

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

Monday, May 22, 2023

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

Hybrid: Chair Brenda Howerton

Presider: Vice Chair Wendy Jacobs

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Vice Chair Jacobs announced that there were no agenda adjustments.

Announcements

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

1. **World Hunger Day Durham** – In recognition of World Hunger Day, Durham County residents are invited to celebrate this important day on Sunday, June 4 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Durham Central Park, 501 Foster Street. The Durham County Cooperative Extension joins with local partners to host a day of friendship, music, arts and entertainment for the entire family. There will be food trucks, giveaways, free snacks, a bounce house, and more! For more information about World Hunger Day in Durham visit: <https://durham.ces.ncsu.edu/event> or contact Oxendine at 919-560-9228 or moxendine@dconc.gov.
2. **Volunteers Needed for World Hunger Day Durham** – Are you service oriented? The organizers of World Hunger Day Durham are in search of dedicated volunteers to help with this event on Sunday, June 4. Sign up by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/VolunteerWHD23>.
3. **ENRICH Bookkeeping Assistance Pilot Program Application Open** – The Greater Durham Black Chamber of Commerce (GDBCC) has partnered with Durham County Government to ensure that Durham is the best place to start and grow a small business. In this partnership, we are working to provide all the assistance an entrepreneur would need to start and build a business. Through feedback from local entrepreneurs, we have learned that one of the most important areas that entrepreneurs need support in is bookkeeping. This bookkeeping assistance pilot program is designed to test our theories on how best to implement a bookkeeping assistance program. This pilot program will be from July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. All applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2023. Apply at <https://gdbcc.org/enrich>.

4. **“Star Talk” Podcast from DCo Sheriff** – The Durham County Sheriff’s Office has started a new podcast! Called “Star Talk,” the DCSO is excited to use this technology to reach out to the Durham County Community. The first edition is available here: <https://dcostartalk.podbean.com>.
5. **Intro to E3 Durham** – Are you starting, refining, or building your small business? Connect with a community of entrepreneurs and resources to help push you along. E3 Durham is Funded in part through a Grant with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Join staff on Thursday, May 25 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Durham County Main Library (Meeting Room #4347). Learn more at <https://durhamcountylibrary.libcal.com/event/10627249>. Other dates include: June 29, July 27, August 31, September 28 and October 26.
6. **COVID-19 Vaccines & Take-Home Tests Free at DCo Public Health** – The end of the federal Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 means some changes to COVID-19 services and resources will come to the Durham County Department of Public Health. Currently, all COVID-19 vaccines and take-home test pickups remain FREE for all people at the health department (414 E. Main St.) at this time. You may get your vaccine, all doses on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Closed 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.). You can pick up home tests on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 to 4 p.m. Visit www.dcopublichealth.org for more information.
7. **Roll Up & Enroll Returns June 10** – Durham PreK’s next Roll Up & Enroll event will be held on Saturday, June 10th, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 2107 Hillandale Rd. There will be games, snacks, tooth fairy, resource fair and much more! Learn more about Durham Pre-K and start your child’s application today at www.durhamprek.org.
8. **County Veteran Services to Commemorate Memorial Day** – Please join Veteran Services as they host a ceremony honoring America’s military service members on Monday, May 29th at 9am on the 4th floor of the Durham County Administrative II Building located at 201 E. Main Street. For more information, please email veteranservices@dconc.gov or call 919-560-8387.

Commissioners shared the following additional announcements.

- Durham County residents were invited to attend the 23rd Annual Walk for the Animals at Duke University’s East Campus held by the Animal Protection Society of Durham.

Minutes

Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Allam to approve the April 24, 2023 Regular Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ceremonial Items

23-0335 Proclamation – Emergency Medical Services Week in Durham County

Commissioner Carter read the following proclamation:

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK | 2023

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital and essential public service in Durham County; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services team are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, the Durham County emergency medical services system maintained their high level of service and response throughout the pandemic, caring for and transporting a record number of patients; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine and follow-up care through our community paramedics; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, paramedics, community paramedics, 911 telecommunicators, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, emergency nurses, pre-hospital nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their patient care and lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers in the Durham County emergency medical services system by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Brenda Howerton, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of May 21-27, 2023 as

“EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK”

in Durham County and call upon all citizens to join with us in recognizing the vital and essential services provided by members of the Durham County emergency medical services system to care for our residents and visitors.

This 22nd day of May 2023.

Brenda Howerton, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Mark Lockhart, Chief Paramedic thanked the Board for the proclamation, employee retention and fleet replacement. He added Emergency Medical Services Week gave the department a chance to highlight services provided to Durham residents and the service teams.

The Board thanked Mr. Lockhart and all emergency medical employees for providing service and care for residents in the community.

23-0336 Proclamation – Memorial Day 2023

Commissioner Allam read the following proclamation:

MEMORIAL DAY | 2023

WHEREAS, Memorial Day each year serves as a solemn reminder of the scourge of war and its bitter aftermath of sorrow; and

WHEREAS, on Memorial Day, America undertakes its solemn duty to remember the courageous men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation and the cause of freedom around the world; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 1868, Major General John A. Logan established Decoration Day as a time to decorate the graves of war dead with flowers; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, the US Congress declared Memorial Day a federal holiday and decreed that it be observed on the last Monday of each May; and

WHEREAS, as we honor those who have died in our Nation’s service so that war might end, we understand and appreciate the values of patriotism, citizenship, commitment, honor and duty; and

WHEREAS, we must pledge to never forget the names of the 375 known soldiers, sailors, Marines, and airmen of Durham County who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defending our freedoms.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Brenda A. Howerton on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim May 29, 2023 as

“MEMORIAL DAY”

in Durham County. We urge all citizens to observe Memorial Day 2023 by displaying respect and gratitude for our veterans, both living and deceased, participating in remembrance ceremonies, and observing a moment of silence at 3 p.m. during the National Moment of Remembrance.

This the 22nd day of May 2023

Brenda Howerton, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Lois Harvin-Ravin, Director of Durham County Veteran Services asked the community to join the Durham County Veterans Service Department on Monday, May 29th at 9 a.m. for the annual Memorial Day Remembrance Event. Jonathan Crooms, Durham County Veterans Service Officer stated the Remembrance Event would commemorate the national day by honoring America’s military service members who died while serving their country, including a roll call of 375 known active-duty service members from Durham County who died at war. Linzie Atkins, Veteran Services Supervisor asked for residents of Durham to be active participants in the Memorial Day Remembrance Event.

The Board thanked the Durham County Veteran Services Department for providing benefits and services to Veterans. The Board added May 12th was National Military Spouse Appreciation Day.

23-0375 Resolution – Honoring a Day of Remembrance

The Board read the following resolution:

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

WHEREAS, according to the National Association of School Psychologists, “High profile acts of violence, particularly in schools, can confuse and frighten children who may feel in danger or worry that their friends or loved ones are at risk. They will look to adults for information and guidance on how to react. Parents and school personnel can help children feel safe by establishing a sense of normalcy and security and talking with them about their fears.”; and

WHEREAS, the recent acts of violence in the community have directly impacted Durham youth who attend Durham Public Schools and we uphold our strategic plan to support the whole child in which we are committed to “create and implement tiered support that provides standardized intervention strategies designed to address students’ social, emotional, and behavioral needs”; and

WHEREAS, Durham County Health and Human Services seeks to strengthen our communities by advancing health, safety and opportunity including preventing injury and death by promoting the use of gun locks, encouraging responsible gun ownership, sharing data and research to develop effective policies and partnerships to reduce gun violence; and

WHEREAS, firearms amplify violence and contribute to a growing public health burden as a leading cause of fatalities and injuries, with more than 100 Americans killed by gun violence each day. Durham Police shared latest data that 58% of guns stolen were stolen out of cars and 61% of these cars were unlocked. We encourage all Durham’s residents to support their local communities’ efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives, and help educate their communities about safe storage of firearms in the home, to raise awareness about gun violence, and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Durham pays tribute, honors and remembers gun violence victims and lends support to survivors and family members. It is a fact, that every person and neighborhood needs and deserves safety. To counteract gun violence, the City of Durham is leveraging a collaboration between law enforcement, violence and crisis intervention and social services for places long experiencing structural racism, disinvestment, and high rates of gun violence to numerous neighborhoods and public venues affecting our community and in particular our youth; and

WHEREAS, we hereby call on Durham residents, Partners Against Crime members, local businesses and non-profit organizations along with community and youth groups, to consciously push back against the marketing and lobbying activities of the firearms industry and gun lobby by encouraging state and federal elected officials to advocate in support of background checks for every firearm sale, pass safe storage legislation and ban assault weapons. No more silence, end gun violence.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Durham (Public Schools) Board of Education emphasizes that it is all of our responsibility to ensure Durham’s future by acknowledging where we are, remember those we have lost, and supporting the wellness of those who have been impacted. This can only be achieved when everyone in the Durham community works collectively and intentionally to embody our highest aspirations for our children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in recognition of Durham’s Day of Remembrance the Durham Board of County Commissioners renews our commitment to reduce gun violence, pay tribute to the innocent victims of gang violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Durham City Council is committed to enhancing public safety through a community-centered approach that supports families and devises policy to confront historical harms while promoting community based safety and wellness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Durham (Public Schools) Board of Education, Durham Board of County Commission, and (Durham) City Council call upon the United States Congress and the North Carolina General Assembly to prioritize the protection of youth, families, and our communities by passing legislation that more effectively regulates access to firearms in the interest of public safety, funds public health research on firearms-related issues, and advances mental health support.

Signed,
Bettina Umstead, DPS Board Chair
Brenda Howerton, Durham County Commissioners Chair
Elaine O’Neal, Durham Mayor

The Board thanked Jovonia Lewis, Durham Public School Board member for leading the resolution.

Consent Agenda

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

Commissioner Carter asked to comment on Item 23-0000, Vice Chair Jacobs asked to comment on Items 23-0343 and 23-0351.

- Item 23-0000 – Commissioner Carter asked if the funding was for a new allocation of Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) dollars and requested the County’s overall spending on rental assistance. County Manager Sowell replied the funding was not a new allocation of ERAP dollars and she would provide the Board with the spending report on rental assistance along with a presentation at a future Work Session meeting.
- Item 23-0343 – Vice Chair Jacobs asked for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council to present their report to the Board at an upcoming Work Session and for the Board to receive an update on the implementation of the Gang Reduction report from County staff.
- Item 23-0351 – Vice Chair Jacobs stated the approval of the Durham County Transit Plan would allow for public transit improvements. Ellen Beckman, Transportation Director stated the transit plan was an updated long-term transportation plan for the County.

Directives:

Commissioner Carter asked for the County’s overall spending on rental assistance. County Manager Sowell replied she would provide the spending report to the Board.

Vice Chair Jacobs asked for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council to present their report to the Board at an upcoming Work Session and for the Board to receive an update on the implementation of the Gang Reduction report from County staff.

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

Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Allam to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

*23-0000 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 23BCC00056 for the Department of Social Services to recognize \$5,693,238 from NC PRO to Fund the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP 2.0) for Durham County to Provide Emergency Rental Assistance Payments on Behalf of the Department of Treasury

23-0271 Authorize the County Manager to Execute the Reimbursement Agreement for the 300 E. Main St. Affordable Housing Development

23-0319 Bi-Polar Ionization for Detention Center HVAC System

*23-0327 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 23BCC00089 for the Durham County Department of Social Services to recognize funds in the amount of \$38,528 in Distribution of Share the Light Funds (STL) to Assist Durham County Citizens with Unpaid Utility Charges

*23-0328 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 23BCC00090 for the Department of Social Services to recognize funds in the amount of \$32,370 from the APS-Adult Protective Services Essential Services under SSA Title XX and from the Adult Protective Services American Rescue Plan

23-0343 Durham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, Local Funding Recommendation for Fiscal Year 2023-24

23-0351 Durham County Transit Plan

*23-0372 Budget Ordinance Amendment No 23BCC00092 Appropriating \$150,000 in General Fund Restricted Fund Balance to Increase Expenditure Authority for the Sheriff's Office and Sole Source Contract Approval with International Armored Group US, Inc. in the Amount of \$323,800 to Purchase a Rescue Vehicle

*23-0373 Property Tax Releases and Refunds (NCVTS) for February 2023

*23-0374 Property Tax Releases and Refunds (NCVTS) for March 2023

23-0380 Durham County Sheriff's Office Contract Approval with Batteries of NC & S.W.S. LLC, in the amount of \$296,552.24 for Emergency Equipment of the FY22-23 Fleet

Consent Agenda Item #23-0000

**Durham County, North Carolina
2022-2023 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 23BCC00056**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2022-2023 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			

Human Services	\$113,018,990.21	\$5,693,238.00	\$118,712,228.21
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$79,170,333.97	\$5,693,238.00	\$84,863,571.97

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

Approved May 22, 2023

Consent Agenda Item #23-0327

**Durham County, North Carolina
2022-2023 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 23BCC00089**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2022-2023 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Services	\$122,365,045.42	\$38,528.00	\$122,403,573.42
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$86,293,880.56	\$38,528.00	\$86,332,408.56

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

Approved May 22, 2023

Consent Agenda Item #23-0328

**Durham County, North Carolina
2022-2023 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 23BCC00090**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2022-2023 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Services	\$122,403,573.42	\$32,370.00	\$122,435,943.42
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$86,332,408.56	\$32,370.00	\$86,364,778.56

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

Approved May 22, 2023

Consent Agenda Item #23-0372

**Durham County, North Carolina
2022-2023 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 23BCC00092**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2022-2023 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
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GENERAL FUND

Expenditure

Public Safety \$78,528,814.69 \$150,000.00 \$78,678,814.69

Revenue

Other Financing Sources \$77,368,885.44 \$150,000.00 \$77,518,885.44

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

Approved May 22, 2023

Consent Agenda Item #23-0373

Releases and Refunds – February 2023 (2022 Tax Rate Year)

	<u>Releases</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	
Real Property	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Personal Property	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Motor Vehicle	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Stormwater Utility	\$0.00	\$0.00	
SUB - TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Current Year 2022 Taxes</u>	<u>Releases</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	
Real Property	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Personal Property	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Motor Vehicle	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Solid Waste	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Stormwater Utility	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Public Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	
VTS Refunds	\$0.00	\$16,669.02	
SUB - TOTAL	\$0.00	\$16,669.02	\$16,669.02
<u>Prior Year 2016-2021</u>	<u>Releases</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	
Real Property	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Personal Property	\$0.00	\$0.00	
GAP Vehicles	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Motor Vehicle	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Solid Waste	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Stormwater Utility	\$0.00	\$0.00	
VTS Refunds	\$0.00	\$0.00	
SUB - TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$0.00	\$16,669.02	\$16,669.02

Consent Agenda Item #23-0374

Releases and Refunds – March 2023 (2022 Tax Rate Year)

	<u>Releases</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	
Real Property	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Personal Property	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Motor Vehicle	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Stormwater Utility	\$0.00	\$0.00	
SUB - TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Current Year 2022 Taxes	Releases	Refunds	
Real Property	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Personal Property	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Motor Vehicle	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Solid Waste	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Stormwater Utility	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Public Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	
VTS Refunds	\$15,700.10	\$0.00	
SUB - TOTAL	\$15,700.10	\$0.00	\$15,700.10
Prior Year 2016-2021	Releases	Refunds	
Real Property	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Personal Property	\$0.00	\$0.00	
GAP Vehicles	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Motor Vehicle	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Solid Waste	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Stormwater Utility	\$0.00	\$0.00	
VTS Refunds	\$0.00	\$0.00	
SUB - TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$15,7000.10	\$0.00	\$15,700.10

Public Hearings

22-0308 Public Hearing on the FY 2022-23 County Manager’s Recommended Budget

Vice Chair Jacobs asked if citizens could submit comments on the County’s website. David Ades, Assistant Director, Budget and Management Services responded yes, citizens could submit comments on the website under the recommended budget – he added the comment portal would be open until the budget was approved on June 12th.

Vice Chair Jacobs opened the public hearing.

The following citizens stated the Durham Public Schools classified staff should receive a salary increase and asked for the Board to fully support the DPS funding request: *Cheryl Naualinsky, Angie Keil, Claire Deshong, John Davis, Michelle Burton, Juliet Gomes, Jenny Jones Coldren, Elizabeth Jones, Kimberly McCrae, Vanessa Barnette-Loro, Abigolil Mulligan, Yesenia Carlon*

The following citizens stated the Board should provide funding to support the homeless, rental assistance, evictions and legal aid services for residents in Durham: *Lorisa Seibel, Marie Hill Faison, Angela Vick-Lewis*

DeWarren Langley, Citizen

Mr. Langley thanked the Board for providing funding for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and asked for funding to support the Charles Hamilton Houston Foundation, Inc.

Jim Svava, Citizen

Mr. Svava stated he supported the acquiring of Carver Creek Apartments to maintain affordable housing in Durham and supported the County’s Guaranteed Income Pilot Program along with some recommended suggestions for improvement.

Other Business

23-0321 Update on Proposed Trap Neuter Vaccinate Release Program

Curtis Massey, Senior Assistant County Attorney stated due to subsequently identified legal concerns with the previous proposals, the County Attorney's Office sought to find consensus on a different amendment. He worked with local stakeholders on a new proposed amendment to Chapter 4 which removed the previously identified barriers, resolved the legal concerns, and was designed for the Trap Neuter Vaccinate Release (TNVR) Program to be clear and not a potential burden on the County. Mr. Massey stated hopefully the proposed amendment removed the lack of answers to the Board's questions about administration and funding as an impediment.

Mr. Massey stated he was seeking direction from the Board due to not being able to achieve approval from all stakeholders. He contacted Janice Paul, Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) member and administrator of the Cat Committee about concerns and recommendations. He also stated community partners asked to remove barriers including removal of rabies tag obligation, participants of TNVR would not be labeled as cat owners, do away with trapping permits and trapped animals required to go to animal shelter, free roaming cats would not be trapped unless a complaint was reported and reduce shelter hold time from five days to 72 hours. Mr. Massey stated Wake County adopted a TNVR Program in 2011 managed by non-profits and he recommended for Durham to allow non-profits to manage the Program and not the Sheriff's Office. He added limited feedback was received from national level groups.

Public Comments

Sarah Reickman

Ms. Reickman stated she was assisting the AWAC TNVR Subcommittee to provide recommendations to the Board and asked the Board to adopt the compromised ordinance amendment to move forward in Durham with addressing the community cat overpopulation.

Janice Paul

Ms. Paul stated Durham County was the largest county in the state that did not have a TNVR Program and in the minority of counties that did not permit. She asked the Board to vote and adopt the recommended TNVR Program.

The Board asked about Independent Animal Rescue (IAR) handling feral cats. Mr. Massey stated the IAR did not have a contract with Durham County and would ask the cat owner for a \$40 dollar donation for each cat captured and fixed.

Commissioner Carter inquired about moving forward and making a motion to adopt the amended ordinance. Mr. Massey asked the County Attorney about the form used to amend the ordinance. Al Andrews, County Attorney stated he would like the Board to adopt the amended ordinance with a publishing quality document of the amended ordinance.

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commission Allam to prepare a resolution to amend Chapter Four (4) of the Durham County ordinances to allow a Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Release Program as detailed in the proposal created by the local working group-dated March 21, 2023.

The motion carried unanimously.

The Board thanked Mr. Massey, stakeholders, nonprofits, and community groups for assisting with the creation of the TNVR Program for Durham.

Board and Commission Appointments

Al Andrews, County Attorney announced the voting results.

The Board made the following appointments (incumbents are identified with an (i). Individuals who are recommended by a Board are underlined.) Individuals listed in bold print were appointed.

Durham Convention Center Authority

Susan Amey (Burns, Carter, Howerton, Jacobs)

Nana Asante-Smith (Allam)

Farmland Protection Advisory Board

Nancy Herndon (Allam, Burns, Carter, Howerton, Jacobs)

William Young (Allam, Burns, Carter, Howerton, Jacobs)

Memorial Stadium Authority

Teah Rawlings (Allam, Burns, Carter, Howerton, Jacobs)

Closed Session

Vice Chair Jacobs stated the Board was requested to adjourn to Closed Session for the following:

- To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract of proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchases, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract pursuant to G.S.143-3318.11(a)(5).

Commissioner Allam moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns to adjourn into the Closed Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene to Open Session

Al Andrews, County Attorney announced the Board met in Closed Session to grant authority for up to an additional \$285,000 dollars to be used as an increase in the authorized expenditure for the Snow Hill Road Pump Station and Force Main Replacement Project and to authorize staff all powers including condemnation of some parcels included in the project.

Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Allam to grant authority for up to an additional \$285,000 dollars to be used as an increase in the authorized expenditure for the Snow Hill Road Pump Station and Force Main Replacement Project and to authorize staff all powers including condemnation of some parcels included in the project.

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 10:27 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 the first name "Macio" being more prominent than the last name "Carlton".

Macio Carlton
Deputy Clerk to the Board