

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

Monday, October 10, 2011

County Commissioners' Chambers
200 East Main Street, Durham, North Carolina

AGENDA

"Public Charge"

The Board of Commissioners asks its members and citizens to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous manner, both with the Board and fellow citizens. At any time, should any member of the Board or any citizen fail to observe this public charge, the Chairman will ask the offending person to leave the meeting until that individual regains personal control. Should decorum fail to be restored, the Chairman will recess the meeting until such time that a genuine commitment to the public charge is observed.

As a courtesy to others, please turn off cell phones during the meeting.

4:00 P.M. – Special Session

The session is for the Board to interview candidates for the Sheriff's appointment.

7:00 P.M. - Regular Session

1. **Opening of Regular Session**—Pledge of Allegiance 5 min.
2. **Agenda Adjustments** 5 min.
3. **Announcements** 5 min.
 - "In Touch with Durham County," the Durham County Television show, airs on Cable TV Channel 8 at 8:30 am and 12 noon on Mondays; and 8:30 am, 12 noon and 6:30 pm on Tuesday – Sundays. Our County Commissioners' meetings are also rebroadcast on Thursdays at 2:00 pm, Saturdays at 9:00 pm, and Sundays at 9:00 pm.
 - The City-County Sustainability Office is now accepting applications for the Durham Home Energy Retrofit Program. This program is designed to save qualified homeowners and renters in Durham County energy and money by providing specific energy retrofits to the home, including attic insulation, sealing air ducts, and programmable thermostats. Approximately 200 homes will be accepted on a first-come, first served basis. There is no income requirement, but there is a fee to participate and there are certain restrictions on which types of houses can participate. For more information and to apply, go to www.greenerdurham.net and click on the link at the top of the page that says "Home Energy Savings Program Applications Now Being Accepted." Applications are also available through County Engineering

and Environmental Services located at 120 E. Parrish St., 1st Floor, Durham, NC 27701 or by calling (919) 560-7999.

- Durham's 5th annual Project Homeless Connect will be held on Thursday, October 13 at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park from 10am -4pm. This annual event helps the Durham community's homeless citizens connect with service providers who can assist with housing, food, and medical care. For more information, or to volunteer, call Lanea Foster at 560-4570, x22267.
- The Kids Voting Durham Youth candidate forum for Durham Mayor and City Council Elections will be held on **November 1 from 6:30-8:30 at the Holton Center** on Driver Street. Sponsors are seeking youth and adult volunteers to help with the Forum. Call Carolyn Kruger at 560-7321 for information.

4. **Minutes**

5 min.

September 12, 2011 Regular Session
September 26, 2011 Regular Session

5. **Appointment for Replacement of Sheriff**

15 min.

Durham County Sheriff Worth Hill has submitted his resignation effective January 1, 2012, which letter of resignation is attached. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 162-3, the Board of County Commissioners has the statutory authority to replace the Sheriff upon his resignation.

Resource Persons: Michael D. Page, Chairman; Lowell Siler, County Attorney

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board take the necessary action to elect a successor sheriff to be effective January 1, 2012.

6. **Report from the ½ cent Sales and Use Tax for Public Transportation Committee**

15 min.

An advisory referendum on a ½ cent Sales and Use Tax for Public Transportation is scheduled for November 8. If approved, the proceeds will be used to add an extra 25,000 bus hours in the first full year of implementation. In addition, revenues will be used for commuter rail to be constructed which will run from Durham through Research Triangle Park to eastern Wake County. Finally, light rail will be constructed to eventually run from just east of downtown Durham to UNC Hospitals.

A committee of business and community leaders has been working to develop information and marketing strategies for the vote. Co-Chairs of this comprehensive effort are Dr. F. Vincent Allison, III and Ms. Susan Ross. They will provide the Board with a progress report on the group's efforts to date.

Resource Person: Michael M. Ruffin, County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the report from Dr. Allison and Ms. Ross.

7. **Report from the 1/4 cent Sales and Use Tax for Education Committee**

15 min.

An advisory referendum on a 1/4 cent Sales and Use Tax for Education is scheduled for November 8. If approved, the proceeds will be used to help Durham Public Schools maintain jobs for approximately 151 teachers and school based personnel and to pay debt service on recently built schools. Durham Technical Community College will receive funds to award Durham Challenge Funds to Durham Public Schools' graduates and to Durham residents who are in need of training or retraining. Based on need, Challenge Funds will help Durham residents by awarding Service Stipends for campus based work study opportunities and direct grants. Durham's Partnership for Children will receive funds to support Transition to Kindergarten, a partnership program with Durham Public Schools which builds a seamless transition for young children as they prepare to enter kindergarten.

A committee of business and community leaders has been working to develop information and marketing strategies for the vote. Co-Chairs of this comprehensive effort are Mr. Steve Toler and Ms. Meredythe Holmes. They will provide the Board with a progress report on the group's efforts to date.

Resource Person: Michael M. Ruffin, County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the report from Mr. Toler and Ms. Holmes.

8. **Resolution**

10 min.

The Board has authorized a referendum for a one-quarter cent sales tax on November 8, 2011. While it was and is the expressed intent of the Board to use the proceeds for education, the statutorily-required ballot language does not permit the Board to make this distinction. Consequently, a resolution is proposed to memorialize the Board's intent on how the proceeds would be used if approved by the voters.

Resource Persons: Mike Ruffin, County Manager; Lowell Siler, County Attorney

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the resolution.

9. **Proclamation – Community Planning Month**

10 min.

The Board is requested to recognize the commitment and contributions made by both citizens and professional staff that participate in planning and plan implementation for the improvement of our community by proclaiming October 2011 as Community Planning Month.

Resource Persons: Steven L. Medlin, AICP, Planning Director and Teri Danner, RLA, ASLA, AICP, Planning Supervisor

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board proclaim October 2011 as Community Planning Month.

10. Consent Agenda

15 min.

- a. Approve the request for an exception to formal bidding under the “piggyback” rule allowed under NCGS 143-129(g) and authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with Southeastern Specialty Vehicles in the amount of \$224,997.00;
- b. Authorize the execution of contract with Jury Systems Incorporated for the Jury Selection and Processing System in the amount of \$97,754.00, and to execute any other related contracts, if necessary, not to exceed the project budget of \$120,000.00;
- c. Authorize execution of an amendment with Edge Office for additional furnishings and the approval of a separate contract with Brame for seating for the Durham County Administrative Building Fifth (5th) Floor Improvement in the total amount of \$11,353.23 thus increasing the overall amount for furnishings for this project to \$146,502.74;
- d. Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 12BCC000019 to appropriate \$24,000 in grant funding from the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation to support Durham Cooperative Extension’s Strengthening Families Coalition Programming through December 31, 2011;
- e. Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 12BCC000020 transferring \$64,269 from DSS to General Services. The transfer is to fund two positions (2.0FTE) and equipment transferred to General Services for the care of the Human Services Building;
- f. Approve the contract with Advanced Imaging Systems in the amount of \$60,000.00. This contract is the continuation of the project that began in 2009 to convert Real Estate Indices into an electronic format that is searchable using an alphanumeric format;
- g. Approve the changes to Durham County’s Procedures for Citizen Appointments.

11. RESERVED FOR ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

20 min.

1 hr.55 min.