

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

Monday, January 10, 2005

**AGENDA**

7:00 P.M. Regular Session

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

2. **Agenda Adjustments**

3. **Minutes**

December 13, 2004 Regular Session

4. **2004 Cure for Diabetes Walk**

Diabetes is a chronic, debilitating disease that attacks many organ systems, increases health risks for heart attacks and strokes, and shortens life. More than 18 million people in America have diabetes with more than 5 million of those being undiagnosed. Most of us know people affected by this disease and its complications.

Each year Durham County takes action against this dreadful disease by participating in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's "Walk to Cure Diabetes". Durham County, led by Assistant Health Director Gayle Harris, had over 80 participants on October 30, 2004 and collected a total of \$7,853.88 for the Triangle's chapter. The County achieved a Gold Level Achievement Award.

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board recognize walk participants and present the plaque to Assistant Health Director Gayle Harris.

5. **Introduction of Operation Breakthrough Executive Director**

Matthew L. Ramadan was recently appointed as Executive Director of Operation Breakthrough Inc., beginning his official duties on January 3, 2005. Mr. Ramadan has served as Planning Director & Zoning Administrator in Warren County, NC and in several management positions in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area. He brings over 20 years of experience in nonprofit and state and local government management, affordable housing and home ownership development, community and economic development, and inner-city revitalization.

Resource Person(s): Mike Ruffin, County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board welcome Mr. Ramadan to Durham as the County continues to collaborate with Operation Breakthrough Inc. to improve the quality of life for Durham County citizens.

5a. **Anchor Award and Resolution of Thanks to Wendell M. Davis**

Commission Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow has requested that a resolution of thanks be prepared for Mr. Wendell M. Davis in recognition of his outstanding performance while serving as Durham County's Interim County Manager. Mr. Davis will also be honored with an Anchor Award.

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board present Mr. Davis with a resolution of thanks and the Anchor Award along with sincere congratulations.

6a. **Recognition of Commissioner Michael D. Page for Receiving the National Citizen of the Year Award from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.**

In December 2004, Commissioner Michael D. Page received the National Citizen of the Year Award from the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Commissioner Page was honored at the Beta Chi Chapter's celebration of its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the N.C. Mutual Life Insurance building.

Commissioner Page previously received the chapter's Citizen of the Year Award and was the sixth district Citizen of the Year winner.

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board recognize and congratulate Commissioner Page for his award.

b. **Recognition of Commission Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow for Receiving the Goodmon Award for Exemplary Regional Leadership by an Elected Official**

Commission Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow received the Goodmon Award for Exemplary Regional Leadership by an Elected Official during the third annual Leadership Triangle Goodmon Awards luncheon held at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center on December 12, 2004.

Leadership Triangle established the awards to recognize individual leaders, elected officials, organizations, and partnerships who understand and promote regional thinking and action through their professional and/or volunteer efforts.

For the past ten years, Chairman Reckhow has chaired the Smart Growth Committee for the Triangle J Council of Governments, which adopted Regional Development Principles to guide growth and helped initiate the Triangle Greenprint, a regional open space plan. Chairman Reckhow has also been involved in a variety of other regional initiatives and leadership positions, having chaired the Triangle Transit Authority and the Triangle J Council of Governments.

The awards are named for regional leader James F. Goodmon, President and CEO of Capitol Broadcasting Company and director emeritus of Leadership Triangle.

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board recognize and congratulate Chairman Reckhow for her award.

c. **Recognition of Commission Vice-Chairman Becky M. Heron for Receiving the 2004 Margaret Hart Hardee Preeminence in Aging Award**

Commission Vice-Chairman Becky M. Heron's work on behalf of older adults earned her the 2004 Margaret Hart Hardee Preeminence in Aging Award. The award was presented by the North Carolina Association of Area Agencies on Aging during its recent annual conference held in Durham on October 17 - 20, 2004. Margaret Hart Hardee, like Vice-Chairman Heron, was known for being an advocate who brought about opportunities and support for older adults. During her 21 years as a county commissioner, Vice-Chairman Heron has devoted much of her attention to human service issues, particularly those related to older adults.

In June 1996, the North Carolina Association of Area Agencies on Aging created the Margaret Hart Hardee Preeminence in Aging Award. The purpose of this award is to pay tribute to a gifted and highly successful grassroots advocate whose knowledgeable participation in the public policy debate in North Carolina has brought about myriad opportunities and support to older adults.

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board recognize and congratulate Vice-Chairman Heron for her award.

7. **January Anchor Award Winners? Vera Alston, Deborah Craig-Ray, Heidi Duer, Wil Glenn, Robine Holcombe, and Carolyn Titus**

The County Manager's office staff was selected to receive January Anchor Awards. Deputy County Manager Wendell M. Davis is recognizing the following six employees for their outstanding contributions during his term as Interim Manager:

- Public Information/Governmental Affairs Director Deborah Craig-Ray served as Interim Deputy County Manager during the 2½-month period. Public Information Specialist Wil Glenn was promoted to Interim Director of Public Information in Mrs. Craig-Ray's absence.
- Deputy County Manager Carolyn Titus and the Assistant County Manager for Special Projects, Heidi Duer, were given additional duties during Davis' term.
- Administrative Assistant Vera Alston and Staff Assistant Robine Holcomb contributed heavily and were invaluable during this transitional phase.

Chairman Ellen Reckhow will lead the presentation.

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Commissioners present the January Anchor Awards to the County Manager's office staff, along with congratulations of the entire organization.

## 8. Consent Agenda

- a. Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 05BCC000025: Technology, One Stop Voting, and Student Election Assistant Program Grants (appropriate North Carolina State Board of Elections grants totaling \$55,110 for compliance with the federal Help America Vote Act);
- b. Renewal of Ambulance Franchise for Johnston Ambulance Service;
- c. REPLACEMENT VEHICLES FOR THE DURHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (AUTHORIZE THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTACT WITH THE LOWEST, RESPONSIVE BIDDER, UNIVERSITY FORD INC., FOR \$491,147.18 FOR REPLACEMENT VEHICLES);
- d. Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 05BCC000026?E 911 Surcharge Fund (approve for \$524,760 to appropriate \$489,760 of the Wireline Surcharge fund balance and \$35,000 from the Wireless Surcharge fund balance);
- e. Set a Public Hearing for January 24, 2005 and Adopt a Resolution to Close 638.8 Linear Feet of an Unnamed 20-Foot Wide Roadway West of American Drive (SC04-01B);
- f. Adopt a Resolution to Set a Public Hearing for January 31, 2005 for Consideration of the Durham Comprehensive Plan;
- g. RDU Grant Offer (approve the \$10,000 grant offer from the Federal Aviation Administration for costs associated with repairing Jet Bridge A26);
- h. Rules of Procedure (consider the changes and approve); and
- i. New Hope Creek Open Space Potential Acquisition (approve the proposed option to purchase with Centex Homes for 28.2 acres in the New Hope Creek corridor for parcel # 139109 (partial) with up to \$1,500 in total acquisition costs).

Note: The purpose of a consent agenda is to handle consensus items with one motion to save time on meeting agendas.

## 9. Public Hearing?Herndon/Millennium (P04-58)

Perimeter Developers LLC will present the Board with a request to rezone a 30.28-acre site located on the west side of Herndon Road, north of Scott King Road, PIN 0717-17-95-8116, 8317, 8508, 8718, 8906; --96-8125, 8306, and 8518. The proposal is in conformance with the small area plan. Staff recommends approval. The Durham Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on November 9, 2004 and voted 9-4 to recommend approval.

The public hearing for this request was advertised on December 24, 2004 and December 31, 2004 in the Durham Herald-Sun.

Resource Person(s): Frank M. Duke, AICP, City-County Planning Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board conduct a public hearing on the proposed rezoning and approve, if appropriate, based on the comments received.

## 10. Public Hearing?Plan Amendment?Long Beverage (A04-12)

Hold a public hearing and receive public comment on a Plan Amendment for Long Beverage (A04-12) amending the *Triangle Township Plan* and adopt a resolution amending the Plan.

Planning Department Recommendation?Approval

Planning Commission Recommendation?Approval, November 9, 2004 (12-1)

Resource Person(s): Frank M Duke, AICP, City County Planning Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board conduct a public hearing and, if appropriate based on comments received, approve Plan Amendment A04-12.

## 11. Memorandum of Understanding?Little Lick Creek Local Watershed Plan

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program for planning purposes in the Little Lick Creek Watershed.

Resource Person(s): Frank M Duke, AICP, City County Planning Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the Memorandum of Understanding and authorize his signature.

## 12. Board and Commission Appointments

Garry E. Umstead, CMC, Clerk to the Board, will distribute ballots to make appointments to the following board and commissions:

- Operation Breakthrough Inc.
- Public Health Board

- Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority

Resource Person(s): Garry E. Umstead

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board vote to appoint members to the above-mentioned boards/commissions.

13. **Closed Session**

The Board is requested to adjourn to Closed Session to consider the performance of a public officer pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(6).