

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

Monday, June 1, 1998

9:00 A.M. Worksession

MINUTES

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

Present: Chairman MaryAnn E. Black and Commissioners William V. Bell, Becky M. Heron, and Ellen W. Reckhow

Absent: Commissioner Joe W. Bowser (excused)

Presider: Chairman Black

Agenda Adjustments

Chairman Black removed item No. 4, "Presentation of Durham County Farmland Protection Program Guidelines," from the agenda.

Vice-Chairman Reckhow asked why the committee did not look more seriously at transfer development rights.

Chairman Black requested that item No. 5 be moved up on the agenda provided airport representatives were present. (The representatives had not arrived.)

County Attorney Chuck Kitchen stated he would call the airport attorney to determine whether the deadline could be met if the item is placed on a future agenda.

Vice-Chairman Reckhow said the item could be placed on the next consent agenda.

Commissioner Heron suggested that citizen comments be limited to three minutes.

Chairman Black concurred with Commissioner Heron. However, a speaker could relinquish his/her time to another speaker (only once per speaker).

Citizen Comment—Ralph McKinney

Mr. Ralph McKinney requested time on the agenda to make comments to the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. McKinney, 500 Fairfield Road, reiterated his concerns regarding racism, violence, and sexual abuse.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

Citizen Comment—Jerry L. Williams

Mr. Jerry L. Williams requested time on the agenda to make comments to the Commissioners about the Veterans Service Office.

Mr. Williams spoke in support of the request of veteran representative Wayne Manley for a computer system, additional employees and office space, and copying and facsimile machines.

Chairman Black said County Manager Thompson had made amendments to the budget for the Veterans Service Office.

Community Education Program—Durham Public Schools

Chairman Black said the original request was for \$111,392. The amount has been decreased to \$82,336 to accurately reflect programming needs for next year's operation.

Nonprofit Agencies FY 1998-99 Requested Budgets

All nonprofit agencies that had submitted a request for funding to the Board of County Commissioners were given an opportunity to make a brief presentation to the Commissioners on behalf of their request. This was also an opportunity for the Board of County Commissioners to ask questions and get further clarification from these agencies regarding their requests.

County Manager's Recommendation: I recommend that the Board of County Commissioners receive this item for information purposes. No official action is required.

County Manager David F. Thompson told the Commissioners that Women-In-Action had increased its request from \$7,855 to \$12,855.

Mr. Thompson stated the FY 1997-98 nonprofits budget totaled \$700,310; the total FY 1998-99 nonprofit request is \$1,855,959, over \$1 million more, not including the Museum of Life and Science.

In the County Manager's recommended budget for FY 1998-99, there is a \$1 million "place-holder" for nonprofits.

Vice-Chairman Reckhow thanked staff who reviewed nonprofit applications.

Chairman Black announced that the FY 1998-99 Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 1998. She requested that persons speaking at today's meeting not speak at the public hearing.

The following citizens spoke in support of their nonprofit agency request. A three minute time limit was set by Chairman Black.

Senator Jeanne Lucas, 4504 Glenn Road; Consolidated Homeless Application
Maggie Lee, 5224 Penrith Drive; Director, Durham Community Shelter for HOPE
Stan Holt, 414 Hugo Street; Director, Genesis Home
Terry Allebaugh, 2613 Elgin Street; Director, Housing for New Hope
Alphonso Williams, 2612 Camellia Drive; resident, Housing for New Hope
John Butler, PO Box 10490, Raleigh, 27605; Hope Line Inc.
Jane Volland, 1013 Homer Street; Durham County Teen Court & Restitution Program
Susan Gay, 4731 Heritage Drive; Durham County Teen Court & Restitution Program
Burnie Bass, 2913 Wyde worth Street; Director, Durham Community Home of Recovery
Michael Bunch, 6 Fernwood Ct.; Chairman, Family Counseling Service of Durham--
Change Program
Joanna Haymore, 753 Smith Level Road, Chapel Hill; School House of Wonder/Piedmont
Bioregional Institute
Dave Cook, 753 Smith Level Road, Chapel Hill; School House of Wonder/Piedmont
Bioregional Institute
Helen Featherson, 901 Brandon Road; Retired & Senior Volunteer Program
Judy Allen, 821 Onslow Street; Eno River Association/Festival for the Eno
Linda Chappel, 917 Englewood Avenue; Middle School After School Program
Oliver Johnson, 505 S. Duke Street, Suite B; Communities-In-Schools of Durham Inc.
Christy Royster, 712 E. Maynard Avenue; Operation Breakthrough Inc.
Daryl Bryant, 1410 Fayetteville Street; Operation Breakthrough Inc.
Angelia Dunlap, 4102 Tranquil Road; Connecting Incorporated
Akil Aswad, 3208 Fayetteville Street; Connecting Incorporated
Vanessa Carroll, 115 Market Street; Coalition for Battered Women
Ann Craver, 4116 Cricket Lane; Junior League of Durham and Orange Counties (Middle
School After School Program)
Rodger Basnight, 5427 Revere Road; Triangle Knights Inc.
Allison Basnight, 5427 Revere Road; Triangle Knights Inc.
Terri Allred, 1703 Chapel Hill Road; Rape Crisis of Durham
Bud Reiter-Lavery, 1505 Tyler Ct.; Communities-In-Schools of Durham Inc.
Anne Kenan, 111 West Main Street; SEEDS (community gardening)
Marie Hill Faison, McDougal Terrace; community gardening
Lillie May Estes, Gilbert Street; Community Garden
Theodore Bryant, 412 Cecil Street; Radio Reading Service

Sonya Blackmon, 1100 Mayruth Drive; Kid-Net Ventures
Dwight Womble, Rogers-Herr Middle School principal; Middle School After School Program
Lee Sullivan, 3911 St. Marks Road; Chairman, Durham Day Care Council
Connie Butler, 5 Trident Place; Durham Day Care Council
Ernest Mangum, 330 East Main Street; Durham Housing Authority, Learning Assistance Incorporated
Carolyn Henderson, 5500 Fortune Ridge Drive; President, Women-In Action for the Prevention of Violence and Its Causes
Jan Williams, 4 Governors Place; Child and Parent Support Services
Victor Moore, 2203 Chase Street; Senior PharmAssist
Gina Upchurch, 123 Market Street; Senior PharmAssist
Joan Pellettier, 2300 Englewood Avenue; Director, Council for Senior Citizens
Esther Curtis-Utley, 204 Cornwallis Court; The Center of My Joy Inc.
Sue Guptill, 902 West Carver Street; Durham Council for Infants and Young Children With Special Needs
Shalon Kee, 3014 Ruth Street; Durham Council for Infants and Young Children With Special Needs
Michael Page, 3636 Rawdon Drive; Project Graduation
Gleyndola Massenburg-Beasley; 4619 Bruck Drive; Consumer Credit Counseling Service—Work First Self Sufficiency Program
Samuel Bratcher, 1006 Juniper Street; Consumer Credit Counseling Service—Work First Self Sufficiency Program
Ruth Singleton, 1006 Moreland Avenue; Senior Aide Program
Matt Epstein, 3518 Westgate Drive; Director, Center for Child and Family Health
Ted Conner, 300 West Morgan Street; Durham Chamber of Commerce
Joyce M Mitchell, 17 Gloucester Court; Planned Parenthood of Orange and Durham Counties
Bill Kalkhof, 39 Westridge Drive; Downtown Durham Inc.

Chairman Black made a comment about Mrs. Esther Curtis-Utley's remark that "Chairman Black was supporting The Center of My Joy Inc." Mrs. Curtis-Utley was referring to a letter Chairman Black signed requesting grant funding.

Commissioner Bell said he would like to know how and how much money the nonprofit organizations are saving the County in tax dollars.

Commissioner Bell also wanted to know of any correlation between successes of school students and the tutoring programs provided by nonprofit agencies.

Chairman Black said the Youth Services Coordinating Board would be in operation in the near future to help coordinate youth services.

Vice-Chairman Reckhow said the Middle School After School Program contributed significantly to improved writing and end-of-course test scores. The Commissioners would receive more specific results in the near future.

Hearing on Possible Removal of Vanessa McGee-Smith From Mental Health Board

This was an administrative hearing on the possible removal of Vanessa McGee-Smith from the Durham Area Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Board. It was alleged the Ms. McGee-Smith was absent a total of six of the eight times the Board met after she was sworn into office in calendar year 1997. The policy of the County is to allow absences at no more than 50 percent of the meetings.

County Manager's Recommendation: Hold the hearing and take such action as warranted based on the evidence presented.

The County Attorney asked the Clerk to the Board, Garry Umstead, to state, for the record, that the information relative to Mrs. McGee-Smith's attendance was correct.

Mr. Umstead replied in the affirmative.

Attorney Kitchen said the Board should find this information as a fact. The Board can take action to remove Mrs. McGee-Smith from the Area Mental Health Board.

Commissioner Bell moved, seconded by Vice-Chairman Reckhow, that the Commissioners find as a fact that Mrs. McGee-Smith was absent a total of six of eight times from the Durham Center Board (formerly the Durham Area Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Board) and that she be removed from the board.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Black said an appointment would be made at the July 13, 1998 Regular Session to fill the "at-large" position formerly held by Mrs. McGee-Smith.

Closed Session—Potential Relocation of Business

The Board of County Commissioners adjourned into Closed Session to discuss the potential relocation of a business in Durham County pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(4) and to consider the performance and continuation of employment of an employee pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318-11(a)(6).

Commissioner Bell moved, seconded by Commissioner Heron, to go into Closed Session to discuss the potential relocation of a business in Durham County pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(4) and to consider the performance and continuation of employment of an employee pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318-11(a)(6).

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Chairman Black adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Garry E. Umstead, CMC
Clerk to the Board

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