



# 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*

**Commissioners' Chambers**

**Monday, August 8, 2016**

### **7:00 pm Regular Session**

#### **Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Agenda Adjustments**

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

#### **Announcements**

Chairman Page read the following announcements:

- 1) On August 9th from 9am - 11am, Durham County DSS joins the NC DHHS Division of Aging and Adult Services to host a community-wide listening session on the needs of our aging population. This event will be held in the Commissioners' Chambers on the 2nd Floor of 200 E. Main Street. Durham County is one of only nine (9) counties to host one of these listening sessions. These sessions will focus on Adult Protective Services and Guardianship, as these are the services most directly impacted with protecting older and disabled adults' rights. For more information please call 919-560-8038.
- 2) We are pleased to announce a new communications tool. Check out the **Durham This Week Online e-newsletter!** Look for weekly up-to-date information on Durham County events, happenings & much more! To sign-up to receive the newsletter go to [dconc.gov/CountyCommunications](http://dconc.gov/CountyCommunications) and click the Sign-up button.
- 3) Durham residents who are clients of the Department of Social Services can now apply, change their information, or get recertified for benefits all by a mobile app. The DSS mobile app, known as DSS-MAP, is a first for the state. DSS-MAP is available free of charge on Google

Play and is coming soon to Apple's iTunes store. It can be found by searching for 'Durham County Social Services.'

- 4) Please contact the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025 or [clerk@dconc.gov](mailto:clerk@dconc.gov) to find out about opportunities to serve on one of our volunteer boards or commissions.
- 5) 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](http://www.dconc.gov) for more information.
- 6) These announcements may also be found on the County's website or you may call the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025.

## **Minutes**

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Vice Chair Howerton to approve the January 11, 2016, January 25, 2016 and the July 11, 2016 Regular Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

## **Consent Agenda**

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

Commissioner Reckhow asked to give a brief comment on item #16-1187.

Vice Chair Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda.

16-1085 Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the County of Durham and Orange County

\*16-1159 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 17BCC000002 to Recognize \$5,000 from NC DHHS, Division of Public Health to Support Public Health Preparedness Planning and Operational Readiness for Ebola, Zika, and Other High Consequence Pathogens

\*16-1166 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 17BCC000001 Recognize \$3,118 HIV-STD Services fund and \$16,000 STD Prevention fund Increases from NC DHHS, Division of Public Health Communicable Disease Branch to support HIV/STD Programs in Durham County

16-1172 Durham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Appointments

16-1175 Durham County Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Appointments

\*16-1179 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 17BCC000003 to Recognize \$15,000 from SHIFT-NC to implement the Maternal Child Health Initiative and All Together Now

16-1184 Grant Offer for the Raleigh-Durham International Airport

\*16-1185 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 17BCC000004 to Recognize an additional \$54,214 from NC DHHS, Division of Public Health for the Positive Parenting Program (Triple P)

16-1187 Settlement of 2015 Property Taxes and the Charge of 2016 Property Taxes to the Tax Collector

16-1189 Perimeter Park Sanitary Sewer Deed Amendment

16-1198 Approval of \$304,060 Annual Non-Profit Service Contract with Urban Ministries of Durham

The motion carried unanimously.

**Item #16-1187**

Commissioner Reckhow stated the tax collection rate this past year was 99.7%, which was the highest in recent history, and perhaps the highest rate ever in Durham County. She commended the Tax Administration and staff for this achievement.

Chairman Page acknowledged Steve Hopkins, citizen to speak on items #16-1185 and #16-1198.

**Item #16-1198**

Steve Hopkins stated homeless people were being disrespected and treated unfairly by staff of Urban Ministries of Durham and asked the Board to withhold funds requested.

Vice Chair Howerton asked if research was done to support the claims mentioned. Mr. Hopkins responded he expressed his concerns with Cora Cole-McFadden, Mayor Pro Tempore and he asked the Board to follow-up with her for more details.

Commissioner Jacobs stated she spoke with Claudia Hager, General Manager about requesting Urban Ministries to attend the October Worksession to provide an annual report and to address the concerns mentioned. She also wanted to raise the question about how services would be handled once the renovations began on the Main Library.

Chairman Page stated he would ensure that Urban Ministries of Durham presented at the October Worksession. Ms. Hager stated it was coordinated that they would be present at the October meeting.

Commissioner Foster asked how denying funds would help with the disrespect issue at the shelter. Mr. Hopkins responded accountability comes with the money being provided by the County.

**Item #16-1185**

Steve Hopkins asked what the positive parenting program (PPP) involved and how could it help reunite the union between families. Commissioner Reckhow responded that she met with the PPP Coordinator and stated it had been in existence for about three (3) years. Gayle Harris, General Manager also responded with additional funding the program would be able to assist older children and families. She stated she was unsure of the number of families serviced but she would check with the coordinator. Ms. Harris also stated that she would be sure that the coordinator visited with PAC 1 to answer any questions.

**Consent Agenda Item #16-1159**

**2015-2016 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 17BCC000002**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2016-2017 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</u>			
<u>FUNDS</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$57,895,761	\$5,000	\$57,900,761

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>SPECIAL REVENUE</u>			
<u>FUNDS</u>			
Human Services	\$92,929,055	\$5,000	\$92,934,055

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

This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2016.

Consent Agenda Item #16-1166

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2015-2016 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 17BCC000001**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2016-2017 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</u>			
<u>FUNDS</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$57,876,643	\$19,118	\$57,895,761

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>SPECIAL REVENUE</u>			
<u>FUNDS</u>			
Human Services	\$92,909,937	\$19,118	\$92,929,055

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

This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2016.

Consent Agenda Item #16-1179

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2015-2016 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 17BCC000003**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2016-2017 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</u>			
<u>FUNDS</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$57,900,761	\$15,000	\$57,915,761

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>SPECIAL REVENUE</u>			
<u>FUNDS</u>			
Human Services	\$92,934,055	\$15,000	\$92,949,055

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

This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2016.

Consent Agenda Item #16-1185

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2015-2016 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 17BCC000004**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2016-2017 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</u>			
<u>FUNDS</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$57,915,761	\$54,214	\$57,969,975

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>SPECIAL REVENUE</u>			
<u>FUNDS</u>			
Human Services	\$92,949,055	\$54,214	\$93,003,269

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

This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2016.

**Public Hearings**

**2016 General Obligation Refunding Bonds**

Chairman Page stated that the Board was requested to adopt the attached resolution providing for the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds series 2016 and to hold a Public Hearing. He asked if there were any additional comments.

George Quick, Chief Financial Officer responded the normal process would does not require a public hearing as it related to bonds. However, on this occasion, the bonds were used to pre-fund prior to issuing long term debt.

Chairman Page opened the public hearing. No one was signed up to speak. He closed the public hearing and asked the pleasure of the Board.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Vice Chair Howerton to adopt the resolution as requested.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **2016 General Obligation Bond Referendum**

Chairman Page stated the Board was requested to hold a Public Hearing on the issuance of an amount not to exceed \$170 million in General Obligation Bonds as follows:

- Library \$44,725,000
- Community College Bonds \$20,195,000
- School Bonds \$90,870,000
- Museum Bonds \$14,210,000

George Quick, Chief Financial Officer pointed out for public purpose that the school bonds and the museum bonds were offered in excess of what was indicated. He indicated the difference was the administrative cost of issuing the bonds.

Chairman Page opened the public hearing. The following citizens were signed up to speak:

*Lula Wetterer, eight (8) year old student; Shawnau McCollum, 15-year old student; Francis Dyer, President of the Durham Library Foundation and Shawn Miller, Library Board of Trustees member* were each in favor of the Library Bond and the services offered.

*Gracie Johnson-Lopez, Chair of Durham Technical Community College (DTCC) and John Burness, Vice Chair of DTCC* stated they were in favor of the DTCC Bond and looked forward to effectively serve the community.

*Ian Huckabee, Chair of the Museum of Life and Science Board and Sheronda Jeffries, Board Member of the Museum of Life and Science* were each in support of the Museum Bond.

*Michael Lee, Chair of the Board of Education (BOE); Bert L'Homme, Superintendent of the Durham Public Schools (DPS)* stated they were in support of the School Bonds.

Stephen Hopkins, citizen stated that PAC invited the School Board to attend a meeting in August. He added at the moment PAC had not decided if they would support the school bond.

James Chavis, citizen asked the different groups to come out into the communities and explain to citizens what the bonds were about.

Sheryl Smith, citizen; Jackie Wagstaff, citizen and Anita Keith-Foust, citizen stated they were not in

support of the School Bond.

Meredith Holmes, Executive Director of Made in Durham stated she was in support of all Bonds presented at the Regular Session meeting.

Chairman Page closed the public hearing and thanked everyone for coming out to share their thoughts on the Bonds. He asked the Board if they had any additional comments.

Commissioner Reckhow stated she hoped that DPS would have a representative at the PAC-1 meeting on August 20, 2016 at 9:30am to hear the concerns of the community.

**DIRECTIVE: Commissioner Reckhow asked Claudia Hager, Acting County Manager to make sure the County had representation at PAC-1 meeting as well.**

Chairman Page expressed the importance of everyone coming together on one accord. He added Durham does not need to have a divided community when it comes to the issuance of the bonds.

Commissioner Jacobs asked Mr. Chavis if he expected representatives from all bond areas to be present at meeting. Mr. Chavis responded they could come if they desired to. He added the representatives requested the community votes, yet failed to give information about where the money would be spent. Commissioner Jacobs stated there were many stakeholders in attendance and it was important that they heard the concerns of the community.

Commissioner Foster asked Ms. Hager if the bonds would be on the ballot separately or together. Ms. Hager responded there would be four (4) separate items for the citizens to vote on. Commissioner Foster clarified that the County Commissioners were only acting to provide insight. He stated the tax payers of Durham County made the final decision.

**DIRECTIVE: Commissioner Reckhow requested the exact wording for the ballots be available for the Board to review prior to distribution. Deborah Craig-Ray, General Manager responded a website would be created for the sole purpose of the bond approval along with information being mailed to registered voters homes.**

Chairman Page asked for a vote on the item.

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Vice Chair Howerton to approve the issuance of the following bonds, Proceedings of Board of Commissioners and the Notice of bond Referendum for Publication:

- Library - \$44,725,000
- Community College Bonds - \$20,195,000
- School Bonds - \$90,870,000
- Museum Bonds - \$14,210,000

The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Hearing to Amend Allocation of Economic Development Investment Funds to Fidelity Global Brokerage Group, Inc. and Approve Proposed Incentive Agreement**

Marqueta Welton, Economic Development Officer stated the Board was requested to hold a public

hearing to consider reducing its previous allocation of economic development investment funds to Fidelity Investments (Fidelity) from \$450,000.00 to \$150,000.00 and to authorize the County Manager to execute an economic development incentive agreement with Fidelity Global Brokerage Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.

Commissioner Jacobs asked for the current number of Fidelity employees. Ms. Welton responded there were approximately 3200 employees.

Commissioner Reckhow mentioned she spoke with Ms. Welton and was pleased to see the Fidelity Workforce Plan. She stated the County was hoped that as citizens of Durham as possible would obtain jobs as expansions occurred.

Commissioner Foster asked if it was a part of the expansion agreement to give the \$50,000.00 or if it was a commitment from the County. Ms. Welton responded the agreement required the County participation and our offer was \$50,000.00 for capital investment. She added it was not required but it was a part of the negotiated contract.

Vice Chair Howerton asked how many of the 3200 jobs were filled by Durham County residents. Ms. Welton responded 438 jobs were filled by County residents.

Chairman Page opened the public hearing and the following citizens were signed up to speak.

Stephen Hopkins, citizen expressed his concern that the County was giving \$100,000.00 for 100 jobs. He asked that funding be reduced and possibly offer stipends for County residents going through training which would help supplement income.

Anita Keith-Foust, citizen stated she was disappointed with the comments about the school board.

James Chavis, citizen, requested that the community continue to be informed about job opportunities and decisions of the Board.

Chairman Page closed the public hearing and asked for the pleasure of the Board.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve the amended contract.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Hearing and Award of Franchise to Provide Ambulance Service**

Skip Kirkwood, Director of Emergency Medical Services stated the Board was requested to conduct a public hearing, as required by ordinance, in order to grant an ambulance franchise for North State Medical Transport to provide the following services within Durham County: non-emergency and inter-facility transportation at the advance life support level; back-up emergency ambulance service at the request of the County; and special events coverage at the request of the County.

Commissioner Foster asked if North State was in competition with the County. Mr. Kirkwood responded no. Commissioner Foster asked what services they would provide if they were not being dispatched to emergency calls. Mr. Kirkwood responded they would provide everything except emergency services and transporting patients between the hospital and home and a variety of other



destinations that do not require the 911 system.

Commissioner Jacobs asked if the County had a previous franchise with the company and what had been done in the past to accommodate this service. Mr. Kirkwood responded the County has never franchised with North State before and there were only two authorized ambulance services in Durham County. Commissioner Jacobs asked if the franchise would expand the number of providers in Durham County. Mr. Kirkwood stated yes.

Chairman Page opened the public hearing. The following citizens were signed up to speak.

Matthew Rougeux, Administrative Director for Duke University Health System (DUHS) stated that the County was down to one provider and he stressed the importance of an additional franchise.

Frank DeMarco, Clinical Operations Director for DUHS stated the additional franchise would enable Durham EMS to focus on Durham emergent care situations.

Stephen Hopkins, citizen mentioned his concerns about Eastern Durham being serviced.

Chairman Page closed the public hearing and asked for the pleasure of the Board.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Vice Chair Howerton to approve the Award of the Franchise to provide Ambulance Service.

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,



Monica W. Toomer  
Deputy Clerk to the Board