

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

Monday, April 8, 2019

7:00 P.M. Regular Session

MINUTES

Place: Commissioners' Chambers, Second Floor, Durham County Government Administrative Complex, 200 East Main Street, Durham, North Carolina

Present: Chair Wendy Jacobs, Vice-Chair James Hill and Commissioners Heidi Carter, Brenda Howerton and Ellen Reckhow

Presider: Chair Wendy Jacobs

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Chair Jacobs announced that there were no agenda adjustments.

Announcements

Chair Jacobs read the following announcements:

1. **Tax Relief Program: Information Session Hosted by Durham County Tax Administration Office** – April 9th beginning at 12p.m. at the Durham Center for Senior Life Theatre located at 406 Rigsbee Avenue. At this event citizens will learn about Homestead Property Tax Exemption for seniors and disabled residents along with other tax relief programs offered to North Carolinians.

This event is free and open to the public.

2. **Your Insight Is Needed** – As the County prepares the FY2019-20 budget, public comment is a vital component. Please let the Board of County Commissioners know the priorities you support by visiting the online Budget Comment Portal at www.dconc.gov/19-20budgetportal
3. **Calling All Durham Youth** – Over 22 percent of the Durham population are youth under 18. City Council, the Mayor and other decision-makers would like to know what you think and need your ideas for a better Durham.

Take the Kids Voting Youth Survey on Durham at www.kidsvotingdurham.org . The survey is open to anyone 18 years of age or under. For questions, please call 919-560-7321 or email info@kidsvotingdurham.org

4. **Technology Mobile Open House** – Come celebrate the National Bookmobile Day in style on Wednesday, April 10th from 10:30a.m. – 11:30a.m. at the South Regional Library located at 4505

South Alston Avenue as we unveil the newest member of the library team – the Durham County Library Technology Mobile.

Please come out to enjoy a tour, pick up library swag and take home a maker project!

5. **My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Durham Mini Grant Program Accepting Applications** - The MBK Durham Mini Grant Program awards grants to local groups to provide support for youth focused grassroots initiatives to impact community change and is intended to provide support and engagement for boys and young men of color in Durham County. The goal is to support mentorship, creative discussion and activities by nonprofits and other community driven initiatives who will use their efforts toward helping our boys and young men of color many other milestones.

More information and the mini grant application can be found at: <http://www.mbkdurham.info>

Please note the application deadline date is April 12th at midnight.

6. **Boys of Color Conference** – My Brother's Keeper Durham and North Carolina Central University Male Achievement Center (M.A.C) will kick-off their inaugural conference on April 13, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Miller Morgan Auditorium located at 1801 Fayetteville St (NCCU Campus).

This year's theme is Be the Change: The Re-Dedication to Black Male Achievement. This event is free and is aimed for males ages 14 and up. Pre-registration is suggested. Volunteers and sponsors are also needed. Please contact mybrotherskeeper@dconc.gov if you are interested.

7. **Expanding Housing Choices: Community Conversation** – Join us on Saturday, April 27th from 9a.m. – 12p.m. at the Walltown Park Recreation Center on 1308 W. Club Blvd to learn more about the initiative of housing options, varies perspectives on these issues and to provide comments and guidance.

Children activities will be provided, and interpretation services will also be available. For more information please email the Planning Department at ehc@durhamnc.gov

8. **Microsoft ManCode Camp** – ManCode is a one-day Tech Conference aimed to provide technological, educational and life skills training opportunities for young minority boys in under-represented areas.

The Program will take place Saturday, May 4th at North Carolina Central University. For registration and general information please contact Edmond Lewis, MBK Manager at 919-560-8154.

9. **Alliance Health Community Forum** – Please join us on Tuesday, May 14th from 6-8 p.m. for to learn more about Medicaid Transformation and how it will impact healthcare delivery.

This event will take place at the Community Family Life and Recreation Center at Lyon Park located at 1309 Halley St

10. **Alert Durham** - Sign Up Today: Durham County wants to keep its citizens informed and safe in the case of an emergency. Sign up for Alert Durham to receive notifications about severe

weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. To sign up for Alert Durham, visit www.AlertDurham.com

11. Get Involved! It's your County. Durham County Government has approximately 43 active advisory boards referred to as Boards and Commissions. Citizens of Durham County may volunteer to participate by applying for a vacancy.

Interested citizens should fill out an application and send it to the Clerk to the Board's Office. A description of the boards as well as a list of vacancies can be found on the County's website at <http://www.dconc.gov/government/departments-a-e/board-of-commissioners/boards-and-commissions>. If you need additional information, please contact the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025 or email to: BoardsandCommissions@dconc.gov

Minutes

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Vice Chair Hill to approve the February 11, 2019 Regular Session minutes and the March 11, 2019 minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ceremonial Items

Proclamation – The Week of the Young Child 2019

Commissioner Reckhow read the following proclamation:

THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD | 2019

- WHEREAS,** early childhood — from birth to age 5 — represents the most critical time in children's development and is the foundation for success in school and life; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham's Partnership for Children along with Child Care Services Association and Durham Technical Community College are celebrating the nationally recognized Week of the Young Child; and
- WHEREAS,** making sure children are ready to learn is a community endeavor that involves parents, child care providers, policy makers, businesses, congregations and community agencies; and
- WHEREAS,** high-quality early care supports Durham's current workforce for families with young children who rely on child care to work; and
- WHEREAS,** early care and education is an economic development strategy at the beginning of the talent pipeline; and
- WHEREAS,** early childhood programs support children and families as they prepare to enter school; and
- WHEREAS,** Transition to kindergarten must be a smooth, coordinated process for children, parents, and schools that greatly minimizes the achievement gap; and
- WHEREAS,** comprehensive, bilingual, evidence-based programs in parent education and literacy increase family stability; and
- WHEREAS,** access to health care and early intervention are improved through community partnerships and government initiatives to positively impact young children's health; and
- WHEREAS,** collaborative services, family support, and education can help break the cycle of poverty and dismantle systems that perpetuate racial disparities and inequity that affects more than half of Durham's children and create opportunities in early childhood that have a lasting impact in the community; and

WHEREAS, our community leaders have invested significant resources into research, data analysis and programmatic interventions for young children; and,

WHEREAS, Durham continues to be a leader in Statewide and National efforts that prioritize children birth to age 5 and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 8-12, 2019 as

“THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD”

and recognize Durham’s Partnership for Children, Child Care Services Association, and Durham Technical Community College for the exemplary model of collaboration, which continues to improve the landscape of early education for Durham residents and benefits present and future generations.

This 8th day of April 2019

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioner

Laura Benson, Executive Director, Partnership for Children, thanked the Board for the proclamation. Chair Jacobs congratulated Ms. Benson on her upcoming retirement.

Proclamation – Linemen Appreciation Day

Chair Jacobs read the following proclamation:

LINEMEN APPRECIATION DAY | 2019

WHEREAS, the profession of Duke Energy linemen is steeped in personal, family, and professional tradition; and

WHEREAS, Duke Energy linemen are often first responders during storms and other catastrophic events, working to make the scene safe for other public safety officials; and

WHEREAS, these brave men and women work with thousands of volts of electricity high atop power lines 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to keep electricity flowing; and

WHEREAS, Duke Energy linemen must often work under dangerous conditions far from their families to construct and maintain energy infrastructure throughout the State of North Carolina and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Durham County thanks our heroic lineman who supported restoration in Puerto Rico last year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 18, 2019 as

“LINEMEN APPRECIATION DAY”

in Durham County, North Carolina.

This the 8th day of April 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Indira Everett, Duke Energy District Manager, thanked the Board for the proclamation. She stated Jason Haynes was hired as the new Duke Energy General Manager. Ms. Everett added Duke Energy provided \$250,000 for a lineman program at Durham Technical Community College to start in the Fall of 2019.

Brian Hinton, Duke Energy Lineman, thanked the Board on behalf of Duke Energy and all the linemen around the world. Commissioner Reckhow mentioned expanding the base program funding due to no increase in funding in the last nine years.

Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month

Chair Jacobs read the following proclamation:

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH | 2019

WHEREAS, children are vital to our state’s future success, prosperity, and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development; and

WHEREAS, in Durham County 2750 children were referred for child abuse, neglect, and dependency in FY2018 and 1246 children were substantiated or needed services for abuse, neglect or dependency in Durham County alone; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and

WHEREAS, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children to ensure all children grow to their full potential; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April of 2019 as

“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”

in Durham County, and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

This the 8th day of April 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Ben Rose, Director, Department of Social Services, thanked the Board for the proclamation and emphasized the importance of having community help with child abuse prevention. He invited everyone to attend the Exchange Family Center's Pinwheels Family Fun Day at Wheels Fun Park on Sunday, April 28, 2019 from 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Chair Jacobs also invited citizens to join the Pinwheel Planting at the American Tobacco Campus on April 15, 2019 from 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Proclamation – Durham Reentry Week

Vice-Chair Hill read the following proclamation:

DURHAM REENTRY WEEK | 2019

- WHEREAS,** more than 700 Durham County residents return to our community from state and federal prisons and nearly 8,000 cycle through our local detention facility annually; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County Government and its Board of County Commissioners have been supporting reentry and rehabilitation efforts in Durham County for more than 28 years; and
- WHEREAS,** effective reentry programs offer the chance for a better life to those who return from our nation's corrections facilities; and
- WHEREAS,** it is up to all of us, working together, to emphasize the importance of these programs and policies that make such a positive and lasting difference, not only to the individuals served, but to the communities in which they return; and
- WHEREAS,** over the last nine years, the Department of Justice has partnered with state, local and tribal agencies as well as national organizations to support hundreds of reentry programs across the country, yet the demand for effective reentry programs continues to remain high; and
- WHEREAS,** in an effort to highlight the important work of these services, the Governor has designated April 22-26, 2019 as "Reentry Week" and has called upon communities across the state to plan activities; and
- WHEREAS,** the Durham County Board of County Commissioners joins this effort to highlight the value of local reentry programs and calls upon the community to support their work. The investments we make today through resources we dedicate, and the enthusiasm we generate, will greatly benefit the returning citizens and overall public safety in Durham County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of April 22-26, 2018 as

"DURHAM REENTRY WEEK"

in Durham County, and urge all citizens to join in recognizing how important it is to help justice involved individuals positively transition into becoming law abiding and productive members of society.

This the 8th day of April 2018.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Roshanna Parker, Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Resource Center (CJRC), gave an overview of the program.

Ben Hauss, Executive Director of Religious Collation of Durham, highlighted the events planned:

- Tuesday, April 23, 2019 Community Business Recognition from 2 p.m.- 4 p.m. at the Criminal Justice Resource Center (CJRC)
- Thursday, April 24, 2019 Durham Expunction and Restoration Program (DEAR) from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. at the CJRC and the Homecoming Event at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

Resolution of Support for 2020 Census

Chair Jacobs read the following resolution.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORTING FOR THE 2020 CENSUS

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the United States of America requires the U. S. Census Bureau to conduct a count of the population and provide an opportunity for local governments to help shape the foundation of our society; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County Government is committed to working with the entire community to ensure every resident is counted in the upcoming 2020 Census; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2010, Durham County had a Census response rate of 75%, but in 2020 officials have set a goal of 82%; and
- WHEREAS,** the Census brings \$675 Billion in federal funds to communities across the country for programs that support highways, health care, affordable housing, community development, home energy assistance, nutrition for women, infants and children, education and more; and
- WHEREAS,** specifically North Carolina annually receives \$16 Billion or \$1,623 per capita for the largest Federal Assistance Programs because of Census-derived data; and
- WHEREAS,** Census data determines the number of seats each state will have in the U. S. House of Representatives in addition to the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils and voting districts; and
- WHEREAS,** the Census creates hundreds of thousands of jobs across our nation thereby improving local economies; and
- WHEREAS,** those who work for the Census Bureau must take a lifetime oath to protect confidentiality and ensure that data identifying respondents of their households must not be released or shared; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2020 Census will feature new technology that will allow respondents to answer Census questions online in addition to by phone or on paper; and
- WHEREAS,** shortly, a united voice from business, government, educators, non-profits, faith leaders, media and others will work to develop and market the 2020 Census across the entire community to raise overall awareness and to increase participation among all populations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the members of the Durham County Board of Commissioners do hereby support the ideals and goals of the 2020 Census and will market and share 2020 Census information to encourage increased participation, partner with local stakeholders to support efforts for counting

each person living in Durham to achieve an accurate and complete count, and work to raise awareness about the programs and services made possible by the Census.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we the members of the Durham County Board of Commissioners do hereby set a Census County Goal of 82% or higher for the 2020 Census.

This 8th day of April 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair

James Hill, Jr., Vice-Chair

Heidi Carter

Brenda A. Howerton

Ellen Reckhow

Deborah Craig-Ray, General Manager stated the City would be approving a similar proclamation and she planned to reach out to the community to inform them of the importance of the census.

Resolution in Support of Funding to Meet the Mental Health, Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, and Substances Use Disorder Service Needs of the Citizens of Durham County

Commissioner Carter read the following resolution.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING TO MEET THE MENTAL HEALTH, INTELLECTUAL/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICE NEEDS OF THE CITIZENS OF DURHAM COUNTY

WHEREAS, Durham County recognizes that, with appropriate services and supports, individuals and families dealing with mental illness and substance use disorders can achieve recovery and that those with intellectual/developmental disabilities can live productive lives in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the amount of resources needed for such services and supports are increasing due to North Carolina’s increasing population; and

WHEREAS, Durham County is a member of Alliance Health (formerly known as Alliance Behavioral Healthcare), a public Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization (LME/MCO) responsible for providing system management and oversight for approximately 471,000 Medicaid-covered and uninsured North Carolinians across four counties; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the expectations of the North Carolina General Assembly and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Alliance’s Board of Directors has developed, and Alliance’s intent is to implement, a comprehensive reinvestment plan benefiting the citizens of Durham County with service enhancements, including housing initiatives and innovative evidenced-based and crisis services, as part of a focused effort to reduce unnecessary emergency department admissions and to divert people from our criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, while the North Carolina General Assembly passed mental health reform legislation in 2001 with the intent of improving clinical services and deinstitutionalizing, State funding for North Carolina’s behavioral healthcare system has been inconsistent and inadequate for more than 17 years since this legislation became law; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly has reduced State funding for behavioral health services (known as single-stream funding) by more than \$458 million, including a more than \$67 million

reduction in funding to Alliance, over the past four years while requiring the LME/MCOs to continue offering the same level of State-funded services as before such reductions; and

WHEREAS, despite these significant single-stream funding reductions, Alliance has continued serving the uninsured and underinsured using the remaining State funds and portions of its savings intended to be used for implementing its reinvestment plan; and

WHEREAS, while it is Alliance’s intent to implement its comprehensive reinvestment plan enhancing services for the citizens of Durham County, State single-stream funding has been reduced for four consecutive years and such continued reductions have forced Alliance to eliminate, or halt work on, items from its reinvestment plan; and

WHEREAS, Durham County has continued to fund Alliance with County dollars to supplement services to our residents, but we are concerned that additional reductions in behavioral health funding by the State may increase the need for the local allocation and place additional strain on other County services such as Emergency Medical Services (EMS), jails, and other social service resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Durham County Board of Commissioners do hereby request that the North Carolina General Assembly:

- Stop cutting Alliance Health’s State single-stream funding so that such funds can be utilized to strengthen access to healthcare services for the mental health, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and substance use disorder needs of uninsured and underinsured Durham County citizens; and
- Allow Alliance Health to continue to utilize its savings to reinvest in enhanced, innovative services in our communities rather than mandating that such funds be used to replace previously reduced State funding.

This 8th day of April 2019.

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Wendy Jacobs, Chair	James Hill, Jr., Vice-Chair
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Heidi Carter	Brenda A. Howerton
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Ellen Reckhow	

Rob Robinson, CEO Alliance Health, discussed the challenges of Alliance Health due to reduced and phased out funding by the State.

Cynthia Binnay, Chair, Alliance Health Board of Trustees, emphasized the importance of advocating with legislators to keep all the funding that provided services for children with mental illness and their parents.

Directive: Chair Jacobs asked the Clerk to send resolution to the County delegations.

Resolution – The National Collaborative for Infants and Toddlers Resolution to Promote Investment in Young Children and Families from Prenatal to Three

Commissioner Howerton read the following resolution.

THE NATIONAL COLLABORATIVE FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE INVESTMENTS IN YOUNG CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM PRENATAL TO THREE

WHEREAS, counties routinely provide an array programs and services to an estimated 16 million children ages birth to three in the United States; and in 2017 about 29 percent of counties had more than a quarter of all children living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, the most rapid period of brain development occurs within the first years of life with the brain developing faster from birth to age three than at any later period in life, building the foundation for all future learning, behavior and health; and when toddlers receive what their growing brains need, they become healthy children who are confident, empathetic and ready for school and life; and programs and policies that support healthy development from birth to age three result in better social, economic and health outcomes and build a more productive workforce that strengthens our economy now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, parents are a child’s most important caregivers and play the lead role in their child’s healthy development; at the same time, communities and governments can effectively provide families with an array of comprehensive support at an especially critical time; and

WHEREAS, programs and policies should start early to ensure healthy beginnings at birth, support families with infants and toddlers and make high-quality child care and learning environments more accessible and affordable to all; and

WHEREAS, high-quality child care is often unavailable or unaffordable for parents who need it, and many families are not connected to networks or early childhood support that can offer guidance and confidence to navigate the earliest months and years of their children’s lives; and

WHEREAS, Durham County and all counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of residents in cost-effective ways—especially for the children under the age of three in our area; and

WHEREAS, research shows that when we invest in the first three years of a child’s life the returns for the community are the highest, and we can reduce the need for more expensive interventions later; and

WHEREAS, research also shows that high-quality early childhood development programs can deliver an annual return of up to 13 percent per child on upfront costs through better outcomes in education, health, employment and social behavior in the decades that follow; and economists attribute local economic growth and prosperity to high-quality early child care programs; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties (NACo) and other national organizations joined the National Collaborative for Infants and Toddlers (NCIT), a project of the Pritzker Children’s Initiative (PCI), in a groundbreaking partnership to work with communities and states across the country to focus on early childhood development for young children from birth to three.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we the members of the Durham County Board of Commissioners do hereby sign on to the Call to Action to prioritize and invest in prenatal-to-three efforts that promote a healthy start at birth, support for families with infants and toddlers and high-quality care and learning environments and utilize the resources available through NACo and the NCIT to:

- Be a champion for change by prioritizing and investing in high-quality infant-toddler programs so children, families and communities can thrive;
- Designate an early childhood leader with authority to coordinate and maximize county services to optimize child and family outcomes and leverage additional resources;
- Convene or draw on a diverse team of leaders, decision-makers and community stakeholders committed to early childhood investments;
- Take an inventory of local programs and services for children and families;

- Create a plan with measurable outcomes to implement, shift and enhance evidence-based approaches that promote a comprehensive and equitable continuum of care that begins before birth and spans into adulthood, with specific recommendations for children under three and their families;
- Leverage local, state and federal investments and explore innovative funding strategies and revenue streams to support early childhood programming; and
- Promote prenatal-to-three policies, best practices and cross coordination to improve child and family outcomes as well as service delivery and efficacy in government through streamlined processes.

This 8th day of April 2019.

_____ Wendy Jacobs, Chair	_____ James Hill, Jr., Vice-Chair
_____ Heidi Carter	_____ Brenda A. Howerton
_____ Ellen Reckhow	

Commissioner Howerton stated the Board was fully committed to moving forward with the investments in young children and families. She added send the resolution to the National Association of County Commissioners (NACO). Chair Jacobs wanted the resolution sent to State and Federal Representatives.

Directive: Chair Jacobs asked the Clerk and staff to send the resolution to State and Federal Representatives and NACO.

Consent Agenda

Chair Jacobs asked the Board if they requested to pull or comment on the item on the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, Chair Jacobs entertained a motion of approval.

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

*19-0116 Capital Project Amendment No. 19CPA000014 – Appropriating \$1,000,000 of Public-School Building Capital Fund Lottery Funds for a Durham Public School’s (DPS) Capital Project (Lottery Funds).

*19-0031 Capital Project Amendment No. 19CPA000015 – Moving 2016 General Obligation Bond Funds Between Multiple Durham Public School Capital Projects and Closing Two Bond Funded Capital Projects.

*19-0139 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19BCC0000049 to Appropriate Additional Permit Fee Revenue of \$110,000 and Authorize the Approval for the Stormwater Utility Planning and Implementation Contract.

19-0148 Lease Agreement Between Durham County and Thomas L. Hawkins.

19-0153 Conservation Easement Option with Allen and Cindy Needham and 2019 Agricultural Lands Easement (ALE) Program Grant submission.

*19-0154 Capital Project Amendment No. 19CPA0000016 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19BCC000043 – Appropriating \$225,760 of Debt Service Fund fund balance and transferring the funding to the Downtown Parking Deck(s) Capital Project and Authorize the Execution of Architectural Services Agreement with Little Diversified Architectural Consulting Ltd. for the Programming Phase of the Architectural Design Services for the Structured Parking at two Downtown Sites (300 and 500 Blocks of East Main St.) Project No. 4730DC138.

*19-0158 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19BCC000044 to Recognize \$39,304 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Women’s and Children’s Health Section/Women’s Health Branch.

*19-0159 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19BCC000045 to Recognize \$20,757 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Women’ and Children’s Health Section/Women’s Health Branch.

*19-0160 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 10BCC000046 to Recognize \$5,000 in Grant Funding from the Division of Public Health epidemiology/Communicable Disease Section.

*19-0161 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19BCC000047 to Recognize \$4,800 from Duke University Division of Community Health.

*19-0162 Budget Ordinance Amendment 19BCC000048 to Recognize an increase of \$40,000 from SHIFT NC for All Together Now Implementation.

19-0164 Replacement of Main Roof and HVAC Unit at the Criminal Justice Resource Center.

Consent Agenda Item #19-0116

**Durham County, North Carolina
2018-2019 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 19CPA000014**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the 2018-19 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.

Project	Current Budget	Increase/ Decrease	Revised Budget
Eno Valley Elementary School Renovations – Roof Replacement (SH277)	\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
Totals	\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00

Approved April 8, 2019.

Consent Agenda Item #19-0131

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
2018-19 Capital Project Ordinance
Amendment Number 19CPA000015**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the 2018-19 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.

Project	Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Revised Budget	Project Status
16 GO Bond – Club Blvd. Roof Replacement (SH254)	\$875,000.00	(\$40,628.89)	\$834,371.11	Closing
16 GO Bond – Rogers Herr Fire Alarm Replacement (SH245)	\$187,500.00	(\$13,432.55)	\$174,067.45	Closing
16 GO Bond – Staff Development Roof Replacement (SH265)	\$312,500.00	\$48,000.00	\$360,500.00	Amending
16 GO Bond – Existing Northern High School (SH249)	\$250,000.00	\$6,061.44	\$256,061.44	Amending
Totals	\$1,625,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,625,000.00	

Approved April 8, 2019.

Consent Agenda Item #19-0139

**Durham County, North Carolina
2018-2019 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 19BCC000049**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2018-2019 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<i>General Fund</i>			
Licenses and Permits	\$1,052,000	\$110,000	\$1,162,000

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<i>General Fund</i>			
Environmental Protection	\$5,198,523	\$110,000	\$5,308,523

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

Approved April 8, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0154

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
2018-19 Capital Project Ordinance
Amendment Number 19CPA000016**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the 2018-19 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.

Project	Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Revised Budget
Downtown Parking Deck (4730DC138277)	\$250,000	\$225,760	\$475,760
Totals	\$0.00	\$225,760	\$475,760

**Durham County, North Carolina
2018-2019 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 19BCC000043**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2018-2019 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>Debt Service Fund</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$116,453,467	\$225,760	\$116,679,227

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>Debt Service Fund</u>			
General Government	\$117,321,688	\$225,760	\$117,547,448

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

Approved April 8, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0158

**Durham County, North Carolina
2018-2019 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 19BCC000044**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2018-2019 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>General Fund</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$46,714,375	\$39,304	\$46,753,679

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>General Fund</u>			
Human Services	\$84,043,091	\$39,304	\$84,082,395

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

Approved April 8, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0159

**Durham County, North Carolina
2018-2019 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 19BCC000045**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2018-2019 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>General Fund</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$46,753,679	\$20,757	\$46,774,436

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>General Fund</u>			
Human Services	\$84,082,395	\$20,757	\$84,103,152

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

Approved April 8, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0160

**Durham County, North Carolina
2018-2019 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 19BCC000046**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2018-2019 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>General Fund</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$46,774,436	\$5,000	\$46,779,436

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>General Fund</u>			
Human Services	\$84,103,152	\$5,000	\$84,108,152

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

Approved April 8, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0161

**Durham County, North Carolina
2018-2019 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 19BCC000047**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2018-2019 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>General Fund</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$46,779,436	\$4,800	\$46,784,236

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>General Fund</u>			
Human Services	\$84,108,152	\$4,800	\$84,112,952

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

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Other Business

Durham County Women’s Commission Presentation – Pay Equity for Women

Sarah Bausch, Women’s Commission member, introduced Jada Hester, North Carolina State Student/Researcher. Ms. Hester shared a presentation on “*The Racialized Wage Gap Among Women in Durham, NC*” which outlined the following: Objectives, Methodology, Survey Respondents, Survey Questions and Answers, Additional Findings, What Women are Saying, Key Takeaways, Policy Recommendations, Next Steps and Acknowledgements.

The Board thanked Ms. Bausch for her presentation and research. The Board asked if pay equity was conducted for Durham County employees. Wendell Davis, County Manager, responded no research had been conducted on pay equity. The Board asked about Durham having a low gender gap. Ms. Bausch replied the national average was around 87 percent and Durham was at 94 percent which was the reason why she chose Durham for her research. She added Durham was aware of the gender gap but lacked corrective actions. The Board asked if the research included women pay compared to men. Ms. Bausch responded no; her research only compared women.

300 and 500 blocks of East Main St, Redevelopment – Review of Next Steps following the Receipt of the Solicitation(s) for Development

Sarah Odio, Project Manager, Development Finance Initiative (DFI), shared a presentation on “*300 and 500 East Main Solicitation Responses and Next Steps*” which outlined the following: Solicitation Process, Proposals Submitted (Leave Developers Only), Evaluation Criteria, Due Diligence, Post-Solicitation Project Timeline, Memorandum of Understanding and Development Agreement.

The Board thanked Ms. Odio for her presentation and updates on the redevelopment. The Board asked if any of the developers had experience with public-private partnerships and projects with mixed-income housing in North Carolina. Ms. Odio responded many of the developers who submitted proposals had previous experience with public-private partnerships and some worked with mixed income housing

projects but not in North Carolina.

The Board inquired about plans including a daycare or grocery store. Ms. Odio responded yes; but cautioned adding a grocery store unless the developer already had a letter of interest. The Board asked if samples of other development projects and the comparison of evaluations would be provided. Ms Odio responded yes; adding the information would be on the project website for the community to be informed and provide input. The Board asked if any of the firms involved were partnered or had a chair by women and someone of color. Ms. Odio replied some have women and Afro-Americans but no Latinos.

Discussion of the Durham County Public Art Policy and Program Draft Documents

Linda Salguero, Project Manager, Engineering and Environmental Services, shared a presentation on “*Durham County Public Art Policy and Program*” which outline the following: Public Art Policy Development Timeline, Public Art Policy Goals, Policy Administration and Process, Policy Implementation – Next Steps and Conclusion.

The Board inquired about the one percent of the annual capital improvement project budget for eligible projects for public art. Peri Manns, Interim General Manager responded the amount was contingent with what the Board adopted. The Board asked if the exemption policy needed refinement for projects that could be inappropriate. Ms. Salguero responded if the County decided artwork was not appropriate, the funds would not be used. The Board asked if the policy would mandate all new capital projects that met eligibility criteria to have public art. Ms. Salguero replied no; all projects must be approved for public art.

The Board inquired about their structure and role with the Culture Advisory Board and asked about the community engagement program. Ms. Salguero stated the City and County would be recommended to make appointments to the Culture Advisory Board. She also responded with regards to the community engagement program the flow chart in the document included communication points.

The Board asked for the discussion of the art policy and program draft document be added to the Joint City-County agenda for review.

Directive:

- **Chair Jacobs requested that the Board email all questions to Linda Salguero.**
- **Chair Jacobs requested Linda Salguero help with the public art policy decision points for the agenda at the Joint City-County Meeting.**

Consideration to Discontinue the Durham-Orange County Light Rail

Wendell Davis, County Manager, requested the Board consider discontinuing the Durham-Orange Light Rail Project as recommended by the Go Triangle Board of Trustees. This action would satisfy the requirements of the *Interlocal Cost Sharing Agreement for the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project* by formally discontinuing the project and beginning a process to reallocate funds that was allocated to the light rail project and amended the Durham County Transit Plan.

On March 27, 2019, the GoTriangle Board of Trustees voted unanimously to recommend that the cost-sharing partners in Durham and Orange counties and the Durham – Chapel Hill – Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization discontinue the light-rail project.

Commissioner Reckhow stated the North Carolina General Assembly actions over the past four (4) years made the path forward very difficult with reduced funding on several occasions. She added the Durham-Orange County Light Rail was the only project out of about 3,000 projects listed in the Strategic Transportation Investment Program with a timeframe. Commissioner Reckhow mentioned the timeframe made the project less resilient with limited extra funds and flexibility. She added the Federal shutdown, Duke University not signing the cooperative agreement and the North Carolina Railroad adding requirements that were difficult to meet also impacted the project. Commissioner Reckhow stated the Go Triangle Board would look at the public investments to see what could be repurposed and was committed to evaluating the corridor for use in another project. She added the transit plan would be updated in the next 12 to 15 months with the community and key stakeholder's involvement. Chair Jacobs added stated the Durham-Orange County Light Rail was the only project that was funded through the State Transportation Funding Process. She added its purpose was supposed to take out the politics and award projects based on merits.

Commissioner Howerton heard citizens asking at a Partners Against Crime (PAC) meeting what were the plans for the money that GoTriangle received for the light rail project. Commissioner Reckhow replied about \$8 million dollars was spent in Durham from the transit fund for transit services with a large amount spent on bus services, capital improvements and inflation cost. She added approximately \$800,000 was committed to researching and planning for commuter rail.

Commissioner Carter thanked Chair Jacobs, Commissioner Reckhow, John Tallmadge and Matthew Clark for all their hard work with the light rail project.

Vice-Chair Hill thanked Chair Jacobs and Commissioner Reckhow for all their work and efforts with the light rail project. He explained the importance of rail in the history of Durham.

Chair Jacobs stated the project would have created thousands of new jobs and infused billions of dollars into the local and state economies.

Chair Jacobs thanked GoTriangle staff, the City-County Planning Department staff, Anthony Scott, Secretary of Transportation James Trogdon, III, Congressman George Kenneth Butterfield, Jr., David Price, industry partners, Commissioner Reckhow, Mayor Steve Schewel, County Manager Wendell Davis, Durham County staff and the Durham community. She added there was still a need for reliable, convenient, affordable and rapid regional transit system connecting Durham, Orange and Wake counties. Chair Jacobs mentioned citizens needed a mobility option to access jobs, healthcare and educational opportunities. She added a fixed route corridor was the only method to have a traffic free option that protected the water, air, trees, fight climate control, manage population growth, racial and economic equities and growing poverty. Chair Jacobs stated she would never stop fighting for the best interest of the citizens of Durham and the needs that must be addressed.

County Attorney Lowell Siler thanked Willie Darby, Senior Assistant County Attorney for all his efforts with drafting and re-drafting the project documents.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to discontinue the Durham-Orange Light Rail Project as recommended by the Go Triangle Board of Trustees.

The motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Chair Jacobs stated the board was requested to adjourn to 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; in the matter of Francisico DeVera Rodriquez vs. Michael Andrews, Paul Aiken, Durham County and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, File Number 18-CVS-3012 pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3).
- To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee, pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6).

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to adjourn into Closed Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene to Open Session

Chair Jacobs stated the Board met in Closed Session and provided direction to staff.

Adjournment

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 10:21 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Macio Carlton
Senior Administrative Assistant