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

Friday, April 20, 2001

1:45 P.M. CIP Worksession

**MINUTES**

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

Present: Chairman MaryAnn E. Black, Vice-Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow, and  
Commissioners Joe W. Bowser, Philip R. Cousin Jr., and Becky M. Heron

Absent: None

Presider: Chairman Black

**Capital Improvement Program**

Chairman Black said the purpose of this meeting is to give the Commissioners an opportunity to look at the other portion of the CIP. The Board had asked staff to go back and do some more work and then come back to the Commissioners. I would like for the County Manager and staff to review the additional information. After the presentation, we will talk and ask questions. I would like to work toward some resolution today.

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Chairman Black asked the County Manager to make his presentation concerning the additional information he provided the Commissioners about the CIP.

Below are the summary versions of the 10-Year CIP used by County Manager Ruffin in his presentation:

- Manager's Recommended Version (version discussed at the April 9 meeting)
  - \$569 million
  - 32 projects
  
- BOCC Version 1.3
  - \$569.9 million
  - 32 projects
  - Added \$1 million to COPs Waste Water Treatment Plant project for sludge removal
  - Rearranged recommended debt funding: Planning & Land acquisition for New Justice Center and Parking to 2/3 Bonds in '02; EMS Relocation of LCHC, Future Library Land Acquisition and Museum BioQuest moved to '02 GO Bonds. (second portion of Museum funding in '04 moved to COPs funding)
  - \$4 million GO Bonds in original plan moved from 2006 to 2008 for Durham Technical Community College Northern Durham Expansion (does not alter project completion date)
  - Moved North Durham Regional Library forward to start in FY 2002 (with \$3 million County funds in '02, and additional COPs of \$1.7 million in '04)
  - Phased Human Service Complex: Phase I for DSS building would start in FY 2005, Phase II for Mental Health/Health would start in FY 2007. HS Parking Complex would start in FY 2008 (funding moved from GO Bonds to COPs)
  - Projects moved to accommodate the above changes:
    - Sewer Extensions moved out two years from 2006 to 2008
    - Durham Technical Community College Newton Building Expansion moved back two years from 2006 to 2004
    - Main Library Renovations moved out two years from 2006 to 2008
  
- BOCC Version 3
  - \$555.2 million
  - 32 projects
  - Includes rearrangement of debt identified in Version 1.3 and additional \$1 million for WWTP sludge removal
  - Northern Durham Regional Library moved as above
  - Reduced New Justice Center project by approximately 25.8 percent, reduced Justice Center Parking by 12 percent, and added \$4 million for renovations which would be necessary for the First Union Building due to relocation of Sheriff, Probation & Parole, and criminal Justice Resource Center

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- Phased Human Service Complex as above Version 1.3, except HS Parking Complex moved forward two years from 2008 to 2006
- Projects moved to accommodate the above changes:
  - Sheriff's Driving Range/Training Center moved back two years from 2009 to 2007
  - Youth Home project moved out four years from 2004 to 2008
  - Water Line Construction project moved out two years from 2005 to 2007
  - Durham Technical Community College Newton Building Expansion moved out two years from 2006 to 2008

County Manager Ruffin discussed the projected property tax amount required to support each of the three models.

Mr. Ruffin briefly discussed the parking facilities. He was of the opinion that privatizing the parking is an excellent idea. The impact on the CIP is that costs will decrease. Savings will be generated which may result in no increase in the tax rate, acceleration of some projects, and/or adding new projects to the CIP. Privatization would be an attractive alternative.

National firms would be very interested in looking at the parking. Staff can do some research and bring something back for the Board to review. The staff could have the information ready by early summer.

The Board of County Commissioners asked questions about the CIP and made remarks about the various projects and the tax rate to which staff responded.

Chairman Black asked the County Manager to request that staff prepare examples of various taxable properties and explain how the revaluation affected the value and the taxes owed on the property. The Commissioners also wanted a written explanation of how the taxes are computed based on the new value.

Chairman Black asked Mr. Ruffin to place on a worksession a discussion about emergency medical services relative to billing rate, collection rate, outstanding debt, and other financial matters.

County Manager Ruffin was asked by Chairman Black to meet with Dale Gaddis, Director of Libraries, to find out where we are in terms of discussions about co-locating library facilities. After we get the information, the Board will know what type of letter to write to the Chairman of the Board of Education and the Schools Superintendent.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by  
Commissioner Bowser, to include in the preliminary  
resolution the following FY 2002 GO Bond issue  
recommended by the County Manager at \$74.4 million.

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The projects to be included in the preliminary resolution follow:

- Durham Public Schools – \$51.8 m
- Senior Center - \$5.5 m
- East Regional Branch Library - \$6.7 m
- Land Acquisition Future Libraries - \$3.5 m
- NC Museum of Life & Science BioQuest - \$5.8 m
- EMS Relocation of LCHC - \$1.1 m

The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Reckhow wanted to know the costs of COPs versus GO Bonds over a 20-year period.

Staff responded to the question. The Commissioners would receive the information at a later date.

Commissioner Heron requested information on student population at Durham Technical Community College relating to counties in which the students live.

Chairman Black requested bond information for FY 04. The information would be forthcoming from the County Manager.

### **Budget Worksession Schedule**

The County Commissioners would hear the nonprofits budget requests on May 7, 2001 beginning at 9:00 a.m. This is a regular worksession date.

On May 14, 2001, the Commissioners would continue the CIP budget session. The session would begin at 3:00 p.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. The FY 04 CIP budget will be discussed and finalized.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Black adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Garry E. Umstead, CMC  
Clerk to the Board