

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

Monday, May 4, 2009

9:00 A.M. Worksession

**MINUTES**

Place: Commissioners' Room, second floor, Durham County Government Administrative Complex, 200 E. Main Street, Durham, NC

Present: Chairman Michael D. Page, Vice-Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow, and Commissioners Becky M. Heron, Brenda A. Howerton, and Joe Bowser.

Absent: None

Presider: Chairman Page

**Review of April BOCC Directives**

County Manager Mike Ruffin introduced this item stating that the Board of County Commissioners have the opportunity to review the previous month's directives for staff and make comments as necessary.

The Board reviewed the directives and thanked the County Manager for the update.

No directives were given.

**Comments from Commissioner Brenda Howerton About Her Recent Trip to Study Transportation**

Commissioner Brenda Howerton highlighted her recent trip to the 2009 Regional Transportation Alliance Leadership Briefing and Tour to Dallas, Texas. The trip was held in conjunction with the 2009 Inter-City Visit & Leadership conference presented by the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce on Friday, April 17, and Saturday, April 18.

Commissioner Howerton stated that the trip was very beneficial. She provided agenda materials to fellow commissioners regarding the trip.

Chairman Page thanked Commissioner Howerton for sharing her experience.

**Durham Technical Community College Strategic Plan**

Dr. Bill Ingram, President of Durham Technical Community College (DTCC), presented the DTCC Strategic Plan with the Board of County Commissioners. He discussed the following:

- Purpose
- Mission
- Core values

- Vision
- Guiding Principles
  - Demonstrating Efficiency and Accountability
- Strategic Initiative
  - Focusing on Learning and Student Success
  - Applying Technology
  - Emphasizing Globalization
  - Sustaining the Learning Environment
  - Fostering and Strengthening Partnerships

The Commissioners posed the following questions:

- What is being done regarding the professional students?
- Does Orange County Commissioners provide financial support?
- How is DTTC working with Durham Public School?
- What percentage of dropouts is enrolled into DTCC?
- Is there a career development plan put together for the students as they arrive?

Dr. Ingram informed the Board that DTCC's goal is to assist students with developing the goals they want to accomplish. He stated that DTCC is currently working with DPS on initiatives that propose a program geared towards dropouts ages 16-20, who would enroll in programs on site. The program, Gateway to College, provides students with high school and college credits. He noted that the grant would be submitted by the end of May.

The Board thanked Mr. Ingram on his presentation.

No directives were given.

### **Annual Contract Performance: Downtown Durham, Inc.**

Bill Kalkhof, President, Downtown Durham Inc., introduced this item. He stated that the Board of County Commissioners appropriated \$55,000 to the Downtown Durham Inc. (DDI) in Fiscal Year 2008 pursuant to a contract that required the organization to submit an annual report in April.

Mr. Kalkhof presented the following:

#### Captured Market 2008

- Number of Businesses—400+/-
- Total Employees—13,500
- Residential Units—900+
- Residents (1.6/unit) – 1500+
- Median Age – 38 years
- Average Salary – \$56,430
- Median Salary - \$55,000

Growth & Investment in Downtown Durham since 1994 (Chart)  
Quarterly Investments in Downtown 2008-2009  
Private and Public Calendar Investment in Downtown Durham from 2008-2009

Accolades

- Downtown Named One of the Top 15 Up and Coming Neighborhoods (Business Week)
- #1 Foodiest Small Town in America (Bon Appetit)
- #1 Best Place to retire (Black Enterprise)
- #2 Best Green City (Lifestyle)
- #3 Best Small City for Relocating Families (World (ERC))
- #3 Best City to Ride Out a Recession (Business Week)
- #6 City of America's Smallest Cities (Forbes)
- #7 Best Place for Business and Careers (Forbes)
- Named one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People (America's Promise)
- #12 Top Places to Launch Your Business (Fortune Small Business)
- #15 Top Places to Live in America (Bert Sperling Ranking)
- #1 Creative Class Workforce (Catalytic)
- #1 America's Hottest Job Markets (BizJournal)

Durham Highlights (2008-09)

- DPAC Opened in December
- Diamond View – 2 opens
- Completion of DAP scheduled for June
- Major expansions continue at American Tobacco, West Village Golden Belt, Veneable, and Roger's Alley Golden Belt opens as a major development for the arts

Economic Development 2008-09

- Measurement Incorporated was approved for its site plan with the City for the Morris Ridge mixed-use development project.
- Scott Harmon broke ground on the Mangum 506 mixed use project including 21 residential units.
- Durham Transportation Center opened.
- Eligibility Building at Roxboro and Main Streets is under re-development.
- King's Daughter Inn renovations are complete and bed & breakfast is now open.
- Ringside Building being renovated into a private residence.
- District 5 Police Station opening on May 15.

Significant Leases 2008-09

- Burt's Bees signed 75,000 sq. ft. lease at American Tobacco
- Triangle Business Journal recognized downtown Durham as the location for three of the Top 10 leases in the Triangle in 2008 – Duke leasing at Durham Centre and West Village; and the Durham-Raleigh Art Institute at American Tobacco
- Duke University signed major leases in Durham Centre, West Village and Legacy Tower totaling 134,000+ sq. ft. of office space bringing a total of 500+ new

employees to downtown – Duke now has over 2,000 employees in downtown occupying hundreds of thousands square feet of office space

- VA signed a lease with Legacy Tower for \$36,000+ square feet
- Somerhill Gallery opens in downtown at Veneable
- Smith Breeden opened its office in Diamond View 2
- Key Source Bank opened its office in Diamond View 2
- Duke Physician Assistant's program relocated to downtown
- Durham-Raleigh Art institute opened in American Tobacco
- Pinhook Bar opened in October
- Revolution restaurant opened to rave reviews and large crowds

#### Miscellaneous Activities 2008-09

- DDI hosted a very successful “Live Cool” event for 175+ Realtors which showcased downtown residential properties
- RFP for a Retail/Entertainment Marketing Analysis and Strategy for downtown
- Small Business Roundtable Meetings
- Prepared Police Patrol Map
- Partnering with Lanier Parking to host regular downtown parking meetings
- DDI was a sponsor of the Durham Chamber road trip to Charlotte to tour Charlotte's Light Rail System
- Hired Melissa Norton as DDI's Government Services Director (new position)
- DDI president has raised \$22,000 towards the goal of \$25,000 that has been provided to the City to purchase new seats for the DAP renovation
- DDI president raised \$45,000 as the Fund Raising Chair of the “A Taste for Durham's Future” steering committee organized to market the referendum for the 1% Food Tax
- DDI was rewarded a Neighborhood Conservation Award for Preservation Durham for its leadership in making the new streetscape and street patterns possible in downtown
- DDI assisted the City & County in hosting the North Carolina City & County Managers Tour and presentation in downtown at the organization's annual meeting
- DDI staff hosted a meeting, presentation and tour for the Sister City representatives for Durham, England

#### Public Policy 2008-09

- Development Review Process
- Stormwater Regulations
- Downtown Zoning revisions
- Review and recommendations related to improved appearance and safety of the Corcoran Street Parking Deck
- Local Historic Landmark Policy update
- Downtown Circulator
- Review and recommendations related to Durham Central Gateway report
- Valet Parking system for downtown
- Sidewalk dining ordinance revision

#### Marketing 2008-09

- Made presentations to 50+/- various community groups and organizations
- DDI developed new Marketing Packet with Interactive CD's (one of the three new special marketing initiatives of DDI)
- DDI sponsored the Women's Professional Billiards Tournament held at Bay 7
- Launched new website
- 288 newspaper and magazine articles about downtown
- Developed partnership with Durham Magazine for a special insert of 40 pages focused on downtown for distribution to downtown employees, residents, and clients
- Began development, in partnership with WTVD, on marketing a 3-4 minute economic development video production
- Launched new "Flashmaps" tool for DDI web page Added new "Business Portal" and "Visit Downtown" links to web page
- Developed "Visitor Itineraries" to guide visitors in downtown
- Launched "Find Your Cool" t-shirt contest
- Created and held initial meeting of the Downtown Events Roundtable
- Partner with US Airways Magazine on Downtown feature
- DDI held its annual meeting at the DPAC and drew over 400 attendees
- Designed and produced and sell DDI "Downtown -Find Your Cool" tee-shirts
- Began planning for the placement/informational kiosks around downtown

#### Appearance 2008-09

- DDI raised the funds and coordinated the restoration of vintage signage, and the painting of a mural ("Downtown: Find Your Cool")
- DDI partnered with the City to develop an "Adopt-A-Planter" program for downtown, including finding sponsors for the Planters and agreeing to fund \$2,800 for the initial plants in the planters
- Work with Solid Waster Department & PAC 5 to solve immediate downtown solid waste collection issues, and to develop a more efficient and effective long range plan for the collection of solid waste in downtown
- Continued roll-out of Downtown Signage program into the American Tobacco, Central Park and Brightleaf Districts, in addition to City Center District and Government District
- Downtown Loop study by Kimley Horn has completed its first draft for the reconfiguration of the Loop

#### Partnerships 2008-09

- DDI president member of the City's CCIP Committee
- DDI president a member of the "A Taste for Durham's Future" Steering Committee, and Fund Raising Chair
- DDI is the Lunch Sponsor for the Joint Durham Chamber & Chapel Hill Chamber Charlotte Transit Trip
- DDI sponsored weekly concerts on the CCB Plaza with the Parks & Recreation department
- Assist with PSAG Historic Marker Unveiling

- Developed a chart of City Departments and contacts charged with maintaining the appearance and solid waste collection in downtown

T-Shirt Contest

TBJ Space Awards

DPAC Impact

#### Challenges

1. Downtown needs to remain a community priority.
2. We must continue our very successful track record of public-private partnerships based on two important principles: Is the project consistent with the Downtown Master Plan; and Is the project a good deal for the Durham Taxpayers?
3. As the critical mass of employees, residents, and visitors grow in downtown, we must strive to develop the City Center District as a vibrant area dominated on the street-level by home grown entertainment, arts, culture, and restaurant entrepreneurs who offer a distinctly Durham product.
4. Despite impressive strides over the past decade, we must increase our efforts to make sure downtown is safe and clean.
5. In order to make sure downtown is “everybody’s neighborhood”, we must develop incentives and public policy which require workforce housing and affordable retail and office space from our developers as part of any public-private economic development incentive.
6. Understanding that “downtown is not an island”, we must make sure that we spread downtown’s vibrancy to the neighborhoods surrounding downtown.
7. As businesses shed jobs, tenants shed space, which leads to a glut of sub-lease space in the triangle.

Cool Companies

Cool Office & Residential Space

Cool Shopping

Cool Restaurants

Cool Venues

Cool Events

Cool Art

Mr. Kalkhof responded to Chairman Page’s question about increasing security due to the increase in downtown activities.

At the end of the presentation, Mr. Kalkhof presented the Commissioners with a framed art cool poster.

#### Directives

1. Consider senior citizens as it relates to the one-way streets in downtown Durham.
2. Have discussions at the Senior Center for Life regarding senior citizen’s needs as they drive downtown.

**Durham Public Schools—Acquisition of Real Property for New Elementary School “C” and Middle School “A”**

Carl Harris, Superintendent, Durham Public Schools, introduced this item stating that on January 22, 2008, the Durham Public Schools Board of Education approved the purchase of multiple parcels in Southern Durham to provide a site for future schools Elementary “C” and/or Middle “A” as identified in Durham Public Schools Long Range Facilities Plan. Funding would be provided by 2003 Bond funds and Two-Thirds Bonds previously designated for land acquisition. Purchase price is \$2,935,000 for six contiguous parcels totaling approximately 47 acres. The properties appraised for \$3,100,000. The Board of Education requests approval of the purchase price of these properties.

Hugh Osteen, Assistant Superintendent of Operational Services, Durham Public Schools, shared his comments with the Board about the appraisal value of the property. He informed the Board that an additional appraisal was completed per the County’s request. He noted that the Board of Education requests approval of the purchase price which is \$2,805,800.

Mr. Osteen provided the following overview:

- Parkwood Library site
- West Scott King Road
- Highway 751 Parcel
- Lakewood Shopping Center
- Hunting Concerns
- Power line safety
- Traffic Management
- Creekside Elementary School Site

Vice-Chairman Reckhow expressed concerns about the packet not including information regarding projected growth; she referred to the March 5 directives. She asked that Mr. Osteen provide clarification about the projections for the additional schools.

Dr. Harris added that the recommendation being presented is based on the study that was done last fall, which projected that a school is needed in the Southern region of Durham. He stated that DPS does not have construction funds for the schools; however, DPS has sufficient data to ensure that a school is needed.

Hank Hurd, Associate Superintendent, Chief Operating Officer, DPS, addressed Vice-Chairman Reckhow’s concerns as it relates to the school’s projections.

Dr. Harris gave his opinion regarding the two appraisals that were commissioned. He requested that the Board move forward with the recommendation.

Commissioner Heron expressed concerns about the asking price for the land verses the recent appraisal. She questioned the criteria for valuing land.

Mr. Osteen enlightened the Board that updated projections would be available this fall. He responded to concerns about renegotiating the purchasing price. He stated that the land has

been under contract for seven months; therefore renegotiation is not an option. He noted that the elected officials of Durham would have more control over the land if additional land is purchased. He addressed Vice-Chairman Reckhow's concerns regarding the properties that were designated as low-density residential.

Mr. Osteen conveyed to the Board discussions that were held in terms of the purchasing price; however, no positive responses have been received.

Vice-Chairman Reckhow informed Mr. Osteen about the provisions in State and Federal codes that give property owners sizable tax credits associated with preservation of open space. She stated that a discussion would be mutually beneficial.

Commissioner Howerton stressed the need for DPS to maintain the current schools. She suggested that the Board give DPS their questions and DPS bring the responses back to the Board at the next Commissioner's meeting.

Chairman Page thanked DPS for bringing the information forward. He stated that he is not willing to continuously ask DPS to come back before the Board for different items

Commissioner Bowser requested the item be placed on the May 11 agenda as a regular item.

Commissioner Heron disagreed with Commissioner Bowser's request due to unanswered questions.

Commissioners Reckhow and Commissioner Heron expressed concerns with placing this item on the next meeting, stating that it is not enough time to have discussions about the issues that were raised.

The Board asked the following:

1. When would the Board review the new projections?
2. What is happening with school distribution in terms of students?
3. What is the period for the new school?
4. How many schools are under capacity that could handle an increase in population?
5. What protection would the neighborhood have for the remainder of the property?
6. Where would the location of a new high school be in the county; have you seen any potential sites?
7. Has DPS negotiate buying a portion of the tract from the owner?
8. Have DPS approached property owners in terms of donations?
9. Would the parcels be used to provide road egress?
10. Would funds come out of school budget/bond money for road improvements?

#### Directives

1. DPS to revisit the Long Range Facility Plan as it relates to growth projections.
2. Consider renegotiating the price.
3. Place on the May 11, 2009 Consent Agenda for final approval.
4. Hugh Osteen to meet with Jane Korest, Real Estate Division, regarding the County's creative approach.



5. Consider road improvements when reviewing the total price of the land.
6. Map the location of the comparables that were used in the two appraisals.
7. Contact the Planning Department regarding the previous land-use designation in terms of what the comparables were prior to any action to change it associated with development proposals.
8. Have a discussion with the State about mitigating some of the cost that the County may incur regarding the new school.

### **Fiscal Year 2009-10 Tax Base**

Kimberly Simpson, Tax Administrator, gave the following presentation to the Board on the tax base for the upcoming budget year.

What is the Tax Base?

- All Taxable Real & Personal Property
- All Taxable Registered Motor Vehicles
- Public Services Companies
- Property Tax Base has increased
- Property Tax Base has increased 1.5% versus the average of 3% growth seen in previous years.
- Economic Factors continue to have impact on the tax base:
  - New Construction Permits
  - Business Personal Property
  - Public Service Values

2008-2009 Budgeted Tax Base—Chart

2009-2010 Estimated Tax Base—Chart

Commissioner Heron asked why the revaluation was less than what the property is being appraised for.

Ms. Simpson explained that time have been spent looking at parcels that the school system intended to purchase. The property has been valued as undeveloped land; therefore, sales were comparable as undeveloped land which was not valued as a potential housing subdivision. She was unable to inform the Board about what the schools used. She shared the sales ratio for 2009.

Teresa Harrison, Appraisal Division Manager, responded to Vice-Chairman Reckhow's concern regarding the potential development options. She discussed the process used for determining the value. She stated that to determine the potential of the property, one must review the highest and best used.

Chairman Page stressed the importance of submitting supporting documents for agenda items to the Board in a timely manner.

Pam Meyer continued to discuss the following:

FY2010 Revised Tax Value Estimates—Chart

Comparison of FY09 and FY10 Tax Values—Chart

County Manager informed the Board that there would be a number of recommended budget reductions have been made in order to present a balanced budget that does not include a tax rate increase.

Directives

1. Revisit the appraisals.
2. County Manager to forward the item to Carl Harris, DPS Superintendent; stress the importance of how tax dollars are being spent.

**Discussion of Appropriating Board of County Commissioners' Contingency to Cover Additional End-of-Year Deficit at Durham Convention Center**

Drew Cummings, Assistant County Manager, introduced this item. He stated that the Board of County Commissioners approved a FY08-09 budget for the Durham Convention Center that included a built-in deficit, net of all air-lease revenue and other considerations, of \$374,625. The down economy this year greatly affected the Convention Center's revenues. Considerable efforts have been made to reduce expenditures as well, but nevertheless an additional deficit exists and would need to be covered in order for the Convention Center to remain open through the rest of this fiscal year. The management agreement between the City, County, and Shaner Corporation, which operates the Marriott Hotel as well as the Convention Center, does not specify which entity would pay for additional deficits of this nature. City and County staff have negotiated with Shaner and reached the following proposal.

Mr. Cummings enlightened the Board that though the end-of-year additional deficit is likely to be in excess of \$330,000, the three parties agreed to fix the deficit at that amount and to propose to City and County elected boards that it be split three ways, with the City, County, and Shaner each paying 1/3 of the additional amount, for a total of \$110,000 each, so that the Convention Center may remain in operation through the rest of this fiscal year.

Chairman Page raised an issue with the decrease in Shaner Corporation's revenue. He suggested that Shaner visit other hotels in the area to determine how to be cost friendly.

Carolyn Titus, Deputy County Manager, responded to Commissioner Bowser's question regarding control over the Civic Center Authority (CCA). She stated that the Authority is shared between the City and the County; this was contained in a 75-year Interlocal that was signed in 1987. She stated that there are no designated seats on the CCA for elected officials; however, the Commissioners are allowed to appoint a member of the Board to represent the County.

Mr. Cummings informed Commissioner Bowser that the County does appoint three members to the CCA; however, he was unsure about the members on the committee.

The Board held a brief discussion about placing an elected official on the Civic Center Authority.

Chairman Page asked that Mr. Cummings be aware of Board comments as it relates to customer service.

Mr. Cummings suggested that the County structure a new management agreement that would offer incentives that would generate additional revenue. He stated that in the current management agreement incentives were discuss but not implemented

Vice-Chairman Reckhow agreed with reverting to capitalism in the sense of creating an incentive to run a profitable enterprise.

County Manager Ruffin responded to Commissioner Heron's question regarding funds. He stated that funds would come from the Commissioners fund balance giving that no revenues are coming in excessive projections. He added that the Commissioners have not tapped into their contingency; therefore, \$150,000 is available. However, any further deficit would be absorbed by Shaner, and the contingency would go to fund balance leaving a new contingency appropriation amount for the Board.

The Board continued discussions regarding the end-of-year-deficit.

#### Directives

1. Place on the May 11 consent agenda.
2. Review opportunities to market the Civic Center along with the Carolina Theatre.

#### **Review of Board Rules of Procedure**

County Attorney Chuck Kitchen presented the following review of the Board's Rules of Procedure:

##### Rules of Procedure

##### Introduction

- The Board must act as a body.
- The Board must act by at least a majority vote.

##### Regular Meetings

- Meetings shall begin at 7:00 pm (meetings may begin earlier in some circumstances) and end not later than 11:00 pm, unless extended by majority vote to 12:00 midnight. An extension of the meeting beyond 12:00 midnight shall require a unanimous vote of the Board. If the Board votes to extend the meeting beyond midnight, then the Board shall also vote to determine those items remaining on the agenda on which a vote would be taken.

##### Special Meetings

- The Chairperson or a majority of the members of the Board may at any time call a special meeting by signing a written notice stating the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be considered. Notice of the meeting shall be delivered to each Board member and posted at the Court House at least 48 hours before the meeting.

#### Agenda

- Any board member may, by a timely request, have an item placed on the agenda for inclusion in the agenda package.
- Any member of the Board, the County Manager, or County Attorney may add any item to the Agenda at the beginning of the meeting by a majority vote of the Board.
- As part of the Agenda, the County Manager in consultation with the Chairman or, in the absence of the Chairman, Vice Chairman shall prepare consent items for the Agenda.
- Any item may be removed by a Commissioner or by a member of the public by signing up to speak on the item. Should any item on the consent agenda be removed from the consent agenda, the Chairman in his/her discretion may place the item at the end of the Agenda.

#### Public Address to the Board

- Any citizen of Durham County shall have the right to request, in writing, to the Clerk of the Board, that any item be placed on the agenda for consideration by the Board at a Worksession.
- Any member of the public who wishes to address the Board regarding an agenda item shall complete a sign-up card on the table outside the entrance door to the Commissioner's room, clearly indicating the item number(s) to which they intend to speak. Sign-up cards would be available beginning thirty minutes before the start of the meeting. No one would be allowed to have his/her name placed on the list by telephone request to County Staff.
- A time limit is established of three minutes to speak on regular agenda items and two minutes to speak on consent agenda items for each individual, other than staff and those presenting the request to the Board, in an effort to ensure adequate discussion of that item and all the other items on the agenda.
- The Chairman may shorten this time limit, or otherwise limit the number of speakers, based on the number of individuals who sign up to speak on an item. Each individual signed up to speak shall only be entitled to the time allotted to each speaker and one additional time period which may be yielded to him by another individual who has also signed up to speak on that item.

#### Action by the Board

- A motion shall be adopted by a majority of the votes cast, a quorum being present unless otherwise required by these rules, an ordinance, or state statute.
- Every member must vote unless excused by a majority vote according to law. A member who wishes to be excused from voting shall so inform the chairman, who shall take a vote of the remaining members prior to any discussion of the item.
- Action by the Board

#### Adoption of Ordinances

- To be adopted at the meeting at which it is first introduced an ordinance must receive the approval of all members of the Board. If the proposed ordinance is approved by a majority of those voting but not by all the members of the board or if the ordinance is not voted on at that first meeting of the Board, it shall be considered at the next

regular meeting. If it then or at any time thereafter within 100 days of its introduction receives another majority vote, the ordinance is adopted.

#### Action by the Board

##### Closed Session

- The Board may hold closed sessions as provided by law. It shall commence a closed session by a majority vote on a motion to do so which specifically refers to the provision(s) of law providing the authority for the closed session as required by the amended Open Meetings Law.

##### Public Hearings

- Except for matters requiring a quasi-judicial public hearing, the party presenting the request shall have five minutes to present its request. Any other persons speaking either in favor of or opposed to the request shall have three minutes each for their remarks. Additional time shall be allowed for all speakers to answer questions from the Board of Commissioners.

##### Worksession

- Since notices of the sessions are given as required by the Open Meetings Law, they constitute an Official Meeting of the Board, and action can be taken. It is recommended however, that actions not be taken unless necessary to address an issue which is time-sensitive, and which cannot wait until a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

##### Citizen Comment (Worksession)

- Upon such request in writing, the Clerk shall forward the request to the County Manager and Chairman of the Board who shall determine whether, in their discretion, to place the item on an appropriate agenda, or whether the matter can be handled by the County Administration. If the item is placed on an agenda, the person making the request shall have up to five minutes to speak on the item.

##### Quorum (Worksession)

- A majority of the membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum. However, since it is intended that no action would be taken during the Worksession, a quorum is not required to discuss materials and agenda items.

The Board held a discussion about last-minute items being added to the agenda and agenda materials getting to the Commissioners in a timely manner.

Chairman Page requested that staff occupy the first two rows at future Commissioner meetings, to provide a timely response to questions posed by the Board.

County Manager Ruffin raised the issue of constant distractions from the audience as well as citizens using the podium to discuss issues that are not on the agenda.

#### Directive

Make the necessary changes as directed by the Board.

**Closed Session**

Vice-Chairman Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Bowser, to adjourn to closed session to consider the performance of a public officer or employee pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(6).

The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Bowser, Heron, Howerton, Page, and Reckhow  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

**Reconvene to Open Session**

Chairman Page announced that the Board met in closed session to review the performance of the Clerk to the Board for the past year. The Board commended the Clerk on a job well done.

Vice-Chairman Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Heron, to adjust the salary of Vonda Sessoms, Clerk to the Board, to \$81,945.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Bowser, Heron, Howerton, Page, and Reckhow  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

**Hearing for Nonprofit Agencies Applying for FY 2009-2010 Funding**

Chairman Page stated that the Board would hear presentations from nonprofit organizations regarding their request for funding in the 2008-09 Fiscal Year.

The following nonprofit representatives made their budget requests to the Commissioners:

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>
Child Care Services Association	Christy Smith and Shai Ginsburg	\$ 40,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Triangle	Barron Damon	\$ 50,000
Durham's Partnership for Children	Ted Whiteside and Angelica Oberleithner	\$150,602
Teen Court & Restitution Program	Sabrina Cates and Robinetta Jones	\$ 35,000

Project Graduation Inc.	Mary Holderness and and Delia Robinson	\$ 4,500
Child Advocacy Commission of Durham	Tobirus Newby	\$ 45,000
Durham Food Bank	Marcia Corprow and Haywood Holderness	\$ 30,000
Planned Parenthood	Rose Tilley and Vanessa Roth	\$ 20,000
Child and Parent Support Services	Jan Williams	\$ 30,000
The Salvation Army	Darlene D. Kimbrough	\$ 15,000
Inter-Faith Food Shuttle	Jill S. Bullard and David Reese	\$ 52,000
Vision Services Group	Simone McCrea and Maurice Webb	\$ 50,000
Durham Council for Senior Citizens	Gail Souare	\$160,000
Triangle Champions Track Club	Richard Fuqua and Oman Beasley	\$ 20,000
Durham Community Penalties Program	Craig Brown and Riley Butler	\$ 10,000
Durham Mediation Center	Craig Brown	\$ 34,037
YO! Durham	Susan Blackmon and Kimberly Moore	\$ 10,000
Durham Literacy Center	Reginald Hodges	\$ 40,000
Communities In Schools of Durham	Bud Lavery	\$ 10,000
Senior PHARMASSIST	Gina Upchurch	\$ 94,264
John Avery Boys and Girls Club	Mark Goodwille and Ervin Hester	\$ 65,000
Genesis Home	Ryan Fehrman	\$ 24,953
Durham Crisis Response Center	Amelia S. Belle and Fritz LaBarge	\$ 53,620
Durham Achievement Academy	Gayle Erdheim and Jennifer McGovern	\$ 45,000
Threshold	Susie Deter and Bill Breeze	\$ 10,000
Exodus House	Sharel Lawrence and Shana Walker	\$ 75,000

Shodor	Robert M.Panoff And Patricia Jacobs	\$ 25,000
El Centro Hispano	Pilar Rocha-Goldberg	\$ 35,000
Eno River Association	Robin Jacobs and Greg Bell	\$ 15,000
TROSA	Ty Dexter and Mitchell McNeil	\$ 70,000
Triangle Radio Reading Services	Linda Ornt	\$ 4,750
Victorious Community Development Corporation	Yvette Hawke	\$ 10,000
Durham Companions	Renorda Herring	\$ 5,000
AnimalKind	Beth Livingstone and Sarah Crawford	\$ 15,000
North Carolina Against Gun Violence	Roxane Kolar and Gail Neely	\$ 20,000
Durham Exchange Club Industries	Paula Beer	\$ 61,100
Piedmont Wildlife Center	Gail Abrams	\$ 10,000

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Page adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela M. Pinnix  
Clerk to the Board's office