

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

Monday, November 1, 2004

9:00 A.M. Worksession

AGENDA

1. Citizen Comments? Jack Steer

Mr. Jack Steer has requested time on the agenda to speak on the subject of the new Unified Development Ordinance.

2. Barry Van Deman, New President of Museum of Life and Science

A Museum Board member will introduce Barry A. Van Deman, President of the Museum of Life and Science, to the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Van Deman, who assumed his new duties on October 4, will make brief introductory remarks and answer questions the Board may have.

Resource Person(s): Museum Board member

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the introduction and welcome Mr. Van Deman to the Durham community.

3. Discussion of Durham Health Partners Specialty Care Access Project

Durham Health Partners (DHP), in collaboration with the Health Department and Healthy Carolinians, completed a comprehensive survey of the health status of Durham County residents in late 2003. An important conclusion from the survey was that Durham residents, especially the uninsured, lack access to specialty care that can make a difference when primary care efforts have identified services that are appropriate and needed.

In Durham County, more than 50,000 residents without insurance increasingly have difficulty accessing the services of such specialists as cardiologists, endocrinologists, etc.

Durham Health Partners proposes to seek a one-year planning grant to:

- Design an achievable strategy for initially focusing on those uninsured who receive their primary care through Lincoln Community Health Center to maximize the likelihood of early success.
- Define outcome measures to assess the results of that strategy.
- Estimate incremental costs and identify funding sources.
- Address approaches to future expansion of the strategy to meet, as nearly as possible, the total need for access to specialists for this population.

Durham Health Partners (DHP) will work with PRIMA Health (a local Independent Practice Association), Lincoln Community Health Center, Duke University Health System, and representatives from the business community in the planning process. DHP would like to have a Commissioner or designee participate in the planning process.

The planning grant will be submitted to several charitable foundations. To show a level of community support for the proposal, DHP would like to include a letter of support from the Board of County Commissioners and a commitment to provide \$5,000 for the planning grant process. It is our hope that any successful grant award may be sufficient to allow the program to operate without additional

County funds. However, the possibility exists that the receipt of grant funds may include a provision that Durham County and other partners may be required to provide subsequent ongoing funding.

This project will be a strategy that addresses one of the countywide results-based accountability indicators?access to healthcare.

Resource Person(s): Dr. Andrew Wallace, DHP Board Member

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board: receive the presentation from DHP; designate a County Commissioner or designee to participate in the planning process; provide a letter of support and make a commitment to provide \$5,000 for the planning grant process. Once the planning project has been completed, the Health Department staff will work to determine if the project has any future fiscal implications for the County. When that work has been completed, the Board will be given an update on the project.

4. Project Updates for Stanford L. Warren Branch Library Renovations, Emergency Medical Services Station No. 2, and Criminal Justice Resource Center Renovations

The Board is requested to approve the transfer of funds from the General Fund balance to complete the following Capital Improvement Projects: (1) Stanford L. Warren Branch Library Renovations, 1201 Fayetteville Street, Durham, in the amount of \$537,095.00; (2) New Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Station No. 2 (Lincoln Station Relocations), 1201 Old Fayetteville Street, Durham, in the amount of \$428,250.00; and (3) Criminal Justice Resource Center Renovations (CJRC), formerly Jail Annex, 326 East Main Street, Durham, in the amount of \$53,000.00; thus totaling \$1,018,345.00. There are several reasons for the current cost situation. First, the scope of the projects has increased from what was envisioned when the initial estimates were prepared. Second, well-documented increases in construction costs in 2004. Notable examples are steel and concrete, as well as fuel costs.

Resource Person(s): Wendell Davis, Interim County Manager; Glen Whisler, P.E., County Engineer; George Quick, Finance Director; Pam Meyer, Budget Director; Philip Cherry, Director, Library Services; Mickey Tezai, EMS Director; Gudrun Parmer, CJRC Director; Ademola Shobande, Senior Project Manager, Engineering Department; and Yolanda Moore-Gaddy, Business Development Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board authorize the transfer of funds for \$1,018,345.00 from the General Fund for completion of the above listed CIP projects. Capital Project Budget Ordinance Amendments will be prepared for BOCC consideration on November 8, 2004. The Board will also be requested to award a construction contract for the Stanford L. Warren Library renovations on November 8, 2004.

5. Presentation on a new Information Technology Application for the Board of County Commission Board Room" Information Request System

The Board Room Information Request System is a new technology application being implemented by the County Manager's Office beginning November 2 2004. The purpose of The Board Room is to allow Commissioners to submit staff requests on various matters of concern including constituent inquiries, project updates, staff attendance at meetings, agenda questions etc. This application will provide the Commissioners with the ability to determine the status of their inquiry as well as an historical reference to issues that require staff research and staff response. One of staff's objectives is to provide the Commissioners a response within 48 hours after the Commissioner submitted request.

Resource Person(s): Wendell M. Davis, Interim County Manager; Carolyn Titus, Deputy County

Manager; Deborah Craig-Ray, Interim Deputy County Manager; Joe Whittemore, Manager for Development Support, Information Technology; and Heidi Duer, Assistant County Manager for Special Projects

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager's recommendation is that the Board receive the presentation and provide staff with feedback.

6. **Presentation of Information on a Study**

Duke University Medical Center has agreed with Northfield Laboratories to participate in a study of a product to be used by EMS for patients who have lost large amounts of blood due to major trauma. The Federal Drug Administration has approved the study. Northfield Laboratories will indemnify the County against any potential liability and will include the County's Medical Director and paramedics in its insurance coverage for the study.

A presentation will be given to explain the study and the product.

Resource Person(s): Dr. Steve Vaslef

County Manager's Recommendation: Receive the information and place the contract on the November 8, 2004 consent agenda.



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