

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

Monday, April 13, 2026

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 Dr. Mike Lee, Vice Chair Nida Allam and Commissioners Michelle Burton, Wendy Jacobs and Stephen Valentine

Presider: Chair Dr. Mike Lee

Zoom Hybrid  
Participants: 3

**Closed Session – 5:30 PM**

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

Vice Chair Allam moved, seconded by Commissioner Valentine to adjourn into Closed Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Reconvene to Open Session**

Chair Dr. Lee announced the Board met in Closed Session and provided direction to staff.

**Regular Session – 7:00 PM**

**Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Adjustments**

Commissioner Burton moved, seconded by Commissioner Valentine to approve the agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

## **Announcements**

Monica Wallace, Clerk to the Board read the following announcements:

1. **Redwood Convenience Site Closed for Renovation** - The Redwood Convenience Site at 100 Electra Road closed on April 1 for a year-long renovation project. During the closure, residents in unincorporated Durham County are encouraged to visit one of the County's two other convenience sites: Parkwood Convenience Site (5928 Highway 55) and Northern Convenience Site (11894 N. Roxboro Road). More information: <https://dconc.gov/DurhamCo-News/Redwood-Convenience-Site-to-Close-April-1-for-Renovation-Project.htm>
2. **Burn Ban Continues in Durham** – A countywide burn ban went into effect in Durham County on March 23, 2026. Due to ongoing dry conditions and increased fire danger, the ban issued by the Durham County Office of Emergency Services, Fire Marshal Division, remains in effect until further notice. The N.C. Forest Service has also issued a ban on all open burning and has canceled all burning permits statewide effective March 28. Durham County has the authority to issue the ban within 100 feet of a structure while the NC Forest Service can issue a ban from 100 feet outward. The two bans combined prohibit open and recreational burning anywhere in the county.
3. **Durham's Neighborhood Approach to Home Energy Savings** - Durham County's Energy Burden & Emissions Reduction Program (EBERP) helps income-qualified households lower energy costs through free home energy upgrades and repairs. Serving specifically selected neighborhoods in Durham. See if your home is within the neighborhood boundary and learn more at [www.NCenergyneighbors.com](http://www.NCenergyneighbors.com).
4. **2026 Durham County Food Security Grants Program** - Are you a nonprofit working to improve food access and strengthen food security in Durham County? This is your chance to grow your impact! Durham County is now accepting applications for the 2026 Food Security Grant, offering funding opportunities for community food security projects. Nonprofit organizations can apply for \$20,000–\$50,000 to support projects that improve food access and strengthen community food security. Deadline to apply is Friday, April 17 at 11:59 p.m. Learn more and access the application here: <https://go.ncsu.edu/durhamfoodsecurity2026>.
5. **County Veteran Services to Operate with Limited Services April 22-24** – Residents seeking assistance from Durham County Veterans Services from Wednesday, April 22, through Friday, April 24, 2026, should note that limited services will be available as staff attend an annual accreditation training. The department will resume normal operations on Monday, April 27. During this period, appointments with a veteran services officer will not be available. However, customers can still reach Veteran Services by calling 919-560-8387, emailing [veteranservices@dconc.gov](mailto:veteranservices@dconc.gov), or visiting their office at 201 N. Roxboro Street, Durham, NC 27701.

6. **Summer Opportunities for Young People** – The City of Durham, Durham County, and Durham Public Schools are offering an extensive list of summer programs and internships ranging from Durham Fire and Police Department Camps, Kids Voting Durham Internships and DPS Summer Learning Opportunities. Please email [oo@durhamnc.gov](mailto:oo@durhamnc.gov) or visit [www.durhamnc.gov/5226/Summer-Opportunities-for-Young-People](http://www.durhamnc.gov/5226/Summer-Opportunities-for-Young-People) for additional information.

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Commissioner Jacobs stated the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Council of State Justice Center collaborated to create a framework for county leaders to enhance the effectiveness in the criminal justice system. She stated she was invited to participate in the two-year framework program.

## Minutes

Commissioner Valentine moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve the March 2, 2026, Work Session, March 9, 2026, Regular Session and March 23, 2026, Regular Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Jacobs inquired about the directive requesting for the Boards priorities to be included in the budget presentation. Claudia Hager, County Manager, responded she would review the directive and follow up with the Board.

## Ceremonial Items

### Items Being Recognized

#### **26-0191 Recognizing the Durham Library Foundation in Acknowledgement of Their One-Time Gift of \$117,318 in Support of Durham County Library Programs**

Kara Nunnally, Durham Library Foundation Executive Director, thanked the Board for their continued support and presented the check to the County. She thanked Dana Connors, Durham County Library Director, for bringing renewed energy to Durham County libraries.

The Board thanked the Durham Library Foundation for the donation and stated they looked forward to hearing about how the libraries would use the donation to support services and programs to residents.

#### **26-0188 Resolution - Honoring Southern School of Energy and Sustainability's Boys Basketball Championship**

Chair Dr. Lee read the following resolution:

### **HONORING SOUTHERN SCHOOL OF ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY 2026 BOYS BASKETBALL SEASON**

**WHEREAS,** on March 14, 2026, the Southern School of Energy and Sustainability's Spartans basketball team defeated Mooresville High School to win the NCHSAA 7A State Championship, held in Winston Salem at the Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum; and

**WHEREAS,** that 54-47 victory marked the Spartans’ first state basketball title in Southern School’s history; and

**WHEREAS,** led by a solid record of excellence from Head Coach Greg Motley, Southern finished the season with a 28-3 overall record; and

**WHEREAS,** several players earned distinguished recognitions, including Keyonee Terry, who was named the Most Valuable Player of the state championship game; A.J. Morman Jr., who was honored as the Most Outstanding Player for the East Team; and Martin Ashley, who received the Sportsmanship Award; and

**WHEREAS,** the championship game’s leading scorers were A.J. Morman Jr. with 16 points, Keyonee Terry with 13 points, and Martin Ashley with 10 points; and

**WHEREAS,** we congratulate the team for demonstrating exceptional skill, effort, and teamwork throughout the season, culminating in a remarkable come from behind victory over their opponent to secure the championship.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that we, the members of the Durham County Board of Commissioners do hereby salute Coach Greg Motley, his coaching staff, and members of the 2026 Southern School of Energy and Sustainability Boys Basketball Team becoming the 2026 NCHSAA 7A state Champions.

We call upon all citizens in Durham County to join in celebrating these outstanding student athletes and the athletic staff for a fantastic job and historic school accomplishment!

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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Dr. Mike Lee, Chair

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Nida Allam, Vice Chair

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Michelle Burton, Commissioner

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Wendy Jacobs, Commissioner

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Stephen Valentine, Commissioner

Greg Motley, Boys Basketball Coach thanked the Board for the resolution recognizing the team’s championship.

**26-0189 Resolution - Honoring Southern School of Energy and Sustainability’s Girls Basketball Team**

Vice Chair Allam read the following resolution:

**HONORING SOUTHERN SCHOOL OF ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY  
2026 GIRLS BASKETBALL SEASON**

**WHEREAS,** the extraordinary Southern School of Energy and Sustainability’s Spartans Girls basketball team, led by Head Coach Teddy McKoy, enjoyed a highly

successful season, becoming the 2025–26 Tobacco Road 7A Regular Season and Tournament Champions; and

**WHEREAS,** on March 14, 2026, the Southern School of Energy and Sustainability’s Spartans basketball team fought valiantly earning the title of 2025-26 NCHSAA 7A State Champions Runner-up at the Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Winston-Salem; and

**WHEREAS,** this fantastic team, led by stellar players including Sophomore Jakayla Palmer (#5) and Senior Ashlyn Hudson (#11), earned honors as the 2025–26 NCHSAA 7A Eastern Regional Champions and demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship, determination, and teamwork throughout the season; and

**WHEREAS,** this phenomenal all-star team finished the challenging season with an outstanding record of 27-4.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that we, the members of the Durham County Board of Commissioners do hereby salute Coach Teddy McKoy and the coaching staff, along with members of the 2026 Southern School of Energy and Sustainability Girls Basketball Team for their successful season.

We call upon all citizens in Durham County to join in celebrating these outstanding student athletes and the athletic staff for a fantastic job and an historic season to remember!

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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Dr. Mike Lee, Chair

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Nida Allam, Vice Chair

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Michelle Burton, Commissioner

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Wendy Jacobs, Commissioner

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Stephen Valentine, Commissioner

Teddy McKoy, Girls Basketball Coach, thanked the Board for recognizing the girls basketball team.

**26-0182 Resolution - Honoring the Beta Pi Sigma Durham Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated on the Occasion of its 75th Charter Day**

Commissioner Burton read the following resolution:

**HONORING THE BETA PI SIGMA DURHAM ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY INCORPORATED ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 75TH CHARTER DAY**

**WHEREAS,** the Beta Pi Sigma Durham Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. was organized on April 13, 1951, at the home of Soror Narviar Coward in Durham, North Carolina, by Soror Annie Neville of Rocky Mount, North Carolina,

Regional Syntaktes, with the assistance of Sorors Lucille B. Davis and Ruth V. Whitworth; and

**WHEREAS,** the chapter was founded upon the principles of true sisterhood and dedicated community service, with a strong emphasis on uplifting youth and strengthening the Durham community; and

**WHEREAS,** during the organization of the chapter, Soror Annie Neville affirmed that community service and genuine sisterhood are the foundational pillars of Sigma Gamma Rho, a charge that continues to guide the chapter’s mission and impact; and

**WHEREAS,** the eleven charter members established a lasting legacy of leadership, collaboration, and service that has positively influenced generations of youth, families, and residents throughout Durham County; and

**WHEREAS,** for seventy-five years, the Beta Pi Sigma Durham Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated has remained committed to advancing education, youth development, civic engagement, and community service through impactful programs, mentorship initiatives, scholarships, and partnerships serving Durham County and Orange County; and

**WHEREAS,** April 13, 2026, marks the 75th Charter Day of the Beta Pi Sigma Durham Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated, representing a significant milestone in its history of service, leadership, and community empowerment; and

**WHEREAS,** the Durham County Board of Commissioners recognizes the Beta Pi Sigma Durham Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated for its unwavering commitment to uplifting youth, strengthening families, and enhancing the quality of life for residents throughout the community since its establishment in 1951.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Durham County Board of Commissioners hereby commends and honors the Beta Pi Sigma Durham Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated on the occasion of its 75th Charter Day and expresses sincere appreciation for its longstanding service, leadership, and positive impact within Durham County and beyond.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Durham County Board of Commissioners joins in celebrating this historic milestone and encourages all residents to recognize and support the continued mission and community work of the Beta Pi Sigma Durham Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated.

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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Dr. Mike Lee, Chair

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Nida Allam, Vice Chair

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Michelle Burton, Commissioner

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Wendy Jacobs, Commissioner

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Stephen Valentine, Commissioner

Kenisha McKenzie, Basileus (President) Beta Pi Sigma Durham Alumnae Chapter provided a brief history of the Beta Pi Sigma Durham Alumnae Chapter and the services and programs offered to the

community. Dr. Janel Curry, Area Three Coordinator, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated thanked the Board for recognizing the 75<sup>th</sup> Charter Day.

The Board thanked the Beta Pi Sigma Durham Alumnae Chapter for 75 years of service to Durham and for their positive impact on young women in the community.

### **Items Being Acknowledged**

#### **26-0173 Proclamation – The Week of the Young Child**

##### **THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD | 2026**

**WHEREAS,** Durham’s Partnership for Children, Early Years, and Durham Technical Community College and other local organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are leading the celebration of the Week of the Young Child, April 11-17, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** these organizations are working to improve early learning opportunities, including high quality early education, literacy initiatives, and Durham PreK, a universal public preschool initiative, that can provide a foundation of learning for children in Durham County; and

**WHEREAS,** many Durham County government initiatives and programs involve the protection of children, their health and access to valuable educational resources; focusing public attention on the rights and needs of young children; and

**WHEREAS,** teachers, volunteers and citizens of Durham, who make a difference in the lives of young children in Durham County, deserve thanks and recognition; and

**WHEREAS,** public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to young children’s futures.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** I, Dr. Mike Lee, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 11 – 17, 2026, as

##### **“THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD”**

in Durham, and encourage all Durham County officials, employees, and citizens to work to make a good investment in early childhood in North Carolina and to take special note of this observance by participating in the Week of the Young Child’s activities.

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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Dr. Mike Lee, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Ileana Vink, County Early Childhood Coordinator, thanked the Board for their continued support and for recognizing The Week of the Young Child. Dr. Linda Chappel, Early Childhood Senior Vice President stated she dedicated her career to supporting the youth in the community.

The Board thanked Ms. Vink and Dr. Chappel for their work to ensure all children in Durham have equal early-learning opportunities and for their continued commitment to local families.

**26-0183 Proclamation – Electric Utility Lineworker Appreciation Day**

**ELECTRIC UTILITY LINeworker APPRECIATION DAY | 2026**

- WHEREAS,** the Durham County Board of Commissioners celebrates and commends the work of all electrical utility lineworkers, who work in a profession requiring passion, dedication and extensive training; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County is primarily served by Duke Energy’s lineworkers, especially during major storms; these lineworkers work in dangerous conditions to repair broken power lines and equipment; and
- WHEREAS,** electric lineworkers often are the first responders during storms, whose work is critical to making the damaged area safe for other public safety heroes; and
- WHEREAS,** Duke Energy’s lineworkers and other linemen are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to maintain our electrical infrastructure and keep the power flowing to everyone; and
- WHEREAS,** due to the danger of their work with high voltage, these men and women put their lives at risk every day for the citizens of our community; and
- WHEREAS,** the U. S. House of Representatives recognizes the efforts of lineworkers in keeping the power on and protecting public safety and has designated the celebration of a National Lineworker Appreciation Day.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Dr. Mike Lee, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 18, 2026, as

**“LINEWORKER APPRECIATION DAY”**

in Durham County and calls upon all citizens to recognize the contribution that these public servants make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

This 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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Dr. Mike Lee, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Sarah Stephens, District Manager, Government and Community Relations with Duke Energy, thanked the Board for recognizing and supporting lineworkers. She stated lineworkers were often the first to respond after a storm and remain on call year-round.

The Board thanked Ms. Stephens and lineworkers for their hard work and dedication to the community. The Board asked about the Lineworkers Training Program at Durham Technical Community College (DTCC). Ms. Stephens confirmed the program was still offered at DTCC due to the need and Duke Energy was funding most of the program.

## **Consent Agenda**

Chair Dr. Lee asked the Board if they requested to pull or comment on any items on the Consent Agenda.

Hearing none, Chair Dr. Lee entertained a motion for approval.

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Vice Chair Allam, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

\*26-0115 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC071 Recognizing \$72,878 in Grant Funding from the State Library of North Carolina's Libraries Strengthening Connections Grant in Support of Programming Laptop Purchases

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

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

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

26-0142 Approval of Sanford Electrical Contractors, Inc. Contract Amendment for Electrical Services for the Utilities Division in the Amount of \$161,038.53 Bringing the Contract Amount from \$139,504.97 to \$300,543.50 with a Not to Exceed Amount of \$330,000

26-0145 Approval of Contract with Stryker for the Purchase of fifty-five (55) Stryker LIFEPAK 35 cardiac monitor units in the amount of \$2,739,043.70, twenty-six (26) LIFEPAK CR2 AEDs in the amount of \$40,525.68 for a total purchase price of \$2,779,569.38

26-0154 Approval of the 500 E. Main St. Stormwater Control Measure and Public Pedestrian Access Easements and Plats and to Authorize the County Manager to execute the Second Amendment to the Master Declaration Agreement

26-0160 Approval of a Contract Amendment with Boundtree Medical in the Amount of \$75,000.00 additional in funding to Purchase Emergency Medical Services Medical Supplies for a Total Contract of \$450,000.00

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

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

Recovery Court

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

\*26-0177 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC079 Appropriating General Fund Restricted Fund Balance in the Amount of \$441,419.41 to Increase Expenditure Authority for the Sheriff’s Office Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Grant

\*26-0179 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No.26BCC080 Appropriating \$115,124 in General Fund Restricted Fund Balance to Increase State Asset Forfeiture Expenditure Authority for a New Total of \$135,124 for the Sheriff’s Office

\*26-0180 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC081 Appropriating \$93,489 in General Fund Restricted Fund Balance to Increase Federal Asset Forfeiture Spending Authority to a New Total of \$318,981 for the Sheriff’s Office

26-0181 Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Orange County and Granville County Regarding the Energy Burden and Emissions Reduction Program (EBERP)

\*25-0187 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC082 to Recognize \$3,590 from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Well-Being, Whole Child Health Section (WCHS)/School, Adolescent, and Child Health Unit (SACH) for the Maternal-Child Health Block Grant for Primary and Preventative Care

\*26-0194 Approval of Property Tax Releases and Refunds for March 2026

26-0195 Approval of Resolution Designating Plat Review Officers for the Town of Morrisville

Consent Agenda Item #26-0115

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2025-2026 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 26BCC071**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Cultural and Recreation	\$17,334,760.00	\$72,878.00	\$17,407,638.00
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$79,981,471.47	\$72,878.00	\$80,054,349.47

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

Approved April 13, 2026

Consent Agenda Item #26-0134

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2025-2026 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 26BCC077**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Cultural and Recreation	\$17,407,638.00	\$117,318.17	\$17,524,956.17
<u>Revenue</u>			
Contributions and Donations	\$247,347.00	\$117,318.17	\$364,665.17

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

Approved April 13, 2026

Consent Agenda Item #26-0138

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2025-2026 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 26BCC072**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Services	\$119,119,991.77	\$1,500.00	\$119,121,491.77
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$80,054,349.47	\$1,500.00	\$80,055,849.47

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

Approved April 13, 2026

Consent Agenda Item #26-0165

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2025-2026 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 26BCC076**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Economic and Physical Development	\$11,879,059.69	\$7,245.83	\$11,886,305.52
<u>Revenue</u>			
Service Charges	\$31,988,959.00	\$7,245.83	\$31,996,204.83

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

Approved April 13, 2026

Consent Agenda Item #26-0169

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2025-2026 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 26BCC075**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Public Safety	\$97,076,858.92	\$5,000.00	\$97,081,858.92
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$80,055,849.47	\$5,000.00	\$80,060,849.47

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

Approved April 13, 2026

Consent Agenda Item #26-0172

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2025-2026 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 26BCC078**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Economic and Physical Development	\$11,886,305.52	\$600,000.00	\$12,486,305.52
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$80,060,849.47	\$600,000.00	\$80,660,849.47

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

Approved April 13, 2026

Consent Agenda Item #26-0177

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2025-2026 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 26BCC079**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Public Safety	\$97,081,858.92	\$441,419.41	\$97,523,278.33
<u>Revenue</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$48,264,219.85	\$441,419.41	\$48,705,639.26

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

Approved April 13, 2026

Consent Agenda Item #26-0179

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2025-2026 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 26BCC080**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Public Safety	\$97,523,278.33	\$115,124.00	\$97,638,402.33
<u>Revenue</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$48,705,639.26	\$115,124.00	\$48,820,763.26

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

Approved April 13, 2026

Consent Agenda Item #26-0180

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2025-2026 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 26BCC081**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Public Safety	\$97,638,402.33	\$93,489.00	\$97,731,891.33
<u>Revenue</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$48,820,763.26	\$93,489.00	\$48,914,252.26

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

Approved April 13, 2026

Consent Agenda Item #26-0187

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2025-2026 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 26BCC082**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Services	\$119,660,218.77	\$3,590.00	\$119,663,808.77
<u>Revenue</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$80,660,849.47	\$3,590.00	\$80,664,439.47

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

Approved April 13, 2026

Consent Agenda Item #26-0194

Releases and Refunds – March 2026

<u>Current Year 2025 Taxes</u>	<u>Releases</u>	<u>Refunds</u>
Real Property	\$ 6,285,551.33	\$3,978,877.80
Personal Property	\$ 2,340.65	\$ 6,066.21
Motor Vehicle	\$ 0.00	\$ 623.18
Solid Waste	\$ 181.00	\$ 0.00
Stormwater Utility	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Public Service	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

VTS Refunds	\$ 0.00	\$ 14,283.81	
Gross Rec ./Bev. Lic.	\$ 110.00	\$ 85.23	
<b>SUB – TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,288,182.98</b>	<b>\$3,999,936.23</b>	<b>\$ 10,288,119.21</b>

<b>Prior Year 2015-2024</b>	<b>Releases</b>	<b>Refunds</b>	
Real Property	\$ 12.00	\$ 0.00	
Personal Property	\$ 260.46	\$ 397.57	
GAP Vehicles	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Motor Vehicle	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Solid Waste	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Stormwater Utility	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
VTS Refunds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
<b>SUB - TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 272.46</b>	<b>\$ 397.57</b>	<b>\$ 670.03</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,288,455.44</b>	<b>\$4,000,333.80</b>	<b>\$10,288,789.24</b>

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**Other Business**

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

County Manager Hager provided a brief overview of the Bond Order process.

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Valentine to adopt a Resolution Making Certain Statements of Fact and Authorizing Application to the North Carolina Local Government Commission (LGC) for approval of the bonds, including approval of the financing team

The motion carried unanimously.

Monica Wallace, Clerk to the Board introduced a bond order entitled, “Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$240,000,000.00 General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the County of Durham, North Carolina.”

Commissioner Burton moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to adopt a Resolution Calling a Public Hearing on the Bond Order, directing the publication of notice of such public hearing, and directing the filing of the Sworn Statement of Debt and Statement of Disclosure, as required by the Local Government Bond Act.

The motion carried unanimously.

**26-0199 Resolution – Opposing Modifications to the County Property Tax Authority**

The Board read the following resolution:

**A Resolution of the Durham County Board of Commissioners Opposing Modifications to County Property Tax Authority**

**WHEREAS,** county governments are constitutionally and statutorily charged with providing essential public services, including, but not limited to, public safety, emergency response, education, infrastructure, public health, and social services; and

**WHEREAS,** property taxes constitute a primary, stable, and locally controlled source of revenue necessary to fund these essential county services and to meet both ongoing operational needs and long-term capital obligations; and

**WHEREAS,** the authority to levy, assess, and adjust property taxes allows county governments to respond responsibly to changing economic conditions, population growth, service demands, emergencies, and state or federal mandates; and

**WHEREAS,** counties follow transparent procedures prior to any tax changes by presenting annual budgets on a strict schedule, hosting open meetings for citizen input and questions, and submitting public bonds for voter consideration; and

**WHEREAS,** proposals to modify, limit, cap, freeze, or otherwise restrict county property tax authority — whether through constitutional amendment, statutory change, or administrative action — may reduce local flexibility, undermine fiscal stability, and shift costs to less stable revenue sources; and

**WHEREAS,** such modifications may result in unintended consequences, including service reductions, delayed infrastructure investment, increased fees, and inequitable impacts on residents; and

**WHEREAS,** county governments are best positioned to balance fiscal responsibility with service delivery, accountability, and responsiveness to local needs through transparent budgeting and elected representation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Durham County Board of Commissioners supports the current property tax authority in North Carolina, which enables counties to manage property tax rates within established statutory limits; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Durham County Board of Commissioners formally opposes any constitutional amendment that would restrict, cap, reduce, or otherwise limit county property tax authority.

**ADOPTED this the 13 day of April, 2026.**

County Manger Hager thanked Keith Lane, Budget and Management Services Director, Dwane Brinson, Assistant County Manager and Keyar Doyle, Tax Administrator for providing Durham residents the opportunity to attend more than 60 community meetings on property revaluation, appeals and the budget. County Manager Hager thanked the Board for their support of the resolution.

The Board thanked County Manger Hager and staff for promptly providing the resolution. The Board stated the County relies on property taxes to fund essential services for residents.

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## **Closed Session**

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

- To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations; pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4).

Commissioner Valentine moved, seconded by Commissioner Burton to adjourn into Closed Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

## **Reconvene to Open Session**

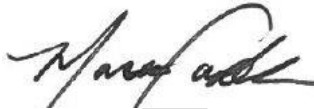
Chair Allam announced the Board met in Closed Session and provided direction to staff.

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Burton moved, seconded by Vice Chair Allam, to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 8:41 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Macio Carlton  
Deputy Clerk to the Board