

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

Monday, December 3, 2012

9:00 A.M. Worksession  
Installation of County Officials

**MINUTES**

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

Present: Commissioners Michael D. Page, Ellen W. Reckhow Brenda A. Howerton, Fred  
Foster, Jr., and Wendy Jacobs

Absent: None

Presider: County Attorney Lowell L. Siler

Attorney Siler called the meeting to order and recognized Michael Perry, Director, Board of  
Elections.

**Board of Elections Presentation of Certificates**

Mr. Perry presented official Certificates of Election to the following candidates as official  
winners of the November 6, 2012 election:

**Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor**

Danielle Adams

**Register of Deeds**

Willie L. Covington

**County Commissioners**

Fred Foster, Jr.  
Brenda A. Howerton  
Wendy Jacobs  
Michael D. Page  
Ellen W. Reckhow

**Installation of County Officials**

The Honorable Marcia H. Morey, Chief District Court Judge of the 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, administered the following Oaths of Office to the newly elected County Officials:

**Installation of Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor**

**OATH OF OFFICE**

**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR**

I, **DANIELLE ADAMS**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as **Durham Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor**, so help me God.

I, **DANIELLE ADAMS**, do solemnly and sincerely swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me, God.

I, **DANIELLE ADAMS**, do swear (or affirm) that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of **Durham Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor** according to the best of my skill and ability, according to the law; so help me, God.

/s/Danielle Adams

Supervisor, Durham Soil and Water Conservation District

Subscribed and sworn before me,  
This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2012.

/s/Marcia H. Morey

District Court Judge

**Installation of Register of Deeds**

**OATH**

**DURHAM COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS**

I, **WILLIE LEE COVINGTON**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina, not

inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as **Register of Deeds** for the County of Durham, so help me, God.

I, **WILLIE LEE COVINGTON**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully and truly, according to the best of my skill and ability, execute the duties of the office of **Register of Deeds** for the County of Durham, in all things according to law; so help me, God.

/s/Willie L. Covington  
Register of Deeds

Subscribed and sworn before me,  
This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2012.

/s/Marcia H. Morey  
District Court Judge

### Installation of County Commissioners

#### OATH

#### DURHAM COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

I, **FRED FOSTER, JR.**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as **County Commissioner**, so help me, God.

I, **FRED FOSTER, JR.**, do swear (or affirm) that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of **County Commissioner** according to the best of my skill and ability, according to the law, so help me, God.

/s/Fred Foster, Jr.  
Member, Board of County Commissioners

Subscribed and sworn before me,  
This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2012.

/s/Marcia H. Morey  
District Court Judge

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**OATH**

**DURHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

I, **BRENDA A. HOWERTON**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as **County Commissioner**, so help me, God.

I, **BRENDA A. HOWERTON**, do swear (or affirm) that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of **County Commissioner** according to the best of my skill and ability, according to the law, so help me, God.

/s/Brenda A. Howerton  
Member, Board of County Commissioners

Subscribed and sworn before me,  
This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2012.

/s/Marcia H. Morey  
District Court Judge

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**OATH**

**DURHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

I, **WENDY JACOBS**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as **County Commissioner**, so help me, God.

I, **WENDY JACOBS**, do swear (or affirm) that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of **County Commissioner** according to the best of my skill and ability, according to the law, so help me, God.

/s/Wendy Jacobs  
Member, Board of County Commissioners

Subscribed and sworn before me,  
This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2012.

/s/Marcia H. Morey  
District Court Judge

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**OATH**

**DURHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

I, **MICHAEL D. PAGE**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as **County Commissioner**, so help me, God.

I, **MICHAEL D. PAGE**, do swear (or affirm) that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of **County Commissioner** according to the best of my skill and ability, according to the law, so help me, God.

/s/Michael D. Page  
Member, Board of County Commissioners

Subscribed and sworn before me,  
This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2012.

/s/Marcia H. Morey  
District Court Judge

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**OATH**

**DURHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

I, **ELLEN W. RECKHOW**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as **County Commissioner**, so help me, God.

I, **ELLEN W. RECKHOW**, do swear (or affirm) that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of **County Commissioner** according to the best of my skill and ability, according to the law, so help me, God.

/s/Ellen W. Reckhow  
Member, Board of County Commissioners

Subscribed and sworn before me,  
This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2012.

/s/Marcia H. Morey  
District Court Judge

**Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of County Commissioners**

County Attorney Lowell Siler presided over the election of the Board's Chair. He opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Howerton nominated Commissioner Fred Foster, Jr. as Chair of the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Jacobs nominated Commissioner Ellen W. Reckhow as Chair of the Board of County Commissioners.

Attorney Siler called for further nominations. As no additional nominations were made, Commissioner Page moved to close the nominations, seconded by Commissioner Howerton. Attorney Siler closed the nominations and requested a vote of all those in favor of Commissioner Foster as Chair of the Board of County Commissioners. Attorney Siler requested that votes be distinguished by a raised hand.

The nomination carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Foster, Howerton, and Page

Noes: Jacobs and Reckhow

County Attorney Siler congratulated Chairman Foster on his appointment as Chair of the Board of County Commissioners.

Chairman Foster presided over the election of the Vice Chair.

Commissioner Jacobs nominated Commissioner Ellen W. Reckhow as Vice Chair of the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Page nominated Commissioner Brenda A. Howerton as Vice Chair of the Board of County Commissioners.

Chairman Foster called for further nominations. As no additional nominations were made, Chairman Foster moved to close the nominations, seconded by Commissioner Howerton. Chairman Foster closed the nominations and requested a vote in favor of Commissioner Reckhow as Vice Chair of the Board of County Commissioners.

The nomination failed with the following vote:

Ayes: Jacobs and Reckhow

Noes: Foster, Howerton and Page

Chairman Foster then requested a vote of all those in favor of Commissioner Howerton as Vice Chair of the Board of County Commissioners.

The nomination carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Foster, Howerton and Page  
Noes: Jacobs and Reckhow

Chairman Foster congratulated Commissioner Howerton on her appointment as Vice Chair of the Board of County Commissioners.

### **Approval of Public Official Bonds**

The Board is 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 Page, to approve the public officials bonds as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

The Public Official Bond Certificate follows:

NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM COUNTY

### CERTIFICATE

As Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Durham County, North Carolina, this is to certify that on Monday, December 3, 2012, the following Public Official Bonds were approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Durham County; the Public Official, the amount of bond, and the bond number with the name of the surety were set forth:

| <u>POSITION</u>      | <u>PUBLIC<br/>OFFICIAL</u>    | <u>AMOUNT OF<br/>BOND</u> | <u>SURETY</u> | <u>BOND #</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Financial Officer    | George Quick                  | \$250,000                 | Hartford      | 20BSBAY8705   |
| Tax Collector        | Kimberly H. Simpson           | \$250,000                 | Hartford      | 20BSBEY6989   |
| Sheriff              | Mike Andrews                  | \$ 25,000                 | Hartford      | 20BSBGE1093   |
| Register of Deeds    | Willie L. Covington           | \$ 50,000                 | Hartford      | 20BSBBT7709   |
| Employees Crime Bond | All Other County<br>Employees | \$250,000                 | Travelers     | 105567428     |

Each bond is executed under seal in the name of the surety by an agent or attorney in fact. The Clerk of the Durham County Board of Commissioners has been instructed to record each of the bonds enumerated herein with the power of attorney attached thereto in the office of the Register of Deeds of Durham County, together with a copy of this Certificate attached to each bond. After said bonds have been duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds, the original of bond together with the power of attorney and a copy of the Certificate shall be deposited with the Clerk of Superior Court of Durham County.

Fred Foster, Jr.  
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
The 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2012

James N. Jackson  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission expires: May 20, 2017

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Foster invited guests to attend the reception, and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michelle", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

V. Michelle Parker Evans  
Clerk to the Board