

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Monday, June 13, 2011

7:00 P.M. Regular Session

MINUTES

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

Present: Chairman Michael D. Page, Vice-Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow, and Commissioners Joe W. Bowser, Becky M. Heron, and Brenda A. Howerton

Absent: None

Presider: Chairman Page

Opening of Regular Session—Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Chairman Page announced that he would present a Proclamation for Vulnerable Adult and Elder Abuse Awareness Month as item #6 on the agenda.

Chairman Page and the Board wished Commissioner Brenda Howerton a Happy Birthday.

Announcements

Chairman Page made the following announcements:

- "In Touch with Durham County," the Durham County Television show, airs on Cable TV Channel 8 at 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon daily, 4:00 p.m. on Mondays, and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday – Sundays. Our County Commissioners' meetings are also rebroadcast on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m., Saturdays at 9:00 p.m., and Sundays at 9:00 p.m.
- The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) is hosting open house sessions in Durham, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough where residents can provide input on the proposed Durham and Orange Counties Bus and Rail Investment Plans. Open house sessions are scheduled at the following locations:
  - June 14 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. – Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Chapel Hill
  - June 15 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. – North Regional Library, 221 Milton Rd., Durham
  - June 16 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. – Orange County Library, 137 W. Margaret Ln., Hillsborough

For more information, contact Andy Henry at (919) 560-4366, ext 36419.

- Our Durham County Board of Commissioners will approve the County Manager's Recommended budget for 2011-2012 at our next meeting on Monday, June 27 at 7:00pm.

### Minutes

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Vice-Chairman Reckhow, to approve as submitted the following minutes:

May 31, 2011 Special Budget Worksession  
May 23, 2011 Regular Session  
May 9, 2011 Regular Session

The motion carried unanimously.

### Proclamation—Mondays “Meatles Mondays” in Durham

Chairman Page recognized Tobin Freid, Sustainability Manager and Eleni Vlachos, citizen and Meatless Monday organizer.

The Chair read the following proclamation into the record:

#### **PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, 78.2% of Durham County residents do not eat the recommended five daily servings of fruits and vegetables and 65% of adults in Durham County have a BMI (Body Mass Index) considered overweight or obese. Obesity is associated with an increased risk of numerous health problems, including heart disease, type-2 diabetes, stroke, and several types of cancer; and

Whereas, Thirty percent of North Carolina youth (9th–12th grades) are either overweight or obese, according to the 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey data and only 15% eat fruits and vegetables five or more times a day; and

Whereas, Obesity also affects the state's economy. In North Carolina, the medical costs associated with adult obesity were \$2.1 billion in 2003; and

Whereas, The American Dietetic Association recognizes that reduced meat consumption decreases the risk of various health problems, stating, "Scientific data suggests positive relationships between a vegetarian diet and reduced risk for several chronic degenerative diseases and conditions, including obesity, hypertension, diabetes mellitus and some types of cancer" and that vegetarians are less likely than meat-eaters to be obese. Accordingly, experts recommend going vegetarian or at least increasing plant foods and eating fewer animal products, to help weight control; and

Whereas, The environmental impacts of abstaining from meat are significant. Producing a single hamburger uses enough fossil fuel to drive a small car 20 miles and enough water for 17 showers. A recent United Nations report concluded that a global shift toward a vegan diet is necessary to combat the worst effects of climate change. And researchers at the University of Chicago concluded that switching from a standard American diet to a vegan diet is more

effective in the fight against climate change than switching from a standard American car to a hybrid; and

Whereas, A growing number of people are reducing their consumption of animal products in order to prevent animal cruelty. Approximately one billion animals would be spared if animal consumption was reduced by only 10%, a figure that would be achieved by a national Meatless Monday; and

Whereas, A weekly reminder to restart healthy habits encourages success, and we are more likely to maintain behaviors begun on Monday throughout the week; and

Whereas, The Triangle Meatless Mondays initiative offers free resources including recipes to Durham County residents through its printed materials and online resources; and

Whereas, many local restaurants are now offering meatless specials on Mondays to make it easier for citizens to reduce the amount of meat they eat; and

Whereas, Durham also is proud to recognize many additional communities, organizations and groups who participate in Meatless Mondays around the world; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Michael D. Page, do hereby proclaim

Mondays shall be Meatless Mondays in Durham, and hereby urge all citizens to take special note of this observance by refraining from eating animal products on that day of the week, and partaking in the many participating local restaurants, free recipes, events, and online resources to help them find healthy and tasty meat-free options that will help them improve their health as well as the health of our environment which will add to their enjoyment and understanding of the importance of reducing meat consumption.

This the 13th day of June, 2011

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Michael D. Page  
Chair, Durham County Board of Commissioners, North Carolina

Chairman Page presented the proclamation to Ms. Freid and Ms Vlachos.

**Proclamation - Vulnerable Adult and Elder Abuse Awareness Month**

Chairman Page recognized Robert Wallace, DSS Adult Services Manager, and John Margolis, Adult Services Supervisor and read the following Proclamation:

**Proclamation**

By Durham Board of County Commissioners:

WHEREAS, Durham County joins the world in recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15th, and

WHEREAS, Durham County is home to more than 35,000 residents 60 years of age or older; and 34,000 individuals 18 and older with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, many older adults 65 years and older live alone, and many live below the poverty line, and

WHEREAS, Durham County's vulnerable and older adults of all socio-economic, racial, and ethnic backgrounds may be targets of abuse, neglect or exploitation which occurs in families, long-term care facilities and communities; and

WHEREAS, the older residents of Durham County represent a dramatic trend in our nation's demographic make-up, and there is a rapidly growing population of older adults in Durham County with evolving needs; and

WHEREAS, by 2030 71,471 Durham County residents will be 60 or older, and

WHEREAS, more than 450 referrals are made to the Durham County Department of Social Services annually for evaluation of abuse, neglect or exploitation of adults; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Aging and Adult Services partners with county Departments of Social Services to offer a statewide Adult Protective Services Program and Area Agencies on Aging to increase awareness about elder abuse through its Long Term Care Ombudsman Program and with the State Attorney General's Office to assist victims of telemarketing scams; and

WHEREAS, protecting Durham County's vulnerable and older adults is a societal responsibility and it is imperative that communities work together to help reduce abuse, neglect and exploitation; and

WHEREAS, vulnerable and older persons are diverse, respected citizens who continue to contribute to our nation's social and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of baby boomers are rapidly joining the population of older residents, and the number of individuals providing care to family members and friends is expanding significantly; and

WHEREAS, older persons and vulnerable adults are entitled to lives of dignity and independence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Michael D. Page, do hereby proclaim June 2011, as Vulnerable Adult And Elder Abuse Awareness Month in Durham County and encourage our citizens to join with the Department of Social Services, The Durham Center for Senior Life, Triangle J Area Agency on Aging, The Durham Center and Partners Eliminating Adult Victimization in Durham to participate in community efforts to support and improve the safety and well-being of vulnerable and older adults and secure their right to live free of abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

This the 13th day of June, 2011.

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Michael D. Page, Chair  
Durham County Board of Commissioners, North Carolina

Mr. Wallace stated that the Department of Social Services, The Durham Center for Senior Life, The Durham Center and the Triangle J Area Agency on Aging would be jointly recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15<sup>th</sup>. They are jointly participating in community efforts to support and improve the safety and well-being of vulnerable and older adults and secure their right to live free of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. He emphasized that this abuse is a community issue.

Durham will join communities and municipalities world-wide in making proclamations declaring World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and participate in events designed to raise their communities' awareness of abuse and neglect of older persons.

The Chair encouraged citizens to participate in the planned activities on June 15.

### **Consent Agenda**

Chairman Page asked the Board if there were consent items they wished to pull. Vice Chair Reckhow pulled item 7c. Item 7b was pulled by a citizen. Commissioner Howerton requested that item 7d be brought back for presentation at the August Worksession.

Vice Chair Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Heron, to approve the following consent agenda items:

- a. Amend the contract with Republic Services of North Carolina from \$150,586 to \$195,586 in order to avoid interruption of solid waste services rendered at the County's four solid waste convenience sites;
- e. \*Approve Capital Project Ordinance Amendment No. 11CPA000009 appropriating \$11,283,880 to the Phase III Wastewater Treatment Plant project; reduction of the Phase I & II WWTP project by \$231,780 and transfer of those funds to the Phase III WWTP project; the resolution of tentative project awards for the Phase III Expansion to the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant Project; conditional authorization for the County Manager to approve the amendment to the construction administration contract with McKim & Creed, PA at a cost not to exceed \$216,100; tentative award of the construction contract to Pizzagalli Construction Company, at a cost not to exceed \$10,320,000, and conditional authorization for the County Manager to execute the contract, and conditional authorization for the County Manager to execute any related contracts not to exceed the total project budget;
- f. \*Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment 11BCC000067 And Capital Project Amendment No. 11CPA000010 transferring \$311,808 from the Home Health Sale Proceeds in the Community Health Trust Fund into the Human Services Complex capital project for the requested use;
- g. \*Approve Capital Project Amendment No. 11CPA000011 adding \$170,252 of ARRA grant funds to the existing Administration Building Renovations project and authorize

the County Manager to enter into a contract with Jeff Hargett Mechanical in the amount of \$694,143 to replace the existing chilled water plant at the Durham County Administration Building, and authorize the County Manager to execute change orders, if necessary, not to exceed \$29,609 (4%). The total contract shall not exceed \$728,752. General Fund dollars will fund purchases made before grant funds are available through an interfund loan of that amount and will be reimbursed/repaid once the grant funds become available;

h. Approve the FY 2012-2021 Durham County Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

The motion carried unanimously.

\*Document(s) related to this item follow:

Consent Agenda Item No. e. Approve Capital Project Ordinance Amendment No. 11CPA000009 appropriating \$11,283,880 to the Phase III Wastewater Treatment Plant project; reduction of the Phase I & II WWTP project by \$231,780 and transfer of those funds to the Phase III WWTP project; the resolution of tentative project awards for the Phase III Expansion to the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant Project; conditional authorization for the County Manager to approve the amendment to the construction administration contract with McKim & Creed, PA at a cost not to exceed \$216,100; tentative award of the construction contract to Pizzagalli Construction Company, at a cost not to exceed \$10,320,000, and conditional authorization for the County Manager to execute the contract, and conditional authorization for the County Manager to execute any related contracts not to exceed the total project budget.

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**  
**2010-2011 Capital Project Ordinance**  
**Amendment No 11CPA000009**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the 2010-11 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects:

| <b>Expenditures</b>             | <b>Current Budget</b> | <b>Increase/Decrease</b> | <b>Revised Budget</b> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Phase I&II WWTP Project (SE045) | \$36,126,815          | \$(231,780)              | \$35,895,035          |
| Phase II WWTP Project (SE049)   | \$0                   | \$11,283,880             | \$11,283,880          |

Adopted this, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011.

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Consent Agenda Item No. f. Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment 11BCC000067 And Capital Project Amendment No. 11CPA000010 transferring \$311,808 from the Home Health Sale Proceeds in the Community Health Trust Fund into the Human Services Complex capital project for the requested use.

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
 FY 2010-11 Budget Ordinance  
 Amendment No. 11BCC000067**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the FY 2010-11 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

| <u>Category</u>             | <u>Current Budget</u> | <u>Increase/Decrease</u> | <u>Revised Budget</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>GENERAL FUND</u>         |                       |                          |                       |
| Community Health Trust Fund | \$7,006,066           | \$311,808                | \$7,317,874           |

Expenditures:

| <u>Function</u>             | <u>Current Budget</u> | <u>Increase/Decrease</u> | <u>Revised Budget</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>GENERAL FUND</u>         |                       |                          |                       |
| Community Health Trust Fund | \$7,006,066           | \$311,808                | \$7,317,874           |

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 13<sup>th</sup> of June, 2011.

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
 2010-2011 Capital Project Ordinance  
 Amendment No 11CPA000010**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the 2010-11 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects:

| <b>Expenditures</b>             | <b>Current Budget</b> | <b>Increase/Decrease</b> | <b>Revised Budget</b> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Human Services Complex – DC 070 | \$89,946,642          | \$311,808                | \$90,258,450          |

Adopted June 13, 2011.

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Consent Agenda Item No. g. Approve Capital Project Amendment No. 11CPA000011 adding \$170,252 of ARRA grant funds to the existing Administration Building Renovations project and authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with Jeff Hargett Mechanical in the amount of \$694,143 to replace the existing chilled water plant at the Durham County Administration Building, and authorize the County Manager to execute change orders, if necessary, not to exceed \$29,609 (4%). The total contract shall not exceed \$728,752. General Fund dollars will fund purchases made before grant funds are available through an interfund loan of that amount and will be reimbursed/repaid once the grant funds become available.

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
2010-2011 Capital Project Ordinance  
Amendment No 11CPA000011**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the 2010-11 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects:

| <b>Expenditures</b>                                 | <b>Current Budget</b> | <b>Increase/Decrease</b> | <b>Revised Budget</b> |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Administration Building Renovations Project (DC131) | \$1,825,000           | \$170,252                | \$1,995,252           |

Adopted June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

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**Public Hearing – Recommended Durham County FY 2011-2012 Budget**

Chairman Page recognized County Manager Mike Ruffin. The Manager presented the following budget highlights:

- No increase proposed in property taxes;
- An increased collection rate of taxes by 0.8%;
- Durham Public Schools to receive the full budget request from Durham County.

Manager Ruffin commented on an article written in the Herald-Sun newspaper regarding funding to the Durham Senior Center. He further explained the rationale for his funding recommendation for the Durham Center for Senior Life. The Center increased the rental rate for Senior PharmAssist, a pharmacy used by many of the seniors who visit the center. He reflected that when the building was built, it was to serve as a one stop shop for seniors. He stated that it was in the best interest of the senior population to have the pharmacy located in the building. According to the Manager, the net reduction to the Center would be \$3,910.

Commissioner Heron commented that Senior PharmAssist has free utilities, janitorial service, and free parking at the Center.

Commissioner Howerton requested a breakdown of utilities paid at the Center.

Vice Chair Reckhow requested information about whether the buildings compared offered janitorial service and parking provided. She also inquired about why the County was not continuing the current funding to the Center and giving the additional funds to Senior PharmAssist.

Chairman Page opened the budget public hearing.



Dr. Brenda Armstrong and Mr. Frank Davis, representing the Durham Striders, asked the Board to reconsider their level of funding to the Durham Striders program. They spoke about the positive impact on the children involved, the amount of volunteerism, and the economic impact for the Stadium and Durham as a result of track meets and other events. According to Mr. Davis, the funding lost from the City would have a negative impact on the program.

The following citizens thanked the Manager for his recommendation and asked the Board to support the Manager's funding recommendation for Durham Public Schools:

Ms. Kristy Moore, Dr. Eric Becoats, Mr. Keith Corbett, and Mr. Bob Wheless.

Ms. Jeannie Cranford, Ms. Hallie Mangum Bass, Mr. Lawrence Daye, Mr. Mozell Long, Mr. James Harris, Ms. June Morris, Ms. Helen Carrington, Ms. Juanita Shaw, Ms. Mary Sue Parrish, and Mr. Teiji Kimball all spoke regarding the Little River Senior Center satellite. The citizens expressed concern about the possible closing of the facility. They commented that it is the only center located in northern Durham, and many of the patrons are very elderly and/or handicapped.

Commissioner Bowser remarked that it was imperative that the Bahama center would not be closed because of its remote location. The Board echoed the sentiment.

Commissioner Howerton requested to know the cost for maintaining the Little River center.

Manager Ruffin stated that he cannot dictate what the Center for Senior Life does once they receive money from the Board. The Board can condition the appropriation.

Ms. Gail Souare, Director of the Center for Senior Life, was present to make comments. She expressed concern about the newspaper article. She assured the Little River patrons that she would do everything possible to keep the center open. She added that no hours had been cut from the Little River Senior Center.

Rev. Willie Sturgess, Full Gospel Outreach Ministry, asked the Board to reconsider his funding request. He stated that the ministry is a summer enrichment program for children ages 5-15.

Commissioner Bowser asked for clarification that the request was for the outreach ministry and not for the church. Rev. Sturgess affirmed that the request was for the ministry. He indicated that the ministry serves between 15-30 children, but the program would be extended to surrounding neighborhoods if more funding was granted.

Ms. Victoria Peterson spoke about the need to revisit ways of educating children. She suggested a short term job training program. She expressed concern about the jail. Detention officers should have pay raises according to Ms. Peterson. She also expressed dismay about the four murders that took place in Durham over the weekend.

Dr. Lavonia Allison applauded the Manager on his budget recommendations.

Chairman Page closed the public hearing.

The Board thanked the citizens for coming out to be a part of the process.

### **Public Hearing – Durham County Bus and Rail Investment Plan**

Chairman Page recognized Mr. David King, CEO and General Manager of Triangle Transit. Mr King shared a brief presentation outlining the Plan.

He presented the following highlights:

- The plan stretches to 2035;
- There would be 50,000 hours of bus improvements in the first three years;
- Sunday bus service would be added to service the RDU airport;
- New services from rural Durham County, Mebane and Hillsborough to Duke and VA Medical Centers;
- Commuter rail would operate on existing freight tracks during peak hours;
- Light rail (electric) would have more frequent service;
- The top speed of the light rail is 59 mph;
- The Commuter rail would open in 2018 and cost \$300 million;
- The light rail would open in 2025 and cost \$1,050 million.

Mr. King indicated that Orange County had decided to postpone the sales tax referendum until next year.

The proposed one half cent transit sales tax would exclude food, medicine, utilities and housing.

Board members expressed concern about the rental car revenue that was slated for the rail service going to bus service. Mr. King stated that 30-35 percent of the money was used to provide bus service in all three counties.

Commissioner Bowser reminded Mr. King of the request to reference the Alston Avenue stop as the North Carolina Central University stop. Mr. King assured the Board that the name would be changed on the map.

Chairman Page opened the public hearing.

Mr. Robert Glenn, Mr. Mike Shiplet, Dr. Lavonia Allison, Ms. Kate Fellman, Ms. Susan Saenger, and Mr. Bill Ferrell spoke in support of the rail plan. They encouraged the Board to move forward citing a good investment, partnership, a holistic transit plan, and jobs. Mr. Ferrell requested that the route be moved to a space on the edge of Meadowmont so it would disturb the existing retail buildings.

Ms. Jackie Wagstaff expressed concern about the plan, citing no strong commitment from other counties and the effects on the poor.

Ms. Victoria Peterson would like to see a citizen's advisory board in place before the project is approved. She was concerned about where the rail would stop, especially in the African American community.

Mr. John Kent spoke about the possible impact on the New Hope Creek corridor. He felt the current plan would fragment the habitat.

Mr. King responded that the US Army Corp of Engineers and the Division of Environmental Water Quality will be involved in the Plan.

Mr. King expounded on the bus service portion of the plan. In October, 2010, TTA assumed responsibility for managing DATA bus service. TTA will propose route and schedule changes. On time performance has been a major concern and TTA wants to improve that service problem. Improvements to the bus service will include a tracking tool on busses. This phase will be implemented in August.

Commissioner Bowser remarked that he wanted to make sure the money from the sales tax would not be used for busses but would be used for regional transit.

Vice Chair Reckhow commented that she would hate for Durham to wait on transit improvements until congestion was too bad.

Commissioner Howerton emphasized the need to have people skill ready for the types of jobs the Plan would create.

### **Public Hearing – Referendum for ½ cent Sales Tax for Public Transportation**

Chairman Page asked the Manager to give a brief introduction of this item. Manager Ruffin explained that the proposed ½ cent sales tax would improve transit infrastructure in Durham County.

If the sales tax is approved by voters in November 2011, tax collection could begin in April, 2012. The tax is expected to generate \$18.4 million in revenues in the first year.

Expected improvements to the transit infrastructure:

- Would add an extra 25,000 bus hours in 1<sup>st</sup> full year of implementation
- Would total 50,000 bus hours by end of 3<sup>rd</sup> full year
- Commuter rail from Durham through RTP to Eastern Wake County by 2018
- Light Rail from just east of downtown Durham (Alston Avenue) to UNC Hospitals by 2025

The Manager outlined the following steps to implementation:

- *June 6 Worksession: Presentation of Transit Plan Final Draft*
- May/June: Public engagement meetings
- Tonight: Public Hearing on Transit Plan
- Tonight: Public Hearing on Sales Tax
- June 27: Adoption of Transit Plan
- June 27: Adoption of Resolution to call for Referendum on November ballot.

The Board discussed making sure the money would be used for rail service. Vice Chair Reckhow pointed out that part of the money would be used for bus improvements, and the remainder would be used for the rail system.

Mr. King assured the Board if they approved the Plan, it would be implemented as presented. If the funds were not adequate for bus and rail service, the item must come back before the Board.

Chairman Page opened the public hearing.

The following citizens spoke in favor of the proposed sales tax for transportation:

Mr. Robert Glenn, Mr. Dan Jewell, and Dr. Lavonia Allison encouraged the Board to put the item on the November ballot.

Ms. Victoria Peterson and Ms. Jackie Wagstaff expressed concerns about the Plan. Ms. Peterson requested to see more financial reports and TTA's last audit. Ms. Wagstaff was concerned that the Federal government was not on board with the Plan.

Commissioner Bowser requested a report of how many of TTA's employees live in Durham. Mr. King will provide the information to the Manager.

Mr. King also invited anyone to attend the Board of Trustees meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Durham Station.

In response to Ms. Peterson's audit question, Mr. King replied that TTA was audited last year. He added that they have outstanding audits.

### **Public Hearing – ¼ Cent Sales Tax for Education**

Manager Ruffin presented an overview of the proposed education sales tax. The General Assembly is ending the 1% temporary sales tax on June 30, 2011. The 1/4 cent proposed tax, if approved, will generate \$9.2 million in Fiscal year 2012. The fund from the tax can only be used for public education.

The Manager outlined appropriations from a full year of collections (approximately \$9.2 million):

- \$6.175 million for Durham Public Schools
- \$2 million for DPS debt service
- \$825,000 for Durham Technical Community College
- \$2,500 need-based grants for 300 DPS graduates
- \$200,000 for Pre-K programs

The Board is requested to hold a public hearing on the proposed sales tax and place the item on the June 27<sup>th</sup> agenda for approval to add on the November ballot.

Chairman Page opened the public hearing.

The following citizens spoke regarding the sales tax:

Dr. Bill Ingram thanked the Board for including Durham Technical Community College in the proposal. He discussed rising costs at the College and a scholarship program for high school students;

Ms. Wendy Jacobs commended the Board and supported the ¼ cent sales tax;

Ms. Victoria Peterson asked for a clarification that Durham County spends \$3,000 per pupil per year. Manager Ruffin confirmed that she was correct. She expressed concern about the per pupil rate.

Chairman Page closed the public hearing.

Chairman Page commented that he met with the Durham Association of Realtors. He hoped that the elected bodies in the State would hold legislators accountable regarding lottery funds and education.

The Board discussed the lottery fund allocation and its impact on the school budget. Commissioner Howerton inquired about the future of lottery funds. Manager Ruffin stated that he didn't think the County would return to the original \$4 million allocation. He hoped to get \$1 million for schools and \$1 million for the County.

Commissioner Bowser inquired about the Pre-K appropriation. He asked why the money would not go to the Partnership to allow them continue to operate. Durham Public Schools would have four (4) pre-K classes at the Staff Development Center.

Vice Chair Reckhow responded that Dr. Becoats should address the concern because he feels very strong about the Pre-K program and wants Durham Public Schools more involved.

Commissioner Bowser remarked that he would like to see the Partnership void filled. He would like to see money separated for Pre-K.

### **Public Hearing – Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Text Amendment – SRP Utilities (TC1100005)**

Chairman Page recognized Steve Medlin, City/County Planning Director. Mr. Medlin stated that the request was submitted by Duke Energy. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the text amendment.

Chairman Page opened the public hearing. There were no speakers who signed up. Chairman Page closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Bowser moved, seconded by Vice Chair Reckhow to approve the text amendment.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **Board and Commission Appointment**

The Clerk distributed ballots to the Board for the following appointment:  
Durham-Wake Counties Research and Production Services District.

The Board made the following appointments:

Ronald Hunter

Ray Gunner  
Robert Teer, Jr.  
Tom Colwell

Chairman Page called for a motion to extend the meeting to 11:15 pm.

Vice Chair Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Heron to extend the meeting until 11:15 pm.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Reserved for Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

Consent Agenda Item No. b. Authorize additional funding to the Human Services interim janitorial services contract of \$15,899.55 a month until an RFP can be awarded.

This item was pulled by a citizen. Ms. Victoria Peterson requested to know if the janitorial service was a Durham company and the dollar amount of the contract. She also suggested trying to get some of the jobs to individuals who are working with the Justice Resource Center.

Ms. Motiryo Keambiroiro, General Services Director, responded to the concerns. She indicated that the contract referenced was an interim contract and not an annual contract. There is presently a bid out for an annual contract. She confirmed that the contractor was an African American contractor located in Durham.

Chairman Page commented that General Services has been very diligent about hiring individuals working with the Justice Resource Center. He added that some jobs required a greater deal of security.

Vice Chairman Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to approve the additional funding for the janitorial services contract.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Item No. c. Receive and accept the Community Advisory Committee Annual Report.

Vice Chairman Reckhow pulled the agenda item to follow up on items in the report. The Vice Chair directed the County Manager to work with the Ombudsman at Triangle J to identify space in County buildings for them to meet.

Another issue related to limited number of units staffed for patients with Alzheimers. Vice Chairman Reckhow directed that Manager to work with the Ombudsman to see what can be done to be proactive going forward to educate providers in the community about the need for these units so that adequate space will be created in the future.

Related to the Adult Care Home Committee, Vice Chairman was concerned about concerns regarding the inadequate number of community members and poor attendance. She directed the Clerk to follow up to see what is going on; get a report of number needed; how many members

are currently serving, and the attendance rate. She emphasized the importance of the committees. She suggested that the Board actively recruit volunteers to serve.

Chairman Page echoed the concerns of Vice Chairman Reckhow. He indicated that if volunteers who serve miss a number of times, they should be invited to step down.

Vice Chairman Reckhow asked for the Manager and Clerk to report back. Chairman Page asked that the Attorney and Clerk report on this item at a Worksession.

Vice Chairman Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to accept the Community Advisory Committee Annual Report.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Page adjourned the meeting at 11:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



V. Michelle Parker-Evans  
Clerk to the Board