



# Durham County

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## Meeting Minutes Board of County Commissioners

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

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

7:00 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

### Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

### Agenda Adjustments:

Vice Chair Howerton acknowledged the excused absences for Chairman Michael D. Page and Commissioner Ellen Reckhow and announced there were no agenda adjustments.

### Announcements:

Vice Chair Howerton read the following announcements:

- 1) The Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is available for Public Review. You may view the draft by visiting the website at [www.ourtransitfuture.com](http://www.ourtransitfuture.com) or the GoTriangle administrative office (4600 Emperor Blvd, Suite 100, Durham NC). A public information session will be held September 19 (2-5 pm) at the Durham Transportation Station. A formal public hearing will be held on October 1, here in the Chambers at 200 E Main Street, from 4-7 pm. Please note that the public comment period ends October 13.
- 2) We invite you to tune in to Cable TV Channel 8 and AT&T U-verse channel 99 to see rebroadcasts of tonight's meeting as well as other Durham County programming that may be of interest to you. Please contact the Public Information Office at 919-560-0008 or our website [www.dconc.gov](http://www.dconc.gov) for more information.
- 3) These announcements may also be found on the County's website or you may call the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025.
- 4) Vice Chair Howerton acknowledged that National Hispanic Heritage Month was being recognized during the month of September 2015. She stated that no events were scheduled, however she wanted to ensure the community was aware.

**Minutes:**

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Foster to approve the August 10, 2015 and August 24, 2015 Regular Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Ceremonial Items:**

**15-641 Proclamation – World Rabies Day**

Commissioner Jacobs read the following proclamation:

**WORLD RABIES DAY | 2015**

**WHEREAS**, rabies is a vaccine-preventable disease in humans, dogs, cats and ferrets as well as some domestic livestock, and all mammals are susceptible to rabies, and it is nearly always fatal; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina General Statute §130A-185 requires owners of dogs, cats and ferrets to have their dogs, cats and ferrets currently vaccinated against rabies and North Carolina General Statute §130A-190 requires all dogs, cats and ferrets to wear a rabies tag, beginning at four months of age; and

**WHEREAS**, while rabies in humans and domestic pets is preventable through vaccination, its prevention is hindered by many animal owners and caretakers who fail to comply with consistent vaccinations; and

**WHEREAS**, worldwide human deaths as a result of rabies are largely ignored and uncounted, but a conservative estimate puts the annual global burden at 55,000. Rabies can be prevented in humans with timely and appropriate treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health Virology, 28 cases of rabies in animals has been reported in Durham County since 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the Durham County Sheriff’s Office Animal Services Division, located at 3005 Glenn Road, provides rabies vaccines for a small fee of \$10; and in association with World Rabies Day on September 28, 2015, the Durham County Sheriff’s Office will be offering a one year rabies vaccination at no cost to Durham County Residents; and

**WHEREAS**, September 28 of every year is World Rabies Day. Events are planned throughout the world to raise awareness and funding for the control and prevention of rabies.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael D. Page, Chairman of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 28 of each year as

**“RABIES AWARENESS DAY”**

in Durham County, North Carolina and its observance to all citizens to raise awareness of the prevention of rabies for the benefit of public health in Durham County.

This the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

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Michael D. Page, Chairman  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Lieutenant Timothy Deck stated that free one year vaccinations would be offered on September 28, 2015 at the Durham County Sheriff’s Office Animal Services Building, 3005 Glenn Road from 8:00am until 4:00pm. Lieutenant Deck also stated that free micro-chipping would be offered as well.

Susan Thompson, Public Health Registered Nurse stated the last reported human rabies case was in the

1950s. She applauded the officers of the Animal Services Division for offering the free services.

Commissioner Jacobs also applauded the Sheriff's Department for offering the free vaccinations and asked the staff to ensure the public was aware of the free services being offered on September 28, 2015.

**15-643 Proclamation - 2015 Bull City Stand Down**

Commissioner Fred Foster read the following proclamation:

**BULL CITY STAND DOWN | 2015**

**WHEREAS**, during the time of war, combat troops needing time to rest and recoup were removed from the battlefield to a safe place to take care of personal hygiene, receive medical care, get a hot meal, clean uniforms and enjoy friends in a safe environment—this was known as a “stand-down”; and

**WHEREAS**, Durham has hosted the largest stand down event in the State of North Carolina's history with the help of hundreds of volunteers, and support from various community groups and veteran service organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2015 Bull City Stand Down Committee continues to improve on this event with the commitment from Durham County Government, Durham City Government, Indigo Consortium, Vietnam Veterans Living Memorial, CMS Staffing, USA Veterans Help, United Way, GoDurham Transit, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 530, Volunteers of America, North Carolina Central University, Duke University, SAM's Club, the Durham VA Medical Center and many other organizations that will participate through sponsorship; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States it is estimated that more than 300,000 veterans are homeless and today a few of those homeless veterans will receive the opportunity to renew their spirit, dignity and a sense of well-being by addressing health, housing and employment needs, so they may find their way home; and

**WHEREAS**, our Veterans are our nation's heroes, who have shown great determination and courage; and some of whom sacrificed their lives by performing extraordinary acts of bravery in the name of duty, honor and country; as others must live with less visible scars of their experiences every day; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Durham seeks to honor all veterans who have answered their country's call to duty at the 2015 Bull City Stand Down.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael D. Page, Chairman of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 18, 2015 as

**“A VETERAN'S DAY OF SERVICE”**

in Durham County, North Carolina and.

This the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

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Michael D. Page, Chairman  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Shawn Ross, Executive Director of Indigo Consortium acknowledged the volunteers present and thanked the Commissioners for the proclamation. She also invited the Board to attend the Bull City Stand Down on Friday, September 18, 2015 at the Durham County Memorial Stadium and the National Guard Armory from 8:30am until 2:00pm.

Lois Harvin-Ravin, Director of Veterans Services mentioned in conjunction with the Bull City Stand Down there would also be a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Chair of Honor event. She stated the purpose of the chair would be to remain empty to signify those who did not return from the war. Ms. Harvin-Ravin introduced Captain Theodore W. Triebel and highlighted his triumphs and accomplishments while serving our country.

Captain Triebel stated he returned as a prisoner of war and mentioned how honored he was to present the Chair of Honor at the Durham County Memorial Stadium.

Vice Chair Howerton mentioned she was pleased to have Captain Triebel present the Chair of Honor and thanked him and all other POWs for giving his selflessness to our country.

Commissioner Jacobs thanked Ms. Harvin-Ravin for sharing Captain Triebel's history. She recalled how she met Captain Triebel and mentioned the community efforts he was involved in. Commissioner Jacobs thanked all the volunteers of the Stand Down and Ms. Ross and Kim Burrucker, Director of Public Interest for continuing to put the event together for the past three (3) years.

Commissioner Foster stated as a former veteran, he challenged the Board to show up not only at the Bull City Stand Down but to also support veterans on a consistent basis during the year. He commended Ms. Ross and all the volunteers for their hard work and added he would be present at the Bull City Stand Down and the POW/MIA Recognition Day.

**Consent Agenda:**

Vice Chair Howerton asked the Commissioners if they desired to pull any items from the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Jacobs requested to comment on items 15-592 and 15-649 and also pull items 15-638 and 15-629 for further discussion.

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Foster to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

\*15-592 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000012 to recognize \$10,000 for Durham County Library from the American Library Association, EBSCO and the H. W. Wilson Foundation, and a \$500 Reading Is Grand grant from the Black Caucus of the American Library Association.

\*15-610 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000010 - Approval of Fund Balance Appropriation and Transfer from Bethesda Service Tax District Fund in the Amount of \$35,000 and Fund Balance Appropriation and Transfer from the Parkwood Fire Tax Fund in the Amount of \$65,468 to the General Fund to Support the Buildings and Grounds Expenditures (\$100,468) for the Bethesda and Parkwood Stations and Approval of the Use of Current Existing Funding for the Purchase of Fire Equipment.

\*15-649 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000011 to Recognize Funds in the Amount of \$25,000 from Reinvestment Partners/LFPP Grant for Bull City Cool Food Hub Promotion and Data Collection.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Item 15-592**

Commissioner Jacobs recognized the Library staff for receiving the additional grants for the MARCH events and reading programs.

**Item 15-649**

Commissioner Jacobs recognized the Bull City Cool Food Hub and the local farmers. She stated the

local farmers brought fresh produce to be frozen; once frozen the food would be given to the food shuttle or possibly be sold to the jail or school system.

Consent Agenda Item #15-629

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2015-2016 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 16BCC000012**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2015-2016 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	\$57,691,044	\$10,500	\$57,701,544

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Cultural and Recreation	\$12,119,142	\$10,500	\$12,129,642

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

This the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

Consent Agenda Item #15-610

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2015-2016 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 16BCC000010**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2015-2016 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>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$0	\$100,468	\$100,468
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$19,558,478	\$100,468	\$19,658,946

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</u>			
General Government	\$4,653,312	\$100,468	\$4,753,780
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Public Safety	\$57,293,783	\$100,468	\$57,394,251

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

This the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

Consent Agenda Item #15-649

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2015-2016 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 16BCC000011**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2015-2016 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	\$57,666,044	\$25,000	\$57,691,044

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Economic and Physical Development	\$6,082,940	\$25,000	\$6,107,940

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

This the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

**Public Hearings:**

**15-601 2016 Reappraisal Schedule of Values - Public Hearing**

Vice Chair Howerton stated that the Board was requested to conduct a public hearing on the proposed schedules of values, standards, and rules that were submitted to the Board at its August 24, 2015 meeting in accordance with the North Carolina General Statute 105-317.

Vice Chair Howerton opened the public comment period. She stated no citizens were signed up to speak and closed the public hearing. Vice Chair also announced that no action was required for this Public Hearing.

**Items Pulled from Consent Agenda:**

**15-629 Award Contract for Janitorial Services RFP NO. 15-016**

Commissioner Jacobs commented on the issues related to the bid process. She asked for clarification on the process, ranking system on how a selection was made.

Deborah Booth, General Services Assistant Director introduced Joel Jones, General Services Quality Control and Contract Specialist to respond to all questions.

Mr. Jones stated all vendors submitted a package which included a technical evaluation (length of time in business, places serviced before and references.) He stated the vendors were scored based off their

evaluation then by the price they submitted. Commissioner Jacobs asked were some of the companies used previously and were references received. Mr. Jones responded yes. Commissioner Jacobs mentioned she was glad the County hired different vendors but stated there was a big variation on the price the vendor employees were being paid in comparison to what the County paid their employees. She questioned the price per hour of County employees in a similar role. Drew Cummings, Interim Deputy County Manager responded a County employee would make approximately \$12.61 per hour and that wage was updated annually.

Commissioner Jacobs asked if the vendor was required to pay the County's living wage. Mr. Jones stated it was considered, however, they had to look at the evaluations first then the price. Commissioner Jacobs expressed her concern with the vendor wage being under \$10 per hour and asked County Manager Davis if there could be recourse in the future. County Manager Davis stated he would have a conversation off line but would make the recommendation that the Board move forward.

Commissioner Foster moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve the Award Contract for Janitorial Services RFP NO. 15-061.

The motion carried unanimously.

**15-638 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000009 Appropriating \$516,887 of Capital Financing Fund Fund Balance, Capital Project Amendment No. 16CPA000002 Appropriating \$516,887 to the Rougemont Community Water System Capital Project (4120DC098) for a total Capital Project Budget of \$2,636,887 and Rougemont Critical Water Infrastructure Improvements Construction Contracts, RFP 15-023R AND 15-024R**

Commissioner Jacobs mentioned she was glad to see the project move forward and wanted to follow up to see if additional State funds were received. Drew Cummings, Interim Deputy County Manager responded that staff reached out to (3) three different entities in the State. He stated the Community of Division Assistance responded no; the State Revolving Fund had low interest loans and the County did not have much interest in borrowing the funds; the third entity, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), was willing to match \$250,000.00 with the County to cover the additional funding.

Commissioner Jacobs asked would the budget be amended once the funds were received. Mr. Cummings stated this budget amendment was a maximum amount and the County hoped to execute the project with as much financial control as possible.

Vice Chair Howerton asked what was the total amount. Mr. Cummings stated the total amount was \$2,636,887.00 which was listed in the Ordinance.

Commissioner Foster moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000009.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Item 15-638

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2015-2016 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 16BCC000011**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2015-2016 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	\$31,438,196	\$516,887	\$31,955,083

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>CAPITAL FINANCING FUND</u>			
General Government	\$59,165,312	\$519,887	\$59,682,199

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

This the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

**Adjournment:**

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Foster to adjourn the Regular Session meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Monica W. Toomer  
Deputy Clerk to the Board