

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

Monday, April 29, 2024

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

Presider: Chair Nida Allam

Zoom Hybrid
Participants: 4

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Chair Allam announced that there were no agenda adjustments.

Announcements

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

1. **Second Annual Regional Black Maternal and Infant Health Conference** – Co-hosted in Durham – On Tuesday, April 30, 2024, this gathering brings together a diverse array of stakeholders – healthcare professionals, policymakers, researchers, advocates, parents, and community leaders – all committed to addressing the disparities in maternal and infant health outcomes within the Black community. From cross-disciplinary collaborations to grassroots initiatives, this conference highlights the importance of a collective commitment to prioritizing the voices, perspectives, and needs of Black Birthing Persons. Join as we strengthen bonds, forge new partnerships, and chart a course towards equitable health outcomes in our communities and beyond.

Visit Broadening Our Reach: Expanding Our Community of Practice (www.wakeahec.org) to register. Limited space is available.

2. **Durham Public Schools: Summer Meals Site Opportunity** – Durham Public Schools (DPS) School Nutrition Services provides summer meals countywide from June 17 through July 26, 2024. Our most successful programs are when we're in partnership with community groups already gathering children and youth, age 0-18 years, together for summer activities. DPS provides the food (breakfast and/or lunch) and the program training; you provide the activities and the fun.

If you have or know about a community group that would like to serve FREE summer meals to kids, please visit <https://www.dpsnc.net/Page/3788> or contact Sky Harris, DPS School Nutrition Program Specialist at 919-560-2370 or linda.harris@dpsnc.net. Contact us soon - summer is right around the corner!

3. **Foster Parent Recruitment** – April is Foster Care Month, an opportunity to honor the courage of young people in the foster care system. It is also a time to shed light on the need for safe temporary care for children who are unable to remain safely in their homes. If you have a safe and nurturing home and have the willingness to collaborate with others to support the needs of children in foster care, consider changing the life of a child by becoming a foster parent with the Durham County Department of Social Services. For more information, call 919-560-8092 or email fosterdreams@dconc.gov.
4. **Durham County Community Health Assessment** – Read about Durham’s top health issues, amongst many other important topics, written by subject matter experts throughout our community in the recently released Durham County Community Health Assessment. The assessment uses high-quality, reliable data to provide a clear and detailed picture of the health, assets, and needs of Durham County residents in order to equitably guide decision-making, create programs, and policies and to improve health outcomes. The health assessment is available on the Partnership for a Healthy Durham webpage at <https://healthydurham.org/health-data/2023-durham-county-community-health-assessment-pc>
5. **Durham This Week Online** – Did you know the Durham County Manager’s Office releases a newsletter – Durham This Week Online – that provides weekly updates on County services, news items, video releases, job listings, and much more? Subscribe today to receive the weekly communication directly to your inbox at bit.ly/SubscribeDTWO
6. **Alert Durham** – Summer is almost here! Severe weather outbreaks, such as strong thunderstorms, extreme heat, and flooding can come along with the summer as well. Durham County residents are invited to sign up for Alert Durham to receive emergency notifications about severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods, and more to keep you informed! Visit AlertDurham.com to sign up for free today.
7. **Get Involved, it’s your County!** Durham County Government has approximately 43 active advisory boards referred to as Boards and Commissions. Citizens of Durham County may volunteer to participate by applying for a vacancy. Interested citizens should fill out an application and send it to the Clerk to the Board’s Office. A description of the boards as well as a list of vacancies can be found on the County’s website at: <https://www.dconc.gov/county-departments/departments-a-e/board-of-commissioners/boards-and-commissions> or by calling [919-560-0025](tel:919-560-0025)

Commissioners shared the following additional announcements.

- The Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer program would be available in North Carolina and provide families with \$120 per eligible child over the summer to buy food at grocery stores, farmers markets or other authorized retailers. Children who qualify for the free or reduced-price school meals program would be eligible for the initiative.

- President Biden and the United States Department of Transportation officials announced that North Carolina would receive a \$1.09 billion-dollar federal grant to design and build the first segment of the S-Line, a high-performance passenger rail line to better connect North Carolina and Virginia.
- The Academic Success Alliance was hosting a FAFSA “Dine-and-Do” Event at the Community Family Life and Recreation Center at Lyon Park on April 30th from 5:30p.m - 8 p.m. to allow DPS parents and students to ask questions about FAFSA.
- The Durham Center for Senior Life 75th Anniversary Gala would be held on Saturday, April 27th at 6 p.m.
- The North Carolina Legislative Short Session would include Aging Advocacy Day on May 7th and Childcare Advocacy Day on May 16th.

Minutes

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve the April 1, 2024, Work Session and April 8, 2024, Regular Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ceremonial Items

24-0225 Resolution – Arab American Heritage Month

Chair Allam read the following resolution:

ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH 2024

- WHEREAS,** Arab American Heritage Month has been nationally recognized and celebrated since 2023 in acknowledgement of the contributions, achievements, and influence of the estimated 3.7 million Americans in the United States with Arab roots; and
- WHEREAS,** since migrating to America, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also setting examples of model citizens and public servants; and
- WHEREAS,** they brought with them to America their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our great democracy; and
- WHEREAS,** Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous; and
- WHEREAS,** the celebration of Arab American ancestry and cultural heritage educates all Americans and counters misconceptions, harmful stereotyping, and shared abuses by other ethnic groups, and
- WHEREAS,** Arab Americans join all Americans in the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe; and
- WHEREAS,** the incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a better nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chair Nida Allam, on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024 as

“ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH”

in Durham County, North Carolina, and call upon all citizens to observe and celebrate the successes of Arab Americans and to mark this month with appropriate observances honoring endless possibilities of Arab Americans everywhere.

This the 29th day of April 2024.

Nida Allam, Chair

Nimasheena Burns, Vice-Chair

Heidi Carter, Commissioner

Brenda Howerton, Commissioner

Wendy Jacobs, Commissioner

Dr. Brent Lewis, Equitable Well-being Director thanked the Board and County Manger Sowell for the resolution and encouraged residents to visit the County website for upcoming events and additional information.

The Board thanked Dr. Lewis for celebrating Arab American Month.

24-0243 Proclamation – Year of the Aerial Insectivore

Commissioner Carter read the following proclamation:

YEAR OF THE AERIAL INSECTIVORE | 2024

WHEREAS, the term “aerial insectivores” refers to species of birds that eat insects while on the wing, including Swifts (Chimney Swifts), Swallows (Barn, Tree, Cliff, Northern Roughwing, and Purple Martin) Nightjars (Common Nighthawks, Whippoorwills, and Chuck-Will-Widows), and Flycatchers; and

WHEREAS, Studies, have shown that certain species of aerial insectivores have declined by more than 13% since 2012, as illustrated by the attached charts, and are projected to decline further; and

WHEREAS, Studies have shown that aerial insectivores such as Chimney Swifts consume as many as 5,000 insects per day per bird, including mosquitos and flies; and

WHEREAS, Aerial insectivores inhabit all areas of Durham County, including urban and rural settings; and

WHEREAS, Many aerial insectivores live in colonies and many remain active in the evening after working hours, enhancing the appeal and ease of observing them; and

WHEREAS, social events for viewing aerial insectivores have benefited local businesses by attracting viewers to commercial establishments for viewing events and could benefit even more local businesses if better known; and

WHEREAS, viewing nature has been shown to reduce stress and promote health; and

WHEREAS, New Hope Audubon Society, a chapter of the National Audubon Society, and its Durham partners have created a blueprint for conservation of aerial insectivores in Durham that addresses loss of habitat in our community, promotes best practices for protection of

habitat, and makes our community a richer, more biologically diverse, healthier place to live for all inhabitants, human, bird, and otherwise; and

WHEREAS, knowledge of specific practices for conserving and protecting the populations of aerial insectivores would benefit from the designation of the “Year of the Aerial Insectivore,”.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nida Allam, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim 2024 as the

“YEAR OF THE AERIAL INSECTIVORE”

in Durham County, NC and encourage use of the “Best Practices for Conserving Aerial Insectivores in Durham” document that New Hope Audubon has submitted to the Durham City/County Planning Department as its guide.

This the 29th day of April 2024.

Nida Allam, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Jennifer Maher, Member of the New Hope Audubon Society stated the proclamation recognized the need for Durham County to conserve bird species that specialized in eating flying insects.

The Board inquired about how residents could help conserve aerial insectivores. Ms. Maher stated residents could preserve and expand nesting and roosting sites, minimize nighttime lighting, and reduce spraying of insecticides. The Board asked Monica Wallace, Clerk to the Board to add the Best Practices for Conserving Aerial Insectivores’ attachment to the announcements on the website.

The Board thanked Ms. Maher for the resolution and assisting the Durham community in conserving aerial insectivores.

24-0244 Resolution – Lights Out Durham 2024

Commissioner Jacobs read the following proclamation:

LIGHTS OUT DURHAM 2024

WHEREAS, birds add beauty to our lives, contribute to our wellbeing, and contribute tremendous environmental significance by providing ecosystem services such as insect control and pollination of flower and agricultural crops; and

WHEREAS, every spring and fall, millions of migratory birds travel through and stopover in Durham, and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize this massive migration of birds occurs primarily at night; and

WHEREAS, these birds must contend with a rapidly increasing but still under-recognized threat: light pollution. Light attracts and disorients these migrating birds, confusing them and making them vulnerable to collisions with building and other urban threats; and

WHEREAS, with each passing season, light pollution continues to increase as Durham continues to grow, and more and more birds are at risk, and

- WHEREAS,** Bird/glass collisions in the U.S. are estimated to cause as many as one billion bird deaths each year. These deaths are one of the factors most responsible for a 29% decline in North American bird populations since 1970, and
- WHEREAS,** Important insect pollinators are negatively impacted by light pollution threatening their ability to successfully reproduce and pollinate; and
- WHEREAS,** the United Nations Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services states that, “Nature is declining globally at rates unprecedented in human history – and the rate of species extinctions is accelerating, with grave impacts on people around the world now likely....We are eroding the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide....It is not too late to make a difference, but only if we start now at every level from local to global,” and
- WHEREAS,** Scientific research indicates that artificial light at night has detrimental effects on human health and well-being, and
- WHEREAS,** North Carolina cities including our neighbors in Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Asheville, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Cary, and Mathews, and 40 other cities across the country have Lights Out programs, and
- WHEREAS,** the Lights Out program reduces light pollution, saves energy, reduces our carbon footprint, and improves outcomes for people, pollinators and wildlife; and
- WHEREAS,** Lights Out Durham is a voluntary initiative that aims to raise awareness of the issue in order to provide safe passage for migratory birds, and
- WHEREAS,** Simple measures such as using downward facing lights and shielding above, the use of motion detectors, closing blinds and curtains, replacing blue light (6000 K) with “warm” light (under 3000 K) outside and turning off unnecessary lights at night will protect birds and other important pollinators.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we the Durham County Commission do hereby support a Durham County “Lights Out” Campaign and encourage all our residents, community partners and business owners to help protect birds by turning off all non-essential lighting during the critical bird migration period which is every night March through May and September through November between the hours of 10 pm and 6 am, to help ensure safe passage for migratory birds.

This the 29th day of April 2024.

<hr style="width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"/> Nida Allam, Chair	<hr style="width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"/> Nimasheena Burns, Vice-Chair
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Barbara Driscoll, Conservation Chair for New Hope Audubon Society thanked the Board for the resolution. She stated New Hope Audubon Society would like to partner with Durham County Cooperative Extension to educate and inform residents about the Lights Out Durham Program.

The Board thanked Ms. Driscoll for educating the Durham community.

24-0246 Proclamation – Alcohol Awareness Month 2024

Commissioner Howerton read the following proclamation:

ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH | 2024

- WHEREAS,** Alcohol Awareness Month is a national public health awareness campaign originally created by National Council for Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) with the aim of raising awareness for communities and to help understand the causes and treatment available what is a leading national health issue; and
- WHEREAS,** Alcohol Awareness Month also aims to reduce the social stigma associated with alcohol use disorder or Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD), educate people on how the disease can be addressed, and offer help and advice for individuals and families living with AUD; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, nearly 15 million people ages 12 and older had AUD and an estimated 414,000 adolescents ages 12 to 17 had AUD, 4.2 million people ages 12 to 20 reported binge drinking; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the Durham County Youth Behavior Risk Survey there has been a decrease in alcohol use among high school students from 2015 – 2021 from 35% in 2015 and 15% in 2021 15%); and
- WHEREAS,** according to the NC Injury and Violence Prevention Branch the 60% overdose emergency room visits experienced by Black residents in Durham is due to the combination of alcohol and opioids; and
- WHEREAS,** we know that individuals and families have experienced significantly increased stress due to the prolonged trauma of the pandemic, creating fear, anxiety, have led to an increase in the use of alcohol; and
- WHEREAS,** there should be no shame or blame placed on individuals and families struggling with an AUD.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nida Allam, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as

“ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH”

in Durham County, NC and commend its observance to all citizens in recognition of Together for Resilient Youth and other organizations working toward the prevention of Alcohol Use Disorders in our community.

This the 29th day of April 2024.

Nida Allam, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Dr. Wanda Boone, Together for Resilient Youth CEO thanked the Board for the proclamation and stated alcohol awareness was needed throughout the year. She added Durham alcohol use among youth was declining, although gun violence was increasing among youth involved with alcohol. Dr. Boone added she utilized the community to assist with controlling underage drinking.

Natalia Rosaliz, Living in Future Tense (LIFT) Youth Coordinator stated alcohol was relevant in high schools and peer pressure was the main cause for youth. She added youth were using alcohol to deal with stress and problems and peer-to-peer conversations were the best way to deal with underage drinking.

The Board stated schools should develop ways to help students cope with alcohol, smoking and drug use and not call the police for arrest. Dr. Boone replied students use alcohol, drugs, and smoke due to curiosity; adding, she worked with schools to prevent students from being suspended. She stated a brief intervention could be done to determine the best way to help a student and then start having parents and mentors involved to assist with recovery. The Board asked about the age for alcohol use among youth. Dr. Boone responded that the average age for youth drinking was 11 and most were getting access to alcohol at home. She added youth education on alcohol should start around eight-years of age.

The Board thanked Dr. Boone and Ms. Rosaliz for supporting youth in the prevention of youth alcohol use in the Durham Community.

Consent Agenda

Chair Allam requested to pull item 24-0241 to allow for a separate vote. She asked the Board if they requested to pull or comment on any additional items on the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Howerton requested to pull Item 24-0245.

Vice Chair Burns requested to comment on Item 24-0251.

- Item 24-0251 – Vice Chair Burns inquired about contacting a sponsor from the Durham Delegation in the North Carolina House of Representatives. Deborah Craig-Ray, Chief Communications Officer replied she was moving the items forward and would work with the Durham Delegation for a sponsor in the North Carolina House of Representatives.

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

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Vice Chair Burns, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda except Items 24-0245 and 24-0251.

The motion carried unanimously.

24-0082 Approval of Contract with LYME Technology Solutions for the RAVE Alert Pro Mass Notification Platform for Emergency Management in the Amount of \$55,389

*24-0206 Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.24CPA00019 Appropriating \$750K of North Carolina Public School Building Repair Fund Funding to the New DPS Interior Repairs Capital Project (59105400SH319), as well as Appropriating \$1.3M from the North Carolina Education Lottery Building Capital Fund to the New CC Spaulding Elementary School Auditorium Capital Project (59105400SH320) to Fund Auditorium Renovations

24-0207 Approve a Service Contract of \$50,000 in County Non-profit Funds for Meals on Wheels to Expand the Number of Food Insecure Seniors Provided Meal Delivery Services

24-0212 Approve a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between North Carolina State University and Durham County to continue to provide Cooperative Extension services in Durham County

24-0220 Approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Contract with Cherry Bekaert, LLP (\$171,000)

*24-0227 Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.24CPA00025 Appropriating \$4,786,693 of Limited Obligation Bond Funding (LOBS) to the Board of Elections S. Roxboro Street Renovation Capital Project (4730DC155), as well as Execution of the Construction Manager @ Risk GMP#3 Contract for the BOE S. Roxboro St. Renovation Project

*24-0231 Approval of Opioid Settlement Fund Spending Authorization and Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00097 Public Health to Allocate \$367,400 of Opioid Settlement Funds Awarded to Durham County

*24-0239 Approval of the Agreement between Durham County and the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the Freeway, Arterial, Street and Tactical (FAST) Transit Priority Study, as well as Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No.24BCC00094 Recognizing \$110K from GoTriangle to Fund Durham County’s Local Match Requirement

*24-0242 Authorize Project Category Realignment Within US Treasury-Designated Categories for ARPA Fund Use and Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00102 Appropriating \$533,307 of General Fund Fund Balance and Recognizing \$1,497,764 of ARPA Interest Earned Within the General Fund to Establish a \$2,031,071 General Fund Budget for ARPA-Approved Projects

24-0248 Approval of Contract with Durham Children’s Initiative in the Amount of \$1,591,000 to Serve as the Third-Party Administrator for DCo Thrives, Durham County’s Guaranteed Income Pilot Program

24-0251 Approval of Three Emergent Legislative Issues

*24-0252 Approval of Property Tax Releases and Refunds for April 1 - 12, 2024

Directive: Item 24-0251 - Vice Chair Burns inquired about contacting a sponsor from the Durham Delegation in the North Carolina House of Representatives. Deborah Craig-Ray, Chief Communications Officer replied she was moving the items forward and would work with the Durham Delegation for a sponsor in the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Consent Agenda Item #24-0206

**Durham County, North Carolina
FY 2023-2024 Capital Project
Amendment Number 24CPA-19**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:
That the FY 2023-24 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Project #	Project Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Updated Budget
59105400SH319	DPS Interior Building Repairs Project	\$0.00	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00
59105400SH320	CC Spaulding Elementary School,	\$0.00	\$1,300,000.00	\$1,300,000.00

	Auditorium Renovation			
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All capital projects in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved April 29, 2024

Consent Agenda Item #24-0227

**Durham County, North Carolina
FY 2023-2024 Capital Project
Amendment Number 24CPA-25**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:
That the FY 2023-24 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Project #	Project Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Updated Budget
47302635DC155	BOE S. Roxboro Renovation Project – Phase 1a & 1b	\$26,136,015.13	\$4,786,693.00	\$30,922,708.13

All capital projects in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved April 29, 2024

Consent Agenda Item #24-0231

**Durham County, North Carolina
2023-2024 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 24BCC00097**

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>
GENERAL FUND			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Services	\$324,500.00	\$367,400.00	\$691,900.00
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$324,500.00	\$367,400.00	\$691,900.00

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

Approved April 29, 2024

Consent Agenda Item #24-0239

**Durham County, North Carolina
2023-2024 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 24BCC00094**

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>
GENERAL FUND			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Transportation	\$1,902,664.06	\$110,000.00	\$2,012,664.06

<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$80,570,364.58	\$110,000.00	\$80,680,364.58

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

Approved April 29, 2024

Consent Agenda Item #24-0242

**Durham County, North Carolina
2023-2024 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 24BCC00102**

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>			
Economic and Physical Development	\$9,267,257.87	\$380,349.00	\$9,647,606.87
Human Services	\$129,667,307.85	\$1,650,722.00	\$131,318,029.85
<u>Revenue</u>			
Investment Income	\$3,015,000.00	\$1,497,764.00	\$4,512,764.00
Other Financing Sources	\$75,087,612.60	\$533,307.00	\$75,620,919.60

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

Approved April 29, 2024

Consent Agenda Item #24-0252

Releases and Refunds – April 1 - 12, 2024

<u>Current Year 2023 Taxes</u>	<u>Releases</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	
Real Property	\$11,034.38	\$37,061.73	
Personal Property	\$2,520.06	\$770.84	
Motor Vehicle	\$150.30	\$108.86	
Solid Waste	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Stormwater Utility	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Public Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	
VTS Refunds	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Gross Rec	\$0.00	\$82.50	
SUB – TOTAL	\$13,704.74	\$38,023.93	\$51,728.67
<u>Prior Year 2019-2022</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	\$13,704.74	\$38,023.93	\$51,728.67

Board and Commission Appointments

Curtis Massey, Interim 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.

Citizen Advisory Committee

Joscelyn Horne (Allam, Burns, Carter, Howerton, Jacobs)

Durham County Hospital Corporation Board of Trustees

(i)**Denise Barnes** (Allam, Burns, Carter, Howerton, Jacobs)

(i)**Valarie Jarvis** (Allam, Burns, Carter, Howerton, Jacobs)

Patricia “Pat” Ashley (Allam, Burns, Carter, Howerton, Jacobs)

Jane Frances Brown (Allam, Carter, Howerton, Jacobs)

Pablo Fredmann (Burns)

Community Physician Representative

(i)**MargEva Cole, MD** (Allam, Burns, Carter, Howerton, Jacobs)

Durham Open Space and Trails Commission

Taylor Blausler (Allam, Burns, Carter, Howerton, Jacobs)

Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda

24-0241 Approve amended language to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Durham and Durham County Government to use American Rescue Act (ARPA) funds to support Culture and Arts Recovery Efforts totaling \$1,000,000.

Vice Chair Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to approve Item 24-0241 on the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Chair Allam, Vice Chair Burns and Commissioner Jacobs.

Abstained: Commissioner Carter

24-0245 Approval of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Nonprofit Grant Program Phase 2 - Small Business Support Grant to AB Community DBA Knox Street Studios for \$750,000

Commissioner Howerton requested Item 24-0245 be moved to the May 7, 2024, Work Session meeting to allow Knox Street to present to the Board and answer questions about how the \$750,000 funding would be spent.

Chair Allam asked Commissioner Howerton to share her questions for Knox Street Studios funding for \$750,000. Commissioner Howerton asked if the \$750,000 would be spent on staffing. Andy Miracle, Economic Development Director, responded half of the funding could be spent on staffing.

Commissioner Howerton moved Item 24-0245 to be moved to the May 7, 2024, Work Session meeting,

The motion failed.

County Manger Sowell recommended Knox Street Studios and Forward Cities present to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to approve Item 24-0245 on the Consent Agenda and requested that Knox Street Studios and Forward Cities present to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

Ayes: Chair Allam, Vice Chair Burns, Commissioner Carter, and Commissioner Jacobs.

Nays: Commissioner Howerton

The motion passed.

Closed Session

The Board was requested to adjourn to Closed Session for the following:

- The Board is requested to adjourn into Closed Session to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee; pursuant to G. S. 143-318.11(a)(6).

Vice Chair Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to adjourn into the Closed Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene to Open Session

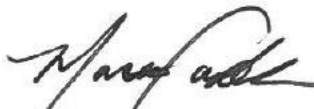
Chair Allam announced the Board met in Closed Session and provided direction to staff.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 8:54 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Macio Carlton
Deputy Clerk to the Board