

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

Monday, February 14, 2022

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 Brenda Howerton, Vice-Chair Wendy Jacobs and Commissioners Nida Allam, Nimasheena Burns and Heidi Carter

Presider: Chair Brenda Howerton

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Chair Howerton announced she would read a Black History Month statement.

Announcements

Monica Wallace, Clerk to the Board read the following announcements:

1. **Durham PreK Application for 2022-2023 Has Begun** - The Durham PreK Application for the 2022-2023 school year will open on February 8! Visit www.durhamprek.org to receive more information about the Durham PreK Application. All children who will be 4 by August 31, 2022 are eligible!

If you have any questions, you can always visit www.durhamprek.org, call 1-833-773-5338, or email prek@childcareservices.org for assistance.

2. **DCo Public Health COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Hours** - The COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Durham County Department of Public Health, 414 E. Main St., has the following hours to get your free vaccination: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Appointments and walk-ins welcome. All doses available. Please note, clinics are closed between 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. daily. Visit www.dcopublichealth.org/COVIDVaccines or call 919-560-9217 for more information.

3. **EatNC/Beyu Food Project Offering Meals for Seniors** - Home delivered meals are available for food insecure older adults (age 55+) and those with underlying medical conditions. To refer a household, visit: <https://beyucaffe.com/pages/beyu-food-project>
For questions, please email beyufoodproject@beyucaffe.com or call 877-420-0444
4. **Walk for Your Heart & Loved Ones** - The Men’s Health Council of the Durham County Department of Public Health celebrates “American Heart Month” by inviting everyone to walk with them and DCoDPH Director Rod Jenkins on its “Walk for Your Heart & Loved Ones” community walk event. This event will be held on Saturday, February 19th from 9:30am – 10:30am at Southern Boundaries Park located at 3400 Third Fork Rd.

Please contact Joyce Page at jpage@dconc.gov or by calling 919-560-7109 with questions.

5. **Tax Help from AARP Foundation Tax-Aide** - AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides tax assistance to anyone, free of charge, with a focus on taxpayers who are over 50 or have low-to-moderate income. Tax-Aide volunteers will be on site in the Main Auditorium (please enter the main entrance to be screen, then proceed to the 1st floor auditorium entrance) of the Durham County Main Library, 300 N. Roxboro St., on Mondays and Wednesdays (beginning Jan. 31 and ending April 13) from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please see Tax-Aide staff to schedule a drop off appointment. In-person appointments only.

To schedule an appointment and for all questions, please call (919) 972-8397 or email durhamtaxaide@gmail.com.

6. **Subscribe to Durham This Week Online Newsletter!** - Did you know that each week the Durham County Manager’s Office releases a newsletter – Durham This Week Online – that provides updates on County services, news items, video releases, job listings and much more!

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Commissioner Burns announced shea butter lip balm creator kits were available for adults to pick up at the East Regional Library from February 14 – February 19 and registration was required. She also announced the Durham Downtown Feast Month would take place between February 14 – March 13 and invited residents to visit downtown to eat or drink; adding they could qualify to enter and win weekly grand prizes including a \$100 SpendaBull gift card.

Chair Howerton read the following statement:

“In 1926, noted historian and author Carter G. Woodson established “Negro History Week”, which later became Black History Month. Because of his dedication and academic work in this area, Woodson became known as the “Father of Black History”.

He created the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, which had a goal of encouraging “people of all ethnic and social backgrounds to discuss the Black experience.”

The first celebration was held the second week of February and aligned with the birthdays of two persons who significantly impacted to lives of the African American community....Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. This special month of February now honors the achievements and accomplishments of African Americans, both past, present, and future.

From those early beginnings, the celebration of Black History Month has evolved into a period to celebrate accomplishments, pride, self-discovery, education, innovation, business, political advancements, medicine, science, entertainment and more.

During Black History Month, our nation is reminded of the reality of a systematically oppressed people who have endured generations of injustice, violence, prejudice, and separate treatment all because of their race. But thankfully, changes have occurred to improve the lives of African Americans in America. Significant and important progress has been made on many fronts, yet many challenges remain.

This year’s theme is “Black Health and Wellness”. How fitting that theme is because we know that the COVID pandemic highlighted the racial disparities in healthcare. Early on we saw the staggering impact of COVID cases and deaths in communities of color.

Harvard professor Dr. David R. Williams noted, “The coronavirus did not create racial inequities in health. It has just uncovered and revealed them.” We also understand that there are certain conditions that cause higher rates of death among African Americans including heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes, kidney disease, hypertension, homicide and more.

Another critical healthcare issue that needs more attention is Black Maternal Health. Research shows that Black women are three to four times more likely to die from childbirth than their White counterparts. This continues to be an alarming statistic that needs more attention from our nation. We must work to elevate and amplify the conversation to raise awareness and take action to address Black maternal health in all communities. Unfortunately, legislative action on this issue has been slow, but efforts must continue at the local, state and federal level so that we can close this gap.

In this 2022 Black History Month, let us continue to understand how important it is to identify and celebrate our progress, and to note where more efforts are needed. In the words of James Weldon Johnson, the great writer and author of

the Negro National Anthem, Lift Every Voice and Sing... "Facing the rising sun, of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won". Thank you!"

Minutes

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Vice Chair Jacobs to approve the January 3, 2022 Work Session and January 24, 2022 Regular Session Minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

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

Chair Howerton requested to pull Item 22-0060 and Vice Chair Jacobs requested to pull Item 22-0088.

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

Commissioner Allam moved, seconded by Vice Chair Jacobs to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items 22-0060 and 22-0088.

The motion carried unanimously.

*22-0011 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. BCC00065 Appropriating \$99,874.83 of General Fund Fund Balance to the Durham County Sheriff's Office and Contract Approval with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the Purchase of Replacement and Additional Taser Equipment

22-0038 Request to Increase Contract Amount for HDR Engineering Inc. of The Carolinas for the new Northern Durham County Solid Waste Convenience Site Construction Project

22-0041 Proposed Relocation of Abandoned "Ferguson Cemetery"

22-049 Approval to enter into a contract with Kontek Systems to upgrade three conference rooms audiovisual equipment in the Justice Center building using current fiscal year, 2021-2022, IS&T AV CIP funds for \$47,413.87

22-0050 Purchase of Detention Center Replacement Chiller

22-0051 Service Contract for a New Video Scoreboard and Sound System Durham County Memorial Stadium

*22-0052 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 22BCC00062 Public Health to Appropriate General Fund Fund Balance in the Amount of \$125,000 for Jail Medical Care and Amending the Jail Health Contract

*22-0059 Approval of Ambulance Purchase through the SAVVIK Cooperative Agreement and Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 22BCC00061 Increasing the Original Budget (\$1,100,000) for Five Ambulance Purchases for the Office of Emergency Services through Appropriating \$131,000 of General Fund Balance and Transferring \$81,255 Across Functional Areas for a Total of \$1,312,255

*22-0064 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 22BCC00063 Public Health to Recognize \$71,990 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Epidemiology/ Communicable Disease Section Branch

22-0065 Authorization of an Amendment to the Architectural Design Services Contract with RND Architects, PA for Renovations to the Durham County Sheriff's Training Facility (formerly Sheriff's Firing Range), located at 100 Electra Road Durham, North Carolina, in the amount of \$44,280.00, thus totaling a not to exceed amount of \$762,500.00

22-0066 BOCC designation of the County's Office of Emergency Services (OES) Fire Marshal Division to make all public-school inspections and reports and approval of the Inter-local Agreement (ILA) between the County and City of Durham for fire inspections and fire investigations

22-0067 Durham County Matching Grants Program – Approval of FY 2021-22 Grant Cycle

*22-0069 Capital Project Amendment No. 22CPA00016 Transferring \$167,444 from the Collection System Rehabilitation Project (7100SE051) to Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant (TWWTP) Water Line Extension Project (7100SE059) to Cover Construction Cost Increases; and Approve Contract Amendment with Pipeline Utilities, Inc. to Increase Existing Contract

*22-0070 Budget Ordinance Amendment No.22BCC00064 Transferring \$254,617 from Available Funds in the Capital Financing Plan Fund to the General Fund Public Buildings Fund Center to Pay for Construction at the Leesville Road Fire House to Allow Tooth Ferry Mobile Dental Clinic Vehicle Storage; as well as Execution of a Construction Contract with Riggs/Harrod Builders for Modifications to the Leesville Fire House to Allow Tooth Ferry Vehicle Storage

22-0071 2021 Annual Report - Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

22-0073 Sale of South Parking Deck at American Tobacco Campus

*22-0074 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 22BCC00068 Durham County Library to Recognize a Donation in the Amount of \$900 from Durham Library Foundation for Library Employee Recognition Program

22-0075 Utilities Contract Amendment for Polymer with Polydyne, Inc.

22-0080 Award Contract for Phase II of S2 Security Access Control and Video Management

Systems at various County Buildings

*22-0082 Capital Project Amendment No.22CPA00017 Reducing to \$0 the Detention Center Elevator Project (4190DC077) Through a Reduction of \$32,700 in 2017 Limited Obligation Bond (LOBs) Funds and \$198,795.36 in PayGo Funds; Creating a New Capital Project titled County Courthouse Elevator Repair Project (4190DC85) and Increasing the Project Budget by \$32,700 in 2017 Limited Obligation Bond (LOBs) Funds and \$198,795.36 in PayGo Funds; as well as Authorizing the Interim County Manager to Execute an Amendment with Southern Elevator Company in the Amount of \$140,000 to Replace Four Elevator Cables at the Durham County Courthouse

*22-0087 Budget Ordinance Amendment No.22BCC00067 Appropriating \$146,000 in General Fund Fund Balance for FY 2021-22 funding for Bull City Community Schools Partnership

22-0092 Advertisement of 2021 Tax Liens on Real Property

22-0100 Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of Durham to Support the County’s Community Intervention and Support Services Department

22-0101 Acceptance of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant Offers to Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority

Consent Agenda Item #22-0011

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00065**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2021-2022 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised</u>
<u>Budget</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Public Safety	\$72,401,149.13	\$99,874.83	\$72,501,023.96
<u>Revenue</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$46,601,808.85	\$99,874.83	\$46,701,683.68

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

Approved February 14, 2022

Consent Agenda Item #22-0052

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00062**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2021-2022 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised</u>
<u>Budget</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Services	\$118,684,162.76	\$125,000.00	\$118,809,162.76
<u>Revenue</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$46,222,191.85	\$125,000.00	\$46,347,191.85

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

Approved February 14, 2022

Consent Agenda Item #22-0059

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00061**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2021-2022 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised</u>
<u>Budget</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
General Government	\$141,305,570.24	\$212,255.00	\$141,517,825.24
Public Safety	\$72,482,404.13	(\$81,255.00)	\$72,401,149.13
<u>Revenue</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$46,091,191.85	\$131,000.00	\$46,222,191.85

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

Approved February 14, 2022

Consent Agenda Item #22-0064

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00063**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2021-2022 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised</u>
<u>Budget</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Services	\$118,809,162.76	\$71,990.00	\$118,881,152.76
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$80,958,364.70	\$71,990.00	\$81,030,354.70

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

Approved February 14, 2022

Consent Agenda Item #22-0069

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-22 Capital Project Ordinance
Amendment Number 22CPA00016**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the 2021-22 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.

Project #	Project Name	Current Budget	Increase	Updated Budget
71006011SE051	Collection Rehabilitation FY 15 Project	\$ 3,809,613.27	(\$167,444.00)	\$ 3,642,169.27
71006011SE059	TWWTP Water Line Extension Project	\$ 130,412.00	\$167,444.00	\$ 297,856

All capital projects in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved February 14, 2022

Consent Agenda Item #22-0070

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00064**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2021-2022 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised</u>
<u>Budget</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
General Government	\$141,517,825.24	\$254,617.00	\$141,772,442.24
<u>Revenue</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$46,347,191.85	\$254,617.00	\$46,601,808.85
<u>Capital Financing Fund,</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
General Government	\$88,954,727.00	\$0.00	\$88,954,727.00

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

Approved February 14, 2021

Consent Agenda Item #22-0074

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00068**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2021-2022 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised</u>
<u>Budget</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Cultural and Recreation	\$14,632,210.17	\$900.00	\$14,633,110.17
<u>Revenue</u>			
Contributions and Donations	\$208,720.00	\$900.00	\$209,620.00

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

Approved February 14, 2022

Consent Agenda Item #22-0082

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-22 Capital Project Ordinance
Amendment Number 22CPA00017**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the 2021-22 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.

Project #	Project Name	Current Budget	Increase	Updated Budget
41904200DC077	Detention Center Elevator Upgrade	\$ 2,792,571.00	(\$231,495.36)	\$ 2,561,075.64
41904200DC085	County Courthouse Elevator Repair Project	\$ 0.00	\$231,495.36	\$ 231,495.36

All capital projects in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved February 14, 2022

Consent Agenda Item #22-0087

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00067**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2021-2022 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised</u>
<u>Budget</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Education	\$181,680,094.00	\$146,000.00	\$181,826,094.00
<u>Revenue</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$46,701,683.68	\$146,000.00	\$46,847,683.68

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

Approved February 14, 2022

Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda

22-0060 Renewable Energy Plan Adoption

Claudia Hager, Interim County Manager stated the Board was recommended to adopt the Renewable Energy Plan with the endorsement of the Accelerated Investment scenario option. Vice Chair Jacobs asked how the community would be informed about the plan adoption. Jay Gibson, General Manager responded the Public Information Office would provide a County News Release and a Board of County Commissioners News Release. Tobin Freid, Sustainability Manager added the plan would be available at GreenerDurham.net.

Commissioner Burns stated she hoped a report would be provided to the community after the plan was implemented to show the progress and savings. The Board thanked Ms. Freid and Mr. Gibson for the Renewable Energy Plan.

***22-0088 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 22BCC000066 Department of Social Services to Recognize Funds in the Amount Of \$7,167,926.40 from both the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) from the North Carolina State Allocation for Durham County to Provide Emergency Rental Assistance Payments for Eligible Families**

Vice Chair Jacobs asked William Rose, Department of Social Services Director to share an overview of the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA-2) Program funds. Mr. Rose stated the funds would be utilized for rent, utility assistance program and housing stability services for families in Durham County. He added Durham County contacted North Carolina Pandemic Recovery Office (NCPRO) to apply for the second round of funds after the first round of funds were exhausted. Mr. Rose stated the dollars would be used to provide funding for the existing qualified applicants; adding, new applications were not being accepted at this time. He stated the County would need to exhaust the funds by 2025 and would use part of the funds to build on the existing rental assistance programs and services.

The Board thanked Mr. Rose and the Department of Social Services staff for their continued devotion to provide and fund needed programs and services for residents.

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Allam to approve Consent Agenda Items 22-0060 and 22-0088.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Item #22-0088

**Durham County, North Carolina
2021-2022 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 22BCC00066**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2021-2022 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised</u>
<u>Budget</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Services	\$118,881,152.76	\$7,167,926.40	\$126,049,079.16
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$81,030,354.70	\$7,167,926.40	\$88,198,281.10

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

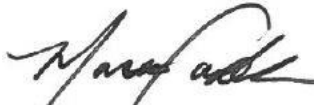
Approved February 14, 2022

Adjournment

Vice Chair Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Allam to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 7:45 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Macio Carlton
Deputy Clerk to the Board