

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

Monday, December 5, 2016

9:00 A.M. Worksession

MINUTES

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

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

Presiders: County Attorney Lowell Siler and Chair Wendy Jacobs

County Attorney Lowell Siler presided over the meeting until the Board of County Commissioners elected a Chairperson. Attorney Siler announced that due to the State-mandated November 8, 2016 recount, it was not yet known if the Oaths of Office would be allowed to be administered at the meeting. Staff was asked to research this and it was determined that the Oaths of Office were legally allowed to be administered; the meeting proceeded.

16-1431 Board of Elections Presentation of Certificates

Bill Brian, Chairman of the Board of Elections, and Kate Cosner, Interim Board of Elections Director, presented Certificates of Election to the candidates certified as having officially won the November 8, 2016 election.

16-1432 Installation of Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor

The Honorable Marcia H. Morey, Chief District Court Judge, 14th Judicial District, administered the Oath of Office to Danielle Adams as a Supervisor of the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District Board.

16-1433 Installation of Register of Deeds

The Honorable Chief District Court Judge Morey administered the Oath of Office to Sharon A. Davis, Register of Deeds-Elect.

16-1434 Installation of County Commissioners

The Honorable Chief District Court Judge Morey administered the Oath of Office to the County Commissioners-Elect:

Heidi Carter
James Hill
Brenda A. Howerton
Wendy Jacobs
Ellen W. Reckhow

16-1392 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of County Commissioners

Attorney Siler presided over the election of the Board's Chair. The newly elected Chair would preside over the election of the Vice Chair.

Commissioner Howerton moved to nominate Commissioner Ellen Reckhow for Chair.

Commissioner Reckhow declined the nomination.

Commissioner Reckhow moved to nominate Commissioner Wendy Jacobs for Chair.

The motion carried as followed:
Ayes: Carter, Hill, Jacobs, Reckhow
No: Howerton

Attorney Siler congratulated Chair Jacobs. Chair Jacobs opened the floor for nominations for the Vice Chair.

Commissioner Carter moved to nominate Commissioner James Hill for Vice Chair.

The motion carried unanimously.

16-1427 Approval of Public Official Bonds

The Board was requested to approve the bonds of public officials on the first Monday of December of each year. Following approval, the bonds would be recorded in the Register of Deeds Office and then sent to the Clerk of Superior Court for safekeeping.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton, to approve the Public Official Bonds.

The motion carried unanimously.

16-1394 Approval of 2017 Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Schedule

The Board was requested to suspend the rules to approve its 2017 meeting schedule. The approved calendar would be published on the website within 48 hours.

Chair Jacobs stated that Manager Davis advised to approve the calendar at a later date.

Chair Jacobs thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the staff for their dedicated work. She was appreciative of being given the opportunity to serve as Chair and looked forward to working together as a new Board. Chair Jacobs described the progress made by the County as well as the positive elements that made up the Durham community. She touched on the problems still

troubling the community and her expectations for addressing them in the future. She congratulated Vice Chairman Hill for his

Commissioner Carter was honored to have been elected by the people of Durham. She looked forward to working with the Board and the staff whom she believed to be very dedicated and passionate in their work. Commissioner Carter looked forward to addressing the issues that the community showed to be priorities. She thanked her family for their support.

Commissioner Reckhow, who was elected for her 12th term, thanked the citizens for their continued support and for the overwhelming support of the four County bonds—they passed by almost 80%. She thanked her family and campaign volunteers. Commissioner Reckhow recalled Durham's accomplishments and hoped that future Strategic Plan updates strived to improve the economic and educational opportunities for Durham's citizens.

Vice Chairman Hill thanked the citizens for allowing him to serve as a Commissioner, a charge he took very seriously, as well as his wife and his campaign staff for supporting him. He acknowledged that not all of Durham's citizens have benefitted from the recent prosperity Durham has seen. Vice Chairman Hill wanted to ensure that all of Durham prospered together in the future.

Commissioner Howerton thanked the community and looked forward to serving them. She stated that Durham had made progress over the years, but there were still people suffering and she was not ready to pat herself on the back yet. Commissioner Howerton looked forward to working with the Board and discussing the ways that they would address the issues at large.

Manager Davis and Attorney Siler congratulated the new Board and stated that they looked forward to working with together.

Adjournment and Reception

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton, that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Tania De Los Santos
Administrative Assistant