

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Monday, September 24, 2001

7:00 P.M. Regular Session

**AGENDA**

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

2. **Agenda Adjustments**

*Commissioner Bowser stated that persons trying to reach him by email would be answered as soon as his email access returns.*

*Vice-Chairman Reckhow announced Durham Health Communities Day" to be held Saturday, October 6, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Edison Johnson Recreation Complex. Activities will be held with prizes offered.*

3. **Minutes**

September 10, 2001 Joint Meeting of BOCC/City Council/Durham Delegation

*Commissioner Heron moved, seconded by Vice-Chairman Reckhow, to approve the September 10, 2001 Joint BOCC/City Council meeting, as submitted.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

4. **Resolution Condemning Terrorist Actions on September 11, 2001**

Javier Gonzales, President and Larry Naake, Executive Director of the National Association of Counties have asked all counties in America to pass a resolution condemning the terrorist acts on September 11, 2001. The resolution conveys support for the President of the United States as he works with the national security team to defend against additional attacks, and to find the perpetrators to bring them to justice. Citizens are also asked to give blood and other contributions needed to help victims as well. A proposed resolution has been prepared for the Board to adopt.

County Manager's Recommendation: Approve the resolution and forward a copy to the National Association of Counties.

Chairman Black read the resolution, copies of which will be sent to NACo and the mayors of New York, Washington DC, and the community outside Pittsburgh where the fourth airliner crashed.

5. **September Anchor Award Winner Charles B. "Chuck" Anderson**

Charles B. "Chuck" Anderson, Durham County EMS Senior Supervisor, is the winner of this month's Anchor Award. This longtime professional has been with Durham County EMS since 1978.

Mr. Mike Smith, Durham County's Advanced Life Support Coordinator, nominated Mr. Anderson for his exceptional performance as a paramedic supervisor. In the nomination, Mr. Smith wrote, "He works well with all responders within Durham County and has a good rapport with them." Mr. Smith further observed that Mr. Anderson has a strong work ethic, leads by example, and is a master at developing subordinates. Mr. Smith concludes that Mr. Anderson is dedicated to serving the citizens of Durham County.

County Manager's Recommendation: Present the September Anchor Award to Chuck Anderson, along with the sincere congratulations of the entire organization.

***Mr. Mickey Tezai introduced Mr. Anderson and addressed his skills and dedication to Durham County. Mr. Anderson thanked the Commissioners for the award and announced he will donate the \$200 award to one of the New York charities dealing with the September 11, 2001 tragedy.***

#### 6. **Recognition of Sheriff Worth Hill as 2001 National Law Officer of the Year**

Sheriff Worth Hill has been honored by the American Legion Forty & Eight organization's award as the 2001 National Law Officer of the Year. The award presentation was made at the national convention held in Hagerstown, Maryland. Mr. Les Dasch of the local chapter nominated Sheriff Hill. A portion of the award winning nomination package is attached. The award is given to a law enforcement officer who is very active in community endeavors along with normal law enforcement duties. Sheriff Hill competed against 54 other nominees to capture the award.

Mr. Dasch will be in attendance to discuss the significance of this award.

County Manager's Recommendation: Congratulate Sheriff Hill for this outstanding national recognition.

Sheriff Hill was presented the award by Mr. Dasch, who addressed the significance of this national award. The Sheriff had also won the local and state awards.

#### 7. **Recognition of Durham County Sheriff's Office Reaccreditation**

Sheriff Worth Hill is pleased to announce this his agency has been reaccredited by the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Durham County is one of two accredited Sheriff's Offices in North Carolina, and one of only 77 accredited Sheriff's Offices nationwide. CALEA has approximately 3088 accredited agencies worldwide. In order to maintain standing, agencies must meet a rigorous set of requirements and standards. A copy of the notification letter is attached.

Resource Person: Sheriff Worth Hill

County Manager's Recommendation: Congratulate Sheriff Hill and his employees for achieving this recognition of professional law enforcement excellence.

The Commissioners congratulated the Sheriff for this accomplishment and recognized members of his staff present in the audience.

8. **Proclamation for National Family Day A Day to Eat Dinner With Your Children**

Chairman Black has been asked to proclaim Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> as National Family Day A Day to Eat Dinner With Your Children". Communities throughout the nation are observing this day as a way to reaffirm the importance of the family in reducing the likelihood of young people becoming involved in illegal drug use, underage drinking, and smoking.

Resource Person(s): Paul Savery, The Durham Center

County Manager's Recommendation: Approve the proclamation and present to Mr. Savery.

The proclamation was read and presented to Mr. Savery. Mr. Savery made comments to those present.

9. **Proclamation for Kid Voting Day 2001**

The Board has been asked to proclaim Monday, September 24, 2001 as "Kid Voting Day in Durham County."

Kid Voting is a grassroots organization that works in schools and communities all across the country to enhance civics education and provide youth a voting experience at official polls on Election Day.

Resource Person(s): Lisa Kane, Chair, Durham County Kid Voting

County Manager's Recommendation: Approve the proclamation and present to Ms Kane.

Vice-Chairman Reckhow read the proclamation into the record. Ms. Lisa Kane made a presentation on this program and introduced Ms. Donna Mitchell, Executive Director. Also present to promote "Kid Voting" were Mr. Tom White and Mr. Philip Vereen of the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce.

10. **Mobile Dental Van Partnership**

Duke's "Promising Practices" program has received funding from the Duke Endowment for a mobile dental treatment unit, which provides dental care for low-income children in Durham Public Schools. This mobile unit is a partnership program involving Duke University Health System, Durham County Health Department, and Durham Public Schools. Duke's Division of Community Health along with the Durham County Health Department are responsible for the operation of the van service. The Dental Division at the Health Department furnishes supplies and a dentist and two dental assistants to render dental treatment. The Duke Endowment funded a grant of \$198,000 to purchase and equip the van; the Durham County Commissioners provided \$15,000 that purchased a wheelchair lift to accommodate children with physical disabilities and two dental chairs for patients. *(Prior to the meeting, Board members were invited to tour the van in front of the courthouse building.)*

Resource Persons: Brian Letourneau, Durham County Public Health Director, Dr. Jean Spaulding, Duke University Health System

County Manager's Recommendation: Receive the presentation about the Mobile Dental Health Van. Acknowledge the \$198,000 from the Duke Endowment and \$15,000 from the Board of County Commissioners, and recognize the providers who will help make the program a success for the community.

**Mr. Letourneau introduced the item. Dr. Spaulding presented a plaque to Durham County in appreciation of the County's provision of \$15,000 to purchase the wheelchair lift and two dental chairs for the "Tooth Ferry." Mr. Letourneau gave contact information for accessing the dental van.**

**The Commissioners made comments praising the program and the van. Commissioner Heron commented that senior citizens in the community also need access to good dental care. Poor nutrition among seniors is a direct result of poor dental care. Dr. Spaulding agreed.**

#### 11. Consent Agenda

- a. a. Property Tax Releases and Refunds for August 2001 (accept the property tax release and refund report as presented and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined by the report);
- b. b. Amendments to Ordinance Designating Restricted Parking Lots (adopt the proposed additions and amendments to the parking ordinance in an effort to ease congestion in the parking areas);
- c. c. Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 02BCC000012?Criminal Justice Resource Center, Juvenile Day Reporting Center (approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 02BCC000012 in the amount of \$48,289 for the Criminal Justice Resource Center);
- d. d. Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 02BCC000013?Criminal Justice Resource Center, Juvenile Day Reporting Center (approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 02BCC000013 in the amount of \$86,921 for the Criminal Justice Resource Center);
- e. e. Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 02BCC000014?2001-2002 Budget Revision for Youth Coordinating Board (approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 02BCC000014 to update the revision of \$50,600 for the Youth Coordination Board for FY 2001-2002);
- f. f. Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 02BCC000015?Carmichael Building Fire Alarm System Project (approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 02BCC000015 to appropriate \$130,000 to purchase a fire alarm system and to transfer \$29,942 to support the first year's lease payment);
- g. g. Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 02BCC000016?DSS?and Establishment of Provisional Positions for Family to Family Initiative (approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 02BCC000016 in the amount of \$244,179 and establishment of four provisional positions); and
- h. h. Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 02BCC000018?Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Approval of Establishment of Position (approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 02BCC000018 in the amount of \$48,073 and authorize staff to proceed with telephone system purchase and installation and establishment of auto mechanic position).

***Vice-Chairman Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Bowser, to approve Consent Agenda items 11(a) to 11(h).***

Commissioner Heron raised concerns with items 11(d), (e), (f), and (h). Vice-Chairman Reckhow had a concern with item 11(d). The concerns were addressed by Gudrun Parmer, Director of the Criminal Justice Resource Center and Cheryl Lloyd, Director of Cooperative Extension.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

12. **Public Hearing?2000-2001 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)**

The City of Durham Department of Housing and Community Development requests that the Board of County Commissioners hold the 2000-2001 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) draft public hearing on September 24, 2001 to receive citizen comments. The CAPER provides Durham an opportunity to assess anticipated performance with actual performance in meeting the priorities and objectives of the Consolidated Action Plan. The CAPER public hearing is held annually in September by the Board of County Commissioners to receive comments on the previous year's City-County HOME Consortium Investment Partnership program performance. This performance is detailed in the CAPER that must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) no later than September 28, 2001. The 2000-2001 CAPER has been made available (in draft form) to the public for review from August 27, 2001 through September 14, 2001. Comments received at the public hearing will be placed into the CAPER before it is submitted to HUD. The City Council is scheduled to hold its CAPER public hearing on September 17, 2001.

Durham receives an annual HOME Consortium grant award from HUD. The 2000-2001 HOME entitlement allocation was \$952,000 in HOME funds. The 2000-2001 Consolidated Action Plan allocated these HOME funds primarily for housing activities in Durham with special focus in target neighborhoods. Major HOME program expenditures made (as shown in the draft CAPER) during the 2000-2001 program year included existing homeowner rehabilitation and new homebuyer rehabilitation activities.

Charlene Montford, Director of the City of Durham Department of Housing and Community Development, has reviewed this request and recommends that the Board of County Commissioners hold the 2000-2001 Consolidated Action Plan Draft public hearing. Michael Pullum, Senior Planner will attend the meeting to answer questions.

County Manager's Recommendation: Hold the 2000-2001 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) draft public hearing on September 24, 2001 to receive citizen comments.

***Mr. Michael Pullum, Senior Planner answered questions for Commissioner Heron, Vice-Chairman Reckhow, and Commissioner Bowser concerning the report.***

***Chairman Black opened the Public Hearing.***

***Commissioner Heron read a facsimile from NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally III) regarding funding for housing.***

***There being no other comments, Chairman Black closed the Public Hearing.***

***Chairman Black directed the County Manager to place in writing, the Commissioners' comments tonight. She also asked the County Manager to seek to change the interlocal agreement and appoint a staff person from either county or city.***

13. **Public Hearing?Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 02BCC000017?Office of the Sheriff?2001 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds**

The Office of the Sheriff submitted its on-line application for Durham County's share of the 2001 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) and received subsequent approval of a \$178,676.00 block grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice?Bureau of Justice Assistance. The purpose of the LLEBG Program is to reduce crime and improve public safety. The award can only be used in accordance with the seven (7) purpose areas described for this grant program.

These intergovernmental funds awarded to Durham County will be used for the purchase of equipment for the Sheriff's communications and general field deputies.

The Sheriff established an Advisory Board as specified by the grant, which met on August 20, 2001 to recommend the proposed use for these funds. The equipment to be purchased as suggested by the Advisory Board follows: Mobile command post for the Sheriff's Office (command post in use now is over 18 years old and is a converted bookmobile); communication repeaters; and emergency response radios for interoperability with schools and computer equipment for deputies. Such equipment and technology will enhance and improve the law enforcement abilities of the Sheriff's Office and the County of Durham.

One of the special conditions of this grant award program is to conduct a public hearing to receive public comment as to the use of these funds. This public hearing has been advertised in the Durham Herald-Sun paper on September 16, 2001 and September 23, 2001 to give proper notification.

No additional County funding is required, and no subsequent year budget impact is anticipated. The Office of the Sheriff will provide the required grantee local cash match of \$19,853.00 from its current budget. The total appropriation is for \$198,529.00; the revenue recognized is \$178,676.00 from the grant award.

Resource Person(s): Nancy Dellinger, Office of the Sheriff; Chief Deputy C. Wes Crabtree; and Major Mike Andrews

County Manager's Recommendation: We congratulate the Sheriff on applying for and receiving another Local Law Enforcement Block Grant to continue these traditional improvements. The Sheriff's Office has traditionally used the LLEBG funds received the last five (5) years for improving and upgrading the agency's equipment and technological infrastructure. It is recommended to conduct the public hearing to receive public comment, and then approve the Advisory Board's recommendation for the proposed use of the 2001 LLEBG award funds. Approve Budget Amendment 02BCC000017 to accept grant funding and appropriate program spending.

***Vice-Chairman Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Heron, to approve the recommendation for the proposed use of the 2001 LLEBD award funds.***

*The motion carried unanimously.*

*Chairman Black asked the County Attorney to address the County's preparedness for acts of terrorism.*

*County Manager Ruffin advised that this item will be on the November Worksession. The County is already working on preparedness procedure.*

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:49 P.M.**