

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

Monday, February 24, 2011

7:00 P.M. "Conversations with Commissioners"

MINUTES

Place: North Regional Library, 221 Milton Road, Durham N.C. 27712

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

Staff: County Manager Mike Ruffin; Deputy County Manager Wendell Davis; Assistant
County Managers Deborah Craig-Ray and Drew Cummings; Michael Davis,
Assistant to the County Manager; Pam Meyer, Director of Budget and
Management Services; Keith Lane, Senior Budget Analyst; Lowell Siler, County
Attorney; and Angela Pinnix, Administrative Assistant, Clerk to the Board's
Office

Presider: Chairman Page

Chairman Page welcomed citizens to "Conversations with Commissioners," a community meeting to allow citizens the opportunity to provide input on the FY 2011-2012 County Budget.

County Manager Ruffin introduced the County Commissioners and County staff. He proceeded to present the following:

FY 2011-12 Estimated Budget Shortfall - \$5,775,000

- Revenues Assumptions
- Expenditure Assumptions
- Capital Finance Plan

Governor's Budget Proposal Highlights

- \$345 million of reduction that could affect counties
- Estimated Durham County impact = \$3.2 million

The Commissioners and staff responded to the following concerns and questions:

- Education lottery funds
- Revenue options that exist
- Alternative plan to prevent an increase in sales tax
- Shortfalls in the DPS schools system
- Expenditures within Durham County departments
- Increased salaries for County employees
- How do Durham County employees' salaries compare to surrounding counties?

- Whatisbeingconsideredasitrelatestojobs?
- Vacancyrate/turnoverratewithinDurhamCounty
- WhatcancitizensdotorequestadditionalfundsforDurhamCounty?
- Theimpactofpayrolltax
- DPStoconsideradditionaloptionstoaccountforthe costper-pupil
- ImpactreductiononhumanservicesinDurhamCounty

Directive

DeborahCraig-Raytoconsideradditionalalternativestoeducatethepublicregardingissues placedontheballot.

Adjournment

ChairmanPagethankedthecitizensforattendingth meeting.Heconcludedbyannouncingthe remainingmeetingdatesandlocationsfor“ConversationswithCommissioners”.Headjourned themeetingat8:10p.m.

RespectfullySubmitted,

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