

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

Monday, October 25, 1999

7:00 P.M. Regular Session

AGENDA

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

2. **Agenda Adjustments**

3. **Minutes**

a. September 13, 1999 Regular Session

4. **Chamber of Commerce City of Medicine Program—High School Awards**

Chairman MaryAnn E. Black requested the winners and runners-up of the Durham City of Medicine High School Awards be placed on the agenda so the Commissioners can recognize the accomplishments of the four seniors.

Dr. William Anlyan, Chairman of the City of Medicine Board of Directors, will introduce the winners in the categories of medical specialist and medical technician and the runners-up in the two categories.

The winner in the medical specialist category is Romelia Perez-Marco of Southern High School. The medical technician winner is Christina C. Rathinam of Jordan High School. The runner-up in the medical specialist category is Jessica C. A. Taylor of Hillside High School. Heidi M. Adams of Southern High School is the runner-up in the medical technician category.

5. **Resolution from City of Durham Recognizing Durham County Government Efforts during Hurricane Floyd**

Durham Mayor Nick Tennyson will be present to make comments and present a resolution in appreciation for the efforts of Durham County Government administration and staff during Hurricane Floyd.

County Manager's Recommendation: Accept the resolution on behalf of Durham County Government.

6. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Property Tax Releases and Refunds (accept the property tax release and refund report as presented and authorize the Tax Administrator to adjust the tax records as outlined by the report);
- b. Application for Property Tax Exemption for United for Christ Church Inc. (approve the application for exemption for property located at 5112 Lazywood Lane);
- c. Environmental Engineering—approve Budget Ordinance Amendment

No. 00BCC000013 (to recognize a grant of \$35,300 for partial funding of a streambank restoration project along the banks of the Little River by Treyburn, LLC);

- d. Sheriff's Department—approve Budget Ordinance Amendment

No. 00BCC000014 (to accept the incorporation of \$25,000 in deferred revenues into the department's current operations budget);

- e. Public Health—approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 00BCC000015 (to recognize a \$1,350 grant for Public Health nurse training provided by the North Carolina Center for Nursing); and
- f. Public Health—approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 00BCC000016 (to recognize a \$3,374 grant to encourage the enrollment of children in the NC Health Choice insurance program).

Note: The purpose of a consent agenda is to handle consensus items with one motion to save time on meeting agendas. Any item a Board member pulls for discussion should be placed at the end of the agenda so public hearings can be concluded as early as possible. This will provide for the least inconvenience to the general public attending the public hearings.

7. Public Hearing to Consider the Transportation Improvement Program [TIP] FY 2002-2008

The Transportation Improvement Program [TIP] determines how state and federal transportation funds will be spent throughout Durham County and the State of North Carolina in upcoming years. The bi-annual TIP preparation begins with a process of setting of priorities by local jurisdictions. Each jurisdiction gives a priority recommendation for transportation projects which have not been funded or which are partially funded. The City Transportation staff made a presentation on a draft list of priority transportation projects at the October 4, 1999 Worksession. At that meeting, the Board of County Commissioners scheduled a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed list of road, pedestrian, and bicycle improvements to be included in the state's updated Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2002 through 2008. Following the public hearing, the Board should adopt a TIP priority list.

Bonnie Estes, Planning Manager, Durham City/County Planning Department, and Wesley Parham, Senior Transportation Engineer, City Transportation Division, will present this item to the Board of County Commissioners.

County Manager's Recommendation: Hold the public hearing and adopt the resolution and recommended list of TIP priorities.

8. Public Hearing on Coordinated Transportation--EDTAP and Work First Transportation Assistance Program Approval

The Cooperative Extension Service is requesting Board approval of an application to the NC Department of Transportation Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) for funds to transport elderly and disabled citizens. A public hearing, required by DOT, has been scheduled to precede consideration of approval of the application by the Board.

The application proposes \$91,788.00 of intergovernmental revenue be sub-allocated to support transportation for Durham County Elderly and Disabled Residents through the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP) and \$19,604.00 to support transportation for Work First Transitional/Employment. The total, \$111,392.00, is an increase of .92% over the amount received in the past fiscal year by Durham County. These funds require no local match while supporting the transportation needs of citizens through County and non-profit human service agencies. Funding will be used to assist with transportation services from July 1, 1999 through September 31, 2000.

Approval of this application will increase the current budget for Coordinated Transportation from \$174,399.00 to an amended \$222,791.00. Funds shall be used to provide services for the noted agencies:

Agency
Council of Senior Citizens
Dept. of Social Services (Adult)
Durham Exchange Club Industries
North East Central Durham
Piedmont Consortium
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program
Services for the Blind

1998 and 1999 funding for the EDTAP and Work First Transitional/Employment Transportation Assistance Programs were administered under two separate Department of Transportation programs. Beginning with FY99-00, DOT consolidated these programs into a single application package. DSS administered these funds in the previous years and will continue to do so. The Department of Social Services' proposal for the use of Work First funds has been incorporated in the consolidated ROAP Application.

Resource Persons: Cheryl Lloyd, County Cooperative Extension Director, and Delphine Sellars, Community Outreach Coordinator

County Manager's Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing on the Department of Transportation Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) application for Coordinated Transportation services to the Elderly and Disabled and Work First Transitional/Employment. Authorize the Board Chairperson and County Manager to sign the certification statement agreeing to the conditions of the ROAP grant.

9. Selection of Liaison to Managers' Task Force on Bicycling in Durham

The Bicycle Committee of the Durham Open Space and Trails Commission (DOST) has asked the City and County Managers to create a joint Task Force on Bicycling in Durham, and they have agreed. The task force has been given the goal of presenting the City and County with recommendations on how to provide a safe and attractive environment to promote bicycling as a transportation mode.

This task force will undertake a comprehensive review of the many aspects of policies, procedures, practices, and the physical infrastructure of the City and County that affect bicycling. It will make recommendations on a range of efforts, potentially including street improvements, bicycle parking facilities, new City and County policies, educational programs, promotional efforts, and improved transit access. While being aware that its recommendations may need to be phased due to funding constraints, it will create a plan and a timetable to implement its projects to ensure that bicycling becomes an increasingly safer and more feasible mode of transportation in Durham. The task force would benefit from having a person

who is designated as a liaison from the Board of County Commissioners to carry the Board's issues and questions to the task force and to report back to the Board as needed.

Resource Person: Beth Timson, Senior Planner, Durham City/County Planning Department, will be present to answer questions regarding this request.

County Manager's Recommendation: That the Board appoint a representative to this task force. Of course, the liaison may be a Commissioner, a Commissioner appointee, or you may request that the Manager appoint a staff person.

10. **Offer to Purchase County Property (308 N. Guthrie Avenue)**

Durham County obtained the property located at 308 North Guthrie Ave. through a tax foreclosure sale on April 8, 1999. Ms. Anita Mays has submitted a request to purchase the vacant property for \$3,000.00. Ms. Mays' interest in the vacant lot is solely to maintain the surrounding looks of her property. As evidence in the photograph, the retaining wall is in need of repair.

The County investment in this property is \$4,430.83 (taxes 93-97 and legal costs). The assessed fair market tax value from the 1993 valuation of this parcel is \$12,592.00.

City and County departments were informed of the availability of this property and there have been no inquiries by governmental departments.

Resource Person: Sandra Phillips, Purchasing Director

County Manager's Recommendation: While the Manager recognizes the offer is \$1,430.83 below the County's investment and substantially below the tax value, the recommendation is to pursue the upset bid process at this time. A resolution to offer the property in an "upset bid" sale is included in this package. The Board will have the authority to accept or reject any offer at the conclusion of the tax upset bid process as it so desires.

11. **Approve Contractual Service Agreement between Administrative Offices of the Courts and the Criminal Justice Resource Center**

The Administrative Offices of the Courts (AOC) wants to enter into a contractual service agreement with the Criminal Justice Resource Center (CJRC) to purchase substance abuse treatment services, educational services, and employment assistance services for clients enrolled in the Durham Drug Treatment Court Program. With approval of the contractual agreement, the Board of County Commissioners will support the newly established Drug Treatment Court program in Durham County. CJRC staff was involved in the development of the Agreement and concurs with the contract's terms.

AOC will pay the salary and benefits of at least one substance abuse counselor, furniture and equipment associated with the position, as well as a portion of the center's expense for employment services. The number of substance abuse counselors funded through the contract is contingent upon the number of clients. The contract will also assume a portion of the Criminal Justice Resource Center's expense in contracting for employment services. The Criminal Justice Resource Center will save up to \$8,987 during FY 99/00 by sharing employment services resources with the Drug Treatment Court program.

Salary, benefits, and equipment related to this contract were included in the department's FY 99/00 budget request; no additional County funds are needed to support the contract. The County attorney's office has reviewed and approved the agreement.

Gudrun Parmer, Director of the Criminal Justice Resource Center, is available to answer questions about the agenda item.

County Manager's Recommendation: Approve the contract with Administrative Offices of the Courts in the amount of \$59,697 and authorize the County Manager to execute the Agreement.

12. **Closed Session**

The Board is requested to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(4) in order to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of an industry or other business.