

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Monday, September 14, 1998

7:00 P.M. Regular Session

AGENDA

1. **Opening of Regular Session**—Pledge of Allegiance

2. **Agenda Adjustments**

3. **Minutes**

- a. June 22, 1998 Regular Session
- b. July 6, 1998 Worksession
- c. August 3, 1998 Worksession

4. **Resolution Honoring Durham County Council on Physical Fitness & Sports**

A resolution congratulating the Durham County Council on Physical Fitness & Sports for receiving a Vanguard Award has been prepared at the request of Vice-Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow. The primary goal of the fitness council is to provide formal and informal networking opportunities among those agencies and organizations who have a concern in the areas of safety, health, and physical activity.

(Please note: The Durham County Commissioners' Great Family Fun Walk, sponsored by the Durham County Fitness Council, will be held on Saturday, October 3, at Duke's Wallace Wade Stadium from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.)

County Manager's Recommendation: Congratulate members of the council and approve the requested resolution.

5. **Resolution Regarding Triangle Area Highway Construction**

A resolution regarding Triangle Area highway construction has been prepared at the request of Vice-Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow. Vice-Chairman Reckhow will present this issue to the Board.

County Manager's Recommendation: Discuss the requested resolution and direct staff.

6. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Proclamation: Hunting and Fishing Day (approve the proclamation to proclaim Saturday, September 26, 1998, as hunting and fishing day in Durham, North Carolina);
- b. Durham County Library Advisory Board recommendation regarding change in by-laws (approve the change to the by-laws as recommended by the Library Board);
- c. Mental Health—FY 1998-99 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 99BCC000008 (approve a state allocation of \$50,952 from the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Epidemiology, for the Mental Health Center);
- d. Public Library—FY 1998-99 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 99BCC000009 (approve amendment to receive and expend gift funds [\$7,232] and funds [\$2,000] from a Library Services and Technology Act [LSTA] grant); and
- e. Zoning text amendment regarding freestanding signs (adopt a zoning text amendment regarding freestanding signs with the date of adoption being the effective date).

Note: The purpose of a consent agenda is to handle consensus items with one motion to save time on meeting agendas. Any item a Board member pulls for discussion should be placed at the end of the agenda so public hearings can be concluded as early as possible. This will provide for the least inconvenience to the general public attending the public hearings.

7. Major Site Plan Approval For Research Commons--Building 4101

John R. McAdams Company Inc., agent for Highwoods Properties Inc., will present to the Board of County Commissioners its request for approval of a site plan for Research Commons--Building 4101, comprising a three-story office building totaling 75,000 square feet proposed on 4.92 acres, zoned Research Park (RSCH), located north of I-40, west of NC 147, and east of T. W. Alexander Drive (Tax Map 545-1-4A). The Development Review Board recommended approval of the plan at its July 17, 1998 meeting.

Clay Shepherd, Senior Planner, Durham City-County Planning Department, will present the case and answer questions.

8. Electronic Benefit Transfer Services

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and enter into a contract with Service Design Associates (SDA) in an amount not to exceed \$71,549 to provide training to Durham County Food Stamp recipients to access food stamp benefits with the electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card. Federal legislation mandates the 50 states to replace food stamp coupons with electronic benefits transfer cards by 2002. North Carolina legislation requires that EBT be implemented in all 100 counties by June 1999 and that face-to-face EBT training be provided. Durham County is scheduled to convert to EBT on December 1, 1998. The use of the EBT card will provide recipients with easier access to their benefits and will enable the Department of Social Services (DSS) to respond to the needs of its customers more efficiently. The funds for this were appropriated in the FY'99 budget.

Request for Proposals #99-002 was publicly advertised and mailed to three companies on July 14, 1998. Only one proposal was received on August 13, 1998 from SDA for \$104,920. This figure was based on training 10,000 recipients and their authorized representatives. To obtain a more favorable cost, DSS elected to perform some of the services by appointing the County's EBT Coordinator as manager of the project to handle the mailing of the EBT cards to the recipients, increase the number for "no shows" by 25%, and reduce the number of recipients and their authorized representatives to 6,500. This resulted in a \$33,371 reduction of the amount originally submitted by SDA.

SDA is a woman-owned business with corporate offices in Indiana, North Carolina, and Washington DC. More than 170 full-time employees are currently working in eight states to handle EBT programs, child welfare, child support, juvenile justice, and a variety of technical skills.

Gail Perry, Assistant Director for Protection of Vulnerable Adults and Children; Sandra W. Phillips, Director of Purchasing; and Bahaa Jizi, Buyer, will present this recommendation.

County Manager's Recommendation: Authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with Service Design Associates (SDA) in an amount not to exceed \$71,549 to provide EBT services.

9. Request Approval for the Sale of Durham County Solid Waste Permits to City Residents for the Disposal of Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials at County Convenience Centers

The Department of General Services requests authorization to sell Durham County solid waste permits to City of Durham residents for access to the County's convenience centers located in the Parkwood, Bahama, Rougement, and Redwood communities. Currently only County residents are authorized to use these facilities. The sale of County solid waste permits to City residents will increase services to the public and help to avoid the illegal disposal of solid waste on County roads.

With the July 1, 1997 City annexation of 3,373 households, approximately 150 City residents have requested continued access to County convenience centers for the disposal of certain types of waste. The

City of Durham provides curbside collection, hauling, and disposal for residential household garbage and recycling services, but does not pick up other items such as waste oil, anti-freeze, batteries, yard waste, scrap metal, and appliances. City residents are required to take these materials to the old Durham City landfill or transfer station for their disposal. This will be a convenience particularly for residents of the Parkwood area because of the distance they must drive to City facilities located off Club Boulevard.

With the adoption of the FY 1998-99 Operating Budget, Durham County solid waste permits increased from \$45.00 to \$55.00 per year for County residents. Staff recommends the sale of solid waste permits to City residents in the amount of \$38.60 for FY 1999. The difference of \$16.40 is the per household cost that County residents pay for recycling services which is provided to City residents curbside. It is estimated that the sale of 150 to 200 permits at \$38.60 will generate approximately \$6,755 in additional revenues for Durham County.

Resource Person(s): Michael Turner, Director of General Services, will be available for questions.

County Manager's Recommendation: Approve the sale of Durham County solid waste permits to City residents for the disposal of solid waste and recyclable materials at Durham County convenience centers. This proposal coincides with the County's emphasis on beautification as one of the Board's adopted goals.

10. **Appointment to Board of Directors of Lincoln Community Health Center Inc.**

The Board of Directors of Lincoln Community Health Center Inc. is requesting that the Board of County Commissioners make an appointment to its Board of Directors for the period October 1998 through October 2000. The 1997-98 appointment was Commissioner Bell.

The appointment will be from October 1998 through October 2000. The Board member will serve with full voting privileges.