



# Durham County

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft Board of County Commissioners

*Michael D. Page, Chair*  
*Brenda A. Howerton, Vice Chair*  
*Fred Foster, Jr., Commissioner*  
*Wendy Jacobs, Commissioner*  
*Ellen W. Reckhow, Commissioner*

Monday, April 13, 2015

Commissioners' Chambers

7:00 pm Regular Session

### Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

### Agenda Adjustments:

Chairman Page announced that there were no agenda adjustments.

### Announcements:

Chairman Page read the following announcements:

- 1)"In Touch with Durham County," the Durham County Television show, airs daily on Durham Television Network (DTN) Channel 8 or 97-5 at 10 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Our County Commissioners' meetings are also rebroadcast on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m., Saturdays at 9:00 p.m., and Sundays at 9:00 p.m. Wendell Davis, County Manager is the current guest.
- 2) Durham County needs you! If you have a few hours to commit, Durham County has a number of boards and commissions that can benefit from your participation. We invite you to make a difference in our community. Contact the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025, visit the County's website, or email [Clerk@dconc.gov](mailto:Clerk@dconc.gov) for more information. Please note that all City and County taxes must be current at the time of application.
- 3)"Living Healthy," the Durham Diabetes Coalition Television show, airs daily on Cable TV Channel 8 or 97-5 at 7 p.m. Each episode features Durham County resources and residents successfully living with diabetes. This is also an initiative that supports Durham County's strategic goal Health and Well-being for All.
- 4) As Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, I will hold office hours for citizens each Wednesday from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Appointments can be made by calling me at (919) 949-4022.
- 5) Commissioner Jacobs mentioned two free events offered to the community.
  - a) Local Foreign Zone on April 22, 2015 from 9am – 2pm at the Research Triangle Park

Headquarters. Interested citizens were asked to register at [mrogers@durhamchamber.org](mailto:mrogers@durhamchamber.org) or call 919-328-8731

- b) Senior Summit, Aging Well in Durham was scheduled for May 2, 2015 from 10am – 4pm at the Human Service Complex. Interested citizens were asked to register at [seniors@dconc.gov](mailto:seniors@dconc.gov) or call 919-688-8947 ext. 108.

**Minutes:**

Vice Chair Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to approve the March 10, 2015 Redwood Meeting Minutes and the March 23, 2015 Regular Session Minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Reckhow thanked the Clerk’s Office for the thorough completion of the Redwood Minutes.

Commissioner Jacobs wanted to ensure that staff followed-up on the issues mentioned at the Redwood Meeting. Chairman Page responded that all issues were provided to County Manager Wendell Davis for follow-up.

**Ceremonial Items:**

**Proclamation – The Week of the Young Child 2015**

Chairman Page read the following proclamation:

**WHEREAS**, Early childhood — from birth to age 5 — represents the most critical time in children’s development and is the foundation for success in school and life; and

**WHEREAS**, Durham's Partnership for Children, Child Care Services Association and other local collaborating organizations, are celebrating the nationally recognized Week of the Young Child; and

**WHEREAS**, A county-wide effort known as ‘Kindergarten Registration Week’ will take place this week, in partnership with Durham Public Schools, to support children and families as they prepare to enter school; and

**WHEREAS**, Transition to kindergarten must be a smooth, coordinated process for children, parents, and schools that greatly minimizes the achievement gap; and

**WHEREAS**, Making sure children are ready to learn is a community endeavor that involves parents, child care providers, policy makers, businesses, congregations and community agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, High-quality early care supports Durham’s current workforce for families with young children who rely on child care to work; and

**WHEREAS**, Early care and education is an economic development strategy at the beginning of the talent pipeline; and

**WHEREAS**, Comprehensive, bilingual, evidence-based programs in parent education and literacy increase family stability; and

**WHEREAS**, Access to health care and early intervention are improved through community partnerships and government initiatives to positively impact young children’s health; and

**WHEREAS**, Collaborative services, family support, and education can help break the cycle of poverty that affects more than half of Durham’s children and create opportunities in early childhood that have a lasting impact in the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael D. Page, on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 12-18, 2015 as

**“THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD”**

in Durham County, North Carolina, and recognize Durham’s Partnership for Children and Child Care Services Association for the exemplary model of community-wide collaboration, which continues to improve the landscape of early education for Durham residents and benefits present and future generations.

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

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Michael D. Page, Chairman  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Commissioner Reckhow thanked the organization for their work and helping to prepare children for school.

Delphine Sellars, County Extension Director accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Partnership. She announced that they would celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Museum of Life and Science on April 23, 2015. Ms. Sellers continued to say the event was open to the public and the tickets were \$100 each. She explained the funds from the ticket sales would be used to place children into Pre-Kindergarten.

Dan Hudgins, Board Member of Child Care Services thanked the Commissioners for the recognition, collaboration and support.

**Proclamation – April 12 – 18 as National Volunteer Week 2015**

Chairman Page announced that prior to the Regular Session Meeting, there was a Volunteer Appreciation Reception to recognize all volunteers for their hours and hard work they contributed to the Boards and Commissions.

Commissioner Jacobs read the following proclamation:

**WHEREAS**, thousands of Durham County citizens utilize their time and talent to make a real difference in the lives of their fellow citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the entire community can inspire, equip and mobilize its citizens to take action that can change the world, and

**WHEREAS**, the giving of oneself in service to others empowers the giver and the recipient, alike; and

**WHEREAS**, experience teaches us that government by itself cannot solve all of our social problems; and

**WHEREAS**, citizen participation is essential for good government; and

**WHEREAS**, the health and well-being of Durham County is enhanced by neighbors helping neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, Durham County’s volunteer force is a great treasure; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive community; and

**WHEREAS**, Durham County recognizes the value of its volunteers and proudly joins other North Carolina counties and our Nation in celebrating National Volunteer Week to honor the more than 63 million volunteers nationwide.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael D. Page, on behalf of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of April 12-18, 2015 as

**“NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK”**

in Durham County and urge our fellow citizens to volunteer in their respective neighborhoods. By volunteering and recognizing those who serve, we can come together to make a difference.

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

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Michael D. Page, Chairman  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Mae McClendon, Volunteer Service Coordinator and Melva Henry, Project Coordinator for the Welcome Baby Program thanked the Board for the proclamation. Ms. McClendon invited the Board to attend a Volunteer Recognition Program held on April 30, 2015 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm at Cooperative Extension Service Building located at 721 Foster Street.

Commissioner Jacobs mentioned the importance of the community depending on volunteers and explained that volunteers helped to make Durham a great place.

Vice Chair Howerton thanked Ms. McClendon, Ms. Henry and the volunteers for all the work they did for the Durham Community.

**Resolution – Honoring the Life of Dr. Franc A. Barada**

Commissioner Reckhow read the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Franc Alexander “Andy” Barada Jr. served the Durham community for more than 30 years as a respected and beloved physician who eased suffering and always listened to patients with an attentive ear; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Barada gave as much or more to humanity through his selfless participation with numerous local organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, as a long time, dedicated member of the downtown Rotary Club of Durham, Dr. Barada provided leadership and financial support to The Rotary Foundation and six Habitat for Humanity house build efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Senior PharmAssist in its efforts to help seniors with limited incomes lead healthier and more independent lives was another Durham organization to benefit immeasurably from Dr. Barada’s talent and generous spirit, highlighted by his service as a board member from July 2004-June 2010 and two years as board president; and

**WHEREAS**, through his years as a volunteer and donor at Habitat for Humanity of Durham, Dr. Barada helped deserving Durham families purchase their first home and build a brighter future for their children, and, most recently, made a major donation to the Andy and Placide Barada Habitat house to commemorate the Rotary Club of Durham's Centennial; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of Project Access of Durham County working with Durham County and many other partners was one of his proudest accomplishments as it provides donated specialty care and “wrap around” services so that uninsured residents in Durham are afforded quality healthcare; and Dr. Barada’s physician leadership was critical to garnering both community and Duke support to make this dream a reality; and

**WHEREAS**, even when Dr. Barada was sick and in the midst of numerous difficult medical treatments, he looked for ways to make Durham a healthier place for all; and

**WHEREAS**, while Dr. Barada left us far too soon at age 69 on Feb. 8, 2015, we honor his lifetime of giving; dedication as a healer, educator and friend; and extraordinary commitment to helping others.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby resolve to honor

**DR. FRANC ALEXANDER “ANDY” BARADA JR.**

for his lifelong work as a generous, gifted and highly respected physician and community volunteer.

This the 13th day of April 2015.

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Michael D. Page, Chairman

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Brenda A. Howerton, Vice-Chairman

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A citizen commented that Dr. Barada would be honored with the resolution presented by the Board. She stated that Dr. Barada was diagnosed two weeks after his retirement, yet he continued to share his devotion to the community.

Chairman Page, Vice Chair Howerton and Commissioner Reckhow each shared fond memories of Dr. Barada and mentioned contributions he made to the community.

Gina Upchurch, Executive Director of Senior PharmAssist shared her memories of Dr. Barada and encouraged others to follow his lead to help make great things happen in Durham.

**Resolution – Honoring Retiring Emergency Management Director Jeff Batten**

Chairman Page read the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Jeffrey Leland Batten joined Durham County on February 13, 1995, as an Assistant Fire Marshal in the Durham County Fire Marshal’s Office; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 21, 1996, upon the retirement of the first County Fire Marshal, Richard Sauer, Chief Batten was sworn in as the new Durham County Fire Marshal; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 23, 1998, Chief Batten was sworn in as the Director of Durham City & County Emergency Management, hereafter known as Durham County Emergency Management; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Batten developed and implemented the placement of County firefighters in three County volunteer fire departments; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Batten coordinated the transfer of fire services from Bethesda Volunteer Fire Company Inc. to the County of Durham as Durham County Fire & Rescue; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Batten coordinated the response and recovery efforts for several major natural disasters to impact Durham County: Hurricane Fran, Winter Snow Storm of 2000, and Major Ice Storm of 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Batten has managed the transformation of fire and emergency management services in the County of Durham over these past fourteen years, and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Batten has provided 20 years of continuous emergency service to the County of Durham, available 24-hours per day; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Batten will be tremendously missed for his preminent and steadfast dedication to preserving and improving the safety and wellbeing of all who live in, work in, and visit Durham County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Michael D. Page, Chairman of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend sincere and deep appreciation to

**JEFFREY “JEFF” LELAND BATTEN**

for his generous and unmatched commitment to the residents of, and all who enter into, Durham County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we hereby wish for him a wealth of joy and success as he leaves Durham County Government to enjoy retirement.

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

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Michael D. Page, Chairman

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Lee Worsley, Deputy County Manager complimented Chief Batten on his role as Fire Marshal and thanked him for his service.

**Special Presentation to Jeff Batten, Recently Retired Emergency Management Director**

Michael A. Sprayberry, Director of the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management presented Chief Jeff Batten with the North Carolina Emergency Management Director’s Award for his outstanding service.

Chief Batten thanked the Board for the resolution and stated it had been an honor to serve the County for over 20 years.

Chairman Page thanked Chief Batten for his valuable service and wished him well on his retirement.

Vice Chair Howerton along with Commissioners Foster, Jacobs and Reckhow congratulated Chief Batten and thanked him for his leadership.

Wendell Davis, County Manager also thanked Chief Batten for his friendship, professionalism and wished him well during his retirement.

Chairman Page lastly recognized Chief Batten’s family.

**Proclamation – April 2015 as National County Government Month**

Vice Chair Howerton read the following proclamation:

**WHEREAS**, National County Government Month is recognized by thousands of counties across America every April; and

**WHEREAS**, the nation’s 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe, vibrant and economically resilient communities; and

**WHEREAS**, counties move America forward by building infrastructure, maintaining roads and bridges, providing health care, administering justice, keeping communities safe, running elections, managing solid waste, keeping records and much more; and

**WHEREAS**, Durham County Government and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

**WHEREAS**, through National Association of Counties President Riki Hokama’s “Transportation and Infrastructure” initiative, NACo is encouraging counties to focus on how they have improved their communities through road projects, new bridges, building new facilities, water and sewer improvements and other public works activities; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to remain healthy, vibrant, safe, and economically competitive, America’s counties provide transportation and infrastructure services that play a key role in everything from residents’ daily commutes to shipping goods around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote their own programs and services to the public they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, Durham County will host a live TwitterChat on April 15<sup>th</sup> about local transportation efforts for residents, and the Durham-Orange Light Rail Project featuring City of Durham Transportation Director Mark Ahrendsen and Natalie Murdock, public involvement manager for the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project; and

**WHEREAS**, Durham County will host a tour of the Triangle Waste Water Treatment Plant on April 18<sup>th</sup> where the public will be able to learn the history, service area, Jordan Lake Nutrient Rules, Sludge to Energy Project in Evaluation and more about the important infrastructure system.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael D. Page., on behalf of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2015 as

**“NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH”**

in Durham County, North Carolina and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

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Michael D. Page, Chairman  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Deborah Craig-Ray, Assistant County Manager and Dawn Dudley, Senior Public Information Specialist accepted the proclamation and thanked the Board for their continued support.

Ms. Dudley shared that there would be a live Twitter Chat on April 15, 2015 with Mark Ahrendsen, City of Durham Transportation Director and Natalie Murdock, Public Involvement Manager. She stated an interview was conducted with WPTF Radio where she shared information about what Durham County was doing. Ms. Dudley announced the Triangle Waste Water Treatment Plant tour scheduled for April 18, 2015 was cancelled and would be rescheduled at a later date.

Chairman Page thanked Ms. Craig-Ray and Ms. Dudley and asked that the list of events be provided to the Clerk to the Board.

**Resolution – Honoring Duke’s Basketball Team: 2015 NCAA Champions**

Chairman Page read the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Duke University Men’s Basketball Team became the National Collegiate Athletic Association’s (NCAA) championship team, posting a nail-biting 68-63 win over the Wisconsin Badgers on April 6, 2015 in Indianapolis, Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, with this win, Duke now boasts five NCAA titles under the leadership of legendary Coach Mike Krzyzewski, making it one of the most successful programs in college basketball; and

**WHEREAS**, youth ruled the championship game for Duke with freshman Tyus Jones, Grayson Allen, Justise Winslow and Jahlil Okafor steering the team to victory; and

**WHEREAS**, the talented freshmen were also among the scoring leaders in this championship season, which culminated in the title win and an impressive record of 35-4; and

**WHEREAS**, Coach Mike Krzyzewski and his outstanding staff excel in their ability to provide student athletes with an unprecedented balance of athletic mastery and academic success; and

**WHEREAS**, the success of this incredible team has again brought tremendous pride and recognition to the entire Durham community.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby salute Coach Mike Krzyzewski, his coaching staff, and members of the

**2015 DUKE UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL TEAM**

for winning the 2015 NCAA National Championship. We call upon all citizens in Durham County to join in honoring Coach Mike Krzyzewski, these outstanding athletes and the Duke University athletic staff for a job well done.

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

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Chairman Page announced that a community celebration would be held on April 14, 2015 at 4:30pm at the American Tobacco Campus and invited all citizens to attend. He added that the resolution would be presented to Coach K during the event.

**Introduction of Mr. Jay Gibson as new Director of Engineering and Environmental Services**

Chairman Page announced that Mr. Jay Gibson was the new Director of Engineering and Environmental Services and recognized Lee Worsley, Deputy County Manager to provide an introduction.

Mr. Worsley introduced Mr. Gibson to the Board and provided a brief introduction on his background.

Mr. Gibson acknowledged the Board and thanked each of them for welcoming him to the Durham County Government family.

**Consent Agenda:**

Chairman Page asked the Commissioners if they desired to pull any items from the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Jacobs wished to comment on item 15-370. She commented on the grant received and stated it would help monitor fertilizer. Commissioner Jacobs mentioned this was an item discussed at the Redwood Meeting.

15-265 Architectural/Engineering Services for the Roof Replacement at the Durham County Detention Center

15-271 Department of Social Services Contract Amendment – One Source Contract for Document Imaging Project

15-332 Renewal of the Durham City/County Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Planning



\*15-337 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 15BCC000051 to Recognize Funds from NC Division of Public Health, Women and Children Health (WCH)/Children and Youth Branch

\*15-343 Capital Project Amendment No. 15CPA000015 Transferring Funds From Two Durham Technical Community College Capital Projects (\$1,200,000) to the DTCC Campus Improvements Capital Project

\*15-358 Budget Ordinance Amendment 15BCC000050 and Capital Project Amendment No. 15CPA000014 Closing the Scattered Site Housing Capital Project (4120DC079) and the Related Capital Project Fund Transferring the Balance of Funds to the General Fund

15-363 Award of Contractor for Linen Services for Emergency Medical Services

\*15-366 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 15BCC000054 to Recognize Revenues from Public Health Medicaid Cost Settlement Funds to Replace the Tooth-Ferry Mobile Dental Unit

\*15-370 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 15BCC000053 - Recognize revenue to the Soil and Water Conservation Department from an EPA 319 grant administrated by the Division of Soil and Water, NC Department of Agriculture (NCDA)

\*15-375 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 15BCC000055 Public Health: Recognize Epidemiology / PH Preparedness & Response funds from NC DHHS, Division of Public Health to Support Ebola Virus Monitoring Activities

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Vice Chair Howerton to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Item 15-337

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2014-2015 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 15BCC000051**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2014-2015 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$58,385,356	\$2,653	\$58,388,009

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$90,044,638	\$2,653	\$90,047,291

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

Consent Agenda Item 15-343

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**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
2014-15 Capital Project Ordinance  
Amendment Number 15CPA000015**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the 2014-15 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.

<b>Capital Project</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Inc./Dec.</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>
DTCC-Newton Building (CC009)	\$4,000,000	(\$1,000,000)	\$3,000,000
DTCC-Main Campus Expansion (CC011)	\$2,000,000	(\$200,000)	\$1,800,000
DTCC Campus Improvements (CC007)	\$8,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$9,400,000

Adopted this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

Consent Agenda Item 15-358

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2014-2015 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 15BCC000050**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2014-2015 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$26,120,904	\$1,682	\$26,122,586

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
General Government	\$95,302,512	\$1,682	\$95,384,193

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

Consent Agenda Item 15-366

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2014-2015 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 15BCC000054**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2014-2015 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$58,430,866	\$475,000	\$58,905,866

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$90,047,290	\$475,000	\$90,522,290

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

Consent Agenda Item 15-370

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**Durham County, North Carolina  
2014-2015 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 15BCC000053**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2014-2015 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$58,388,009	\$42,857	\$58,430,866

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Economic and Physical Development	\$5,827,158	\$42,857	\$5,870,015

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

Consent Agenda Item 15-375

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**Durham County, North Carolina  
2014-2015 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 15BCC000055**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2014-2015 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$58,905,866	\$19,735	\$58,925,601

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$90,522,290	\$19,735	\$90,542,025

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

**Other Business:**

**15-383 – Action Items Relating to Sidewalk Maintenance**

Chairman Page announced a discussion took place with staff and asked if additional comments were needed. Hearing none, he invited citizens who signed up to speak the item to comment.

Allen Lang of 601 Flagstone Way mentioned the safety and importance of the children and urged the

approval of the sidewalk.

Flynn Meadows, 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Forestview Elementary School complained about how fast the cars traveled on Erwin Road and how difficult it was for drivers to see him as he walked to school.

Chad Meadows of 9 Bluebottle Lane asked those in attendance to raise their hands if they agreed on the need of a sidewalk. Mr. Meadows asked the Board to take the money offered from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the sidewalk.

Sarah O'Brien of 4904 Center discussed how dangerous the roads were and read NC G.S. 15C-246(b) which stated the following:

*“Unless road or other conditions make it inadvisable, public school buses shall be routed on state-maintained highways, municipal streets, or other streets with publicly dedicated right-of-way. The local board of education shall not be responsible for damage to the roadway. Each public school bus shall be routed so that the bus passes within one mile of the residence of each pupil assigned to that bus. A pupil who lives one and one-half miles or more from the school to which the pupil is assigned shall be eligible for school bus transportation.”*

Ms. O'Brien urged the County to vote yes on the sidewalk maintenance for the safety of the children in the community.

Javier Arce of 104 Soltera Way discussed the benefits of a traffic light at the Erwin/Randolph Intersection.

Mary Lu Flowers, Art Teacher at Forest View Elementary School explained to the Board that the sidewalks did not connect to other areas. She stated Forest View Park was listed as a City park and wanted it to be accessible to people in the community.

Chairman Page asked the Board if they would like to make any comments.

Vice Chair Howerton requested metrics surrounding the topic. She asked how the County could structure themselves and the community for upcoming projects. Drew Cummings, Assistant County Manager stated the intersection met the warrants for signalization; however, there was no warrant for the sidewalk. Mr. Cummings noted that he did not have pedestrian metrics for this or any other metrics in the County. He added other schools within the County may have gaps as well and the County may want to consider conducting a policy. Vice Chair Howerton stated she would like the County to come up with metrics on how to be accountable to the remainder of the community.

Commissioner Reckhow stated the County was not at the level to do pedestrian counts. She continued to say the strategy had been to look at well-worn foot traffic and she hoped the County would continue to make the sidewalks connecting links between schools a priority. Commissioner Reckhow recommended the County proceed with all three steps outlined.

Commissioner Foster stated the issue was not about the sidewalk or the stoplight; it was about the expense of the maintenance. He mentioned it was important to be fair to other communities that were not connected. Commissioner Foster stated what Durham County did would have an impact on other counties in the future. He stated for the record he would support the Board's decision.

Vice Chair Howerton requested the manager provide an outline on how the County would manage a decision that was best for the community. Wendell Davis, County Manager stated the (3) three options provided by staff would become the driver in the metrics requested. He added if the State deemed it necessary and appropriate; based on the counts, staff would look more comprehensively at the social issues moving forward.

Commissioner Jacobs stated that she supported all (3) three recommendations. She stated the County should accept the offer of the traffic signal and the pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Randolph Road and Erwin Road. Commissioner Jacobs continued to say that the NCDOT would not have made the offer if the traffic did not meet the criteria. She also mentioned creating a sidewalk policy that would limit liability. Commissioner Jacobs hoped the Board could move forward.

Commissioner Foster recalled a question asked during a Worksession. He asked if the Homeowners Association (HOA) could assist with the maintenance. Mr. Cummings stated the HOA responded they would be willing to discuss in part with other HOAs in the area. He added if a broader group of neighborhoods would use the sidewalk, more neighborhoods should contribute.

Chairman Page stated the Board was committed to the citizens of Durham County. He commented on the fairness of the process specifically the Cook Road intersection near Hillside High School with addressing all of the communities in Durham County, particularly communities with schools. Chairman Page suggested to the Board to re-engage in this issue with the Joint City-County Committee and asked that it be placed on a future agenda. He stated the moral obligation from the Board was to support the item; however, the Board needed a conservative effort to create a committee to address the concern. Chairman Page continued to say that he would support the item as long as all Board members agreed to address concerns of other communities in Durham.

Commissioner Jacobs asked Mr. Cummings to forward the follow-up information regarding the sidewalks projects to all Commissioners. Mr. Cummings announced that Cook Road was proposed for funding in the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget for the City of Durham.

Chairman Page asked where the Randolph/Erwin Road request was on the list. Commissioner Jacobs responded it was not on the list. Commissioner Reckhow interjected that the Randolph/Erwin Road request would come from a different set of funding (special State secondary road funds). She added Cook Road was in the City's jurisdiction whereas Randolph/Erwin Road was outside of the City limits. Commissioner Reckhow continued to say that the citizens contacted NCDOT and requested a study for a traffic signal. She stated the study was completed and it was determined that a traffic signal was needed.

Chairman Page congratulated the Soltera residents on the funding they received from NCDOT. He stated if NCDOT had funds available, the communities should be made aware of it. Chairman Page emphasized that many citizens watched the meeting on live television and stated the County had to do a better job of informing them of opportunities for resources.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs that the Board move forward with the improvements at Randolph/Erwin Road and authorize the County Manager to execute a maintenance agreement with NCDOT for the sections of sidewalks to be constructed; in addition that the Board adopt a sidewalk policy stating the County would agree to enter into a sidewalk maintenance agreement when NCDOT constructs the sidewalk and take on maintenance within one-quarter mile of a Durham Public School property; lastly move to meet with appropriate partners (City of Durham and Durham Public Schools to move towards an equitable and

comprehensive plan for improved pedestrian connectivity with a focus on school facilities throughout Durham County.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Page asked the Clerk to the Board to ensure this item would be placed on the next Joint city-County Committee meeting agenda.

**15-372 Capital Project Amendment No. 15CPA000016 Creating a New Human Capital Management (HCM) SAP Software Upgrade Capital Project, Transferring Unspent Funds From and Then Closing the FY12 HR Upgrade Capital Project and the FY12 BW Capital Project and Budget Amendment No. 15BCC000052 Appropriating \$26,955 of Capital Financing Fund Fund Balance to Support the New Project**

Greg Marrow, Chief Information Officer stated the item was about a software upgrade. He mentioned that SAP was moving from an on-premise Human Resources (HR) solution to the Cloud. Mr. Marrow stated the best of three (3) software vendors were reviewed and as part of the upgrade, they would like to move the information on-premise to the Cloud. He continued to say a new suite of services were being offered to the County to help bridge the gap.

Chairman Page asked the Board if there were questions that pertained to the item.

Commissioner Foster asked if the money was already appropriated. Cora Wilson, Human Resources Director responded the \$29,955 was not; however, the other funds were in the Information Technology (IT) related projects which was not spent. Susan Tezai, Deputy Chief Financial Officer added the funds were proceeds, so they had to be used for the same purposes or to retire a debt. Commissioner Foster clarified that the \$26,000 was coming from a separate fund. Ms. Tezai responded the funds would come from the Capital Financing Fund balance.

Chairman Page asked what the total cost of the project would be. Ms. Tezai responded the total would be \$438,420.74.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to appropriate the funds to the Capital Finance Fund balance to support this project be approved.

The motion carried unanimously.

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**Durham County, North Carolina  
2014-2015 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 15BCC000052**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2014-2015 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>CAPITAL FINANCING FUND</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$30,811,489	\$26,955	\$30,838,444

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>
<u>CAPITAL FINANCING FUND</u>

General Government                                 \$60,433,115                         \$26,955                                 \$60,460,070

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

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**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**  
**2014-15 Capital Project Ordinance**  
**Amendment Number 15CPA000016**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the 2014-15 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.

<b>Capital Project</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Inc./Dec.</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>
FY 12 HR ERP Upgrade Project (4280DC084)	\$2,530,250.88	(\$381,843.82)	\$2,148,407.06
FY 12 BW Technical Upgrade (4280DC085)	\$240,000	(\$29,621.92)	\$210,378.08
HCM SAP Software Upgrade Project (4280DC086)	\$0	\$438,420.74	\$438,420.74

Adopted this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

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**15-384 Resolution Authorizing the DMV to Distribute Certain Vehicle Registration Taxes Directly to Triangle Transit Authority**

Kathy Everett-Perry, Senior Assistant County Attorney addressed the Board and asked that they approve the resolution authorizing the DMV to distribute the \$7 vehicle registration tax on motor vehicles registered in Durham County directly to GoTriangle (formerly Triangle Transit Authority.)

Commissioner Reckhow elaborated that the money was going to help support the Durham City Bus System and the County Transportation Service for enhancements.

Chairman Page inquired about the current vehicle registration tax. Attorney Everett-Perry responded she was unsure. Commissioner Reckhow stated \$7 would remain locally and \$3 would be kept by GoTriangle to help with enhancements.

Attorney Everett-Perry stated they also needed approval for the funds that were collected in the past. She added this item requested was for future funds; however, the funds that had already come in would need to be sent over to GoTriangle as well.

Vice Chair Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve the resolution to distribute \$7 vehicle registration tax and then amend the policy to allow the staff to distribute the funds already collected by Durham County to GoTriangle.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

Vice Chair Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to adjourn the Regular Session meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Monica Toomer".

Monica W. Toomer  
Deputy Clerk to the Board