



Durham County

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Meeting Minutes

Board of County Commissioners

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
James Hill, Vice Chair
Heidi Carter, Commissioner
Brenda A. Howerton, Commissioner
Ellen W. Reckhow, Commissioner

Monday, August 28, 2017

7:00 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

7:00 pm Regular Session

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Chair Jacobs announced there were no adjustments to the agenda.

Announcements

Chair Jacobs read the following announcements:

1) Durham youth are invited to participate in the 2017 Kickoff to College & Career on September 16, 2017 at 9 am at the Health and Human Services Complex, 414 E Main Street. Families can attend to learn what it takes to get into college, explore different careers, and how to get involved in the community via service opportunities. The event is free and open to the public. Students and families can register to attend via this link: aplushigherscores.com/kickoff

2) Durham County real and personal property tax bills for fiscal year 2017-2018 have been mailed to Durham County property owners. Taxes are due September 1, 2017 and must be paid by January 5, 2018 to avoid interest and additional collection costs. Citizens who own real estate in the unincorporated areas of Durham will also find their solid waste decal stickers affixed to the bill.

This year's bill includes information for citizens wanting to establish scheduled payments to ensure that taxes are paid in full before the delinquent date of January 5, 2018. For additional information, visit the Tax Administration website at www.dconc.gov/tax or contact the Durham County Government Call Center at 919-560-0300.

3) 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 Commissioner Howerton to approve the August 7, 2017 Worksession minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Reckhow noted that there were several directives that still needed to be addressed from previous meetings.

Ceremonial Items

Proclamation - "National Recovery Month September 2017"

Chair Jacobs read the following proclamation:

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH | SEPTEMBER 2017

WHEREAS, behavioral health is now recognized as an essential part of one's overall health and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, the costs of not encouraging mental health and substance use recovery is significant for individuals, families, neighborhoods and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, people in recovery strive to achieve healthy lifestyles, stable homes, meaningful daily activities, stronger neighborhoods and contribute in positive ways to the larger community; and

WHEREAS, the American Society for Addiction Medicine (ASAM) reports that drug overdose is now the leading cause of accidental death in the US, with 52,404 lethal drug overdoses in 2015. Opioid addiction is driving this epidemic, with 20,101 overdose deaths related to prescription pain relievers, and 12,990 overdose deaths related to heroin. Four in five new heroin users report that they started out misusing prescription painkillers; and

WHEREAS, SAMHSA reports that in 2015 43.8 million adults experienced mental illness and only 14.6% received mental health treatment; and another 22.7 million adults were in need of substance use treatment while only 10% received treatment. That, given these statistics, we must strive to reduce the stigma, shame and embarrassment associated with brain disorders and help individuals, families and the larger community learn to view them as we would any other medical condition; and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and the Recovery Community Of Durham (RCOD) invite all residents of Durham County, North Carolina to participate in National Recovery Month; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2017 as

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

and call upon the people of Durham County to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies to support this year's recovery theme:

"Join the Voices for Recovery: Strengthen Families and Communities"

This 28th day of August, 2017.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Randy Tucker, Board Member of Recovery Community of Durham, shared his recovery story and explained the purpose of the agency.

Robert Thomas, Chairman of Recovery Community of Durham, thanked the Board for its consistent support and invited the community to the free celebration on September 30, 2017 from 2pm-6pm at Durham Central Park. He stated there would be recovery speakers, musical acts, information on healthy eating and children activities available for everyone to enjoy.

Chair Jacobs thanked Mr. Tucker for sharing his story and Mr. Thomas for sponsoring the event.

Commissioner Howerton asked if information would be shared at the upcoming meeting about the "Opioid in a Box." Chair Jacobs responded that a conversation took place with Gayle Harris, General Manager, to plan a summit. Commissioner Howerton asked to be included in the conversation.

Proclamation - Together for Resilient Youth's Plan for Zero Initiative

Vice Chair Hill read the following proclamation:

TOGETHER FOR RESILIENT YOUTH'S PLAN FOR ZERO INITIATIVE | 2017

WHEREAS, 28% of high school students reported feelings of depression in the past year (feeling so sad or hopeless almost every day for 2 weeks or more in a row that they stopped doing usual activities).

WHEREAS, 14% of high school students made a plan to attempt suicide

WHEREAS, 65% of high school students have seen other students being bullied

WHEREAS, 16% of high school students have carried a weapon (gun, knife, club) to school in the past 30 days

WHEREAS, 25% of high school students had one or more drinks of alcohol in the past month

WHEREAS, 9% of high school students smoked cigarettes in the past month

WHEREAS, 24% of high school students used electronic vapor product use

WHEREAS, 22% of high school students smoked Marijuana in the Past Month

WHEREAS, 15% of high school students have taken a prescription drug without a prescription in the past month

WHEREAS, 41% high school students (41%) use the computer for entertainment for more than 3 hours on an average school day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby recognize August 28, 2017 as

TRY ZERO

The Plan for Zero Initiative of Together for Resilient Youth

in Durham County, North Carolina and commend its observance to all citizens in recognition of the positive impact of prevention and Durham TRY on our community.

This the 28th day of August, 2017.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Ms. Boone was not in attendance to receive the proclamation.

Directive: Chair Jacobs stated the Board would like to get Ms. Boone back for an explanation on the significance of the plan.

Durham County Information Services and Technology named “2017 Digital Counties Survey Winner”

Chair Jacobs recognized the Information Services and Technology (IS&T) department for being the recipient of the 15th Annual Digital Counties Survey Award given by the National Association of Counties (NACo). She added this was the second time Durham County was recognized in the 250,000-499,999 population category as a leading digital county that encouraged government innovation and collaboration. Chair Jacobs expressed how proud she was of the department and their project.

Greg Marrow, Director of IS&T, thanked the Board for acknowledging the award. He stated the County had a great team of Information Technology employees that responded well to the many requests from all departments. Mr. Marrow also highlighted a few upcoming projects that involved collaborating with the City of Durham.

Consent Agenda

Chair Jacobs asked if there were any items that Commissioners wished to comment on or pull from the agenda.

Commissioner Reckhow requested to comment on item #17-0402. She stated the total collections based on the bill (99.78%) were possibly the highest in Durham County’s history. Commissioner Reckhow thanked Kimberly Simpson, Tax Administrator, and her staff for their great work and bringing in the revenue that allowed the County to do its job.

Commissioner Howerton asked for clarification on item #17-0398 with regards to the decrease in funds. Gayle Harris, General Manager, responded there was a loss of state funds which would result in a reduction of trainings. She added there was still a significant budget available where funds could be used as needed.

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

*17-0341 Property Tax Releases and Refunds for June 2017

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17-0386 Approval of the Automatic Aid Agreement with Northern Wake Fire Department for Fire/Rescue Services

17-0389 Renewal of Service Contract with TriTech Software Systems

*17-0391 Contract to Purchase Solid Waste Vehicle and Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 18BCC000004 Transferring \$156,450 from Vehicle and Equipment Fund Center to the Solid Waste Fund Center for the Purchase

17-0393 Design Services for Aeration System Enhancements for the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant

17-0394 Non-Reimbursable Utility Contract to allow National Institutes of Health to connect to the County's reclaimed water system.

*17-0395 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 18BCC000007 Public Health: Recognize an Increase of \$9,045 Refugee Health funds from NC DHHS, Division of Public Health to support the Refugee Health Program in Durham County

*17-0397 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 18BCC000006 to Recognize \$6,488 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Epidemiology/Communicable Disease Section

*17-0398 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 18BCC000005 Public Health: Recognize a Decrease of \$8,926 Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) funds from NC DHHS, Division of Public Health Women's and Children's Health Section /Children and Youth Branch

17-0402 Settlement of 2016 Property Taxes and the Charge of 2017 Property Taxes to the Tax Collector

The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Item #17-0341

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 June, 2017.

May 2017 Releases and Refunds

Releases & Refunds for 2017 Taxes

Personal Property	\$ 25,826.20
Motor Vehicles	\$ <u>331.31</u>
Total	\$ 26,157.51

Releases and Refunds for 2016 Taxes

Real Property	\$ 54,581.43
Personal Property	\$ 31,361.97
VTS Refunds	\$ <u>12,861.63</u>
Total	\$ 98,805.03

Releases & Refunds for Prior Years

Personal Property	\$ <u>184.16</u>
Total	\$ 184.16
 Grand Total	 \$ 125,146.70

Consent Agenda Item #17-0371

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 July, 2017.

July 2017 Releases and Refunds

Releases & Refunds for 2017 Taxes

Real Property	\$ 328.28
Personal Property	\$ 1,551.13
Solid Waste Fees	\$ 158.81
VTS Refunds	\$ <u>20,590.65</u>
Total	\$ 22,628.87

Releases & Refunds for Prior Years

Real Property	\$ 29,345.38
Personal Property	\$ <u>15,842.30</u>
Total	\$ 45,187.68
 Grand Total	 \$ 67,816.55

Consent Agenda Item #17-0391

**Durham County, North Carolina
2017-2018 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 18BCC000004**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2017-2018 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>GENERAL FUND</u>			
General Government	\$109,584,024	-\$156,450	\$109,427,574
Environmental Protection	\$4,555,567	\$156,450	\$4,712,017

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

This the 28th day of August 2017

Consent Agenda Item #17-0395

**Durham County, North Carolina
2017-2018 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 18BCC000007**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2017-2018 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	\$60,259,852	\$9,045	\$60,268,897

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$95,681,444	\$9,045	\$95,690,489

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

This the 28th day of August 2017

Consent Agenda Item #17-0397

**Durham County, North Carolina
2017-2018 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 18BCC000006**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2017-2018 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	\$60,253,364	\$6,488	\$60,259,852

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$95,674,956	\$6,488	\$95,681,444

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

This the 28th day of August 2017

Consent Agenda Item #17-0398

**Durham County, North Carolina
2017-2018 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 18BCC000006**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2017-2018 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	\$60,262,290	-\$8,926	\$60,253,364

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$95,683,882	-\$8,926	\$95,674,956

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

This the 28th day of August 2017

Board and Commission Appointments

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 identified with an (i). Individuals who are recommended by a Board are underlined.) Individuals listed in bold print were appointed.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Beverly Thorpe (Carter, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Ryan Urquhart (Hill)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Amanda De Hoedt (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Jury Commission

Tonette Amos (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Library Board of Trustees

(i)**Melissa Kimathi** (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Women's Commission

Jessica Jones (Hill, Howerton)

Cecilia Polanco (Carter, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Approval of Durham County ABC Board Chair

Commissioner Reckhow nominated Andy Miller to serve as Chair for the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to approve the nomination.

The motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Chair Jacobs stated the Board was requested to adjourn into Closed Session:

- 1) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of business or industry pursuant to G. S. 143-318.11(a)(4).
- 2) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged, pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3).
- 3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged; in the matter of Marqueta Welton vs. Durham County, Durham Board of County Commissioner, Wendell Davis, and Kathy Everett-Perry pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3).

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene to Open Session

Chair Jacobs announced the Board met in Closed Session and provided direction to staff.

Adjournment

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Monica W. Toomer
Deputy Clerk to the Board