



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, October 9, 2017

7:00 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

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 Seeks Public Feedback on Dockless Bike Share. Durham residents are invited to share their thoughts about bike share and a new smart bike system through an online survey <http://bit.ly/2yHaUBn>.
- 2) Tomorrow is Election Day for the 2017 municipal primary and election! Contests on the ballot include the primary for Durham Mayor and City Council. Polls will be open tomorrow from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.dconc.gov/elect.
- 3) There will be a special showing of the documentary, Resilience, a screenplay directed by James Redford that delves into Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and a new movement to treat and prevent toxic childhood stress. The screening will be shown Tuesday, October 17th, 6:00-7:30 pm, in the Duke Regional Hospital Auditorium. Please RSVP to Ethel.Clay@duke.edu. There will be free popcorn and water.

4)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 available to assist selected nonprofit organizations with their efforts to preserve open space lands and promote new or improved recreational opportunities for citizens. **The application deadline is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2017.** Grant guidelines and applications are available online at www.dconc.gov/openspacegrants. For project specific questions and more about the grant process, contact Brendan Moore, matching grants administrator for Durham County, at [\(919\) 560-7957](tel:9195607957) or email brmoore@dconc.gov.

5)The EcoChallenge is an opportunity for Durham residents to demonstrate our commitment to the environment by completing daily actions to reduce our collective impact. It runs from October 11-25 so sign up today! Join the Durham Community team at <https://2017.ecochallenge.org/teams/durham-community> and earn points for getting your friends, family, and coworkers to sign up! We'll be competing with the teams from all over the country, so let's get started and show the world how committed we are here in Durham to making the world a better place.

6)These announcements may also be found on the County's website or you may call the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025.

Chair Jacobs shared upcoming events for the Durham Reads Program and encouraged citizens to check www.dconc.gov or www.durhamreadstogether.org for more information.

Minutes

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to approve the September 5, 2017 Worksession minutes and the September 25, 2017 Regular Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ceremonial Items

Presentation - Duke Energy

Indira Everett, District Manager, briefly explained the Neighborhood Energy Saver Program and invited the Board to attend a dinner planned for the adopted neighborhood on December 7, 2017 from 6pm-7:30pm at Eastway Elementary School.

Valencia Roner, Program Manager, shared a presentation titled "*Neighborhood Energy Saver Program*" which highlighted the following:

- Neighborhood Energy Saver (NES) Program Details
- NES Target Market – Eligibility
- NES Energy Conservation Measures
- Neighborhood Kick-Off Event
 - Thursday, October 7, 2017 from 6pm – 7:30pm
Eastway Elementary School, 610 Alston Ave.
 - Approximate neighborhood size: 1,850
- Previous NES East Durham Neighborhood Partners

- NES Kick-Off Events
 - Free Catered Meal
 - Free Childcare
 - Demonstration of FREE energy-saving products
 - Chance to win four (4) gift cards
- Explanation of crew members that complete the installations
- Small Business Energy Saver (SBES) Program
- SBES Program Details

Ms. Roner also mentioned the Youth Energy Academy that was offered to 9th – 12th graders interested in getting hands-on demonstrations with energy and utility professionals. She stated the academy would be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 8:30-4pm at the North Carolina Central University – Mary Townes Building. Ms. Roner continued to say all those interested must register by October 14, 2017 at www.ncaabeyea2.com

Commissioner Jacobs stated this was a great program and resource for the community and inquired about the average amount of savings per household. Ms. Roner responded the amount varied per household but savings were estimated to be around \$95 per year.

Commissioner Howerton thanked Ms. Everett and Ms. Roner for moving the location around to different parts of the community.

Proclamation - Durham Domestic Workers Day of Recognition

Chair Jacobs read the following proclamation:

DURHAM DOMESTIC WORKERS DAY OF RECOGNITION | 2017

WHEREAS, domestic workers are the housecleaners, childcare, and direct care providers who do the important work of making our homes safe environments and offer much needed care for ourselves and our loved ones; and

WHEREAS, domestic workers are the backbone of our economy and make it possible for others to work outside the home; and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing need to fill essential roles of rearing and educating children and caring for the projected 1 in 5 elderly individuals who will need in home services in the future; and

WHEREAS, domestic workers provide physical, medical, emotional, and spiritual support for the individuals they work with; and

WHEREAS, historically these roles have been performed by women, Black people and people of color, undocumented individuals, and other vulnerable populations and have been invisibilized and devalued; and

WHEREAS there are 3 million domestic workers nationwide whose contributions go unnoticed, who don't receive fair wages or benefits, who labor in unsafe conditions, and aren't covered by comprehensive labor protections; and

WHEREAS, there is a history of domestic workers creating and leading social justice movements, and domestic workers in the South like Dorothy Bolden have organized and demanded dignity and recognition and pushed for policy and social change to honor this vital workforce; and

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

“DURHAM DOMESTIC WORKERS DAY OF RECOGNITION”

in Durham, North Carolina.

This the 9th day of October, 2017.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Tonya Herrington and Debbie Joyner both from the Domestic Workers Alliance thanked the Board for the proclamation. They shared their experiences as health care workers and invited the Board to attend their day of recognition on October 22, 2017 from 6pm-9pm at 1104 Broad Street. Ms. Joyner stated this event was free of charge and all were invited.

Chair Jacobs thanked Ms. Herrington and Ms. Joyner for their service and facing challenges to take care of those in need.

Commissioner Howerton stated both she and her mother once worked as health care workers and thanked them for their service. She added it was very important that the youth become educated so that they would be knowledgeable regarding healthcare.

Vice Chair Hill stated Agriculture and Domestic Workers were excluded for some time from increased compensation and other benefits. He added he was glad those issues were being addressed and people were coming together to protect those organizations and workers’ rights.

Proclamation - Lead-Safe Certified Renovators Day

Commissioner Carter read the following proclamation:

LEAD-SAFE CERTIFIED RENOVATORS’ DAY | 2017

WHEREAS, today, childhood lead poisoning is considered a completely preventable (environmental) disease among young children; and

WHEREAS, the major source of lead exposure is the dust from deteriorating lead-based paint or from renovations to houses or child care facilities built before 1978; and

WHEREAS, no safe blood lead level in children has been identified; and

WHEREAS, lead exposure can affect nearly every system in the body; and

WHEREAS, lead exposure usually occurs with no obvious symptoms, it frequently goes unrecognized; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina enacted Public Health laws establishing the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Management Program for Renovation, Repair and Painting in 2009 to protect children from preventable lead-based paint poisoning from renovation activities conducted in housing and child-occupied facilities built before 1978; and

WHEREAS, these laws require that, prior to performing renovation, repair and painting activities for compensation, companies and individuals become certified by the NC Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Health Hazards Control Unit; and

WHEREAS, the County of Durham in recognition of the National Lead-Poisoning Prevention week (October 22-28, 2017), commends those contractors that have received certification and strive to implement the lead-safe work practices necessary to protect our most valuable resource in Durham, our children; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the National Lead-Poisoning Prevention week, the County of Durham encourages contractors, who have not already done so, to become certified and protect our children from lead dust exposure, and to avoid fines up to \$5,000 per day for each violation.

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 proclaim October 24, 2017, as

“LEAD-SAFE CERTIFIED RENOVATORS’ DAY”

in Durham, North Carolina.

This the 9th day of October, 2017.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Lenora Smith, Project Director for Partnership Effort for the Advancement of Children’s Health (PEACH), shared background information on the PEACH organization and introduced the board members in attendance. She thanked Gayle Harris, General Manager, for her assistance with the proclamation and guidance. Ms. Smith invited the Board to attend a Town Hall Meeting to Take Action to Protect Kids from Lead on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 from 6pm-8pm at the Holton Career and Resource Center. She added dinner and childcare would be provided to those that RSVP for the event. Ms. Smith asked those that plan to attend to please RSVP by calling or texting 984-244-0106.

Chair Jacobs and Commissioner Howerton thanked Ms. Smith for being a tireless advocate and providing continuous work on this issue for the past 30 years.

Proclamation - Community Planning Month

Vice Chair Hill read the following proclamation:

COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH | 2017

WHEREAS, change is constant and affects all cities, towns, suburbs, counties, urban and rural areas; and

WHEREAS, community planning and plans can help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work and live; and

WHEREAS, a key component of community planning is the involvement of all of Durham citizens in making choices that determine the future quality of life in Durham; and

WHEREAS, the full benefits of planning require public officials and citizens who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the month of October is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories, and

WHEREAS, the American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, endorse National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight the contributions planning makes to the quality of our community and environment; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the members of Durham’s appointed and elected Boards and Commissions who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of the City and County of Durham, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the many valuable contributions made by professional planners of the Durham City-County Planning Department and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals.

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 proclaim October 2017, as

“COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH”

in Durham, North Carolina and hereby urge citizens to take note of this observance.

This the 9th day of October, 2017.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Patrick Young, Planning Director, thanked the Board for the proclamation. He stated the planning priorities were to plan, engage and ensure that Durham remained affordable and accessible for all citizens. He added the Planning Academy Program was expanded to four (4) sessions per year due to demand. Mr. Young continued to say the Academy was created for those interested in the rules and principles that govern land use in Durham. He added an Open House was planned in celebration of Community Planning Month for Monday, October 30, 2017 from 4pm-6pm with the location to be announced at a later date.

Chair Jacobs highlighted all the efforts Mr. Young made since taking the role as Planning Director. She also commended Mr. Young on his commitment and outreach involvement in the community.

Proclamation - National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month

Commissioner Howerton read the following proclamation:

LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS’ RIGHTS MONTH | 2017

WHEREAS, there are more than 1.6 million individuals living in 16,000 nursing homes; and 1 million individuals living in 50,000 board and care/assisted living facilities in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Durham County is home to 13 adult care homes, 33 family care homes, and 12 nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, the rights of the residents in these homes are enshrined in our North Carolina law in the Adult Care Homes Residents' Bill of Rights found at Article 3 of North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 131D and the Nursing Home Residents' Bill of Rights found at Article 6 of Chapter 131 E; and

WHEREAS, members of the Durham County Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee and Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee volunteer their time in Durham County's nursing homes, adult care homes, and family care homes to ensure that these rights are being fulfilled; and

WHEREAS, all residents should be aware of their rights so they may be empowered to live with dignity and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, we wish to honor and celebrate these citizens residing in these homes, to recognize their rich individuality, and to reaffirm their right to vote and participate politically, including the right to have a say in their care; and

WHEREAS, individuals and groups across the country will be celebrating Residents' Rights Month with the theme –"It's All About Me: My Life, My Care, My Choices"– to emphasize the importance of affirming these rights through facility practices, public policy and resident-centered decision-making.

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 proclaim October 2017, as

"LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH"

in Durham, North Carolina.

This the 9th day of October, 2017.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Jeffery Austin, Chair, Durham County Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee, thanked the Board for the proclamation and expressed gratitude to the volunteer members in the community. He encouraged citizens to get involved and join the committee if they were interested.

Lascel Webley, Chair, Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee, expressed his thoughts on the importance of Residents' Rights Month and how the knowledge and experience of the elderly was important to the community. He encouraged all citizens to visit or volunteer at a Nursing Facility so that they could receive or provide joy to another individual.

Chair Jacobs stated this was a great time to raise awareness and she encouraged citizens who wanted to get involved to please contact the Clerk to the Board's office.

Consent Agenda

Chair Jacobs asked Commissioners if they had any comments or requested to pull any items from the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Howerton asked staff to briefly comment on item #17-0456. Linda Thomas-Wallace,

Transportation Program Manager, stated this offer was an opportunity for the transportation system to engage with the Apprentice Program. She stated the program offered an opportunity for hands on, paid experience for an individual interested in a career in Public Assistance.

Commissioner Reckhow stated she was pleased that the County modeled good behavior and offered an opportunity for a young person in that field to possibly be offered future employment.

Chair Jacobs inquired about the contract on the website for item #17-0441. Jay Gibson, General Manager, responded the first roll out would be Spring or early Summer 2018. He continued to say it would continue to evolve over time and more information would be made available in the future.

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

17-0387 Approve Contract to Purchase Three (3) Fire Apparatus for Durham County Fire Rescue (DCFR) and Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 18BCC000011 Appropriating Durham County Fire and Rescue Tax District Fund Fund Balance and Appropriating Loan Proceeds to the General Fund to Support the Purchase

17-0441 Vision Internet Contract Amendment Requested Will Increase Current Contract from \$39,700 to \$78,730. Phase II of the Project Will Deliver a Fully Hosted Economic Development Themed Website to Durham County

*17-0448 Capital Project Amendment No. 18CPA000005 - Appropriate \$403,216 Collection System Rehabilitation Fund fund balance and appropriate the funds to the Slater Road Pump Station Improvement Capital Project SE053 and Award of the Slater Road Pump Station Improvements (IFB 18-002) contract to Carolina Civil Works, Inc.

*17-0449 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 18BCC000012 to Recognize \$1,046.50 in Donations to Support Project BUILD

17-0456 Request for Matching Funds for the NCDOT Apprentice Program Grant

17-0460 Approve FY2017-18 Contract with Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce

17-0462 Approve Contract with Downtown Durham, Inc. for Certain Downtown Economic Development and Business Support Services

17-0473 Approval by an Ordinance - the Revised Board of Health Rule: Regulation of Smoking in Prescribed Public Areas

The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Item #17-0448

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
2017-18 Capital Project Ordinance
Amendment Number 18CPA000005**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the 2017-18 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.

Project	Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Revised Budget
Slater Road Pump Station Improvement (7100SE053)	\$0	\$403,216	\$403,216

Adopted this the 9th day of October, 2017.

Consent Agenda Item #17-0449

Durham County, North Carolina
2017-2018 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 18BCC000012

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>			
Contributions & Donations	\$70,093	\$1,047	\$71,140

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$95,962,205	\$1,047	\$95,963,252

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

This the 9th day of October 2017

Adjournment

Commissioner Carter 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