

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

Monday, December 9, 2019

7:00 P.M. Regular Session

**MINUTES**

Place: Commissioners' Chambers, Second Floor, Durham County Government Administrative Complex, 200 East Main Street, Durham, North Carolina

Present: Chair Wendy Jacobs, Vice-Chair James Hill and Commissioners Heidi Carter, Brenda Howerton and Ellen Reckhow

Presider: Chair Wendy Jacobs

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

**Agenda Adjustments**

Chair Jacobs announced that there were no agenda adjustments.

**Announcements**

Chair Jacobs read the following announcements:

1. **Public Input is Needed on the Regional Plan to Reduce Reliance on Single-Occupancy Vehicles** – What do you think about carpooling, vanpooling, public transit, biking, walking, teleworking, and flexible work weeks? The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization is seeking your feedback on strategies and policies to reduce single-occupancy vehicles for travel. The proposed plan can be viewed by visiting [www.https://bit.ly/2O2PRms](https://bit.ly/2O2PRms)

The public comment period is open until Tuesday, December 10, 2019 and comments should be submitted directly to Dale McKeel at [dale.mckeel@durhamnc.gov](mailto:dale.mckeel@durhamnc.gov) or by calling 919-560-4366, ext. 36421.

2. **The HUB Pop-Up: Young Adult Resource Event** – All youth ages 14-26 are invited to attend a **FREE** Resource Event on December 11, 2019 from 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at The Fruit located on 305 S. Dillard Street. This event offers free food, voter registration information, employment training resources, free haircuts, health services, clothing, STI testing and other activities.

For more information, please visit [www.hubdurham.org](http://www.hubdurham.org)

3. **2019 Durham Holiday Parade and Fun Fest** – The Durham Holiday Parade will take place Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Downtown Durham on Main Street.

Come out and enjoy floats, bands and mascots. For those not able to attend, the parade will be steamed live on [www.CBS17.com](http://www.CBS17.com)

4. **Health Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment Period Ending Soon** – Need health insurance for 2020? Open enrollment through the Health Insurance Marketplace is open now until December 15, 2019. To learn more and enroll, please visit [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov)
5. **The Santa Train is Coming to the Museum of Life + Science** – Climb aboard the Ellerbe Creek Railway now through December 22<sup>nd</sup> for a journey to the North Pole. Families can enjoy a ride through thousands of twinkling lights as you make your way to meet Santa and his elves.

Pre-registration is required and children under two are free. For additional information, please visit [www.lifeandscience.org/santatrain](http://www.lifeandscience.org/santatrain)

6. **Art of Mental Health at the Reubenstein Art Center** – Discover Durham invites you to the community exhibit of artwork by local artist showcasing mental health and wellness. The exhibit which ends January 24, 2020 is open to the public Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday from 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Please visit [www.discoverdurham.com](http://www.discoverdurham.com)

Chair Jacobs stated the North Carolina Solar Schools Initiative was effective as of December 9, 2019. She added elected officials were working with Duke Energy to install solar power matched with energy storage at schools.

## **Minutes**

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to approve the October 28, 2019 and November 12, 2019 Regular Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

## **Ceremonial Items**

### **Eno River Association Calendar Presentation**

Jessica Sheffield, Eno River Association Executive Director stated she came to share Season Greetings and celebrate the Boards contribution to the Eno River. She presented the Board and staff with Eno River Calendars.

The Board thanked Ms. Sheffield for the calendars and for the connection with the Eno River. Chair Jacobs explained how the Eno River was special to Durham and provided mental health for the community. Commissioner Reckhow stated she became fond of the Eno River after moving into a house in Durham on the Eno River.

### **Resolution – “Guns Down, Lives up” Rally**

Vice-Chair Hill read the following proclamation:

**“GUNS DOWN, LIVES UP” RALLY**

**WHEREAS,** in reaction to the increasing cycle of gun violence across Durham, Southern High School football team members recently organized and conducted the “Guns Down, Lives Up” Rally to focus on ways to reduce the incidences of gun violence in the community; and

**WHEREAS,** Durham Athletes United Against Violence was formed to begin to focus attention on educating and sharing strategies to begin to break the cycle of violence; and

**WHEREAS,** a rally was held in November bringing together students, elected officials, Project Build, clergy, community members, law enforcement and others to sound the alarm that more needed to be done; and

**WHEREAS,** while the “Guns Down, Lives Up” initiative began at Southern High School, the goal is to grow the outreach to the other Durham High Schools and use a standard format to involve other athletes, students, community groups, clergy and other youth serving organizations in developing successful ways to stem the tide of violence;

**WHEREAS,** the larger goal of this group is to work to combat peer pressure, to begin with middle school students by intervention strategies and to work on prevention with high school age students.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that we, the members of the Durham Board of County Commissioners do hereby thank the founders and supporters of “Guns Down, Lives Up” initiative and encourage them to be a model for other communities to follow as they seek to reduce gun violence everywhere.

This 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019

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Wendy Jacobs, Chair

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James Hill, Jr., Vice-Chair

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Heidi Carter

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Brenda A. Howerton

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Ellen Reckhow

The Board congratulated Coach Robinson for organizing the rally against violence in Durham and continuing to support the Durham youth.

Darius Robinson, Southern High School Football Head Coach stated he was honored to share the initiative with the students. He added the Senior Class decided to take the first step due to peers being involved with guns and mentioned the team would visit other schools in the County to help the youth understand the importance of reducing gun violence. Coach Robinson challenged adults to get involved to provide more visibility in the community.

**Proclamation – Together for Resilient Youth (TRY) Violence Prevention**

Chair Jacobs read the following Proclamation:

## **TOGETHER FOR RESILIENT YOUTH (TRY) VIOLENCE PREVENTION | 2019**

- WHEREAS,** Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) experienced early in life can lead to a greater risk for committing violence against peers, bullying, teen dating violence and child abuse, elder abuse, intimate partner violence and sexual violence later in life; and
- WHEREAS,** children who are victims of abuse/neglect are more likely to exhibit antisocial behaviors, suffer from anxiety and depression, encounter challenges in school and abuse drugs or alcohol; and
- WHEREAS,** 28 percent of high school students reported feeling so sad or hopeless almost every day for 2 weeks or more in a row that they stopped doing usual activities; and
- WHEREAS,** 11 percent of high school students in Durham reported that they did not go to school at least once in the past month because they felt unsafe at school or going to or from school, 51 percent of high school students have seen other students being bullied and 37 percent of high school students report gang activity in school; and
- WHEREAS,** people living in low resource communities experience more crime, higher stress levels, less access to resources, higher rates of chronic disease and higher rates of early death; and
- WHEREAS,** strategies applied at the community, relationship and individual levels that include resilience as an antidote to ACEs and that address historical trauma and institutional racism can help prevent multiple forms of violence.

**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 call upon all citizens to participate in this Call to Action and join Together for Resilient Youth (TRY) in the Strive to Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere (STRYVE) initiative.

This 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019.

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Wendy Jacobs, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Dr. Wanda Boone, Founder of Together for Resilient Youth (TRY) explained grief was difficult to deal with and shared that some people did not know how to handle their emotions or know what to do after a violent situation. She added the adults were needed in the community to assist with making changes in violence that would help support and protect our youth. Dr. Boone discussed strategies to help the Durham community provide a change in violence.

Chair Jacobs thanked Dr. Boone and TRY for helping Durham deal with violence and supporting youth in the community.

### **Support Legislation Protecting Federal Benefits for Pre-Trial Detainees**

December 9, 2019

The Honorable David Price  
United States House of Representatives  
2108 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep Price:

On behalf of Durham County Board of Commissioners, we urge you to support legislation that would ease the impact of the Medicaid inmate exclusion on our local justice systems. Two pieces of legislation now under consideration in the U.S. Senate, the Equity in Pre-Trial Medicaid Coverage Act (S. 2628) and the Restoring Health Benefits for Justice-Involved Individuals Act (S. 2626), take important steps toward this goal.

Currently, under what is known as the Medicaid inmate exclusion, federal law prohibits the use of federal funds and services, such as veterans' benefits, Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) benefits, for medical care provided to inmates of public institutions. However, the law makes no distinction between a convicted inmate and a person incarcerated prior to conviction, thereby denying federal benefits to individuals who are still presumed innocent under the Constitution. Additionally, because serious mental illnesses are three to four times more common among local inmates than the general population, the nation's mental health crisis is increasingly centered in our jails, with county jails among the largest behavioral health care providers in our communities.

By eliminating the Medicaid inmate exclusion and allowing federal safety-net benefits to cover pretrial detainees, these bills would promote care continuity for justice-involved individuals, decrease short-term costs to taxpayers and county governments as well as long term costs to the federal government, and break cycles of recidivism in our communities.

Detainees in Durham County Detention Center are asked about Medicaid coverage. Durham County absorbs all the medical and pharmacy costs for detainees who may require medical care/treatment. Here is just a summary of the number of inmates in this category treated over the past 5 years:

FY15: 290      FY16:184      FY17:458      FY18:510      FY19:598

While we cannot share an estimate of the dollar amount because no names are attached to these numbers, it is clear that the numbers have significantly increased and trended upwards.

We thank you for your attention to this issue and look forward to improving outcomes for justice-involved individuals and restoring the federal, state and local partnership for safety-net programs. We respectfully ask that you consider co-sponsoring these two bills.

Sincerely,

Wendy Jacobs, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Commissioner Reckhow stressed the need for support; adding while attending the Stepping Up Initiative, she received a report regarding the State closing prison facilities. She stated inmates charged with major felonies remained in the County Detention Facility as opposed to being transferred to State prisons. Commissioner Reckhow requested County Manager Davis provide a weekly report on the number of inmates the County Detention Facility were housing for the State and if the County was being reimbursed by the State for housing the inmates. She explained that 13 inmates were in the County Detention Center that should have been transferred to a State prison.

Chair Jacobs thanked Ben Rose, Director of Social Services for bringing the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy to the attention of the Board.

**Directive: Commissioner Reckhow requested County Manager Davis provide the Board with a weekly report on the number of inmates the County Detention Facility was housing for the State.**

**She also asked if the County was being reimbursed by the State for housing the inmates.**

## **Consent Agenda**

Chair Jacobs asked the Board if they requested to pull or comment on any items on the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Carter had a question on item 19-0618. Commissioner Howerton had a comment on item 19-575 and Chair Jacobs had a comment on item 19-0570.

- Item 19-0618 – Commissioner Carter inquired about the \$1.2 million for a new Durham Public Schools (DPS) Elementary School Project (Funding for School C). Claudia Hager, General Manager responded the project could be financed with bonds or Limited Obligation Bonds (LOBs) and wanted to keep financing options open. Commissioner Carter asked if the 2016 bond could help finance the project. Susan Tezai, Chief Financial Officer responded staff were reviewing options for financing.
- Item 19-575 – Commissioner Howerton thanked Representative Marcia Morey for supporting and assisting with the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act.
- Item 19-0570 – Chair Jacobs thanked Jane Korest, Open Space and Real Estate Manger and staff for the acquisition of the easements.

A citizen requested to pull item 19-0608.

Hearing no additional comments, Chair Jacobs entertained a motion for approval.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to approve all items on the Consent Agenda except for item 19-0608.

The motion carried unanimously.

19-0560 Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft in the amount of \$1,079,672.

19-0561 Execution of the Amendment to the Architectural Design Service Contract with O'Brien/Atkins Associates, P.A. for the Detention Center Security Modifications Project No. DC008.

\*19-0570 Approve the acceptance of a donated conservation easement on Herndon Farm II with the County paying transaction costs. Approve Capital Project Amendment No. 20CPA000013 decreasing the Open Space & Farmland Preservation Capital Project up to \$14,000 and Budget Amendment No. 20BCC000033 transferring an equal amount to the General Fund to support the transaction costs related to the donation of an easement on the Herndon Farm.

\*19-0571 Approve the purchase of a conservation easement on 7723 Johnson Mill Road from Karen O'Neal to be held jointly with Triangle Land Conservancy. Approve Capital Project Amendment No. 20CPA000014 decreasing the Open Space & Farmland Preservation Capital Project \$78,000 and Budget Amendment No. 20BCC000034 transferring \$78,000 to the General Fund to support Durham County's portion of the easement costs.

19-0573 Extent Contract with Robert Half International

\*19-0575 Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20BCC0035 to recognize \$100,663 in state funding for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, and approve the council's funding allocation recommendations

19-0577 Temporary Construction Easement to 802 Washington Street LLC.

20-003 RFP For Life Safety Systems Testing and Inspections at Durham County Buildings.

19-0581 Lease Amendment – Durham Center for Senior Life at 406 Rigsbee Street.

\*19-0582 Capital Project Amendment No. 20CPA000015 - Appropriating \$10,029,049 to the Administration Building I Renovation Project No. 4730DC137 with Funding Source of Limited Obligation Bonds (LOBs) Funding and approve the Execution of the Construction Contract with Resolute Building Company for the Durham County Administration 1 Building Renovations Project No.: 4730DC137.

19-0584 Execution of an Amendment to the Architectural Design Service Contract with HDR Engineering Inc. of the Upgrades to the Northern Durham County Solid Waste Convenience Sites.

\*19-0593 Budget Amendment No. 20BCC000036 Transferring funds from the Sewer Utility Fund (6006600000) to the Collections' System Rehabilitation Fund (600669000) and Capital Project Amendment No. 20CPA000016 to appropriate the funding to the Utilities Administrative Building Project and the Execution of an Amendment to the Architectural Design Service Contract with DTW Architects & Planners, LTD. for the Durham County Utilities New Administrative Building.

19-0596 Acceptance of \$15,000 Grant from Town and Country Garden Club for Beautification of NC 147 Interchange.

\*19-0602 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20BCC000037 to Recognize \$50,000 from North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Public Health for Community Linkages to Care for Overdose Prevention and Response.

\*19-0603 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20BCC000038 to Recognize \$30,000 from SHIFT-NC to implement the Maternal Child Health Initiative and All Together Now.

19-0606 Approval of Resolution for Limited Obligation Bonds and Certain Related Documents Pursuant to G.S. 160A-20.

\*19-0608 Capital Project Amendment No. 20CPA000017 - Appropriating \$1,983,360 to the Downtown Parking Deck(s) Capital Project No. 4730DC138 with a Funding Source of a Future Financing and Authorize the Execution of a Contract for the Architectural Design Services with Little Diversified Architectural Consulting Ltd. for the Structured Parking at 300 E. Main St. in the amount of \$1,983,360.00.

\*19-0618 Capital Project Amendment No. 20CPA000018 – Appropriating \$1,200,000.00 to a New Durham Public School (DPS) Elementary School C Project with a Funding Source of a Future Financing.

Consent Agenda Item #19-0570

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
2019-20 Capital Project Ordinance  
Amendment Number 20CPA000013**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the FY2019-20 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Increase/Decrease</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>
Open Space and Farmland Preservation Project (4730DC083)	\$13,745,334.50	-14,000	\$13,731,334.50
<b>Total</b>	\$13,745,334.50	-14,000	\$13,731,334.50

Adopted this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019

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**Durham County, North Carolina  
2019-2020 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 20BCC000033**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2019-2020 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>
<i>GENERAL FUND</i>			
Other Financing Services	\$31,297,313	\$14,000	\$31,311,313

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<i>GENERAL FUND</i>			
Environmental Protection	\$5,726,116	\$14,000	\$5,740,116

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

Approved December 9, 2019

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Consent Agenda Item #19-0571

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
2019-20 Capital Project Ordinance  
Amendment Number 20CPA000014**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the FY2019-20 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.



<b>Project</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Increase/Decrease</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>
Open Space and Farmland Preservation Project (4730DC083)	\$13,731,334.50	-78,000	\$13,653,334.50
<b>Total</b>	\$13,731,334.50	-78,000	\$13,653,334.50

Adopted this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019.

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**Durham County, North Carolina  
2019-2020 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 20BCC000034**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2019-2020 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>			
Other Financing Services	\$31,311,313	\$78,000	\$31,389,313

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Environmental Protection	\$5,740,116	\$78,000	\$5,818,116

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

Approved December 9, 2019

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Consent Agenda Item #19-0575

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2019-2020 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 20BCC000035**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2019-2020 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	\$44,937,789	\$100,663	\$45,038,452

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Public Safety	\$67,306,084	\$100,663	\$67,406,747

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

Approved December 9, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0582

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
2019-20 Capital Project Ordinance  
Amendment Number 20CPA000015**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the FY2019-20 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Increase/ Decrease</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>
Administration Building I Renovation Project (4730DC137)	\$1,131,744.00	\$10,029,049	\$11,160,793
<b>Total</b>	\$1,181,744.00	\$10,029,049	\$11,160,793

Adopted this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019.

Consent Agenda Item #19-0593

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
2019-20 Capital Project Ordinance  
Amendment Number 20CPA000016**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the FY2019-20 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Increase/ Decrease</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>
Utilities Administrative Building (7100SE057)	\$0	\$1,140,580.00	\$1,140,580.00
<b>Total</b>	\$0	\$1,140,580.00	\$1,140,580.00

Adopted this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019.

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2019-2020 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 20BCC000036**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2019-2020 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Revenue:</u>			
<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>ENTERPRISE FUND</u>			
Other Financing Services	\$617,414	\$1,140,580	\$1,757,994

<u>Expenditures:</u>			
<u>Function</u>			
<u>ENTERPRISE FUND</u>			
Other	\$0	\$1,140,580	\$1,140,580

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

Approved December 9, 2019

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Consent Agenda Item #19-0602

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2019-2020 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 20BCC000037**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2019-2020 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Revenue:</u>			
<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$45,038,452	\$50,000	\$45,088,452

<u>Expenditures:</u>			
<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$84,978,179	\$50,000	\$85,028,179

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

Approved December 9, 2019

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Consent Agenda Item #19-0603

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2019-2020 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 20BCC000038**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2019-2020 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Revenue:</u>			
<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$45,088,452	\$30,000	\$45,118,452

Expenditures:

Function

GENERAL FUND

Human Services                                 \$85,028,179                                 \$30,000                                 \$85,058,179

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

Approved December 9, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0618

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
2019-2020 Capital Project Ordinance  
Amendment Number 20CPA000018**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the 2019-2020 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Increase/ Decrease</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>
Elementary School C (SH282)	\$0.00	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,200,000.00
Totals	\$0.00	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,200,000.00

Adopted this the 9th day of December 2019.

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**Public Hearings**

**Public Hearing to Consider Allocating Economic Development Funds to Q2 Solutions**

Andy Miracle, Economic Development Officer explained the Board was requested to hold a public hearing to consider allocating a total of \$950,000 in Economic Development funds to Q2 Solutions and authorize the Manager to enter into preliminary negotiations and execute an agreement with the Company. Q2 Solutions, a leading clinical trial laboratory services organization, would establish a new facility in Durham to help develop the next generation of precision medicines, creating 749 jobs and investing \$84.2 million.

Chair Jacobs opened the public hearing.

Bryan Fox, Vice President of Public Policy, Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce expressed his excitement for 749 jobs and \$84.2 million for the Durham community by Q2 Solutions.

David Efird, Attorney representing Q2 Solutions thanked Durham County for allocating the funds and

confirmed the agreement was a win for Q2 Solutions and Durham.

The Board thanked Mr. Miracle for revising the Economic Development Department and for working with companies that focused on giving back to the community. The Board inquired about how much money the State was contributing to the project. Mr. Miracle responded the State was contributing around \$10 million to the project. The Board asked how to create a pipeline to get students in school ready for jobs in the workplace. Kevin Dooley, Chief Human Resources Officer replied the company planned to work with students and teachers to allow high school students opportunities in the workplace. The Board recommended the process start as a pilot program in Durham and suggested sending a briefing letter with the company contact information to schools and Durham Technical Community College. The Board asked The Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce to provide a skillset report needed for students to enter the workplace and asked all community benefits detailed in the agenda item be incorporated into the contract.

The Board inquired about the headquarters location of Q2 Solutions. Mr. Miller responded the facility would be located at 2400 Ellis Drive in Durham; adding Q2 Solutions was located in Durham for several years and was constructing a new headquarters building.

Chair Jacobs close the public hearing.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton for County Manager Davis to enter into preliminary negotiations and execute an agreement allocating a total of \$950,000 in Economic funds.

The motion carried unanimously

#### **Directives:**

- **Commissioner Reckhow suggested that Economic Development send a briefing letter with Q2 Solutions contact information to schools and Durham Technical Community College.**
- **Commissioner Howerton requested The Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce to provide the Board a skillset report needed for students to enter the workplace and asked all benefits detailed in the agenda item be incorporated into the contract.**

#### **Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda**

19-0608 Capital Project Amendment No. 20CPA000017 - Appropriating \$1,983,360 to the Downtown Parking Deck(s) Capital Project No. 4730DC138 with a Funding Source of a Future Financing and Authorize the Execution of a Contract for the Architectural Design Services with Little Diversified Architectural Consulting Ltd. for the Structured Parking at 300 E. Main St. in the amount of \$1,983,360.00.

Nick Dotty, citizen stated he was concerned with the large amount of money being spent for parking decks at 300 and 500 Main Street when the County had not met the goal of reducing carbon emissions and increased the use of alternative transportation. He added several questions were sent to the Board regarding the parking decks.

The Board thanked Mr. Dotty for his concern and questions on the parking decks and explained the

issues have been a concern. They added the number of spaces were reduced and the plan was to downsize the size of the parking deck. The Board continued some of the parking deck spaces would be needed for the mixed-use space for retail, commercial, a daycare facility and some would be double used for residents, employees and overflow from the library. Peri Manns, Interim General Manager stated contracts and conversations were occurring to reduce the number of parking spaces at 500 Main Street and he was willing to meet with Mr. Dotty to answer any additional questions.

Commissioner Reckhow recommended County Manager Davis compose a letter to the Environmental Affairs Board (EAB) to review questions and issues for the 300 and 500 Main Street project. She suggested the EAB review policy changes, infrastructure changes, work schedules and other communities for best practices and provide report to Board.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to approve Item 19-0608.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Item #19-0608

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
2019-20 Capital Project Ordinance  
Amendment Number 20CPA000017**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the FY2019-20 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.

Project	Current Budget	Increase/ Decrease	Revised Budget
Downtown Parking Decks Project (4730DC138)	\$475,760.00	\$1,983,360.00	\$2,459,120.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$475,760.00</b>	<b>\$1,983,360.00</b>	<b>\$2,459,120.00</b>

Adopted this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019.

**Directive: Commissioner Reckhow requested to have Count Manager Davis compose a letter to the Environmental Affairs Board (EAB) to review questions and issues for the 300 and 500 Main Street project. She suggested the EAB review policy changes, infrastructure changes, work schedules and other communities for best practices and provide report to Board.**

**Closed Session**

Chair Jacobs stated the board was requested to adjourn to Closed Session 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); in the matter of the following:

- Rodriguez vs. Michael Andrews, et al., Case Number 18-CVS-3012.

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to adjourn into the Closed

Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Reconvene to Open Session**

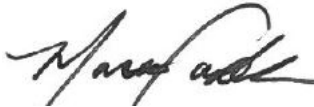
Chair Jacobs announced the Board met in Closed Session and provided direction to staff.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 9:07 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Macio Carlton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Macio Carlton  
Deputy Clerk to the Board