



Durham County

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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

Monday, April 13, 2026

5:30 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

Regular Session

Closed Session (To be held at: 5:30 pm)

26-0186

Closed Session

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to adjourn into Closed Session for the following:

- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3).
- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, to discuss the National Opioid Litigation which privilege is hereby acknowledged; pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3)

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Goal: High Performing Organization

Resource Persons: Larissa S. Williamson, County Attorney

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board adjourn into Closed Session and provide direction to staff.

“Public Charge”

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

"Land Acknowledgment"

As we convene for the Durham County Commissioners meeting, it's crucial to recognize the painful truth of history. We stand on the stolen ancestral lands of the Catawba, Eno, Occaneechi, Shakori, and Tuscarora peoples, whose deep connection to this land predates our arrival. We acknowledge with humility the unjust displacement and violence that occurred, leading to the dispossession of indigenous peoples from their homelands. Their resilience in the face of such adversity is a testament to their strength and spirit.

May we humbly honor the ancestors and elders of these nations, both past and present, by committing ourselves to fostering understanding, healing, and justice for all who inhabit this land. Let us walk forward together with open hearts, acknowledging the past and embracing a future guided by compassion, respect, and unity.

7:00 pm Regular Session

- 1. Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance (5 min)**
- 2. Agenda Adjustments (5 min)**
- 3. Announcements (5 min)**

26-0193 Announcements (5min)**Agenda Text:**

1. Redwood Convenience Site Closed for Renovation - The Redwood Convenience Site at 100 Electra Road closed on April 1 for a year-long renovation project. During the closure, residents in unincorporated Durham County are encouraged to visit one of the County's two other convenience sites: Parkwood Convenience Site (5928 Highway 55) and Northern Convenience Site (11894 N. Roxboro Road). More information: <https://dconc.gov/DurhamCo-News/Redwood-Convenience-Site-to-Close-April-1-for-Renovation-Project.htm>
2. **Burn Ban Continues in Durham** - A countywide burn ban went into effect in Durham County on March 23, 2026. Due to ongoing dry conditions and

increased fire danger, the ban issued by the Durham County Office of Emergency Services, Fire Marshal Division, remains in effect until further notice. The N.C. Forest Service has also issued a ban on all open burning and has canceled all burning permits statewide effective March 28. Durham County has the authority to issue the ban within 100 feet of a structure while the NC Forest Service can issue a ban from 100 feet outward. The two bans combined prohibit open and recreational burning anywhere in the county.

3. **Durham's Neighborhood Approach to Home Energy Savings** - Durham County's Energy Burden & Emissions Reduction Program (EBERP) helps income-qualified households lower energy costs through free home energy upgrades and repairs. Serving specifically selected neighborhoods in Durham. See if your home is within the neighborhood boundary and learn more at www.NCEnergyNeighbors.com <<http://www.NCEnergyNeighbors.com>>.
4. **2026 Durham County Food Security Grants Program** - Are you a nonprofit working to improve food access and strengthen food security in Durham County? This is your chance to grow your impact! Durham County is now accepting applications for the 2026 Food Security Grant, offering funding opportunities for community food security projects. Nonprofit organizations can apply for \$20,000-\$50,000 to support projects that improve food access and strengthen community food security. Deadline to apply is Friday, April 17 at 11:59 p.m. Learn more and access the application here: <<https://go.ncsu.edu/durhamfoodsecurity2026>>.
5. **County Veteran Services to Operate with Limited Services April 22-24** - Residents seeking assistance from Durham County Veterans Services from Wednesday, April 22, through Friday, April 24, 2026, should note that limited services will be available as staff attend an annual accreditation training. The department will resume normal operations on Monday, April 27. During this period, appointments with a veteran services officer will not be available. However, customers can still reach Veteran Services by calling 919-560-8387, emailing veteranservices@dconc.gov <<mailto:veteranservices@dconc.gov>>, or visiting their office at 201 N. Roxboro Street, Durham, NC 27701.
6. **Summer Opportunities for Young People** - The City of Durham, Durham County, and Durham Public Schools are offering an extensive list of summer programs and internships ranging from Durham Fire and Police Department Camps, Kids Voting Durham Internships and DPS Summer Learning Opportunities. Please email ooy@durhamnc.gov <<mailto:ooy@durhamnc.gov>> or visit www.durhamnc.gov/5226/Summer-Opportunities-for-Young-People

<http://www.durhamnc.gov/5226/Summer-Opportunities-for-Young-People>
≥ for additional information.

4. Minutes (5 min)

[26-0192](#) Minutes (5min)

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve the following meeting minutes:

- March 2, 2026, Work Session
- March 9, 2026, Regular Session
- March 23, 2026, Regular Session

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Plan Goal - High Performing Organization.

Resource Persons: Monica W. Wallace, Clerk to the Board

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the March 2, 2026 Work Session, March 9, 2026 and March 23, 2026, Regular Session meeting minutes.

Attachments: [Work Session - March 2, 2026](#)
[Regular Session - March 9, 2026](#)
[Regular Session - March 23, 2026](#)

5. Ceremonial Items (55 min)

Items Being Recognized

[26-0191](#) Recognizing the Durham Library Foundation in Acknowledgement of Their One-Time Gift of \$117,318 in Support of Durham County Library Programs (5min)

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to recognize and celebrate the Durham Library Foundation's one-time gift of \$117,318.17 in support of Durham County Library programs to be expended by June 30, 2027. These funds are in addition to the Durham Library Foundation's existing annual contribution of grant funds for library programs which this year totaled \$248,317. Founded as a 501(c)(3) after 2000, the Durham Library Foundation's mission is to develop and encourage the long-term financial health and growth of Durham County Library through giving, endowment, and capital contributions. This one-time financial gift and annual giving exemplify the Durham Library Foundation's commitment to that mission.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This recognition supports strategic plan objective RL 3, Help County department celebrate achievements and success stories, particularly RL 3b, which encourages County employees to market Durham County as an equitable, thriving, and inclusive community for all residents and businesses. It

also aligns with strategic plan objective HI3, Expand and provide services that support residents across their entire lifespan. This recognition also meets many of Durham County's Empowered Community objectives.

Resource Persons: Kara Nunnally - Executive Director, Durham Library Foundation | Dana Conners - Library Director, Durham County Library

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board recognize the Durham Library Foundation's one-time gift of \$117,318.17.

26-0188

Resolution - Honoring Southern School of Energy and Sustainability's Boys Basketball Championship (10min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve a resolution honoring the Southern School of Energy and Sustainability's Boys Basketball Championship. The team defeated Mooresville High School on March 14, 2026, and finished the season with an outstanding 28-3 record.

Commissioners have invited Coach Greg Motley, his coaching staff and team members, to attend the meeting and receive accolades on behalf of a proud community.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with all of Durham County's Strategic Goals.

Resource Persons: Dr. Mike Lee, Chair, Durham County Board of Commissioners

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the resolution and present to the Southern coach, staff and team along with sincere congratulations from the Durham community.

Attachments:

[Resolution - Honoring Southern High School Boys Basketball Season.13April26](#)

26-0189

Resolution - Honoring Southern School of Energy and Sustainability Girls Basketball Team (10min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve a resolution honoring the outstanding season of the Southern School of Energy and Sustainability Girls Basketball Team as the NCHSAA 7A 2026 State Championship Runners-Up. This dynamic team finished the season with a 27-4 record.

Commissioners have invited Coach Teddy McKoy, coaching staff and team members to attend the meeting and receive kudos from a proud community.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with all Durham County Strategic Goals.

Resource Persons: Dr. Mike Lee, Chair, Durham County Board of Commissioners

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the resolution and present to Coach McKoy, staff and team and

share sincere congratulations from the entire Durham community.

Attachments: [Resolution - Honoring Southern High School Girls Basketball Season.13April26](#)

26-0182

Resolution - Honoring the Beta Pi Sigma Durham Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated on the Occasion of its 75th Charter Day (10min)

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to recognize and honor the Beta Pi Sigma Durham Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated on the Occasion of its 75th Charter Day.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: (brief statement and relevant goal)

Resource Persons: Michelle Burton, County Commissioner; Kenisha McKenzie, Basileus (President) Beta Pi Sigma Durham Alumnae Chapter

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board recognize and honor the Beta Pi Sigma Durham Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated on the Occasion of its 75th Charter Day

Attachments: [Resolution - 75th Charter Day - Beta Pi Sigma Durham Alumnae Chapter of Sig](#)

Items Being Acknowledged

26-0173

Proclamation- The Week of the Young Child (5 min)

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to proclaim the week of April 11-17, 2026, as The Week of the Young Child.

The Week of the Young Child® is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This celebration is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child in Durham experiences the type of early environment-at home, at childcare, at school, and in the community-that will promote their early learning.

Durham's Partnership for Children, Early Years, and Durham Technical Community College and other local organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are leading the celebration of the Week of the Young Child.

Durham County has continued to invest in improving systems for young children and their parents and caregivers through investments in implementation of the Early Childhood Action Plan (ECAP), in County programs, such as Cooperative Extension's Welcome Baby Program, and in public preschool for all Durham families through Durham PreK.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: A robust ecosystem of early childhood programs

aligns with the DCo Forward strategic focus areas of Empowered Community and Healthy and Inclusive Community.

Resource Persons: Ileana Vink, County Early Childhood Coordinator, Dr. Linda Chappel, Senior Vice President, Early Years.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board proclaim the week of April 11-17, 2026, as The Week of the Young Child.

Attachments: [Proclamation - The Week of the Young Child.13April26](#)

26-0183

Proclamation - Electric Utility Lineworker Appreciation Day (5min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to proclaim April 18, 2026, as Electric Utility Lineworker Appreciation Day.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Plan Goal - Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment

Resource Persons: Sara Stephens, District Manager, Government and Community Relations with Duke Energy

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board proclaim April 18, 2026, as Electric Utility Lineworker Appreciation Day.

Attachments: [Proclamation - Lineworker Appreciation Day - April 2026](#)

6. Consent Agenda (20 min)

26-0115

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC071 Recognizing \$72,878 in Grant Funding from the State Library of North Carolina's Libraries Strengthening Connections Grant in Support of Programming Laptop Purchases

Agenda Text:

Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC071 recognizing \$72,878 in grant funding from the State Library of North Carolina's Libraries Strengthening Connections Grant in support of programming laptop purchases.

The Board is requested to recognize \$72,878 in grant funding from the State Library of North Carolina Libraries Strengthening Connections (LSC) Grant in support of programming laptops to be distributed to each of Durham County Library's seven locations. With the support of the funds, the library will purchase 70 laptops for use by patrons in classes on computer education, technology literacy programs, makerspace activities, research and citation practices, and using a variety of software programs.

The purpose of this project is to provide the resources necessary to bridge Durham's digital divide and increase the level of technological literacy among patrons who use the library. The 70 devices purchased with this grant will empower library staff to respond directly to patrons' expressed needs for more technology programming.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This grant-funded program aligns with the Empowered Community goal of Durham County’s strategic plan, specifically EC 1 which has as its objective to offer and encourage access to tools, services, support groups, and educational opportunities for diverse communities. The laptops purchased with this grant are the tools the diverse communities we serve will use to increase their opportunities for life skills, technical training, and education per EC 1b.

Resource Persons: Oni Gaines, Technology Support Analyst, Project Manager; Patrick O’Grady, Library Grant Writer; Dana Conners, Library Director.

County Manager’s Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC071 recognizing \$72,878 in grant funding from the State Library of North Carolina’s Libraries Strengthening Connections grant program.

Attachments: [LSC Grant Agreement](#)
[LSC App Final](#)
[BCC-71 Legal Form](#)

26-0134 **Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC077 Recognizing \$117,318.17 in Additional Library Revenue from the Durham Library Foundation**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC077 recognizing \$117,318.17 in additional Library revenue from the Durham Library Foundation.

The Durham Library Foundation’s mission is to raise funds to provide a margin of excellence for the Durham County Library. Durham Library Foundation was founded as a 501(c)3 after 2000 to develop and encourage the long-term financial health and growth of the Durham County Library through giving, endowment, and capital contributions. This one-time financial gift is in addition to the Durham Library Foundation’s regular annual giving.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: This aligns with Strategic Goal 3: Empowered Community and Goal 6: Financial Stewardship.

Resource Persons: Dana Conners, Library Director; Kathy Makens, Assistant Library Director; Kara Nunnally, Durham Library Foundation Executive Director.

County Manager’s Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC077 recognizing \$117,318.17 in additional Library revenue from the Durham Library Foundation.

Attachments: [2026 Funds & Grants Distribution DLF to DCoL.3.18.2026](#)
[Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC077 additional Library revenue AAF](#) ;
[BCC-77 Legal Form](#)

26-0138 **Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC072 Public Health to Recognize \$1,500 from the Delta Dental Foundation Grant to the Department of Public Health Dental Division's Community Smiles Initiative**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC072 Public Health to Recognize \$1,500 from the Delta Dental Foundation Grant to the Department of Public Health Dental Division's Community Smiles Initiative

The Durham County Department of Public Health provides services that prevent disease, promote health, and protect the environment, including family dental services. Routine dental services are typically provided onsite at the Department of Public Health. The Dental Division also provides services in the community including dental screenings, oral health presentations, and participation in various Durham events. The Community Smiles Initiative aims to provide dental care items at community events.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Healthy and Inclusive Community

Resource Persons: Rodney Jenkins, DrPH, MHA, Public Health Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC072 Public Health to Recognize \$1,500 from the Delta Dental Foundation Grant to the Department of Public Health Dental Division's Community Smiles Initiative

Attachments: [AAF - Delta Dental Foundation](#)
[DDF SFK – Great News!](#)
[AAF-72 Legal Form](#)
[AAF Supplemental Document - Delta Dental Foundation](#)

26-0139 **Approval of Sanford Electrical Contractors, Inc. Contract Amendment for Electrical Services for the Utilities Division in the Amount of \$161,038.53 Bringing the Contract Amount from \$139,504.97 to \$300,543.50 with a Not to Exceed Amount of \$330,000**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract amendment with Sanford Electrical Contractors, LLC (RFP 23-031R1) (FR 26-206) to provide service, repair and installation of electrical panels, alarm panels, electrical junction boxes, lighting, conduit and wiring for the Utilities Division in an amount of \$161,038.53, bringing the total contract amount from \$139,504.97 to \$300,543.50 with a not to exceed amount of \$330,000. Funding will be from the Sewer Enterprise Fund operating budget.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This action is in accordance with Durham County Strategic Goal: Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment.

Resource Persons: Jay Gibson PE, Director of E&ES; Vince Chirchella PE, Sr. Project Manager; Stephanie Brixey, Deputy Director of E&ES

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends the Board authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract amendment with Sanford Electrical Contractors, LLC (RFP 23-031R1) (FR 26-206) to provide service, repair and installation of electrical panels, alarm panels, electrical junction boxes, lighting, conduit and wiring for the Utilities Division in an amount of \$161,038.53, bringing the total contract amount from \$139,504.97 to \$300,543.50 with a not to exceed amount of \$330,000.

Attachments: [AAF Supplemental Document](#)
[SANFORD FR26-206 BOCC AMEND DOCS](#)
[Quotes AAF](#)

26-0142 **Approve Execution of Design Narrative Contract with CPL Architects and Engineers for the Junction Road Fleet Operations Project in the amount of \$180,500.00 plus (10%) contingency in the amount \$18,050.00, for a total not-to-exceed \$198,550.00**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to execute a contract with CPL Architects and Engineers, P.C., to provide Design Narrative Services for the New Durham County Junction Road Fleet Operations Center, in the amount of \$180,500 (See Attachment 1) plus ten percent (10%) contingency in the amount of \$18,050, for a total contract not to exceed \$198,550, pending legal approval.

The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Architectural and Engineering Services was advertised on August 10, 2025. Nine (9) responses were received on September 4, 2025, and were evaluated by a selection committee represented by County Engineering, Office of Emergency Services, General Services, and the Finance Department. CPL Architects and Engineers were rated as the most qualified firm for the project. For this phase CPL Architects and Engineers will complete a design narrative study that will test, refine, and confirm the scope of work, and conceptual cost, that will advance into the subsequent design phases. The project is based on the Programming Evaluation Study dated July 6, 2023, authored by O'Brien Atkins Architecture, and CPL will use the preliminary programming work of the County as a starting point for the phase. We understand that the project will include a Fleet Maintenance Facility, Warehouse for OES Logistics and vehicle storage, fuel station, wash bay, and storage sheds.

In addition to advancing the programmatic and sustainability goals for this project, it is important to note that the new Junction Road Fleet Operations Center is intended to replace two separate facilities that the County currently leases for OES Fleet Services and OES/Sheriff's Department operations and storage. The new center will also allow

for expansion of vehicle maintenance services for all County owned vehicles including the Sheriff's department. Consolidating these functions into a single, purpose-built County-owned facility will eliminate ongoing lease obligations, reduce operational inefficiencies caused by the separation of services, and support long-term fiscal stewardship.

Funding for this contract is available in the current capital project budget.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment: Plan for long term use of County land, facilities, and equipment.

Resource Persons: Dan Nosbusch, Project Manager, Engineering & Environmental Services; Peri Manns, Deputy Director, Engineering & Environmental Services

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve execution of a contract with CPL Architects and Engineering P.C., for the Design Narrative proposal for the New Junction Road Fleet Operations Center, in the amount of \$180,500 plus ten percent (10%) contingency in the amount of \$18,050, for a total contract not to exceed \$198,550 pending Legal approval.

Attachments:

[AAF - Supplemental Document](#)

[2026-03-13 Durham County Junction Rd Fleet Center-CPL Services Proposal](#)

[2023003 Durham County Fleet Maintenance Facility Final Report 07-06-2023 F](#)

26-0145

Approval of Contract with Stryker for the Purchase of fifty-five (55) Stryker LIFEPAK 35 cardiac monitor units in the amount of \$2,739,043.70, twenty-six (26) LIFEPAK CR2 AEDs in the amount of \$40,525.68 for a total purchase price of \$2,779,569.38

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve a contract with Stryker for the purchase of fifty-five (55) Stryker LIFEPAK 35 cardiac monitor units in the amount of \$2,739,043.70 and twenty-six (26) LIFEPAK CR2 AEDs in the amount of \$40,525.68 for a total purchase price of \$2,779,569.38. The Office of Emergency Services (OES) will utilize existing capital budget funds for EMS equipment replacement in the amount of \$2,779,569.38 utilizing sole source exemption.

In 2021, the Durham County OES-EMS Division procured new cardiac monitors as part of its standard five-year replacement cycle. The 2021 cardiac monitors have now reached the end of their planned service life and are scheduled for replacement to ensure continued compliance with current cardiac monitoring standards and the highest level of patient safety.

As we entered the 2026 replacement phase, the EMS Division conducted a formal market evaluation of the two primary cardiac monitor platforms currently available. This review focused on functionality, interoperability, vendor support, technological advancements since the previous purchase, and alignment with system wide clinical workflows. Based on this assessment, the LIFEPAK 35 cardiac monitor from

Stryker is the recommended selection. The LIFEPAK 35 continues to offer the most comprehensive feature set, the strongest continuity of care within the Durham County EMS System, and full compatibility with receiving hospitals, including Duke Health System facilities, which also utilize Stryker LIFEPAK technology.

Stryker equipment aligns with other clinical tools used throughout the Durham County EMS System and within Duke Health System emergency departments, further enhancing interoperability. For example, the defibrillation pads used with the LIFEPAK 35 are interchangeable at Duke facilities, and the ETCO₂ monitoring components remain compatible across systems.

Additionally, the selected AEDs for this purchase include Wi Fi connectivity that allow event data to upload automatically into the LIFENET system. This modernizes and streamlines data collection by eliminating the previous manual process, which required staff to locate the device, download data in person, and then upload it into the patient care report.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Safe and Resilient Community.

Resource Persons: Mark Lockhart, OES Director, Seth Komansky, OES-EMS Chief Paramedic, and Marc Ferguson, OES Business Operations Officer.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the BOCC approve the contract with Stryker in the amount of \$2,739,043.70 and authorize the County Manager to sign and execute all contract documents for the purchase of fifty five (55) Stryker LIFEPAK 35 cardiac monitor units in the amount of \$2,739,043.70 and twenty six (26) LIFEPAK CR2 AEDs in the amount of \$40,525.68 for a total purchase price of \$2,779,569.38.

Attachments:

[LIFEPAK 35 \(x55\) With Data \(5 yrs\)Trade Ins \(x47\) ProCare Service \(1 yrs\) upd](#)

[LIFEPAK CR2 Non Cellular \(2.17.26\)\(x26\)](#)

[Treatment Sole-Source Letter US \(1\)](#)

[AAF Supplemental Document - Contract Approval Template -Stryker Monitor an](#)

26-0154

Approval of the 500 E. Main St. Stormwater Control Measure and Public Pedestrian Access Easements and Plats and to Authorize the County Manager to execute the Second Amendment to the Master Declaration Agreement

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Stormwater Control Measure and the Public Access Easement Dedications and Plats for the 500 E. Main St. redevelopment and authorize the County Manager to execute the Second Amendment to the Master Declaration Agreement (See attachments listed below).

Stormwater Control Measure Access Easement:

The City is requesting a stormwater control measure access easement which will grant

the City of Durham and their assignees right of access to the permanent stormwater water control measures in the 500 deck for inspections and enforcement of operation and maintenance. The operation and maintenance and reconstruction responsibility of the SCM's located within the access and maintenance easement rests with the County (as the owner) per section 70-743 of the City Code. Approval and dedication of this access easement is a condition of the final Certificate of Compliance which has not been issued pending its approval.

Pedestrian 10' Public Access Easement in the Linear Park:

The attached plat also identifies a permanent 10' public access easement in the linear park that was requested by the County to remain public during development negotiations. The land for the linear park was conveyed to ZOM earlier in the project, however this certifies express dedication for public use as requested. The sidewalk contained within the permanent 10' public access easement (sidewalks) are expressly dedicated to use by the general public upon construction of the sidewalks in conformance with all applicable requirements, City Council may accept the sidewalks. The rights of ingress/egress to the sidewalks will be granted to the City so they can repair and maintain the sidewalks after acceptance. ZOM will sign as the owner of this easement. Approval and dedication of this access easement is a condition of the final Certificate of Compliance which has not been issued pending its approval.

Second Amendment to the Master Declaration Agreement:

During the construction of the Market Rate building, the developer installed a podium and waterproofing for the pool above a portion of the deck. Due to the nature and liabilities with a pool, the County requested that a second amendment to the Master Declaration Agreement be executed to set forth obligations for waterproofing construction and ongoing maintenance, repair, and replacement of the waterproofing construction and the pool, and liability related to the pool, waterproofing construction, and maintenance of both. This amendment to the Master Declaration of covenants, restrictions and reciprocal easements will convey this area to ZOM relinquishing the County from future maintenance responsibilities and liabilities of the pool and its waterproofing.

Attachments:

Exempt Plat Easement Dedication - Sheets 1 and 2 dated 11-102-25

Legal Description: Stormwater Control Measure Access Easement by Stewart Engineering dated March 18, 2026

Legal Description: Permanent 10' Public Access Easement by Stewart Engineering dated March 18, 2026

Second Amendment to Master Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Reciprocal Easements for 500 East Main - pages 1-11

All documents will be finalized and approved as to form by the County's Legal Department prior to execution.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The Project is in accordance with Strategic Plan Goal 4 - Environmental Stewardship and Community Prosperity particularly Strategy 4.2.C - Regional Planning: Participate in smart growth practices and support regional planning partnerships to promote a high quality of life for all.

Resource Persons: Peri Manns, ASLA, LEED GA, Deputy Director; Curtis Massey, Deputy County Attorney; Jay Gibson, P.E. Director of E, E&S; Sherrod Banks, Principal, Banks Law Firm; Deirdre Denechaud, Partner, Parker Poe Attorneys and Counselors at Law

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the Stormwater Control Measure and Public Access Easement Dedications and Plats for the 500 E. Main St. Redevelopment and authorize the County Manager to execute the Second Amendment to the Master Declaration Agreement pending the County Legal Department approval prior to execution.

Attachments: [G21079_500 E Main Easement Plat_Rev02_260224](#)

[Second Amendment to Master Declaration of Covenants Restrictions and Recip](#)

[Ped Access Easement_500 E Main](#)

[SCM Easement_500 E Main](#)

26-0160

Approval of a Contract Amendment with Boundtree Medical in the Amount of \$75,000.00 additional in funding to Purchase Emergency Medical Services Medical Supplies for a Total Contract of \$450,000.00.

Agenda Text:

The BOCC is requested to authorize the County Manager to execute a contract amendment with Boundtree Medical to add \$75,000 in additional funding for a total of \$450,000.00 to address rising inflationary costs and the increased Emergency Medical Services call volume that has significantly elevated the demand for medical supplies, and to further authorize the County Manager to approve future annual renewal amendments for this contract, including increases of up to five percent (5%) per renewal year, to accommodate market pricing changes and ongoing operational needs.

In 2024, the County conducted a formal bid process to secure more stable and competitive pricing for medical supplies, and Boundtree Medical was determined to provide the best value to the County for bid sections 1 - Airway Management, 5 - IV Supplies, 6 - Miscellaneous Supplies, and 7 - Trauma Supplies, with additional backup awards for section 2 - Monitor Supplies and section 3 - CPAP and BVM.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: County's Strategic Goal 3: Safe Community and Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient, and Visionary Government.

Resource Persons: Mark Lockhart, OES Director, Marc Ferguson, OES Business Operations Officer

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board authorize the County Manager to execute a contract amendment with Boundtree Medical to add \$75,000 in additional funding for a total of \$450,000.00 and to further authorize the County Manager to approve future annual renewal amendments for this contract, including increases of up to five percent (5%) per renewal year, to accommodate market pricing changes and ongoing operational needs for medical supplies.

Attachments: [AAF Supplemental Document -Boundtree](#)
[Boundtree Bid Documents](#)
[FR26-269 Complete with Docusign FR 26-269 Boundtree M](#)

26-0165 **Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC076 Cooperative Extension to recognize \$7,245.83 for Family and Consumer Science Program Expenses from the Fall Fest Plant Sale and EMFV Program.**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC076 Cooperative Extension to recognize \$7,245.83 for Family and Consumer Science Program Expenses from the Fall Fest Plant Sale and EMFV Program.

Cooperative Extension staff raised funds through two avenues: from a 5-week training series for the Extension Master Food Volunteer Program (EMFV) and a Fall Fest community food access plant sale. The EMFV funds were fees collected from 10 participants who, after training, will aid staff using evidence-based curriculum during nutrition education classes, culinary training, outreach programs and community events to improve the home food environment. The Fall Fest plant sale is open to the community conducted annually to raise funds for the FCS program events. It includes cooking demos, a seed and compost giveaway and low-cost sale of vegetable and fruit plants to increase community local food security and food knowledge. All funds raised will be utilized to support training activities for volunteers as well as educational materials and supplies for the Family and Consumer Science program.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The item aligns with multiple focus areas of the strategic plan, including Healthy and Inclusive Community, Empowered Community, and Financial Stewardship.

Resource Persons: Cheralyn Berry, Extension Agent; Donna Rewalt, County Extension Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC076 Cooperative Extension to recognize \$7,245.83 for Family and Consumer Science Program Expenses from the Fall Fest Plant Sale and EMFV Program.

Attachments: [2026 EMFV Deposit \(1\)](#)
[2025 Fall Sale Deposit.xlsx - Sheet1](#)
[AAF-76 Legal Form](#)

26-0169**Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. BCC075 to recognize additional funding from the Durham Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Board in the amount of \$5,000 for the Durham Recovery Court****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. BCC075 to recognize additional funding from the Durham Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Board in the amount of \$5,000 for the Durham Recovery Court. The Durham Recovery Court is an evidence-based approach to assisting individuals with substance use disorders. Recovery Court is a multi-disciplinary approach to providing treatment, frequent and random drug testing and counseling to reduce recidivism.

Recovery Courts focus on individuals with high risk/high need substance use disorders and/or co-occurring mental health issues.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with the Safe and Resilient Community Strategic Goal

Resource Persons: Roshanna S. Humphrey, Director, Justice Services Department and Lentora Rogers Duncan, Recovery Court Coordinator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. BCC075 to recognize additional funding from the Durham Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Board in the amount of \$5,000 for the Durham Recovery Court.

Attachments:

[AAF Supplemental Document - ABC Additional Funding](#)
[Legal Form - 075](#)

26-0172**Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC078 Cooperative Extension to Recognize a \$600,000 Grant Award from the North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) for the Welcome Baby Program for Family Support Program Services and Establish a .65 FTE position.****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC078 Cooperative Extension to Recognize a \$600,000 Grant Award from the North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) for the Welcome Baby Program for Family Support Program Services and establish a .65 FTE Parent Educator position.

The grant will enable Welcome Baby to offer support services and enhance parenting skills for Durham families. The grant will be administered on a yearly basis at \$150,000 per fiscal year for four years, totaling \$600,000, beginning with FY 2026-2027 and ending with FY 2029-2030. The Grant begins on July 1, 2026, and ends on June 30, 2030.

As a result of the funds from NCDSS, Welcome Baby will offer Incredible Years School Age for families with children 6-12 years, and Circle of Parents Program for

families with children up to 17 years through Cooperative Extension's Welcome Baby program through June 2030. This will allow Welcome Baby to better support families who have come to Welcome Baby for their children ages 0-5 and have children of other ages, allowing the program to offer more comprehensive parenting support to the entire family. The grant award is intended "to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect by promoting protective factors that strengthen and support families." The work will be supported by existing staff along with the creation of an additional .65 FTE Parent Educator position.

Welcome Baby Resource Program is an award-winning family support program with nearly 40 years of experience serving Durham Families with newborns through the age of five. Each year the program serves over 1500 families and over 3000 children. The grant offers an opportunity to grow services for families with children up to seventeen years old. The grant implementation includes providing Incredible Years School Age and Circle of Parents support groups in English and Spanish. IY School Age Basic strengthens parent-child interactions and attachment. Parents learn how to monitor children after school, set rules regarding screen time, partner with teachers to promote children's academic, social and emotional skills. Circle of Parents® provides a friendly, supportive environment facilitated by trained facilitators, but led by parents and other caregivers Circle of Parents® provides a space where anyone in a parenting role can openly discuss the successes and challenges of raising children and where they can find and share support.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The grant aligns with Durham County's strategic focus areas of Empowered Community, Safe & Resilient Community, and Healthy & Inclusive community.

Resource Persons: Donna Rewalt, County Extension Director; Patience Mukelabai Welcome Baby Program Coordinator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC078 Cooperative Extension to Recognize a \$600,000 Grant Award from the North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) for the Welcome Baby Program for Family Support Program Services and establish a .65 FTE Parent Educator position.

Attachments:

[Durham County Cooperative Extension Award Letter](#)

[Durham County Cooperative Extension NCDSS WB SOW DRAFT](#)

[AAF-78 Legal Form](#)

26-0177

Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC079 Appropriating General Fund Restricted Fund Balance in the Amount of \$441,419.41 to Increase Expenditure Authority for the Sheriff's Office Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Grant

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC079 appropriating \$441,419.41 of General Fund Restricted Fund Balance to increase

expenditure authority for the Sheriff's Office Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Grant. The MAT funds are restricted and specific to local detention centers and are provided by the North Carolina Department of Public Safety.

This funding will increase opioid use disorder treatment and add support for individuals being released from the Durham County Detention facility. North Carolina continues to experience the harmful effects of the opioid epidemic. Researchers examined rates of fatal drug overdose among justice-involved individuals in North Carolina and found opioid overdose mortality rates more than 40 times higher than the general population. Those rates were highest during the first two weeks following release from custody. In accordance with Session Law 2021-180, the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (DPS) solicited applications from Sheriffs' Offices to establish, expand or maintain medication-assisted treatment (MAT) programs of non-opioid, long-acting, injectable medication for the treatment of alcohol and/or opioid use disorder as part of reentry programming in county jails.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This request aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Financial Stewardship

Resource Persons: Keisha Gaither, Finance Manager, Durham County Sheriff's Office; Justin Ellerbe, Chief of Detention Services, Durham County Sheriff's Office; Clarence Birkhead, Durham County Sheriff.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC079 appropriating \$441,419.41 of General Fund Restricted Fund Balance to Increase Expenditure Authority for the Sheriff's Office Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Grant.

Attachments:

[MAT Sup](#)

[MAT Restricted Fund Balance rpt FY26](#)

[Legal Form - 079](#)

26-0179

Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No.26BCC080 Appropriating \$115,124 in General Fund Restricted Fund Balance to Increase State Asset Forfeiture Expenditure Authority for a New Total of \$135,124 for the Sheriff's Office

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No.26BCC080 appropriating \$115,124 in General Fund Restricted Fund Balance to increase State Asset Forfeiture spending authority for a new total of \$135,124 for the Sheriff's Office.

The Durham County Sheriff's Office is a participant in the State Asset Forfeiture Program. Through this program, forfeiture proceeds in appropriate cases are shared with cooperating state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies through equitable

sharing. The program enhances cooperation among law enforcement agencies by providing valuable additional resources to those agencies assisting with investigations into violations of laws.

These funds, upon receipt, are classified as restricted due to the nature of the funding. This funding can only be utilized for law enforcement purposes. All unspent funds are kept in a reserve account for future use. The funds will be used in efforts to suppress violent crime and gun violence in the community as well as community engagement efforts.

The Sheriff's Office currently has \$20,000 in spending authority for State Asset Forfeitures.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Goal 3 Community Safety.

Resource Persons: Keisha Gaither, Finance Manager, Durham County Sheriff's Office; Clarence Birkhead, Sheriff, Durham County Sheriff's Office.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No.26BCC080 appropriating \$115,124 in General Fund Restricted fund balance to increase State Asset Forfeiture spending authority to a new total of \$135,124 for the Sheriff's Office.

Attachments:

[2026 State Asset Forf Sup](#)

[FY25 Approved St Forfeiture Restricted Fund Bal](#)

[Legal Form - 080](#)

26-0180

Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC081 Appropriating \$93,489 in General Fund Restricted Fund Balance to Increase Federal Asset Forfeiture Spending Authority to a New Total of \$318,981 for the Sheriff's Office

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No.26BCC081 appropriating \$93,489 in General Fund Restricted fund balance to increase Federal Asset Forfeiture spending authority to a new total of \$318,981 for the Sheriff's Office.

The Durham County Sheriff's Office is a participant in the Federal Asset Forfeiture Program. This program is administered by two separate government agencies: the Department of Justice and the Department of Treasury. Through this program, federal forfeiture proceeds in appropriate cases are shared with cooperating state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies through equitable sharing. The program enhances cooperation among federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies by providing valuable additional resources to those agencies assisting with investigations into violations of federal laws.

These funds, upon receipt, are classified as restricted due to the nature of the funding. This funding can only be utilized for law enforcement purposes. All unspent funds are kept in a reserve account for future use. The funds will be used in efforts to suppress violent crime and gun violence in the community.

The Sheriff's Office currently has \$225,492 in spending authority for Federal Asset Forfeitures. This request will increase the spending authority to a new total of \$318,981 for FY25-26.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Goal 3 Community Safety

Resource Persons: Keisha Gaither, Finance Manager, Durham County Sheriff's Office; Clarence Birkhead, Sheriff, Durham County Sheriff's Office.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC081 appropriating \$93,489 in General Fund Restricted fund balance to increase Federal Asset Forfeiture spending authority to a new total of \$318,981 for the Sheriff's Office.

Attachments:

[2026 Fed Asset Sup](#)

[FY25 Approved Fed Forfeiture Restricted Fund Bal](#)

[Legal Form - 081](#)

26-0181

Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Orange County and Granville County Regarding the Energy Burden and Emissions Reduction Program (EBERP)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve the interlocal agreement with Orange County and Granville County regarding the Energy Burden and Emissions Reduction Program (EBERP). Approval of this interlocal agreement will be executed pending final approval by the County Legal Department.

EBERP is a grant-funded program to provide energy efficiency retrofits and limited home repair to low-to-moderate income households in Durham, Orange, and Granville Counties over a 3-year period. The goal is to retrofit at least 200 homes in the three-county area to reduce energy use and energy burden. The Interlocal Agreement does not commit additional County funds to the program but rather establishes procedure for the three counties to collaborate on the program.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This request aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment.

Resource Persons: Tobin L. Freid, Sustainability Manager; Megan Pendell, Sustainability Specialist; Peri Manns, Deputy Director Engineering and Environmental Services.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the interlocal agreement with Orange County and Granville County regarding the Energy Burden and Emissions Reduction Program (EBERP). Approval of this interlocal agreement will be executed pending final approval by the County Legal Department.

Attachments: [EBERP County Interlocal final](#)
[Legal approval for EBERP ILA](#)

26-0187

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC082 to Recognize \$3,590 from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Well-Being, Whole Child Health Section (WCHS)/School, Adolescent, and Child Health Unit (SACH) for the Maternal-Child Health Block Grant for Primary and Preventative Care

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC082 to Recognize \$3,590 from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Well-Being, Whole Child Health Section (WCHS)/School, Adolescent, and Child Health Unit (SACH) for the Maternal-Child Health Block Grant for Primary and Preventative Care

Local health departments received a one-time increase in Maternal-Child Health Block Grant (MCHBG) funds, available through the current FY 25-26. This Agreement Addendum ensures the provision of preventive and primary health care services in accordance with North Carolina Administrative Code 10A NCAC 46.0204. This additional funding must be spent by May 31, 2026.

The Board of Health has approved this amendment.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with the Durham County Strategic Goal: Healthy and Inclusive Community.

Resource Persons: Dr. Rodney Jenkins, DrPH, MHA, Public Health Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC082 to recognize \$3,590 from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Well-Being, Whole Child Health Section (WCHS)/School, Adolescent, and Child Health Unit (SACH) for the Maternal-Child Health Block Grant for Primary and Preventative Care

Attachments: [351 FY26 Durham - signed](#)
[FY 25-26 CH 351 AA One-Time Additional Funding Opportunity Memo](#)
[AAF Child Health for AA 351](#)
[AAF Supplemental Document - Noncontract_AA351](#)
[AAF-82 Legal Form](#)

26-0194**Approval of Property Tax Releases and Refunds for March 2026****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to approve the Releases & Refunds for March 2026, which includes adjustments to the current year's levy as well as prior years' levies. Due to property valuation adjustments for over assessments, listing discrepancies, duplicate listings, and clerical errors, etc. the attached reports detail monthly releases and refunds for March 2026.

This month's report includes releases and refunds for tax year 2025 totaling \$10,288,119.21. Prior tax years' (2015-2024) releases and refunds are in the amount of \$ 670.03. March 2026, releases and refunds total \$ 10,288,789.24.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Financial Stewardship. This request is to ensure the county complies with financial requirements mandated by North Carolina General Statutes which ensures we are accountable to our citizens.

Resource Persons: Keyar Doyle, Tax Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the property tax release and refund report for March 2026, as presented and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined by the report.

Attachments:

[Releases & Refunds Backup Detail-March 2026-Apr 13, 2026](#)

[Backup-Bill Release Report March 2026-Apr. 13, 2026](#)

[Backup-Pending Refund Report March 2026-Apr. 13, 2026](#)

[NCVTS February Refunds](#)

[Recommended Denial Letter - Suburban Studios Refund Request](#)

[NCGS.153A-155-Uniform provisions for room occupancy tax](#)

[N.C.G.S. 105-236](#)

[Recommended Denials 4.13](#)

26-0195**Approval of Resolution Designating Plat Review Officers for the Town of Morrisville****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to approve a resolution to appoint County Review Officers and to cancel the duties of former County Review Officers who are no longer employed by the county. N.C.G.S. 47-30.2 requires the Board of County Commissioners in each County, by resolution, to appoint a person or persons to serve as Review Officer to review each plat before it is recorded and to certify that it meets the statutory requirements for recording. One of the services Town of Morrisville staff provides to the community is a technical process of plat review in order to verify compliance with the Town's development regulations.

Resolution pertaining to Plat Review Officers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Brittany Johnson	Planning Manager
Shelly Mayo	Planner III
Joshua Michael	Planner II
Rachel Cypher	Planner II

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 5, Accountable, Efficient, Visionary Government

Resource Persons: Keyar Doyle, Tax Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the resolution to appoint Durham County Plat Review Officers for the Town of Morrisville.

Attachments: [2025-378-0B RES SIGNED Plat Review Officer for Durham County Appointment](#)
[AAF Town of Morrisville Plat Review Officer RESOLUTION 2026](#)

7. Other Business (50 min)

26-0162 Adoption of Resolution Making Findings of Fact and Authorizing LGC Application; Introduction of Bond Order; and Adoption of Resolution Calling Public Hearing for Not to Exceed \$240,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2026B (20 Minutes)

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to take the following actions in connection with the County's proposed General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2026B, in an amount not to exceed \$240,000,000:

1. Adopt a Resolution Making Certain Statements of Fact and Authorizing Application to the North Carolina Local Government Commission (LGC) for approval of the bonds, including approval of the financing team.
2. Introduce the Bond Order entitled "Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$240,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the County of Durham, North Carolina."
3. Adopt a Resolution Calling a Public Hearing on the Bond Order, directing the publication of notice of such public hearing, and directing the filing of the Sworn Statement of Debt and Statement of Disclosure, as required by the Local Government Bond Act.

The public hearing on the Bond Order will be scheduled to be held at the Board of Commissioners meeting held on April 27, 2026.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This request aligns with the strategic plan goal of Financial Stewardship.

Resource Persons: Joe Futima, Assistant Chief Financial Officer, Claudia Hager, County Manager, and Carlos Manzano, Parker Poe

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends the Board: (1) Adopt the Resolution making certain statements of fact and authorizing the filing of an application with the North Carolina Local Government Commission for approval of the Bonds; (2) Introduce the Bond Order authorizing the issuance of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$240,000,000; and (3) Adopt the Resolution calling a public hearing on the Bond Order, directing publication of notice of such public hearing, and directing the filing of the Sworn Statement of Debt and Statement of Disclosure.

Attachments: [Supplemental Form - General Fund Refunding Bonds, Series 2026A, April 13, 2](#)

[1. Resolution Making Findings of Fact](#)

[2. Introduction of Bond Order and Resolution Calling Public Hearing](#)

26-0199

Resolution- Opposing Modifications to the County Property Tax Authority (30min)

Agenda Text:

The Board of County Commissioners is requested to approve a resolution opposing the North Carolina General Assembly's proposed modifications to County Property Tax Authority. Property taxes are the financial backbone of local government in North Carolina. For Durham County, they fund the services residents rely on every day including public safety, emergency response, schools, public health programs, and social services. Unlike other revenue sources that fluctuate with economic conditions, property tax revenue is stable and predictable, enabling the County to plan responsibly, meet its obligations, and make long-term investments in infrastructure. Any effort to strip or constrain that authority would place all of these services at risk.

The attached resolution affirms the need for local governments to retain flexibility to respond to circumstances that cannot always be anticipated, including population growth, state or federal mandates, natural disasters, and public health emergencies, while maintaining the transparent processes through which tax rates are set and budgets are developed to meet both mandated requirements and community priorities. When local revenue is constrained, local governments are forced into difficult choices: cutting services, deferring infrastructure maintenance, raising fees, or relying on less stable funding sources.

The Board is requested to adopt the resolution and to transmit a copy to General Assembly leadership, including North Carolina Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger, North Carolina House Speaker Destin Hall, members of the Durham County Legislative Delegation, and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Financial Stewardship

Resource Persons: Claudia Hager, County Manager; Dwane Brinson, Deputy County Manager; Keyar Doyle, Tax Administrator; and Keith Lane, Budget and Management Services Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The Board is requested to adopt the resolution and to transmit a copy to General Assembly leadership, including North Carolina Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger, North Carolina House Speaker Destin Hall, members of the Durham County Legislative Delegation, and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

Attachments: [Durham County Resolution - Opposing Modifications to County Property Tax Au](#)
[Durham County Tax Dollar Information 2026, April 2026](#)
[Supplemental Form - Resolution, April 2026](#)

8. Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda (20 min)

9. Closed Session

[26-0196](#) Closed Session

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to adjourn into Closed Session to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations; pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4)

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Plan Goal - High Performing Organization

Resource Persons: Andy Miracle, Economic Development Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board adjourn to Closed Session and provide direction to staff.

10. Adjournment