

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

Monday, May 1, 2006

1:00 P.M. Worksession

MINUTES

Place: Commissioners' Room, second floor, Durham County Government Administrative Complex, 200 E. Main Street, Durham, NC 27701

Present: Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow, Vice-Chairman Becky M. Heron, and Commissioners Lewis A. Cheek, Philip R. Cousin Jr., and Michael D. Page

Absent: None

Presider: Chairman Reckhow

Citizens Comments

Chairman Reckhow called on Charles S. Bostic, 1708 Angier Avenue, Durham 27703. He had requested to speak to the Commissioners about a legal issue.

Mr. Bostic expressed concerns regarding the towing of his vehicle from the public roadway. (Mr. Bostic failed to redeem his vehicle from the towing company.)

Budget Presentations for Nonprofit Agencies Applying for FY 2006-07 Funding

Chairman Reckhow stated that the Board would hear presentations from nonprofit organizations regarding their request for funding in the 2006-07 Fiscal Year.

The following nonprofit representatives made their budget requests to the Commissioners:

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>
First In Families of NC	Gail Dupre, Betsy MacMichael and Jane Johnson-Chavis	\$ 9,750
Community Education in Durham Public Schools	Linda Chappel and Kecia West	\$ 94,500
See Saw Studio	Jim Lee and Menes Kedar	\$ 12,000
Senior PHARMAssist	Gina Upchurch	\$ 95,000
John Avery Boys & Girls Club	Exter Gilmore III, Mark Goodwilli, and Floyd Laisure	\$ 45,000

P.R.O.U.D. Program	Quillie Coath, Sharon DeCosta, and Demetrius Lynn	\$ 40,000
Teen Court & Restitution Program	Sabrina Cates and Pat Brisley	\$ 35,000
Triangle Jazz Society	Julie King and Al Sullivan	\$ 35,000
Child & Parent Support Services Inc.	Jan Williams and Robert Murphy	\$ 16,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Triangle	Kim Breeden	\$ 35,000
Family Support Network of Northern Piedmont	Beth Taylor and Angela Henderson	\$ 8,000
Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina	Haywood Holderness, Earline Middleton, and Julie Lawhorn	\$ 20,000
Genesis Home	Ryan Fehrman	\$ 22,000
Durham Crisis Response Center	Dewey Mooring and Jeanne Allen	\$ 48,200
Piedmont Wildlife Center	Bobby Schopler and Gail Abrams	\$ 20,000
Planned Parenthood of Central NC	Mitchell Price and Alex DeSousa	\$ 55,000
Eno River Association	Robin Jacobs and Greg Bell	\$ 15,000
Center for Employment Training (CET)	Tim Moore	\$ 50,000
Communities in Schools of Durham	Bud Reiter-Lavery and Erroll Reese	\$ 24,216
Historic Preservation Society of Durham	John Compton	\$ 15,000
Sales & Service Training Center at Northgate	Ginny Bowman and Karen Mortimer	\$ 54,290
Child Advocacy Commission of Durham	Dana Jones	\$ 50,000
Coordinating Council for Senior Citizens	Champe Revis and Nancy Love	\$350,000
El Centro Hispano	Alba Onofrio, Nadeen Bir, and Rosana Jolles	\$ 45,000
Project Graduation Inc.	Chuck Wilson, Brendan Hartigan and Mary Holderness	\$ 6,000
Exchange Clubs' Family Center	Betty Marrow Taylor, Rachel Galanter, and John Robinson	\$119,991
Child Care Services Association	Megan Risley and Aisha Makee	\$ 46,568

Urban Ministries of Durham Inc.	Lloyd Schmeidler, Larry Paggioli, and John Bowman	\$160,000
El Futuro Inc.	Luke Smith	\$ 5,000
TROSA	Michelle Kucerak, Benjamin Burnette, and Percy Capps	\$ 35,000
Read Seed Inc.	Adelaide Banks and Theresa Spears	\$ 18,000
Volunteer Center of Durham	Tasha Melvin and Desiree Simpson	\$ 11,375
Operation Breakthrough Inc.	Matthew Ramadam, Ella Ceres, Kirian Segobia	\$197,794
Triangle Radio Reading Service	Linda Ornt	\$ 4,500
AIDS Community Residence Assn.	Jimmy Gibbs and Janice Johnson	\$ 24,960
Victorious Community Development Corporation	Wil Nichols, Grace Nichols, and Yvette Hinton	\$ 15,000
Youth Transitions	Darius Grissom and Shondah Allen	\$ 25,000
KB Career Services	Will Rogers and CJ Williams	\$ 75,000
Bell Yeager Community Enrichment Center	Shirley Williams, Jalisa Burton, and Tekurah Boyd	\$ 5,000
Meals on Wheels of Durham Inc.	Mark Prokop	\$ 12,000
Inter-Faith Food Shuttle	Jill Staton-Bullard, Terri Hudder and David Reese	\$ 75,000
Shodor Education Foundation	Bob Gotwals	\$ 4,979
Full Frame Festival	Tammy Brown	\$ 25,000
Durham Literacy Center	Reginald Hodges	\$ 50,000
St. Joseph's Historic Foundation	Dianne Pledger	\$ 40,000
The Leaflight Inc.	Robert Smith	\$ 20,000

Presentation of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Durham

Carolyn Thornton, Co-Chair, 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness, stated that the Plan would move the City and County from simply managing homelessness through temporary and reactionary solutions to actively preventing and eliminating homelessness. She discussed the following strategies:

- Provide permanent supportive housing;
- Provide comprehensive services that respond to health and behavioral health care needs of the homeless (e.g., intervention, outreach, and case management);
- Provide services that foster economic stability;
- Provide a broad system of services that are seamlessly coordinated; and
- Implement a system-wide data collection and evaluation process.

Peter Anlyan, Co-Chair, stated that the 10-Year Results Plan to End Homelessness is based on the philosophy of Durham's Results Based Accountability initiative to improve outcomes for children, families, and the Durham community as a whole. He detailed the following outcomes:

- Create safe and affordable housing;
- Provide services and support to ensure that individuals keep their housing/homes;
- Improve the economic well-being of individuals; and
- Prevent individuals from becoming homeless.

Vice-Chairman Heron stated that housing agencies must collaborate to address the issue of homelessness.

Commissioner Cheek concurred with Vice-Chairman Heron's comments.

Commissioner Page commended the Management Advisory Team on their efforts. He concurred with Commissioner Cheek's comments regarding accountability and taking appropriate action to move forward with the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.

Directives

1. County Manager to work with the City Manager on implementation of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness; consider existing resources.
2. Consider placing the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness within a Results Based Accountability (RBA) Workgroup.
3. Place this item on the Joint City-County Committee agenda.

Durham County Human Services Complex Design Update—Project No: DC070-48

Glen Whisler, P.E. County Engineer, introduced this item, stating that the Board will receive an update on the schematic design phase for the proposed Durham County Services Complex to be located on East Main Street. The project is to build a new Human Services Complex to house the Department of Social Services, Public Health Department, and The Durham Center

(formerly Mental Health). The BOCC received a presentation on the programming and master plan phase on May 2, 2005.

Mr. Whisler stated that on October 25, 2005, the Board authorized the County Manager to enter into a contract with The Freelon Group Inc. to provide professional services for the design of the new Durham County Human Services Complex. This effort is underway and the architect will provide an update to the Board. This phase has involved a series of meetings with DSS, Public Health, and The Durham Center staff to determine the space needs and facility requirements. A stakeholders' meeting was held on April 12, 2006, during which County staff and the architects presented the status of the project and received public input.

This project will consolidate delivery of human services and improve service delivery by providing adequate facilities for each agency along East Main Street. The next phase of the project is design development.

Philip Freelon, President, The Freelon Group Inc., led the presentation by introducing his staff and thanking the Commissioners for the opportunity to be heard.

Rick Kuhn, Principal; Zena Howard, Project Manager; and Tim Winstead, Managing Principal of the Freelon Group Inc., provided a brief overview of the master plan, zoning process, and design of the Human Services Complex.

Chairman Reckhow expressed concerns about security within the Human Services Complex.

Mr. Winstead responded that staff would be able to enter by card access only. He also stated that security would be provided for after-hour meetings/functions to control the inflow and outflow of people within the complex.

In response to Commissioner Page's concerns about adequate handicap parking for citizens and staff, Mr. Kuhn stated that necessary parking would be provided for the disabled.

Directive

Consider "toning down" the modernization of the Human Services Complex design.

Health Insurance Changes July 1, 2006 through NCACC

Debbie Davidson, Benefits Manager, introduced this item, stating that as a result of a bid process, NCACC is changing the provider of health and dental insurance from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to CIGNA effective July 1, 2006. This is a midyear change for approximately 50% of Durham County employees and retirees. Proposals have been received from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to continue coverage through December 31, 2006 and from NCACC to change the provider to CIGNA on July 1, 2006. Human Resources has also received a proposal for a single provider for 2007.

Vice-Chairman Heron asked whether CIGNA covers a wide range of prescription drugs. She also asked about CIGNA's benefits plan compared to that of Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Chairman Reckhow and Vice-Chairman Heron expressed concerns about a potential rate increase.

Ms. Davidson replied that Caremark would cover a range of prescription drugs. She also stated that NCACC has guaranteed no rate increase in 2007.

Ms. Davidson informed the Board that Wellpath and CIGNA's benefits plans are similar; however, CIGNA's deductible is \$250, Wellpath's is \$100.

Chairman Reckhow recommended that a motion be made to suspend the rules.

Commissioner Cheek moved, seconded by Vice-Chairman Heron to suspend the rules.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Reckhow recommended a motion to accept the proposal from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC); authorize the Manager to execute any contract amendments as may be required for the 2006 calendar year; and authorize the Manager to execute a contract with the NCACC for health and dental insurance benefits for the 2007 calendar year.

Commissioner Cheek moved the motion, seconded by Commissioner Page.

The motion carried unanimously.

Additional Information on Durham County's Vehicle Replacement Policy

Jacqueline Boyce, Purchasing Manager, stated that after review of the Durham County's Vehicle Replacement Policy at the last worksession, members of the Board indicated their interest in receiving more information on hybrid technology. The Purchasing Division of the Finance Department has researched for more information through the Internet, contact with other local governmental agencies throughout the area, reporting from the Durham County's fuel tracking system, and information provided through the US Department of Energy.

Directives

1. Consider utilizing smaller, non-law enforcement vehicles.
2. Review the April 2006 consumer's report to determine possible cost savings for both purchase and maintenance of hybrid vehicles.
3. Get an assessment of the hybrid vehicles being utilized in the County Engineering Department.
4. Update the Board via memo on further research of hybrid vehicles.

Update on Holton Middle School

The Board received an update on the proposal to renovate the former Holton Middle School for a vocational training and recreation center.

Glen Whisler, P.E. County Engineer, introduced this item, stating that on September 25, 2003, Durham Public Schools Board of Education declared Holton Middle School as surplus. Subsequently, the building was identified for conversion to a vocational training center and a City of Durham recreation center. In spring 2005, the City engaged an architectural firm, Carter-Burgess, to provide programming services and conduct a feasibility study. Funding for the project is a partnership among Durham County, the City of Durham, and Durham Public Schools.

Mr. Whisler stated that DPS would retain ownership of the building and manage the design and construction of the project.

The Board held a discussion about the renovation schedule on the Holton Middle School project.

Chairman Reckhow expressed frustration about the dates of the City-County approval process.

Chairman Reckhow announced the lack of finances to build the Health Center. She stated that she and the County Manager would meet with Duke University Health System to discuss the lack of funds.

Commissioner Cheek stated that most of the delays in the UDO written into the rules set up by the City-County.

Directive

Talk to the relevant department heads regarding the approval process; consider shortening the City/County approval process.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vonda C. Sessoms
Clerk to the Board