



Durham County

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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

Monday, August 10, 2026

7:00 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

Regular Session

"Public Charge"

The Board of Commissioners asks its members and citizens to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous manner, both with the Board and fellow citizens. At any time, should any member of the Board or any citizen fail to observe this public charge, the 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)

[26-0420](#)

Announcements (5min)

Agenda Text:

1. Durham County Residents to Receive 2026 Tax Bills Soon - Durham

County residents will soon receive their 2026 tax bills in the mail. The Durham County Tax Administration mailed annual property tax bills on August 10, 2026. Current year taxes are due September 1, 2026, and can be paid without penalty through January 5, 2027. Information on tax payment options, the countywide tax rate, how to calculate your tax bill, and property tax relief programs for homeowners can be found here:

<https://dconc.gov/DurhamCo-News/Durham-County-Residents-to-Receive-Tax-Bills-Soon3.htm>. Taxpayers may also access and view their 2026 tax bill online here: <https://property.spataleest.com/nc/durham-tax/#/>
<https://property.spataleest.com/nc/durham-tax/>.

2. **Become a Precinct Official in Durham County** - The Durham County Board of Elections is seeking precinct officials for the upcoming election cycles. Precinct officials play a vital role in maintaining order at polling locations, verifying voter eligibility, assisting voters with ballots, and helping ensure the integrity of the voting process. To learn more or apply to serve as a precinct official, visit <https://bit.ly/PrecinctOfficial>.
3. **Community Presentation Introducing and Exploring the Recommended Cultural Plan** - In the coming months, the Durham City Council and Board of County Commissioners will vote on Durham's Cultural Roadmap, a long-term plan shaped by years of community input to guide arts and culture investment over the next decade. Before the vote, you're invited to learn what's included in the draft plan. Join a community presentation covering the vision, four pillars, and ten recommendations developed through extensive resident engagement. Seats are limited, and registration is recommended. More information and registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-presentation-durham-cultural-roadmap-tickets-1995718790626?aff=oddtcreator>.
4. **SOAR Disability Clinic on August 20** - Individuals who need help completing the paperwork and steps required to apply for Social Security Disability or SSI can stop by Main Library on Thursday, August 20 for the SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Disability Clinic. More information about the clinic is available here: <https://durhamcountylibrary.libcal.com/event/17282277>.
5. **City and County Announce Recommendations from "Summit on Saving Lives" to Reduce Violence in Durham** - Following months of community listening, data analysis, and a three-day summit, the Violence Reduction Working Group has officially released its recommendations. The City of Durham and Durham County have established a joint mission: reducing homicides, nonfatal shootings, and hospitalizations due to shootings

by 10% each year. Grounded in local data and direct input from over 400 residents, these recommendations outline five core strategies focused on high-risk support and accountability, street outreach safeguards, neighborhood partnerships, trauma-informed practices, and a dedicated Youth Summit. Read the full report on the working group recommendations [here](https://www.durhamnc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/70725/Durham-Summit-on-Saving-Lives-Workgroup-Recommendations-Summer-2026): <https://www.durhamnc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/70725/Durham-Summit-on-Saving-Lives-Workgroup-Recommendations-Summer-2026>. For more information on next step's following the Summit on Saving Lives visit the City's webpage here: <https://www.durhamnc.gov/5556/2026-Violence-Reduction-Summit>.

4. Minutes (5 min)

[26-0419](#)

Minutes (5min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve the July 13, 2026, Regular Session Meeting minutes.

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 July 13, 2026, Regular Session Meeting minutes.

Attachments:

[Regular Session - July 13, 2026](#)

5. Ceremonial Items (15 min)

[26-0418](#)

Proclamation - Welcoming Week (5min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to proclaim September 10 - 19, 2026 as Welcoming Week in Durham County.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Plan Goal - Empowered Community

Resource Persons: Kokou Nayo, Durham City/County Immigrant & Refugee Affairs Coordinator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board proclaim September 10 - 19, 2026 as Welcoming Week in Durham County.

Attachments:

[DURHAM COUNTY WELCOMING WEEK PROCLAMATION](#)

[26-0414](#)

Durham County Earns Six NACo Achievement Awards and One Digital Counties Survey Award for 2026 (10min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to recognize six National Association of Counties

Achievement Awards and one Digital Counties Award for 2026.

Since 1970, the NACo Achievement Awards have recognized innovation and outstanding county government programs and services. The Achievement Awards program is a non-competitive awards program recognizing innovative county government programs in 18 categories covering a wide spectrum of county responsibilities. This year's winners were honored during the NACo Annual Conference and Exposition held in Orleans Parish/New Orleans, La.

Durham County's award-winning programs celebrated by NACo for 2026 include:

- 2025 Inauguration of Durham County Women Veterans Recognition Day Celebration: Durham County Veteran Services
- Durham County UOCAVA Ballot Distribution Tool: Durham County Elections and Durham County Information Services and Technology
- Vaccine Anti-Misinformation Campaign - Durham County Department of Public Health
- Combatting Food Insecurity in Durham, North Carolina, with Durham's Food Security Network - Durham County Department of Public Health and Durham County Cooperative Extension
- Stanford L. Warren Branch Library's Native Pollinator Demonstration Garden - Durham County Library and Durham County Cooperative Extension
- Durham County Exemplary Contingency Planning and Emergency Response Efforts - Durham County Board of Elections and Durham County Office of Emergency Services

Durham County Information Services & Technology (IS&T) has been named a 2026 Digital Counties Survey award winner by Center for Digital Government and NACo, placing 4th among counties with populations between 250,000 and 499,000. This recognition reflects Durham County's ongoing commitment to using technology to improve government operations, strengthen public services, and deliver better outcomes for residents.

DCo IS&T continues to lead the way in advancing digital government and enhancing constituent engagement. The department's outstanding efforts once again placed Durham County among the top 10 digital counties nationwide. Since the presentation of the 2026 Digital Counties Survey, the department has also been recognized as a 2026 AI 50 winner by the Center for Public Sector AI for driving innovation in artificial intelligence across the public sector ecosystem.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with the Strategic focus area of High Performing Organization.

Resource Persons: Chief Communications Officer Deborah Craig-Ray, Veteran Services Director Linzie Atkins, Elections Director Derek Bowens, Library Director Dana Conners, Public Health Director Rod Jenkins, Chief Information Officer Greg Marrow, Cooperative Extension Director Donna Rewalt, and Office of Emergency Services Director Mark Lockhart.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board extend congratulations to all the winners of these prestigious awards from NACo and the Center for Digital Government.

6. Consent Agenda (15 min)

26-0249 Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA003 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC03 Reducing the Durham County Sheriff's Office Completed Detention Center Food Doors Capital Project (4310DC094) by \$561,725.00 and the Completed Sheriff IT Server Room Capital Project (4310DC095) by \$371,739.49, Transferring a Total of \$933,464.49 to the Durham County Sheriff's Office Operating Budget, as well as Appropriating \$142,587.23 in PAYGO Funding to the Durham County Sheriff's Office Operating Budget for a Total of \$1,076,051.72 to Support Year One of a Five-Year Contract with Tritech Software Systems, a CentralSquare Technologies Company (CentralSquare Technology) and Upgraded Computer-Aid Dispatch and Report Management Systems

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA003 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC003 reducing the Durham County Sheriff's Office Completed Detention Center Food Doors Capital Project (4310DC094) by \$561,725.00 and the Completed Sheriff IT Server Room Capital Project (4310DC095) by \$371,739.49, transferring a total of \$933,464.49 to the Sheriff's Office Operating Budget, as well as appropriating \$142,587.23 in PAYGO funding to the Sheriff's Office Operating Budget for a total of \$1,076,051.72 to support the first year of a five-year contract with Tritech Software Systems, a CentralSquare Technologies Company (CentralSquare Technology) and upgraded computer-aid dispatch and report management systems; and authorize the County Manager to execute subsequent renewals, not to exceed \$2,835,557.06.

This request will upgrade our current on-premises CAD system to a more secure, cost effective, and flexible cloud-based solution. Moving CAD to the cloud will provide our communicators and deputies with a more reliable system. In the event of extreme weather or a catastrophic incident that prevents the need for staff to respond to physical locations, communicators will have the ability to work remotely using a secure vendor-provided connection. This upgrade also enhances cybersecurity protections for the system, which is critical as attacks on CAD servers continue to increase. Transitioning to the cloud will reduce the Sheriff's Office overhead costs associated with hardware, power, and cooling. System maintenance and security

responsibilities will shift to the cloud provider, further lowering operational expenses. Additionally, the cloud-based system will reduce capital investment requirements and provide the flexibility needed as the Sheriff's Office footprint continues to grow.

Durham County Capital Projects	Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Updated Budget
Detention Center Food Pass Doors (4310DC094)		\$1,033,125.00	\$ (561,725.00)
\$471,400.00			
Sheriff IT Server Room (4310DC095)	\$1,091,518.00	\$ (371,739.49)	\$719,778.51
TOTAL	\$2,124,643.00	\$ (933,464.49)	\$1,191,178.51

Durham County Capital Projects	Reallocated Funding	PAYGO Funding Appropriated
Year-One Budget		
Detention Center Food Pass Doors (4310DC094)	\$ 933,464.49	\$142,587.23
\$1,076,051.72		

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

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

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA003 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC003 reducing the Durham County Sheriff's Office Completed Detention Center Food Doors Capital Project (4310DC094) by \$561,725.00 and the Completed Sheriff IT Server Room Capital Project (4310DC095) by \$371,739.49, transferring a total of \$933,464.49 to the Sheriff's Office Operating Budget, as well as appropriating \$142,587.23 in PAYGO funding to the Sheriff's Office Operating Budget for a total of \$1,076,051.72 to support the first year of a five-year contract with Tritech Software Systems, a CentralSquare Technologies Company (CentralSquare Technology) and upgraded computer-aid dispatch and report management systems; and authorize the County Manager to execute subsequent renewals, not to exceed \$2,835,557.06.

Attachments:

[CAD Upgrade Supplemental](#)

[Re CentralSquare ONESolution Quote](#)

[CPA-03 LEGAL FORM Reducing DSO projects to Operating \(\\$933,464.49\)](#)

[AAF-3 Transferring PAYGO + Cap Funding to DSO for CONTRACT \(\\$1,076,051.72\)](#)

26-0356

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 27BCC006 to Recognize \$28,153 in LSTA Grant Funding Awarded by the State Library of North Carolina to Fund the "Learning Through Play" Initiative

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 27BCC006 to recognize \$28,153 for LSTA Grant Funding Awarded by the State Library of North Carolina to fund the "Learning Through Play" Initiative.

The grant will fund the “Learning Through Play” initiative which aims to develop interactive early literacy kits, create cognitive toys tailored to diverse needs, offer STEAM-infused early literacy programs, and hold workshops for early readers’ caregivers. This program is supported by grant funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as administered by the Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (IMLS grant number LS-260837-OLS-26).”

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This aligns with Empowered Community.

Resource Persons: Dana Conners, Library Director; Katherine Makens, Assistant Library Director; Patty Melendez, Senior Library Assistant

County Manager’s Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. to recognize \$28,153 for LSTA Grant Funding Awarded by the State Library of North Carolina to Fund the “Learning Through Play” Initiative.

Attachments:

[26-0356 AAF Supplemental Form Learning through Play LSTA Grant](#)

[NC-LSTA-26-014 Durham County grant agreement executed](#)

[BCC-06 Legal Form](#)

26-0358

Authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with Ardurra not to exceed \$114,800 for construction oversight services for the Whispering Pines Stream Restoration and Stormwater Improvement Project

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with Ardurra not to exceed \$114,800 for construction oversight services for the Whispering Pines Stream Restoration and Stormwater Improvement Project.

The Whispering Pines Mobile Home Park Stream Restoration Project was identified in the County Stormwater Nutrient Management Strategy as a potential project for compliance with the Falls Lake Nutrient Management Rules. The project consists of approximately 1,700 linear feet of stream restoration and a bioretention pond to treat stormwater on the property. The stream restoration project will remove sources of nitrogen and phosphorous from streambank erosion - helping the County meet the nutrient requirements of the Falls Lake Rules - while also reducing flooding impacts to residents of Whispering Pines Mobile Home Park.

Ardurra was selected following a qualification-based selection process. The County has worked with WK Dickson (Ardura) on the design and permitting for the Whispering Pines Project. WK Dickson was acquired by Ardurra in 2025, and the same team of engineers will continue on the project.

The Whispering Pines Project will be funded by a combination of grant funding (+80%) and County Stormwater Utility Fee dollars.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This agenda item supports Strategic Plan Goal 4: Environmental Stewardship and Community Prosperity. More specifically, it supports the objective of improving water quality and reducing flooding hazards to residents.

Resource Persons: Ryan D. Eaves, PE, Stormwater and Erosion Control Division Manager; Jay Gibson, PE, Director of Engineering and Environmental Services

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with Ardurra not to exceed \$114,800 for construction oversight services for the Whispering Pines Stream Restoration and Stormwater Improvement Project.

Attachments:

[Whispering Pines CACO Services Scope 6-11-2026](#)

[Whispering Pines Construction Phase Services - Detailed Task & Fee Breakdown](#)

[Small Business Review Form-Agenda Action Form - RFQ 26-038 Whispering Pines](#)

26-0379

Approval of the FY27 Durham Annual Transit Work Program Global Operating and Capital Agreements

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve the FY27 Durham Annual Transit Work Program Global Operating and Capital Agreements.

The FY27 Durham Annual Transit Work Program (Work Program) serves as the annual budget for the Durham County Transit Plan. It includes the projected revenues and expenditures, along with a Multi-Year Operating Plan and Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan. The Work Program was approved by the BOCC on June 8, 2026, and by the GoTriangle Board of Trustees on June 24, 2026.

A Global Agreement is an operating or capital funding agreement covering a logical grouping of capital projects, transit operations or studies. To receive reimbursement for project expenditures identified in the Work Program, Durham County must enter into Global Operating and Capital Agreements (Global Agreements) with GoTriangle, the Administrator of the Triangle Tax District, and Triangle West TPO for projects awarded federal funding.

The Global Agreements will allow the County to request up to \$1,408,463 in FY27 for eligible operating and capital expenditures, as well as reimbursement for carryover capital projects.

To qualify for reimbursement, GoTriangle must enter into Global Agreements with Durham County and, when applicable, Triangle West TPO for federally funded projects.

The Global Agreements will allow GoTriangle to request up to \$16,785,562 in FY27

for eligible operating and capital expenditures, as well as reimbursement for carryover capital projects

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Focus Area: Regional Leadership

Resource Persons: Brandi Minor, CLGFO, Transit Program Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the FY27 Durham Annual Transit Work Program Global Operating and Capital Agreements.

Attachments:

[Global Agreement Memo](#)

[27-005 - Global Operating Agreement Package - Durham County](#)

[27-006 - Global Capital Agreement Package - Durham County](#)

[27-007 - Global Special Capital Agreement Package - Durham County](#)

[27-013 - Global Operating Agreement Package - GoTriangle](#)

[27-014 - Global Capital Agreement Package - GoTriangle](#)

[27-015 - Global Special Capital Agreement Package - GoTriangle](#)

26-0383

Approval of Contract with Moriah Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department for Fire, Rescue, and First Responder Services in the Mangum Fire Protection Service District

Agenda Text:

The BOCC is requested to authorize the County Manager to execute a contract with Moriah Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department for Fire, Rescue, and First Responder services in the Mangum Fire Protection Service District.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Focus Area 3: Safe and Resilient Community Initiative 2a: Innovate and strengthen emergency response and prevention systems

Resource Persons: Mark Lockhart, NRP, Director, Office of Emergency Services, and Tyler Fitts, Fire Marshal, Office of Emergency Services

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board authorize the County Manager to execute a contract with Moriah Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department for Fire, Rescue, and First Responder services in the Mangum Fire Protection Service District.

Attachments:

[AAF Supplemental Document Contract Approval Moriah VFD](#)

[Contract approval email](#)

[FY27 VFD Contract \(Moriah\) 7.7.26 2.0](#)

26-0385

Approval to Enter into a Service Contract with Roth Staffing, a Temporary Agency, in the Amount of \$255,747.66 to support the Board of Elections for the upcoming General Election

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve the Durham County Board of Elections request to enter into a service contract with Roth Staffing, a temporary employee agency, in the amount of \$255,747.66. Roth Staffing will provide temporary employee services to support election-related operations and other operational needs of the Department throughout the contract term.

Temporary employees will provide pre-election, election, and post-election support for the following election during the contract period:

- November 3, 2026, General Election

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Acquiring this service will permit the Durham County Board of Elections to operate efficiently and effectively, consistent with the County's Strategic Plan. Enabling the Board of Elections to acquire this service will ensure continued statutory compliance and allow the Board to lead in innovative election services and internal administrative controls

Resource Persons: Derek Bowens, Director of Elections

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the Board of Elections to enter into a contract with Roth Staffing for \$255,747.66 for temporary employee services in FY 2026-27 and to authorize the manager to execute future contract amendments, as needed.

Attachments:

[2026_05_06_FY26-27_Roth_Staffing_Contract.pdf](#)

26-0387

Approval of Purchase of Goods contract with PMC Commercial Interiors, Inc. for administrative office and miscellaneous furnishings from the NC State Contract (5610A-Furniture) and/or Omnia Partners buying programs in a total amount not to exceed \$134,600 for the new Sheriff's Training Facility.

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into contract with PMC Commercial Interiors, Inc. for the purchase of administrative office and miscellaneous furnishings from the NC State Contract (5610A-Furniture) and/or Omnia Partners buying programs to furnish the new Sheriff's Training Facility. The total contract authorization will be in the amount not to exceed \$134,600, which includes a 10% owner's contingency at \$12,242.09.

G.S. 143-129(e) allows local governments to be exempted from competitive bidding requirements in lieu of purchasing furnishings/equipment through group purchasing programs. This provides Durham County with the deepest discount possible for purchases under the respective purchasing programs. Purchases under this request will be made in accordance with the NC Department of Administration (DOA) Statewide Term Contract 5610A-Furniture and Omnia Partners collaborative buying agreement (see attachments).

Construction of the New Sheriff's Training Facility is currently underway and is scheduled for substantial completion in November 2026, with anticipated occupancy by staff the following month. This will require all furniture installations to be in place prior to occupancy by staff. The Sheriff's Office and Engineering Departments have collaborated with RND Architects and agree with their recommendation that the County proceed with the procurement of the items referenced in the attached proposal.

Funding for this purchase is available in the Sheriff's Training Facility project account.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This aligns with the Strategic Plan Goal - Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment - through the improvement of an existing facility while repurposing land that is the site of a closed landfill and by providing consolidated Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) services into one facility, providing more efficient training/service delivery.

Resource Persons: Joel T. Jones, Project Manager; James Faress, Senior Project Manager; Peri Manns, Deputy Director of Engineering & Environmental Services; Jay Gibson, P.E., Director of Engineering & Environmental Services.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board authorize the County Manager to enter into contract with PMC Commercial Interiors, Inc. for administrative office and miscellaneous furnishings from the NC State Contract (5610A-Furniture) and/or Omnia Partners buying programs in a total amount not to exceed \$134,600 for the new Sheriff's Training Facility.

Attachments:

[PR12772 Durham County Sheriff Training Facility](#)
[PR12772 County of Durham Sheriff Training Facility \(1\)](#)
[5610A - Award & Pricing Info](#)
[Haworth - Contract 2020000606](#)
[Supplemental Document](#)

26-0389

Approval to Enter into a Contract to Purchase Paving, Striping and Concrete Repair Services from KPH Paving & Landscaping, Inc. Using Capital Funds from Ongoing Parking Resurfacing Program (4190DC074) in the Amount of \$149,500. The Following Locations will be Repaired with this Contract: (1) Durham County EMS 6 Building, followed by remaining facilities at (2) Durham Center Access (3) EMS #1 (4) Durham County Cooperative Extension Building (5) Foster Street Parking Lot (6) Durham County Main Library (7) The Durham County Community Shelter (8) Durham County General Services Building (9) Durham County Main Fueling Station and (10) Justice Services Center. Also, that the board authorizes the County Manager to approve any change orders or amendments as long as funding is available.

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a \$149,500 contract to purchase paving, stripping and repair services from KPH Paving & Landscaping, Inc. Locations to be refurbished include (1) Durham County EMS 6 Building, followed by remaining facilities at (2) Durham Center Access, (3) EMS #1, (4) Durham County Cooperative Extension Building, (5) Foster Street Parking Lot, (6) Durham County Main Library, (7) The Durham County Community Shelter, (8) Durham County General Services Building, (9) Durham County Main Fueling Station, and (10) Justice Services Center. The approved funding to support this project uses Pay-As-You-Go capital funds allocated to support the County's Ongoing Parking Lot Resurfacing Program (4190DC074).

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Safe and reliable parking and transportation supporting citizens across our county departments align with (Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment) of the Strategic Plan.

Resource Persons: Motiryo Keambiroiro, Director of General Services, Shawn Swiatocha, Assistant Director of General Services, Lee Duncan, Project Facilitator.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with KPH Paving & Landscaping, Inc for \$149,500 with funds from the county's ongoing Parking Lot Resurfacing Program. The following locations will be refurbished: (1) Durham County EMS 6 Building, followed by remaining facilities at (2) Durham Center Access, (3) EMS #1, (4) Durham County Cooperative Extension Building, (5) Foster Street Parking Lot, (6) Durham County Main Library, (7) The Durham County Community Shelter, (8) Durham County General Services Building, (9) Durham County Main Fueling Station, and (10) Justice Services Center. Also, that the board authorizes the County Manger to approve any change orders or amendments as long as funding is available.

Attachments:

[AAF Supplement](#)

[Bid Tabulation 26-015R](#)

[IFB 26-015R \(Rebid- Paving & Parking Improvements _ DCo Facilities\) GBH](#)

[KPH Bid 26-015R](#)

[Documents from Duffie Rochelle](#)

[Memo to Lee Duncan](#)

[Conflict of Interest Lee Duncan](#)

26-0390

Approval of Budget Amendment No. 27BCC007 Distributing the Board Approved 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for FY 2026-27 to the Respective Budget Ordinance Approved Functional Areas (\$3,600,000)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Amendment No: 27BCC007 distributing the Board approved 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for FY 2026-27, totaling \$3,600,000, between respective Budget Ordinance approved functional

areas. The funding and COLA amounts were approved as part of the FY 2026-27 Approved budget. Initially, for maximum flexibility, all of the funds were placed in the General Government functional area during this year's process. Now that the budget and COLA are approved this budget amendment (administrative action) distributes the COLA funding to various departments across the General Fund as necessary for implementation.

Functional Area Name	Amount
General Government	(\$2,811,039)
Public Safety	\$1,231,695
Transportation	\$10,624
Environmental Protection	\$63,005
Econom. & Physical Devlp.	\$54,935
Human Services	\$1,264,147
Education	\$1,717
Cultural & Recreational	\$184,916
Grand Total	\$0

Note: The \$3.6 million was all budgeted in General Government. Some of it will remain in that functional area and, like other areas, be distributed out of the Non-Departmental business area into respective departments within the General Government function.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government

Resource Persons: Claudia O. Hager, County Manager; Keith Lane, Budget Director, Budget and Management Services

County Managers' Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Amendment No: 27BCC007 distributing the Board approved 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for FY 2026-27, totaling \$3,600,000, between respective Budget Ordinance approved functional areas. The funding and COLA amounts were approved as part of the FY 2026-27 Approved budget.

Attachments: [AAF-07 Legal Form Distributing COLA to Departments from Non Departmental](#)

26-0391

Award of Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant Residuals Transport and Disposal to McGill Environmental Systems of NC, Inc. in the amount of \$569,660 and to Execute Any Other Related Contract Amendments Not to Exceed \$626,626

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract with McGill Environmental Systems, Inc. (RFP# 26-032) for the transport and disposal of approximately 7,000 wet tons per year of wastewater treatment plant residuals with a total annual contract price of \$569,660 and to execute any other related contracts, including amendments, not to exceed \$626,626.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This action is in accordance with Durham County Strategic Goal: “Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment,” as this contract allows for the disposal and beneficial reuse of the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant’s residuals as compost.

Resource Persons: Jay Gibson PE, Director of E&ES; Stephanie Brixey, Deputy Director; Joe Costa, Utility Supervisor - Operations

County Manager’s Recommendation: The County Manager recommends the Board to authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with McGill Environmental Systems, Inc. for the transport and disposal of approximately 7,000 wet tons per year of wastewater treatment plant residuals with a total annual contract price of \$569,660 and to execute any other related contracts, including amendments, not to exceed \$626,626.

Attachments:

[AAF Supplemental Doc](#)

[RFP- 26-032 - Bid Tabulation - Residuals Transport treatment and disposal for I](#)

[Small Business Compliance Review Form-Agenda Action Form - RFP 26-032 R](#)

26-0392

Durham Sports Commission Interlocal Agreements (ILA) Renewal

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to consider the renewal of two Interlocal Agreements (ILA) with the Durham Sports Commission (DSC). The first pertains to the operations of the Commission while the second ILA addresses annual funding. The Commission operates under an agreement between the City of Durham, Durham County, the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce, and Discover Durham. Established in 2016, this agreement formally defined the DSC as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit managed by Discover Durham.

The Commission is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors, with three seats appointed by each of the three participating governmental and business entities. Under the ILA, the commission is tasked with generating positive economic and social impact by recruiting and managing youth, amateur, collegiate, and professional sporting events in the Durham area. The DSC works alongside Discover Durham to enhance the city's sports tourism infrastructure, which features venues like the Durham County Memorial Stadium and the Durham Bulls Athletic Park.

There are several suggested changes for the Operations ILA including a proposed increase in the Commission’s Board of Directors from nine members to twelve. The Funding ILA takes into consideration the recent creation of Durham Next and proposes a significant reduction in the County’s financial obligation from \$201,250 in FY 2026 to \$79,972 in FY ’27 (approved by the Durham BOCC in the FY 2026-2027 Adopted Budget), and a final reduction to \$25,000 per year from FY ’28 to FY ’30.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Regional Leadership: Being a

Regional Leader that Improves the Quality of Life for Residents.

Resource Persons: Maurice Jones, Deputy County Manager - External Affairs.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board consider the renewal of two Interlocal Agreements with the Durham Sports Commission.

Attachments: [DSC Proposed Creation Operations ILA FY26_FY30 Attachment](#)
[DSC Proposed ILA Funding FY26_FY30 Attachment](#)

26-0393

Award of the Collection and Distribution System Emergency and Scheduled Repair Services for the Utilities Division (RFP 26-036R) contract to Carolina Civilworks Inc. and Axis Utility Inc.

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract with Carolina Civilworks Inc. in the amount of \$500,000 and Axis Utility, Inc. in the amount of \$145,000 (RFP 26-036R) to provide emergency and scheduled repairs for the collection and distribution system and also authorize renewal of the contracts yearly for up to four additional one-year periods in accordance with the terms and conditions of the original contract and subject to budget availability.

Background/Justification

Durham County owns and operates 13 sanitary sewer pump stations and 115 miles of sanitary sewer. To maintain compliance with Collection System Permit #WQCS00038, it's imperative to maintain the system in a continual state of readiness but also be prepared for an emergency.

Based on the two responses Durham County received regarding RFP 26-036R, Carolina Civilworks Inc. and Axis Utility Inc. were both determined to be qualified contractors. Carolina Civilworks Inc. and Axis Utility Inc. have provided the services requested for Durham County with outstanding results.

Durham County issued a Request for Proposal (RFP 26-036R) on June 8, 2026. RFP 26-036R was advertised in local newspapers and on the Durham County website. Two proposals were received on July 9, 2026. The proposal bid tabulation and evaluation summary are attached.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This action is in accordance with Durham County Strategic Goal: "Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment," as these contracts will ensure all emergency and scheduled repairs to the collection system are completed in a timely manner to prevent harm to the environment, prevent public health concerns, and to maintain compliance with Collection System Permit #WQCS00038.

Resource Persons: Jay Gibson PE, Director of E&ES; Stephanie Brixey, Deputy Director of E&ES; and Vine Chirchella PE, Sr. Utility Development Services Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends the Board authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract with Carolina Civilworks Inc. in the amount of \$500,000 and Axis Utility, Inc. in the amount of \$145,000 (RFP 26-036R) to provide emergency and scheduled repairs for the collection and distribution system and also authorize renewal of the contracts yearly for up to four additional one-year periods in accordance with the terms and conditions of the original contract and subject to budget availability.

Attachments: [AAF Supplemental Document CS Emergency & Scheduled Repairs](#)
[RFP 26-036R - Bid Tabulation -DCo Emerg and Scheduled Collection and Distr](#)
[Evaluation Form RFP 26-036R1 Emergency & Scheduled Collection & Distributi](#)

26-0394

Award of the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant Emergency and Scheduled Repair Services for the Utilities Division (RFP 26-035R) contract to Carolina Civilworks Inc., Neikens Electrical Contracting, LLC and Axis Utility Inc.

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract with Carolina Civilworks Inc. in the amount of \$150,000, Neikens Electrical Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$25,000, and Axis Utility, Inc. in the amount of \$40,000 (RFP 26-035R) to provide emergency and scheduled repairs for the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant and also authorize renewal of the contracts yearly for up to four additional one-year periods in accordance with the terms and conditions of the original contract and subject to budget availability.

Background/Justification

Durham County owns and operates the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant that is permitted to treat 12 million gallons per day and supply Reclaimed Water to industrial users and the Town of Cary. To maintain compliance with NPDES Permit #NC0026051 and Reclaimed Water Permit #WQ0032821, it's imperative to maintain the treatment plant in a continual state of readiness but also be prepared for an emergency.

Based on the three responses Durham County received regarding RFP 26-035R, Carolina Civilworks Inc., Neikens Electrical Contracting, LLC and Axis Utility Inc. were all determined to be qualified contractors among the three bidders. Carolina Civilworks Inc. and Axis Utility Inc. have provided the services requested for Durham County with outstanding results.

Durham County issued a Request for Proposal (RFP 26-035R) on June 8, 2026. RFP 26-035R was advertised in local newspapers and on the Durham County website. Three proposals were received on July 7, 2026. The proposal bid tabulation and evaluation summary are attached.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This action is in accordance with Durham County

Strategic Goal: “Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment,” as these contracts will ensure all emergency and scheduled repairs to the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant are completed in a timely manner to prevent harm to the environment, prevent public health concerns, and to maintain compliance with NPDES Permit #NC0026051 and Reclaimed Water Permit #WQ0032821.

Resource Persons: Jay Gibson PE, Director of E&ES; Stephanie Brixey, Deputy Director of E&ES; and Vine Chirchella PE, Sr. Utility Development Services Manager

County Manager’s Recommendation: The County Manager recommends the Board authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract with Carolina Civilworks Inc. in the amount of \$150,000, Neikens Electrical Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$25,000, and Axis Utility, Inc. in the amount of \$40,000 (RFP 26-035R) to provide emergency and scheduled repairs for the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant and also authorize renewal of the contracts yearly for up to four additional one-year periods in accordance with the terms and conditions of the original contract and subject to budget availability.

Attachments:

[AAF Supplemental Document TWWTP Emergency & Scheduled Repairs](#)
[RFP 26-035R - Bid Tabulation -Durham County TWWTP Scheduled and Emerg](#)
[Evaluation Form RFP 26-035R TWWTP Emergency & Scheduled Repairs Sum](#)

26-0397

Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA006 & Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC008 Decreasing the Open Space & Farmland Preservation Capital Project (4730DC083) by \$115,000 and Transferring that Funding to the Open Space and Real Estate (OSRE) Department’s General Fund Operating Budget, as well as Recognizing a \$330,000 Contribution from the Army National Guard’s Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program to OSRE to support the Purchase of a 41-Acre Conservation Easement from Billy and Toni Stevens for a Total Cost of \$445,000

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA006 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC008 decreasing the Open Space & Farmland Preservation Capital Project (4730DC083) by \$115,000 and transferring that funding to the Open Space and Real Estate Department’s General Fund Operating Budget, as well as recognizing a \$330,000 contribution from the Army National Guard’s Readiness and Environmental Integration (REPI) Program to OSRE to support the purchase of Billy and Toni Stevens’s conservation easement, 41.76 acres located at 3500 Bahama Road, Rougemont for a total cost of \$445,000.

Project Name and Number	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Updated Budget
Open Space and Farmland Preservation (4730DC083)		\$12,460,769.70	(\$115,000.00) \$12,345,769.70

TOTAL \$12,460,769.70 **(\$115,000.00)** \$12,345,769.70

The Board approved this conservation easement project in January 2025. Since then,

Army National Guard REPI funding has been secured to cover 75% of the appraised easement value. The transfer of \$115,000 to the General Fund will cover Durham County's 25% share of the easement value and closing fees.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The acquisition of conservation easements for permanent open space supports Strategic Plan Community Indicator Goal 4 (Environment) by protecting natural resources and promoting community and economic vitality for all Durham County residents, specifically through the Natural Resource and Stewardship Protection Objective.

Resource Persons: Celeste Burns, Open Space and Real Estate Manager, Peri Manns, Deputy Director of Engineering and Environmental Services, Jay Gibson, Director of Engineering and Environmental Services.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA006 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC008 decreasing the Open Space & Farmland Preservation Capital Project (4730DC083) by \$115,000 and transferring the funding to the General Fund, as well as recognizing \$330,000 from the Army National Guard's Readiness and Environmental Integration (REPI) Program to support the purchase of Billy and Toni Stevens's conservation easement, 41.76 acres located at 3500 Bahama Road, Rougemont for a total cost of \$445,000.

Attachments:

[AAF Supplemental - Stevens Conservation Easement](#)

[Attachment - Maps and Photos - Stevens Conservation Easement - Aug 2026](#)

[BCC-08 Legal Form for Conservation Easement Purchase \(\\$445,000\)](#)

[CPA-06 Decreasing Open Space and Farmland Preservation \(-\\$115,000\)](#)

26-0398

Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA007 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC009 Decreasing the Open Space & Farmland Preservation Capital Project (4730DC083) by \$123,000, Transferring that Funding to the Open Space & Real Estate Department's General Fund Operating Budget, as well as Recognizing a \$117,500 Contribution from the City of Durham's Water Supply Protection Program to Support the Purchase of a 19.27-Acre Conservation Easement from Robin Davis at 505 Mason Road for a Total Cost of \$240,500

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA007 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC009 decreasing the Open Space & Farmland Preservation Capital Project (4730DC083) by \$123,000, transferring that funding to the Open Space & Real Estate's General Fund Operating Budget, as well as recognizing a \$117,500 contribution from the City of Durham's Water Supply Protection Program to support the purchase of a 19.27-acre conservation easement from Robin Davis at 505 Mason Road for a total cost of \$240,500.

Project Name and Number	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Updated Budget
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Open Space and Farmland Preservation (4730DC083)	\$12,345,769.70	(\$123,000.00)	\$12,222,769.70
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TOTAL	\$12,345,769.70	(\$123,000.00)	\$12,222,769.70
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The Board approved this conservation easement in June 2025 after receiving notice that the City of Durham's Water Supply Protection Program would fund 50% (\$117,500) of the easement value. The transfer of \$123,000 to the General Fund will cover Durham County's remaining 50% share and closing costs.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The acquisition of conservation easements for permanent open space supports Strategic Plan Community Indicator Goal 4 (Environment) by protecting natural resources and promoting community and economic vitality for all Durham County residents, specifically through the Natural Resource and Stewardship Protection Objective.

Resource Persons: Celeste Burns, Open Space and Real Estate Manager, Peri Manns, Deputy Director of Engineering and Environmental Services

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA007 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC009 decreasing the Open Space & Farmland Preservation Capital Project (4730DC083) by \$123,000, transferring that funding to the Open Space & Real Estate's General Fund Operating Budget, as well as recognizing a \$117,500 contribution from the City of Durham's Water Supply Protection Program to support the purchase of a 19.27-acre conservation easement from Robin Davis at 505 Mason Road for a total cost of \$240,500.

Attachments:

[AAF Supplemental - Davis Conservation Easement](#)

[Attachment - Maps & Photos - Robin Davis Conservation Easement - Aug 2026](#)

[BCC-09 Legal Form for Conservation Easement \(240,500\)](#)

[CPA-07 Decreasing Open Space and Farmland Preservation \(-\\$123,000\)](#)

26-0399

Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC004 Public Health to Recognize \$2,444 from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health, Epidemiology Section, Communicable Disease Branch (CDB) for HIV/STI Screening, Treatment, and Prevention Services

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC004 Public Health to Recognize \$2,444 from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health, Epidemiology Section, Communicable Disease Branch (CDB) for HIV/STI Screening, Treatment, and Prevention Services

Local health departments are mandated to provide routine HIV/STI screening, treatment and prevention services through their sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and family planning clinics at no cost to the client. North Carolina Administrative Code (10A NCAC 41A .0204) requires North Carolina local health departments to

provide treatment at no cost for clients diagnosed with STIs. The CDB also provides funds to local health departments to assist with the purchase of STI drugs. These funds are to be used exclusively for the treatment of local health department clients who are either diagnosed with or who are sexual partners of someone with STI.

Please note that this amendment requires no additional County funds and represents the difference between what was previously budgeted for this program and the FY 26-27 awarded amount.

The Board of Health has approved this amendment.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This grant aligns with Goal 2: Health and Well-Being for All, Objective 2: Healthy 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.27BCC004 Public Health to Recognize \$2,444 from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health, Epidemiology Section, Communicable Disease Branch (CDB) for HIV/STI Screening, Treatment, and Prevention Services.

Attachments:

[575 FY27 Durham-signed](#)

[AAF AA 575 HIV-STI Prevention Services and Treatments](#)

[AAF AA 575 Supplemental Document - Noncontract](#)

[AAF-4 Legal Form](#)

26-0400

Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA008 Closing Multiple Capital Projects that were Completed in FY 2025-26.

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA008 closing Capital Projects that were completed in FY 2025-26. The Board approved a Capital Project Amendment and a Budget Amendment reducing completed capital project budgets to \$0 and transferring the remaining availability to the Debt Service Fund at the June 22, 2026 Regular Session meeting.

The following list of projects is ready to be closed. All funds for these projects were either entirely expended or transferred (through previous Board action) to other funds; all balances are zero dollars. The closing of these completed projects is a technical issue as completed (final) capital projects cannot become a final asset (when County owned) and begin depreciation until they are officially closed by the Board.

Project Name and Number	Final Budget	Project Status
21 IT Hardware Replacement (420019100DC138)	\$ 10,295,167.83	Closing
21 Audio-Visual Technologies (420019100DC139)	\$ 1,519,254.73	Closing
21 Telecommunications (4200DC140)	\$ 869,479.44	Closing

IT Security Program Support (4200DC142)	\$ 1,528,750.27	Closing
Body Worn Camera Project (43103600DC092)	\$ 2,565,905.00	Closing
EMS Far East County Station (43302000DC001)	\$ -	Closing
EMS Station Renovations (43302000DC006)	\$ -	Closing
EMS Duke West (43302000DC007)	\$ -	Closing
EMS MLK Blvd. Station (44103100DC134)	\$ -	Closing
EMS Land Acquisition (44103100DC136)	\$ 6,100.00	Closing
LCHC Phase II Renovation project (4730DC139)	\$ 2,265,249.40	Closing
Administration Building II Upgrade (47302635DC152)	\$ 675,775.62	Closing

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This request relates to the following elements of the Durham County Strategic Plan: the effort aligns with Goal #5 (Accountable, Efficient, and Visionary Government).

Resource Persons: Crystally Wright, Chief Financial Officer; Keith Lane, Budget Director; David Ades, Assistant Budget Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends approval of Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA008 closing several Capital Projects that were completed in FY 2025-26.

Attachments: [CPA-08 Closing Completed Capital Projects](#)

26-0401

Approve Acceptance of a Donated 22-acre Conservation Easement from David and Carmen Durack at 1700 Woodstock Rd and 3900 W. Cornwallis Rd (a portion of REID 137661 and all of 137648) for Permanent Open Space Protection

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve acceptance of a donated 22-acre conservation easement from David and Carmen Durack at 1700 Woodstock Rd and 3900 W. Cornwallis Rd (a portion of REID 137661 and all of 137648) for permanent open space protection.

The landowners wish to permanently protect their property by donating a conservation easement to Durham County. As longtime residents, they have lived on the property for more than 40 years and seek to ensure it remains protected from future development and that its natural resources are preserved.

Under the conservation easement, the owners will retain full fee ownership of the land, while Durham County will hold the easement, which will permanently prohibit future development or subdivision of the easement area. No additional residential uses will be permitted within the easement area.

The easement donation reflects a significant commitment by the landowners, with an estimated value of approximately \$500,000. Durham County's anticipated costs are for survey, closing, and title work, estimated at no more than \$17,000. These

expenses can be covered by existing funds within the Open Space and Farmland Preservation Capital Fund, so no additional funding is requested.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The protection of land for permanent open space aligns with Strategic Plan Goal 4: Environment - Protect natural resources and support and promote community and economic viability for all residents of Durham County, through the Natural Resource Stewardship and Protection Objective to protect and steward natural resources.

Resource Persons: Celeste Burns, Open Space & Real Estate Manager; Peri Manns, Deputy Director of Engineering and Environmental Services; Jay Gibson, Director of Engineering & Environmental Services.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve acceptance of a donated 22-acre conservation easement from David and Carmen Durack at 1700 Woodstock Rd and 3900 W. Cornwallis Rd (a portion of REID 137661 and all of 137648) for permanent open space protection.

Attachments:

[AAForm - Supplemental - Open Space Easement Donation -Woodstock Rd 22 &](#)

[Maps and Photos - Woodstock Rd Conservation Easement](#)

26-0409

Authorize the Board to Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC010 and Capital Project Amendment No.27CPA009 Reducing the Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail Capital Project (4590DC001) by \$100,000.66, Allocating up to \$406,944.34 of Budgeted PAYGO Funding and transferring these Funds (\$506,945) to the General Fund Transportation Operating Budget to Support Payment to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the Acquisition of the Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail Corridor; the Board is also Requested to Approve a TIP Agreement Amendment with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for Acquisition of the Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail Corridor, Spending up to \$1,658,390, with a Net County Expenditure of up to \$1,013,077, and Recognition of State Grants of at least \$645,313 and up to \$855,313

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 27BCC010 and Capital Project Ordinance Amendment No. 27CPA009 reducing the Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail Capital Project (4590DC001) by \$100,000.66, allocating up to \$406,944.34 of budgeted PAYGO funding and transferring these funds (\$506,945) to the General Fund Transportation Operating budget to support a payment to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the acquisition of the Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail Corridor. The Board is also requested to approve a TIP Agreement Amendment for Project Cost Participation with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for a total amount of up to \$1,658,390, an increase of \$506,945 from the original agreement of \$1,151,445. After anticipated State Grant reimbursements, Durham County's total contribution has increased to a maximum \$1,013,077. Per prior Board of Commissioner approval (November 3, 2025), a

\$1,151,445 payment was made to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the acquisition of the Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail Corridor.

Durham County Capital Projects	Reallocated Funding	Add'l Funding
Year-One Budget		
Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail (4590DC001)	\$ 133,334.00	(\$100,000.66)
\$ 33,333.34		

NCDOT's total cost is now approximately \$16 million, an increase of \$2.6 million. The cost increase is due to the identification of approximately 60 additional acres of land, an updated appraisal, and additional closing costs. NCDOT is funding the cost increase through an additional \$2,000,000 of federal grants, bringing the federal total up to \$12,750,000 or 80 percent, and proportionate increases in the local government contributions. In addition, a grant from East Coast Greenway Alliance to the County that was initially approved by the Board of Commissioners (November 3, 2025) for \$428,445 is being reduced to \$145,313 (at minimum but potentially could be \$355,313 to the County) due to East Coast Greenway Alliance needing to cover additional costs incurred by the Conservation Fund, reducing available funds for the grant to the participating governments.

The Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail would convert a 26-mile inactive rail corridor into a multi-use trail. The Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail has been identified in multiple local and regional plans since the 1980s as a high-priority project for improving transportation options and access to green space. The Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail is envisioned as a lasting community asset. It would offer a safe, accessible space for walking, running, and biking, for people of all ages and abilities. In addition to recreation, the trail would also serve as a new transportation option, linking neighborhoods, parks, schools, and other destinations while strengthening connections across Durham County and beyond. Durham County adopted the Rail Trail Planning Study in November 2025.

Although the rail line has been inactive for many years, it is still fully owned by Norfolk Southern. While acquisition was delayed from the original schedule of late 2025, NCDOT now anticipates closing in fall 2026. Durham County's contribution towards NCDOT's ownership of the property will ensure that the land is transferred from private to public ownership and preserved for future transportation purposes. NCDOT would own the corridor as part of its Rail Corridor Preservation program, which would make it available for future public use including for development as a multi-use trail.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This agenda item aligns with the Durham County Strategic Plan Goal Regional Leadership

Resource Persons: Ellen Beckmann, Transportation Director; Brooke Roper,

Transportation Planner

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 27BCC010 and Capital Project Ordinance Amendment No. 27CPA009 reducing the Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail Capital Project (4590DC001) by \$100,000.66, allocating up to \$406,944.34 of budgeted PAYGO funding and transferring these funds (\$506,945) to the General Fund Transportation Operating budget to support a payment to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the acquisition of the Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail Corridor. The Board is also requested to approve a TIP Agreement Amendment for Project Cost Participation with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for a total amount of up to \$1,658,390, an increase of \$506,945 from the original agreement of \$1,151,445. After anticipated State Grant reimbursements, Durham County's total contribution is for up to \$1,013,077.

Attachments:

[AAF Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail Corridor Acquisition - 2026-08](#)

[CPA-09 Reducing Rail Trail Cap Project \(-100,000.66\)](#)

[BCC-10 Legal Form for Durham-Roxboro Rail Trail \(\\$406,944.34\)](#)

26-0412

Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 27BCC012 for the Department of Social Services to Recognize \$850,290 in Additional State Funding and Authorize Nine New Full-time Equivalent Positions to Support the Implementation of Federally Mandated Medicaid Changes Resulting from H.R. 1

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 27BCC012 for the Department of Social Services to recognize \$850,290 in additional State funding and authorize nine new full-time equivalent positions to support the implementation of federally mandated Medicaid changes resulting from H.R. 1.

H.R. 1 introduces several significant eligibility changes that will substantially increase the workload of county Medicaid staff, including but not limited to:

- Requiring eligibility redeterminations for the Medicaid Expansion population every six months instead of annually, effectively doubling the number of required reviews.
- Implementing work and community engagement requirements for certain adults ages 19-64. Staff will be responsible for reviewing participation in qualifying activities, verifying exemptions, requesting additional documentation, and taking appropriate action on eligibility.
- Revising Medicaid eligibility requirements for certain non-citizens, which will require staff to review immigration classifications and reassess eligibility for affected recipients.

Durham County DSS does not currently have sufficient staffing capacity to absorb this additional workload while maintaining timely and accurate processing of existing

Medicaid applications, renewals, and case changes. The nine additional FTEs are necessary to support implementation, maintain compliance with State and federal requirements, and protect continued Medicaid access for eligible Durham County residents.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Healthy and Inclusive Community supporting equitable and inclusive health and well-being for all.

Resource Persons: Maggie Clapp, Director, Department of Social Services, Margaret Faircloth, Assistant Director, and Cynthia Cason, Assistant Director.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 27BCC012 for the Department of Social Services to recognize \$850,290 in additional State funding and authorize nine new full-time equivalent positions to support the implementation of federally mandated Medicaid changes resulting from H.R. 1.

Attachments:

[H.R. Funds Supplemental Document - Non-contract](#)

[Allocation for County Acceptance.](#)

[DCDL HR1 County Funding v1.docx](#)

[AAF-12 LEGAL FORM DSS to recognize \\$850,290 in additional state funding to](#)

26-0415

BOCC Review of 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to review the Sheriff's Office application for the 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$171,408. The local solicitation for the 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant was released on March 13, 2026. This award will be split into a 50/50 agreement between the Durham County Sheriff's Office and the Durham Police Department.

The Durham County Sheriff's Office will use these funds to obtain a virtual reality training system for the Sheriff's Office Training facility. The Durham Police Department will use funds to modernize, update, and expand the capabilities of its Training and Forensic Services Divisions. More information on the items that will be purchased using this grant funding can be found at

<https://www.durhamsheriff.com/Home/Components/News/News/10873/3199?npage=2>

A local match is not required as part of this grant. The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) requires the Chair of the Board to sign a Certification and Assurance, no less than 30 days after the BOCC's review (September 4th, or later). As part of the certification, the Sheriff's Office has made this application available to the public starting the week of August 3rd via the Sheriff's Office website at www.durhamsheriff.com <<http://www.durhamsheriff.com>>.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with the County's Strategic Goal 3: Safe Community and Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient, and Visionary Government

Resource Persons: David LaBarre, Durham County Sheriff's Office, Director of Planning & Development; Clifford Webster, Major of Operations, Durham County Sheriff's Office; Clarence Birkhead, Durham County Sheriff.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board review the Sheriff's Office application for the 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$171,408 and that the Chair sign the Certification and Assurance no less than 30 days after the BOCC's review in conjunction with the application being made available for public comment.

Attachments:

[DPD Budget Narrative 2025](#)

[DPD Program Narrative 2025](#)

[Durham County - JAG Budget Narrative \(VR\)](#)

[DCSO Program Narrative](#)

[local-jag-ce-certification](#)

7. Public Hearings (20 min)

26-0410

Public Hearing - Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Amendment - A2500002 Evaluation and Assessment Report (EAR) Policy Changes (20min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Assessment Report (EAR) of the Comprehensive Plan.

Motions

To conduct a public hearing to receive comments and consider the following motion:

Motion 1: To adopt a resolution amending the Durham Comprehensive Plan by incorporating revisions to section 2.4 Policies and Actions.

Summary

This phase of the EAR contains staff recommendations for amendments to policies of the Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendments aim to provide clarity, reduce inconsistencies, and refine the existing Comprehensive Plan Consistency Review document that is currently included with packet materials for zoning map change and annexation requests.

Attachments

Attachment A: Comprehensive Plan Consistency Review with EAR Track Changes

Attachment B: Comprehensive Plan Consistency Review with EAR Clean Version

Attachment C: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Resolution

Attachment D: Planning Commission Written Comments

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic

Goal: Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment. Maintaining, protecting, and improving natural and built systems to support a sustainable Community.

Resource Persons: Peyton Burgess, Senior Planner, AICP and Sara Young, AICP, Planning & Development Director.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Assessment Report (EAR) of the Comprehensive Plan.

Attachments:

[Attachment 000 - Agenda Memo](#)

[Attachment A - Comprehensive Plan Consistency Review with EAR Track Chan](#)

[Attachment B - Comprehensive Plan Consistency Review with EAR Clean Versi](#)

[Attachment C - Comprehensive Plan Amendment Resolution](#)

[Attachment D - Planning Commission Written Comments](#)

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

9. Adjournment