



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, October 24, 2016

7:00 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Chairman Page announced that General Manager Gayle Harris would be sitting in at the meeting for County Manager Wendell Davis during his absence.

There were no additional agenda adjustments.

Announcements

Chairman Page read the following announcements:

- 1) Youth, ages 14-24, are encouraged to register for the 2016 Durham YouthWork Summit, a free event for youth and their parents, designed to help youth explore and learn about various careers, community resources, and educational opportunities. The event will be held November 8 from 8:00 am – 2:30 pm at Hillside High School. For more information, contact James Dickens at 919-560-4965 (ext 15217) or email james.dickens@durhamnc.gov.
- 2) Residents living in sections of unincorporated Northern and Southern Durham should look for a special delivery from Durham County Government starting next Monday. On October 31, 2016, new 95-gallon rolling carts for recyclables will be delivered to 1,100 homes to replace their existing 18-gallon blue recycle bins. Durham County General Services' Division of Solid Waste will partner with Waste Industries to complete the roll out approved as a part of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 County Budget.

The Division of Solid Waste mailed out nearly 3,500 postcard mailers to residents informing them of the upcoming cart delivery and the option of accepting the roll cart for recycling or opting not to receive the cart. Residents were asked to respond to the mailer by September 23rd. Residents that opted in for receiving the roll cart will be included in the delivery process expected to take one week to complete.

Residents with any questions regarding the roll cart delivery should call the Department of General Services' Division of Solid Waste Information Line at (919) 560-0433 or visit www.dconc.gov/recycling.

- 3) Citizens are encouraged to celebrate Residents' Rights Month with Triangle J Council of Government by participating in events, visiting residents, volunteering in Long Term Care facilities, inquiring about opportunities in the ombudsman program, and attending or organizing activities. Your participation assists in ensuring that the voices of long term care residents do not go unheard and that they have not been forgotten.
- 4) Early voting continues in Durham County and ends on Saturday, November 5, 2016. Please visit the Board of Elections website at elections@dconc.gov or call the Board of Elections office at 919-560-0700 for early voting locations. He read a list of additional sites that would be added to the early voting locations.
- 5) The Matching Grants Program of the Durham Open Space and Trails Commission is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations in Durham City and County. The grants are to assist nonprofit organizations in preserving open space lands and promoting new or improved recreational opportunities for citizens. **The application deadline is 5 p.m. on Friday, November 11, 2016.** For questions about the grant process, contact David Ades at (919) 560-0012 or email matchinggrants@dconc.gov.
- 6) These announcements may also be found on the County's website or you may call the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025.
- 7) Commissioner Reckhow reiterated that the additional eight voting locations would help reduce the waiting time for citizens to vote. She encouraged all citizens to review the website for other location options: <http://dconc.gov/government/departments-a-e/board-of-elections/polling-locations>.

Commissioner Jacobs reminded citizens that they could still register to vote until November 5, 2016.

Vice Chair Howerton stated the Board of Elections was currently training staff. She also informed citizens not to make additional marks on their ballots as it could inaccurately read the voting results.

- 8) Commissioner Reckhow announced that GoTriangle partnered with WRAL, The United Way of the Greater Triangle and the Raleigh-Durham Airport to "Stuff the Bus" to collect and deliver supplies for people impacted by Hurricane Matthew. She added the bus would be stationed at Carter Finley Stadium-Gate A, off Trinity Road in Raleigh, NC on October 26, 2016 from 5:00am until 7:00pm.

Minutes

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Vice Chair Howerton to approve the October 10, 2016 Regular Session minutes; October 4, 2016 Worksession minutes; June 16, 2016 and June 1, 2016 Budget Worksession minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ceremonial Items

Chairman Page read the following resolution:

DELPHINE SELLARS

WHEREAS, Delphine Sellars began her career with the County of Durham in 1996 in the Department of Social Services helping families in need; and

WHEREAS, Delphine became part of Durham County Cooperative Extension in 1998 as Community Outreach Coordinator, delivering responsive community-focused services designed to build community capacity in grant writing, conflict resolution, poverty simulation, organizational development, and more; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 Delphine became County Extension Director, bringing a community development approach to benefit the collaboration and coordination of all Extension programs in Durham County along with launching new initiatives, and

WHEREAS, her accomplishments include supporting and managing the start of Project BUILD, a model gang intervention and prevention program serving hundreds of youth, and Parent & Family Advocacy and Support Training (PFAST), a multi-week parent advocacy training started in 2005 and still flourishing a decade later, and

WHEREAS, Delphine fostered cooperative efforts as a member on many boards including the Partnership for Children and the Triangle Land Conservancy and the national Board for Extension’s Children, Youth and Families Education and Research Network (CYFERnet); and

WHEREAS, in 2015 Delphine was recognized with an Extension Federation statewide Leadership & Service Award, and

WHEREAS, following a career as a dedicated public servant, Delphine will retire on October 31, 2016 in order to pursue personal interests, enjoy family, and expand her work in nonprofit community gardening in northern Durham County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby recognize

DELPHINE SELLARS

for her more than twenty years of exemplary public service to the citizens of Durham County and congratulate her on a well-earned retirement.

This the 24th day of October 2016.

Michael D. Page, Chairman

Brenda A. Howerton, Vice-Chairman

Wendy Jacobs

Fred Foster, Jr.

Ellen W. Reckhow

Chairman Page stated that Ms. Sellars was a woman that was passionate about the work she did

throughout the community and he wished her well during her retirement.

Commissioner Reckhow thanked Ms. Sellars for her dedicated and enlightened leadership. She added Ms. Sellars helped modernize Cooperative Extension into the program it is known for today. Commissioner Reckhow stated Ms. Sellars was leaving behind a strong department and thanked her for her service.

Commissioner Foster stated because of her infectious attitude and service, Ms. Sellars would be greatly missed.

Vice Chair Howerton and Commissioner Jacobs recalled memories of Ms. Sellars and thanked her for her service.

Ms. Sellars thanked the Board and citizens for the opportunity provided to her. She appreciated being able to use her skills and being allowed to grow and flourish with Durham County.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Page asked the Board if they desired to pull any items from the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Reckhow requested to comment on item #16-1329.

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

16-1275 Adopt Resolution Advancing Octennial Reappraisal Cycle to a Triennial Cycle, Beginning January 1, 2019

*16-1301 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 17BCC000017 to Transfer Cooperative Extension's Project BUILD Program and Budget of \$419,805 to Public Health

*16-1318 Property Tax Releases and Refunds for September 2016

*16-1329 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 17BCC000016 Recognizing \$375,000 in Federal Grant Funds from the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families for Implementation of a Durham Integrated Domestic Violence Response System Program (Including 1 FTE Provisional Position)

*16-1336 Capital Project Amendment No. 17CPA000008 - Moving \$12,000 of Available County Contribution Funds From the DSS Building Demolition Capital Project (4730DC136) to the Scattered Site Housing III Capital Project (4120DC096) to Cover Final Costs of the Project

16-1338 Approval of the Contract to Purchase Netapp Storage Network Appliance and Installation Services from NWN Using Technology Capital Funds Set Aside For the Purpose of Technology Life Cycle Replacement in the Amount of \$607,791

16-1339 Approval of the Three Year Microsoft Enterprise Contract to Purchase Licenses and Services in the Amount Of 806,841 for the Purpose of Technology Life Cycle

The motion carried unanimously.

Item #16-1329

Commissioner Reckhow congratulated the Department of Social Services for the award and stated the following directive:

Directive: Commissioner Reckhow directed staff to provide periodic reports on the progress of the program and services.

Consent Agenda Item #16-1301

**Durham County, North Carolina
2015-2016 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 17BCC000017**

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>GENERAL FUND</u>			

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Economic and Physical Development	\$6,562,740	-\$419,805	\$6,142,935
Human Services	\$94,565,672	\$419,805	\$94,985,477

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

This the 24th day of October 2016.

Consent Agenda Item #16-1318

Due to property valuation adjustments for over assessments, listing discrepancies, duplicate listings, and clerical errors, etc. the attached report details releases and refunds for the month of September 2016.

September 2016 Releases and Refunds

Releases and Refunds for 2016 Taxes

Real Property	\$ 86,771.65
Personal Property	\$ 65,310.65
Solid Waste Fees	\$ 1,270.48
VTS Refunds	\$ <u>17,215.94</u>
Total for 2016 Taxes/Fees	\$ 170,568.72

Releases & Refunds for Prior Years

2012-----2015	
Personal Property	\$ <u>2,763.32</u>
Total for Prior Years	\$ 2,763.32

Grand Total \$ 173,332.04

Consent Agenda Item #16-1329

**Durham County, North Carolina
2015-2016 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 17BCC000016**

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>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$58,554,084	\$375,000	\$58,929,084

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$94,190,672	\$375,000	\$94,565,672

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

This the 24th day of October 2016.

Consent Agenda Item #16-1336

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
2016-17 Capital Project Ordinance
Amendment Number 17CPA000008**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the 2016-17 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.

Capital Project	Current Budget	Inc./Dec.	Revised Budget
DSS Demolition Capital Project (4730DC136)	\$812,000	(\$12,000)	\$800,000
Scattered Site Housing III Capital Project (4120DC096)	\$400,000	\$12,000	\$412,000

Adopted this the 24th day of October, 2016.

Public Hearings

Request to Hold a Public Hearing Concerning Issuance by the Public Finance Authority, which is a Public Authority Existing under Wisconsin Law (the "Authority") with Statutory Authority to Issue Bonds across the Country, of its Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds (Kestrel Heights School), Series 2016 (the "Bonds"), in an Amount not to exceed \$15,000,000, and if Appropriate to Approve the Attached Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of the Bonds for Purposes of the

Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as Amended

Lowell Siler, County Attorney stated a number of similar public hearings were conducted over the years and as always, the County would not be responsible for the bonds or the repayment of the bonds. He added the borrower was fully responsible for the bonds.

Commissioner Foster asked why the property was acquired by the County. Mary Rusher, Bond Counsel responded Kestrel Heights leased the building but there was now an opportunity to purchase. She added this bond would allow Kestrel Heights to become the owner of the property.

Chairman Page opened the public hearing and acknowledged the following speaker:

Dr. E. L. Allison, citizen stated Charter Schools were leading the County back to segregation. She hoped that the Board would ask for the same information from Charter Schools that was requested by Durham Public Schools (DPS) such as suspension and graduation rates, testing scores and demographics.

Chairman Page closed the public hearing and asked the Board if they had any additional comments.

Commissioner Jacobs provided the following directive to staff:

Directive: Commissioner Jacobs asked Drew Cummings, Chief of Staff to provide Dr. Allison with the demographics previously obtained by DPS and Charter Schools.

Vice Chair Howerton asked Attorney Siler to explain how the bonds would impact the County. Attorney Siler responded the bonds would not impact the County. He added there was no financial responsibility placed upon the County. Vice Chair Howerton asked if the Board was responsible. Attorney Siler stated the application brought before the Board was to approve the bond transaction only. He continued to say that the request was not an issue about what would be provided, it was solely about approving the bonds.

Commissioner Reckhow provided a follow up response to Dr. Allison and agreed that a report was needed to the Board and the community related to Charter School performance and suggested it be prepared and shared yearly. She also provided the following directive.

Directive: Commissioner Reckhow asked Gayle Harris, Acting County Manager to follow up with staff and provide in Fall 2016 all key data from preceding school years (end of course testing, graduation rates and demographic data) and requested a regular schedule be created to obtain data.

Commissioner Jacobs suggested a review of DPS information be provided and used as benchmark for Charter Schools.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commission Jacobs to approve the Public Hearing Concerning Issuance by the Public Finance Authority, which is a Public Authority Existing under Wisconsin Law (the "Authority") with Statutory Authority to Issue Bonds across the Country, of its Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds (Kestrel Heights School), Series 2016 (the "Bonds"), in an Amount not to exceed \$15,000,000, and if Appropriate to Approve the Attached Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of the Bonds for Purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of

1986, as Amended.

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing and Approval of 5311 Community Transportation Grant

Linda Thomas, Durham County ACCESS Transportation Program Manager stated this was an annual request at the federal level. She added this grant dealt with the administrative cost only.

Chairman Page opened the public hearing and acknowledged the following speaker:

Dr. E. L. Allison complimented the submission of the grant and mentioned her concerns about the term “admin.” She asked if someone would be hired for the position and addressed problems in the County that were also nationwide.

Ms. Thomas responded that the administrative portion of the 5311 Grant provided funding for two staff positions which were the Transportation Program Manager and the Assistant Transportation Program Manager. She added those responsibilities included safety, compliance, managing and writing grants.

Chairman Page closed the public hearing and asked the Board if they had any additional comments.

Commissioner Foster moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve the Community Transportation Grant.

The motion carried unanimously.

Board and Commission Appointments

Michelle Parker-Evans, Clerk to the Board, distributed ballots to the Board to make appointments to the Boards and Commissions.

The Board made the following appointments (incumbents are underlined.) Individuals listed in bold print were appointed.

Durham Convention and Visitors Bureau

Monica Edwards (Foster, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow, Page)

Seth Jernigan (Foster, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow, Page)

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

LaToya Bogan (Foster, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Kristen Powers (Page)

Memorial Stadium Authority

Crystal Massenburg (Foster, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow, Page)

Women’s Commission

Sheila Arias (Foster, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

LaToya Bogan (Foster, Page)

Anna Davis (Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow, Page)

Kristen Powers (Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

RaShanne Woods (Foster, Page)

Adjournment

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Monica W. Toomer
Deputy Clerk to the Board