



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

Monday, February 8, 2016

7:00 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Chairman Page announced there were no adjustments to the agenda.

Announcements

Chairman Page read the following announcements:

- 1)The Board of County Commissioners will not hold its Regular meeting on February 22nd. The next Regular meeting of the Board will be held Monday, March 7, 2016 at 9:00 am.
- 2)Please contact the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025 or clerk@dconc.gov to find out about opportunities to serve on one of our volunteer boards or commissions.
- 3)We invite you to tune in to Cable TV Channel 8 or 97-5 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 for more information.
- 4)These announcements may also be found on the County's website or you may call the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025.

Ceremonial Items

16-872 Recognition of Durham Soil and Water Conservation District Receiving a \$100,000 Grant from Duke Energy Foundation to Benefit the Cape Fear Waterways

Indira Everett, Duke Energy District Manager of Government and Community Relations recognized Soil and Water Conservation for receiving \$100,000 grant from Duke Energy.

Danielle Adams, Vice Chairman Durham Soil and Water Conservation District Board stated the District was grateful for the opportunity to put best management practices on the ground. She continued to say the District was grateful to the Board for their support, their relationship and the partnership with the County to do what was best for the citizens of Durham.

Commissioner Jacobs thanked Ms. Everett and the Soil and Water Board/Supervisors and staff. She stated the grant would help many citizens in Durham County. Commissioner Jacobs also recognized Mike Dupree, Agribusiness & Environmental Services Manager for presenting Durham County's management practices to other County Commissioners across the State.

16-887 Resolution Thanking Assistant County Manager Drew Cummings

Chairman Page read the following resolution:

DREW CUMMINGS

WHEREAS, Drew Cummings, a member of the Durham County Manager's executive leadership team since 2008, has faithfully served the residents of Durham as assistant county manager for Special Programs for eight years, handling many roles within the organization, including Interim Deputy County Manager; and

WHEREAS, in July 2015, he obliged the request of County Manager Wendell Davis to complete the role of Interim Deputy County Manger while a replacement was sought for the position vacant since June 26, 2015; and

WHEREAS, his scope of experience as Assistant County Manager and understanding of the local government structure, made him the best fit to fulfill the responsibilities of Deputy County Manager and ensured that Durham County Government would remain a well-managed organization; and

WHEREAS, while stepping up as Interim, he assisted the County Manager with planning, organizing, directing and managing the administrative functions and activities of Durham County Government; and

WHEREAS, in his time as acting Deputy County Manager he had oversight over of public safety, court-related issues, and other key delegated areas of County operations and functions; and

WHEREAS, he served as Interim Deputy County Manager until February 1, 2016, when the position was formally filled; and

WHEREAS, during his years of service as Assistant County Manager, he has initiated and carried through the completion of special programs and projects including providing policy guidance, strategic planning and program evaluations; and

WHEREAS, he has fostered cooperative working relationships while working closely with the Durham Board of County Commissioners, County Manager and staff, public and private organizations and citizen groups while effectively managing department leadership and responding to their needs; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to his work is both admirable and an example of excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Durham County Board of Commissioners, doth hereby resolve to honor

MR. DREW CUMMINGS

for his dedication to public service and dynamic leadership while serving as Interim Deputy County Manager from July 1, 2015 through February 1, 2016. We are grateful for his management and contributions to Durham County Government internally and externally.

This the 8th day of February 2016.

Michael D. Page, Chairman

Brenda A. Howerton, Vice-Chairman

Wendy Jacobs

Fred Foster, Jr.

Ellen W. Reckhow

Drew Cummings, Assistant County Manager thanked the Board for the recognition and mentioned how grateful he was to be able to contribute where needed within the County.

Wendell Davis, County Manager publically thanked Mr. Cummings for “standing in the gap” over the past seven (7) months.

Chairman Page, Vice Chair Howerton along with Commissioners Foster, Jacobs and Reckhow thanked Mr. Cummings for his hard work, dedication and sacrifice during his interim role.

16-888 Introduction of new Deputy County Manager

Wendell Davis, County Manager introduced Jodi Miller as the new Deputy County Manager for Durham County. He highlighted Ms. Miller’s accomplishments prior to her arrival to Durham County and stated how he looked forward to having Ms. Miller represent the County.

Chairman Page welcomed Ms. Miller to the County and stated the Board looked forward to working with her.

Ms. Miller thanked the Board and County Manager Davis for the welcome. She expressed her excitement and discussed the things that attracted her to Durham County. Ms. Miller also stated how much she looked forward to working with the County to ensure the Strategic Goals were met.

Consent Agenda

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

Commissioner Reckhow stated she would like to comment on item #16-878. Commissioner Jacobs stated she would like to comment on item #16-843 and #16-889.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda.

*16-843 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000041 to Recognize \$12,500 from Capital Broadcasting Company, Inc. to Durham Cooperative Extension in Support of Durham County Promise Zone Application

*16-860 Approval of Water and Sewer Ordinance Amendment, Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000040 for \$10,250, Interfund Loan, Water Fee Schedule Adoption, and Water Service

Agreements

16-869 Advertising of Tax Liens-2015

16-877 Extension of the 2016 Listing Period for Business Personal Property

16-878 Durham Open Space and Trails (DOST) Commission Matching Grants Funding Recommendation for FY 2015-2016

16-882 Resolution in Support of SunCap Property Group Application to North Carolina Department of Transportation to Assist with Offsite Road Improvements

16-883 Request Authorization and Approval of this Resolution for Durham County Cooperative Extension Service to Serve as Lead Agent for a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Promise Zone Designation Application

16-889 Approval of Durham Sports Commission Interlocal Agreement with City of Durham and DCVB.

The motion carried unanimously.

Item #16-878

Commissioner Reckhow stated that this was the 25th year of the Durham Open Space and Trails matching grants projects. She wanted to note that Margaret Nygard, Founder and Executive Director of Eno River Association created Open Space and Trails. Commissioner Reckhow continued to say that over the past years, a total of 89 projects were funded which included Eno River Association, Triangle Land Conservatory, and SEEDs along with other inter-city projects.

Item #16-843

Commissioner Jacobs recognized Capital Broadcasting as a great community partner which was a part of the private sector for being a part of the collaborative process. She also thanked Delphine Sellars for her contributions in the grant submission.

Item #16-889

Commissioner Jacobs stated this was a great achievement for the community. She added that funding was provided by occupancy taxes which meant that the citizens of the County were not responsible for this. Commissioner Jacobs continued to say that this was a great partnership for the County.

Consent Agenda Item #16-843

**Durham County, North Carolina
2015-2016 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 16BCC000041**

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>
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COMMUNITY WATER
SYSTEM FUND

Contributions & Donations	\$139,619	\$12,500	\$152,119
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Expenditures:

Function

COMMUNITY WATER
SYSTEM FUND

Economic and Physical Development	\$6,644,480	\$12,500	\$6,656,980
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All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 8th day of February 2016.

Consent Agenda Item #16-860

Durham County, North Carolina
2015-2016 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 16BCC000040

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>ROUGEMONT COMMUNITY</u> <u>WATER SYSTEM FUND</u>			
Enterprise Charges	\$0	\$10,250	\$10,250

Expenditures:

Function

ROUGEMONT COMMUNITY
WATER SYSTEM FUND

Utilities	\$0	\$10,250	\$10,250
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All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 8th day of February 2016.

Public Hearings:

Public Hearing - Refunding Bonds, Series 2016

George Quick, Chief Financial Officer asked the Board approve the refunding of the 2009A bonds. He added if the approval of the refunding was completed, the County could save over \$2 million dollars. Mr. Quick requested the Board hold a public hearing to approve the resolution as attached.

Chairman Page opened the public hearing. No one was signed up to speak. Chairman Page closed the public hearing.

Chairman Page asked the pleasure of the Board.

Vice Chair Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to approve the attached resolution for the refunded bonds and approve the refunding of the 2009A bonds.

The motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Chairman Page stated the Board was requested to adjourn to Closed Session for the following:

- pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of a business or industry.
- pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, condition of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Vice Chair Howerton to adjourn to Closed Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene to Open Session:

Chairman Page announced that the Board met in Closed Session and provided direction to staff.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Reckhow 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