health to Recognize \$13,826 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Epidemiology Section Communicable Disease Section Branch for Health Screenings

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC013 Public Health to Recognize \$13,826 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Epidemiology Section Communicable Disease Section Branch for Health Screenings

This grant provides funding to the Local Health Department (LHD) to help support activities associated with the number of refugee arrivals to Durham County, which has exceeded expectations with an increased number of screenings, for a new total 800 screenings.

The Board of Health has approved this amendment.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This grant aligns with Strategic Goal 2: Health and Well-being for All

Resource Persons: Rodney Jenkins, DrPH, MHA, Public Health Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC013 Public Health to Recognize \$13,826 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Epidemiology Section Communicable Disease Section Branch for Health Screenings

Attachments:

[583 FY26 Durham - signed](#)

[AAF AA 583 Supplemental Document - Noncontract](#)

[AAF - AA 583 Refugee Health](#)

[AAF-13 Legal Form](#)

25-0471

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC014 Public Health to Recognize \$9,081 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Epidemiology Section /Communicable Disease Branch for STD/HIV Care

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC014 Public Health to Recognize \$9,081 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Epidemiology Section /Communicable Disease

Branch for STD/HIV Care

This grant supports the local health department (LHD) STD/HIV Care, and Prevention, Partner Services, and Surveillance activities. The goal is to control the spread of HIV/STDs by providing case investigation and contact tracing services to county residents infected with or exposed to these organisms.

The Board of Health has approved this amendment.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This grant aligns with Strategic Goal 2: Health and Well-being for All

Resource Persons: Rodney Jenkins, DrPH, MHA, Public Health Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC014 Public Health to Recognize \$9,081 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Epidemiology Section /Communicable Disease Branch for STD/HIV Care

Attachments:

[547 FY26 Durham - signed](#)

[AAF 547 Supplemental Document - Noncontract](#)

[AAF AA547 HIV and STI Partner Services](#)

[AAF-14 Legal Form](#)

25-0472

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC015 Public Health to Recognize \$17, 500 from the Communicable Disease Branch of the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services for HIV Prevention

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC015 Public Health to Recognize \$17, 500 from the Communicable Disease Branch of the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services for HIV Prevention

These funds are an amendment to the existing Integrated Targeted Testing Services (ITTS) grant provided through the Communicable Disease Branch of the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services. The additional \$17,500.00 in funding supports expanded HIV prevention efforts, including targeted education, testing, and referral services during hours accessible to individuals at highest risk-particularly men who have sex with men, transgender individuals, and communities disproportionately impacted by HIV and other sexually transmitted infections.

Please note that this amendment requires no additional county funds.

The Board of Health has approved this amendment.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This grant aligns with Strategic Goal 2: Health

and Well-being for All

Resource Persons: Rodney Jenkins, DrPH, MHA, Public Health Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC015 Public Health to Recognize \$17, 500 from the Communicable Disease Branch of the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services for HIV Prevention

Attachments:

[534 FY26 Durham - signed](#)

[AAF - AA 534 ITTS](#)

[AAF Supplemental Document - AA 534 ITTS](#)

[AAF-15 Legal Form](#)

25-0476

Approval of Contract Amendment with Carolina Civilworks, Inc. for Emergency and Scheduled Collection System Repair Services in the Amount of \$210,289.02, Bringing the Contract Amount from \$400,000 to \$610,289.02 and to Execute Any Other Related Contract Amendments Not to Exceed \$700,000

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract amendment to increase the existing service contract with Carolina Civilworks, Inc. (FR# 24-626 and RFP# 21-022) for emergency and scheduled collection system repairs in the amount of \$210,289.02, bringing the total contract amount from \$400,000 to \$610,289.02, and to execute any other related contracts, including amendments, not to exceed \$700,000.

The Utilities Division maintains approximately 112 miles of gravity sanitary sewer pipes, 10 miles of force main, 3,112 manholes, and 13 lift stations. Per the Collection System Permit, WQCS00038, the County is required to repair areas of concern as needed to ensure there are no sanitary system overflows (SSOs). A contract was put in place with Carolina Civilworks, Inc. for emergency and scheduled collection system repairs that include repairs to collection system equipment, piping and sewer lateral repair and installation. Emergency repairs frequently happen after hours, holidays, and during inclement weather.

This contract is funded from the Enterprise Fund's operating budget.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This action is in accordance with Durham County Strategic Goal: "Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment," as this aids in the prevention of sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) and/or lessens the impact to the environment. No additional policy impacts are expected.

Resource Persons: Jay Gibson PE, Director of E&ES; Vince Chirichella PE, Sr. Project Manager; Stephanie Brixey, Deputy Director of E&ES

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends the Board to authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract amendment to

increase the existing service contract with Carolina Civilworks, Inc. (FR# 24-626 and RFP# 21-022) for emergency and scheduled collection system repairs in the amount of \$210,289.02, bringing the total contract amount from \$400,000 to \$610,289.02, and to execute any other related contracts, including amendments, not to exceed \$700,000.

Attachments: [AAF Supplemental Document](#)
[CCW_FR24-626_Contract Pkg](#)
[08.08.25 TW Alexander SS Repair](#)

25-0477 **Approval of McGill Environmental Systems of NC, Inc. Contract Amendment for Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant Residuals Transport and Disposal in the amount of \$142,000 Bringing the Contract Amount from \$408,600 to \$550,600**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract amendment with McGill Environmental Systems of NC, Inc. for the transport and disposal (RFP 21-023) of approximately 7,200 wet tons per year of wastewater treatment plant residuals in the amount of \$142,000, bringing the total contract amount from \$408,600 to \$550,600. This service is funded by the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This action is in accordance with Durham County Strategic Goal: “Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment,” as this contract allows for the disposal and beneficial reuse of the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant’s residuals as compost.

Resource Persons: Jay Gibson PE, Director of E&ES; Stephanie Brixey, Deputy Director; Amy Moore, Compliance Manager/TWWTP ORC

County Manager’s Recommendation: The County Manager recommends the Board to authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract amendment with McGill Environmental Systems of NC, Inc. for the transport and disposal (RFP 21-023) of approximately 7,200 wet tons per year of wastewater treatment plant residuals in the amount of \$142,000, bringing the total contract amount from \$408,600 to \$550,600.

Attachments: [AAF Supplemental Doc](#)
[McGill FY25_Contract Pkg for FY26 Increase](#)
[McGill_FY26 Rates](#)

25-0483 **Approve Acquisition of Three Conservation Easements: Sandra and Jerry Wrightenberry for 119 acres, Frances Cook for 147 acres, and Tom Washington for 76 acres for a total estimated County cost of \$1.8 million**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve the acquisition of three conservation easements with Jerry and Sandra Wrightenberry, Frances Cook, and Tom

Washington; to use existing open space capital project funds to support no more than 50% of the easements' costs; and to authorize the Manager to execute funding agreement documents if funds are awarded.

Wrightenberry property, 119 acres: Five parcels on both sides of 15-501 at the Person County line, including forests, hay fields, pastures, barns, and their home.

Cook property, 147 acres: Beef cattle farm at 1717 Hopkins Road, productive since the 1970s

Washington property, 76 acres: Land at 5615 Bahama Road, recently purchased from his aunt's estate, which Mr. Washington plans to manage for wildlife habitat.

Protecting these properties will preserve agricultural, scenic, wildlife, and water-quality resources. The Wrightenberry and Cook farms qualify for USDA-NRCS (United States Department of Agricultural- Natural Resource Conservation Service) Agricultural Lands Easement (ALE) funds, covering 50% of easement value. Mr. Washington's farm lies within a one-mile buffer of Camp Butner, making it eligible for up to 75% funding through the US Department of Defense's REPI (Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration) Program under an existing County-Army National Guard agreement.

To proceed, the County must secure signed real estate options confirming landowner and County intent as funding is approved. The total cost for all three easement projects is estimated at \$1.8 million. The County's open space and farmland capital project account has sufficient funds to cover its share, so no additional funding is required. If ALE and ARNG funds are awarded, final budgets will be presented to the Board for approval prior to closing.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The acquisition of conservation easements for permanent open space aligns with Strategic Plan Focus Area: Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment, Objective SI 3: Preserve and restore the natural and built environment, and SI 3d: Protect and restore natural resources, land, recreational, historical, and rural spaces.

Resource Persons: Celeste Burns, Open Space & Real Estate Manager; Peri Manns, Deputy Director of Engineering and Environmental Services

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the acquisition of three conservation easements with Jerry and Sandra Wrightenberry, Frances Cook, and Tom Washington; to use existing open space capital project funds to support no more than 50% of the easements' costs; and to authorize the Manager to execute funding agreement documents if funds are awarded.

Attachments: [AAF Supplemental Document - Three Conservation Easements - September 20](#)
[Attachment - Three Conservation Easement Projects](#)

3. Discussion Items (105 min)

25-0442 **Farmland Protection Advisory Board Update (30min)**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to receive an update from the Farmland Protection Advisory Board (FPAB). Durham County's beginning financial basis was agriculture. Over the years, agriculture in Durham has grown to include not only traditional farms but urban, innovative methods of farming. It is vital to the future of Durham agriculture that the Farmland Protection Advisory Board supports this diverse sector of Durham.

This Annual Report will highlight the past year's accomplishments and the implementation of the FPAB's goals for all of Durham agriculture. Two key programs administered through the FPAB are vital to the preservation and recognition of farmland in Durham: The Farmland Protection Program and the Voluntary Ag District Program. Durham County shows further support of agricultural business through the funding and administration of the Ag Economic Development Grant Program. Active roles played by the FPAB in these programs as well as educational outreach allows agricultural vitality in Durham now and for the future.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This program aligns with Durham County's Strategic Goals: Regional Leadership and Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment.

Resource Persons: Nicole Connelly, Farmland Board Chair; Sherry Scully, Ag Development Coordinator Durham Soil and Water Conservation; and Eddie Culberson, Director of Durham Soil and Water Conservation.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive an update from the Farmland Protection Advisory Board (FPAB).

Attachments: [FY 2025 FPAB Annual Report](#)

25-0463 **2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey and 2024 State of the County Health Report Data (30min)**

Agenda Text: The Durham County Department of Public Health (DCoDPH) produces data reports on the health of Durham County residents on an annual basis. The 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is a national survey conducted in each state by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This survey is administered every two years, the most recent survey data is contained in this report from 2023. This survey asks about many aspects of middle and high schoolers' lives including

mental health, substance use, nutrition, physical activity, bullying, and more.

The State of the County Health (SOTCH) report is done in years between Community Health Assessments. The 2024 SOTCH report is an update on data from the 2023 Community Health Assessment (CHA) and the county's top five health priorities which are 1. Affordable Housing,

2. Access to Healthcare and Health Insurance, 3. Community Safety and Wellbeing, 4. Mental Health, 5. Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Food Access.

Data is vital in giving an accurate picture of Durham County's health and driving decisions to best improve health outcomes for all Durham residents.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Healthy and Inclusive Community.

Resource Persons: Rodney Jenkins, DrPH, MHA, Public Health Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the Durham County Department of Public Health presentation on recent health data and health outcomes.

Attachments:

[2023-YRBS-report](#)

[2024 State of the County Health Report](#)

[AAF Template for YRBS and SOTCH 8122025 v2](#)

[Sept BOCC presentation](#)

25-0487

Tax Revaluation Update (45 minutes)

Agenda Text:

The Board will receive an update from Tax Administrator Keyar Doyle regarding the 2025 Revaluation process and upcoming steps.

State law requires each jurisdiction to conduct a property reappraisal at least once every eight years. Durham County's previous reappraisal was effective January 1, 2019. Between 2019 and 2025, Durham's median home sale price increased dramatically from \$240,000 to as high as \$445,000 in early 2023. The county experienced an average property value increase of 72%, with some properties seeing increases exceeding 200%. Given these significant market changes identified through ongoing analysis by the Department of Tax Administration, extensive preparation and communication with property owners were essential. Durham County provides comprehensive information about the reappraisal process, property owner rights, and available tax relief options at www.dconc.gov/tax <<http://www.dconc.gov/tax>>.

New assessed values were mailed to residents, and the Department of

Tax Administration has been actively processing appeals submitted by the June 16th deadline. The Board of Equalization & Review conducts weekly hearings to address more than 10,000 appeals received.

Property owners who missed the June 16th deadline retain the right to submit untimely appeals, though the Board of Equalization & Review has discretionary authority to accept or decline these submissions.

Property owners who successfully appealed their assessed values but received tax bills showing unadjusted amounts should not be concerned. Tax bills were generated and processed 30 days before property owners received their appeal notifications. All value adjustments made by the Department of Tax Administration must be reviewed by the Board of Equalization & Review, including accepted values. Due to the volume of appeals and scheduled hearings, this process may take up to 60 days.

Property owners who have received new values from the Board of Equalization & Review can calculate their tax liability and make payments during the billing cycles beginning September 1st and January 1st. Property owners should not wait until the delinquency period, which begins January 6, 2026. For assistance calculating revised or adjusted tax bills, property owners may contact the Tax Administration office at 919-560-0300.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with all Durham County Strategic Plan Goals

Resource Persons: Keyar Doyle, Tax Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receives the update on the revaluation process.

Attachments: [Item 25-0487 - Tax Update](#)

4. Adjournment