

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

County Commissioners' Chambers
200 East Main Street, Durham, North Carolina

9:00 A.M. Worksession

AGENDA

1. **Recognize Tax Administration Staff for Excellent Collections Year**

10 min.

At the July 23 Board of County Commissioners' meeting, the Tax Administrator asked that Tax staff be recognized at a worksession for the banner collections year that Durham County and the City of Durham just completed.

Resource Person(s): Kenneth L. Joyner, RES, Tax Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board recognize tax staff and congratulate them on a job well done.

2. **Upper Neuse River Basin Association—Watershed Management Plan**

30 min.

Durham County is a member of the Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA). In 2003, the UNRBA developed a Watershed Management Plan to study and help manage surface water resources in the Upper Neuse Basin (Falls Lake watershed). The Association is in the process of creating an Implementation Plan that will specify how these strategies could be implemented locally and regionally to protect water quality efficiently and cost effectively. The Plan could help inform the upcoming Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy required under Senate Bill 981. This summer, UNRBA staff is visiting its member governments to:

1. Discuss the Upper Neuse Watershed Management Plan and the strategies it recommends;
2. Explain its process for developing the basin-wide Implementation Plan;
3. Discuss how this process fits with related activities, including the Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy; and
4. Solicit support in terms of limited staff and advisory board participation in the Implementation Planning process.

Resource Person(s): Sarah Bruce, Upper Neuse River Basin Association

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the report and advise staff if any additional action is necessary.

3. **Presentation of Annual Accomplishments—Women’s Commission**

15 min.

The Durham County Women’s Commission has requested time on the agenda to present a report to the Board of County Commissioners. Rosa Anderson, Women’s Commission Chairperson, will share last year’s accomplishments, as well as projected activities for the upcoming year.

Resource Person(s): Rosa Anderson, Chairperson, Women’s Commission

County Manager’s Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board accept the report from the Women’s Commission.

4. **Presentation of New Publication *Substance Use and Abuse in Durham County***

30 min.

Substance Use and Abuse in Durham County, produced as part of the scope of work of the Substance Abuse Committee of the Partnership for a Healthy Durham and The Durham Center, contains information gathered from numerous sources regarding substance use and abuse in Durham County, including health, juvenile justice, criminal justice, and social service systems. The report documents the relationship between substance use and incarceration, illness, and even death. It shows that substance abuse exacerbates problems such as domestic violence, child maltreatment, and homelessness.

By looking at each of these data sources, The Durham Center can begin to identify the types of drugs being abused and some of the harms that substance use causes the community. Done regularly, and with additional information, this kind of document can highlight emerging trends and identify gaps.

The report represents the first effort in Durham County to gather this information in one document, with the hope that community agencies will build upon the foundation to help the community deal with problems caused by substance abuse. By adding details to the information reported, Durham can more effectively plan prevention and service activities.

Resource Person(s): Ellen Holliman, Area Director, The Durham Center

County Manager’s Recommendation: The Manager requests that the Board of County Commissioners receive this presentation.

5. **Library Meeting Room Fees**

20 min.

Original fee proposal adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in June 2007:

Nonprofits:

Meetings of up to four hours: \$50

Meetings of more than four hours: \$100

Commercial/for-profit:

Meetings of up to four hours: \$100

Meetings of more than four hours: \$200

Alternative recommendation by the Library Board of Trustees:

1. Charge only for the large meeting rooms; and
2. Charge half price in the branches.
(\$25 for nonprofits for up to four hours and \$50 for commercial/for-profit organizations)
3. The library could charge a sliding scale of fees for nonprofits, depending upon the budget of an organization.

Resource Person(s): Hampton “Skip” Auld, Library Director, and Ken Berger, Library Board of Trustees Chair

County Manager’s Recommendation: The Manager’s recommendation is that the Board receive the presentation and provide staff direction on the desired fee structure based upon the recommended alternatives.

6. **Durham County Memorial Stadium Improvements Update**

30 min.

Negotiations have been underway throughout the summer with Shaw University for some long-term improvements to the Durham County Memorial Stadium. An agreement has been reached on the investment levels and improvement items. The Durham County Attorney’s Office and legal representation for Shaw University are currently drafting the business deal points and the binding Development Agreement. We have an ambitious construction schedule and wanted to take the opportunity to brief the Board of Commissioners on our progress and receive feedback as we finalize the legal documents. We are drafting a ten-year agreement with Shaw University for use of the County Stadium. Shaw University has also agreed to pay a share of the maintenance costs associated with its level of use of the Stadium as well as its level of investment in the improvements.

The newly renovated facility will continue to be home to the Northern High School Knights football team and is intended to also be home to the new high school, once it is constructed. With this partnership, the Stadium will now also become home to the Shaw Bears football and track teams. The completed renovations will allow Durham County Memorial Stadium to offer the amenities that comprise today's top dual-sports facilities in the state. It is the intention of the Stadium Authority to increase the usage of the Stadium by offering a facility that will attract a much broader audience for football and track events.

There are two projected phases of improvements: Phase 1 improvements are primarily the track and field and external enhancements; Phase 2 improvements are primarily for the infrastructure and interior of the stadium. Once the legal documents have been

approved by Shaw University and the Stadium Authority, they will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for final review and approval. The improvement items have been agreed to in concept by the County of Durham, the Durham County Stadium Authority, and Shaw University.

Resource Person(s): Heidi York, Assistant County Manager; Mike Turner, Director of General Services; and Carol Hammett, Assistant County Attorney

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the update and provide feedback to staff.

7. **Closed Session**

30 min.

The Board is requested to adjourn to Closed Session to consult with an attorney and to preserve the attorney-client privilege pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3).

2¾ hrs.