

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Monday, August 4, 2008

9:00 A.M. Worksession

AGENDA

1. **Recommendation from Animal Control Advisory Committee (ACAC)**

45 min.

In September of 2006, following a recommendation from the Durham Inter-Neighborhood Council and the Coalition to Unchain Dogs to outlaw the tethering of dogs in Durham County, the Durham County Animal Control Advisory Committee (ACAC) was asked to research, evaluate, and make a recommendation on their findings to the Board of County Commissioners.

For more than a year, the ACAC has held multiple meetings on the issue, collected statistics, conducted research, and interviewed experts in the animal welfare profession. Members of the committee were: Patty Croom, Susan Teer, Jenny Nichols, Vickie White, Carol Charping, Becky Heron, Kim O'Neil, Martha Ann Traylor, Evelyn Nicholson, Dr. Joyce McKinney, Carol Hammett, Kathy Everett-Perry, Marie Inserra, Jan Paul, Beth Livingston, Cindy Bailey, and Jennifer Brehler.

At the conclusion of the study, key members of the ACAC met with representatives of the County Attorney's Office, the District Attorney's Office, and Animal Control to draft proposed changes to the Durham County Animal Ordinance. Ms. Amanda Arrington, Chairman of the ACAC, will present an Overview on Anti-Tethering and Proposed Amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance to the Board.

The proposed amendment will be subject to review and revision by the County Attorney's Office.

Resource Person(s): Michael Turner, Director of General Services; Amanda Arrington, Chairperson for the Durham County Animal Control Advisory Committee; and Cindy Bailey, Animal Control Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the recommendation and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

2. **Renewal of the Memorandum of Agreement between Durham County, the City of Durham, and Triangle United Way to Implement the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness**

15 min.

In 2006, Durham County, the City of Durham, and the Triangle United Way launched a commitment and partnership to end homelessness in Durham. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was created among the three entities for the implementation of Durham's Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness. This Agreement, which outlines the

tasks and responsibilities of implementation, expired on June 30, 2008, and is being renewed for a one-year period.

The Triangle United Way coordinates the implementation efforts by working with the Executive Team consisting of community leaders and County and City staff, including members of the Durham Center, the Department of Social Services, and the City's Department of Community Development. The United Way then enters into a contract with a third party contractor (Implementing Agency) selected through a competitive RFP process to meet the measurable and time-bound deliverables of the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness. This contract was awarded to the Durham Affordable Housing Coalition.

For this second year of implementation, these deliverables include, but are not limited to:

- Helping the homeless population better access needed services; coordinate Durham's Second *Project Homeless Connect* event and complete a project evaluation.
- Organizing the annual *Durham Point-in-Time Count* of homeless persons and analyze data collected.
- Continuing to develop the necessary infrastructure to implement strategies of the Durham 10-Year Plan. This includes:
 - Continuing work with the four **10-Year Plan Results Teams** to develop and/or implement priority strategies for FY 2008-2009, utilizing information from "Best Practices" programs/projects to assist each Team.
 - Coordinating development and submission of the *2008 and 2009 Durham Continuum of Care application* to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.
 - Continuing work with HMIS Team to increase the number of homeless assistance agencies participating in the State of North Carolina *Homeless Management Information System (CHIN)*, and establish baseline data that can serve as an evaluation mechanism for the Ten-Year Plan.
 - Ensuring a high degree of accountability through ongoing reporting to the Executive Team, Durham City and County Governments, and the Community.

The contract with the Durham Affordable Housing Coalition also expired June 30, 2008 and will be coming before the Board of Commissioners for feedback and review as well.

Triangle United Way will continue to serve as a pass-through for funding from the County and City to the Durham Affordable Housing Coalition and will monitor their activities and deliverables.

The Executive Team, with assistance from Triangle United Way, will provide both a mid-year and an annual report to both the County Commissioners and the City Council.

Resource Person(s): Stan Holt, Triangle United Way

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends moving the Memorandum of Agreement to the August 11, 2008 consent agenda.

3. **Retirement and Disposal of Law Enforcement Surplus Property**

15 min.

Law enforcement animals have a particularized skill set, both for their detections (drugs or explosives) as well as their attack/protective function. These skills, and their stamina, will degrade before their life expectancy. These animals may also suffer from declining physical health which will limit their ability to perform effectively law enforcement duties. By policy, the Sheriff's Office will reach such a decision based upon either medical evaluation or training evaluations, as appropriate. Because of their unique training, it is undesirable that these animals be adopted out to the general public, but rather retired to their handler or another member of law enforcement who can fully appreciate their capabilities and needs. The proposed resolution provides the County Manager with authority to declare law enforcement animals surplus property and to dispose of them, either through adoption to appropriate individuals following the execution of a release (which will protect the Sheriff and County from any liability) or in some other appropriate manner.

Resource Person(s): C. Wes Crabtree, Chief Deputy Sheriff, and Corporal Rick Keller, Canine Supervisor

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends moving the proposed resolution to the August 11, 2008 consent agenda.

1¼ hrs.