



# Durham County

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## Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

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Monday, May 4, 2026

9:00 AM

Commissioners' Chambers

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### Work 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.

### 9:00 am Work Session Agenda

#### 1. Citizen Comments (30 min)

[26-0236](#)

#### Citizen Comments (30min)

Agenda Text:

The Board of County Commissioners will provide a 30-minute comment period at a meeting once a month. Any resident of Durham County wishing to speak shall have an opportunity to do so. The Board may direct staff to research and reply to the concerns, if appropriate. Speakers were asked to provide comments prior to the start of the meeting so that staff may reply to comments and/or questions. All speakers are

requested to refrain from addressing issues related to personnel matters.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** Resident engagement aligns with all five of the strategic goals by allowing the Board to receive comments and concerns from the community related to important issues in Durham County.

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

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the board receive resident comments and direct staff to respond, as deemed appropriate.

## 2. Other Business (15 min)

### 26-0224

**Suspend the Rules and Approve and Authorize the County Manager to Execute a Service Contract with A&Associates, Inc dba A&A Security Group in the amount of \$4,973,365.05 for Uniformed Security Services for Durham County Facilities, parking lots, parking decks and adjacent properties, subject to the review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, as well as Add Seven (7) New FTEs to the General Services Security Division. The County Manager also recommends that the Board approve and authorize the County Manager to sign off on subsequent extensions, change orders, or amendments associated with this contract as necessary to continue services as required**

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to suspend the rules approve and authorize the County Manager to award an annual contract with the option to renew for up to four (4) additional terms in one (1) year increments under the same terms and Conditions with A&Associates, Inc dba A&A Security Group in the amount of \$4,973,356.05. In addition to the contract, General Services will add seven (7) new FTEs to the Security Division.

A Request for Proposals (RFP No. 26-013R1) was advertised to obtain qualified and experienced firms to provide uniformed security services across Durham County government facilities, parking decks, adjacent properties, and parking lots. The purpose for this procurement is to ensure the safety and security of County employees, visitors, and residents while supporting positive engagement with County stakeholders and community partners.

Upon completion of the evaluation process, A&Associates, Inc dba A&A Security Group was identified as the firm most capable of delivering the level of service required. Purchasing has indicated in review of small business utilization A&Associates will utilize it's own workforce. No small business contracting will be achieved in this contract.

A&Associates, Inc will provide comprehensive security coverage, including staffed posts, patrol operations, access control, incident reporting, customer service, and proactive safety presence across multiple County locations. Representatives of A&A Associates are available for presentation or questions.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** This project aligns with the DCo Forward 2029 Strategic Plan Objectives (Goals) - Safe & Resilient Community - SR2: Lessen the potential for harm and dangerous situations in the community.

- SR2a- Innovate and strengthen emergency response and prevention systems.

**Resource Persons:** Motiryo Keambiroiro, Director General Services, Isaac Alderman, Security Manager

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board approve and authorize the County Manager to execute a service contract with A&Associates, Inc dba A&A Security Group in the amount of \$4,973,356.05 for Uniformed Security Services for Durham County Facilities, parking lots, parking decks and adjacent properties. In addition to the contract, General Services will add seven (7) new FTEs to the Security Division. The County Manager also recommends that the Board approve and authorize the County Manager to sign off on subsequent extensions, change orders, or amendments associated with this contract as necessary to continue services as required.

**Attachments:** [Security AAF Supplemental Document 04222026.docx](#)  
[Small Business Review Form-Agenda Action Form -RFP 26013R1 - Uniformed](#)  
[SKM\\_C36826042217050.pdf Evaluation Form 4-2026.pdf](#)  
[A&A Security Group Presentation](#)

### 3. Consent Agenda (20 min)

**26-0176** **Approval of Sole Source Contract with Father's on the Move, Inc., (FOTM) for the Durham County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$36,000 for Services to Improve Outcomes for Detainees During Reentry.**

**Agenda Text:** The Board is requested to approve a Sole Source contract with Father's on the Move Inc. (FOTM), for the Durham County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$36,000 for services to improve outcomes for detainees during reentry.

FOTM specializes exclusively in men development, reentry support, and family reunification services for justice-involved individuals. Programs are uniquely designed to address the specific needs of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated men, combining evidence-informed mentoring, life skills development, and parenting education. These services include the following.

- Pre-release mentoring focused on personal responsibility, parenting readiness, and emotional intelligence
- Post-release support including reintegration planning, employment readiness, and co-parenting strategies
- Individualized mentoring plans tailored to each participant's family structure and reentry challenges
- Ongoing case management and accountability tracking

G.S. 143-129(e) allows local governments to be exempted from the competitive bidding requirements and purchase furnishings/equipment through group purchasing programs.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** This item aligns with Durham County's Strategic Plan: Healthy and Inclusive Community, as well as Safe and Resilient Community.

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

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board approve a sole source contract with Father's on the Move Inc. (FOTM), for the Durham County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$36,000 for services to improve outcomes for detainees during reentry.

**Attachments:**

[FOTM Sup](#)

[Attachment 1 & 1A MOU Fathers on the move](#)

[Attachment 1B FOTM - Durham County Sole Source Letter](#)

[FOTM Service Contract Template FY2026](#)

**26-0198**

**Approval of Contract Amendment with Carolina Civilworks, Inc. for Emergency and Scheduled Collection System Repair Services in the Amount of \$186,257.85, Bringing the Contract Amount from \$610,289.02 to \$796,547.87 and to Execute Any Other Related Contract Amendments Not to Exceed \$875,000**

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract amendment to increase the existing service contract with Carolina Civilworks, Inc. (FR# 24-626 and RFP# 21-022) for emergency and scheduled collection system repairs in the amount of \$186,257.85, bringing the total contract amount from \$610,289.02 to \$796,547.87, and to execute any other related contracts, including amendments, not to exceed \$875,000.

The Utilities Division maintains approximately 112 miles of gravity sanitary sewer pipes, 10 miles of force main, 3,135 manholes, and 13 lift stations. Per the Collection System Permit, WQCS00038, the County is required to repair areas of concern as needed to ensure there are no sanitary system overflows (SSOs). A contract was put in place with Carolina Civilworks, Inc. for emergency and scheduled collection system repairs that include repairs to collection system equipment, piping and sewer

lateral repair and installation. Emergency repairs frequently happen after hours, holidays, and during inclement weather.

This contract is funded from the Enterprise Fund's operating budget.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** This action is in accordance with Durham County Strategic Goal: "Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment," as this aids in the prevention of sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) and/or lessens the impact to the environment. No additional policy impacts are expected.

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

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends the Board to authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract amendment to increase the existing service contract with Carolina Civilworks, Inc. (FR# 24-626 and RFP# 21-022) for emergency and scheduled collection system repairs in the amount of \$186,257.85, bringing the total contract amount from \$610,289.02 to \$796,547.87, and to execute any other related contracts, including amendments, not to exceed \$875,000.

**Attachments:** [AAF Supplemental Document](#)  
[CONTRACT](#)  
[CCW Revised Estimate](#)

### **26-0200**

#### **Approval of Contract with Tritech Software Systems, a CentralSquare Technologies Company (CentralSquare Technology) in the Amount of \$226,203 for Computer-Aided Dispatch and Report Management Systems for the Sheriff's Office**

**Agenda Text:** The Board is requested to approve a contract with TriTech Software Systems, a CentralSquare Technologies company, in the amount of \$226,203. This contract provides 24/7 software support and maintenance for the Sheriff's Office Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Report Management Systems (RMS). Funding for this contract currently exists in the Sheriff's Office Operating Budget.

Tritech will provide software support and maintenance on a 24 x 7 basis for Inform Web RMS, Inform CAD, Inform Mobile, JAIL 4, and RMS evidence bar code scanners. The support and maintenance also include support and maintenance for the following interfaces: MorphoTrak LiveScan devices, RMS warrants interface, Renovo interface, JAIL NorthPointe JICS interface, and ERMA interface. Support tickets can also be entered via the assigned customer portal. The Sheriff's Office is notified of software patches and update releases via email, CentralSquare newsletter and/or assigned customer portal.

The CAD system will implement workflow queues to streamline dispatch operations. Inform Mobile will give field personnel secure, real-time access to CAD, RMS, and

relevant databases, improving both safety and efficiency during on-scene decision-making.

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

**Resource Persons:** Vincent Ritter, Director of Information Technology, Durham County Sheriff's Office; Clarence Birkhead, Durham County Sheriff.

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board approve a contract with TriTech Software Systems, a CentralSquare Technologies company, in the amount of \$226,203. This contract provides 24/7 software support and maintenance for the Sheriff's Office Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Report Management Systems (RMS). Funding for this contract currently exists in the Sheriff's Office Operating Budget.

**Attachments:** [Tritech Software Systems \(CentralSquare Suite\) Contract Amendment Template Durham County Sheriff's Office NC July-2026-Renewal Document \(1\)](#)  
[3TechFY27SUP](#)

**26-0204**

**Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC083 Appropriating General Fund Restricted Fund Balance Totaling \$1,168,009 to Increase Expenditure Authority for Social Services**

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC083 appropriating General Fund restricted fund balance totaling \$1,168,009 to increase expenditure authority for Social Services. This revenue is unspent funds that were received prior to June 30, 2025, for specific restricted purposes and became restricted fund balance at the end of FY 2024-25.

This budget amendment is an annual process in which County departments identify remaining (unspent) restricted revenue (e.g., grant, federal/state award, donations, etc.). Because they are restricted in General Fund fund balance, there is no impact on unassigned fund balance. This is a budgetary entry only for FY 2025-26 to allow the spending of the restricted monies for the purposes of which they were received rather than spending County funds which is in accordance with the County's spending hierarchy (e.g., restricted funding before unrestricted funding).

Below is a list of programs with restricted fund balance as of FY 2024-25 to be allocated in FY 2025-26:

<b>Allocation of Restricted Funds for Social Services</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Adoption Promotion Incentive	<b>\$273,528</b>
Child Support Incentive	<b>\$894,481</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,168,009</b>

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** Increase equitable healthy outcomes and quality of

life for all. Increase equitable outcomes through County operations and services. Expand and provide services that support residents across their entire lifespan.

**Resource Persons:** Maggie Clapp, Social Services Director and Margaret Faircloth, Assistant Director of Social Services.

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC083 appropriating General Restricted Fund Balance totaling \$1,168,009 to increase expenditure authority for Social Services.

**Attachments:** [AAF-83 GF restricted fund balance to DSS LEGAL FORM](#)

**26-0208**

**Approval of a Contract Amendment in the amount of \$44,000 for Psychiatric Services and Consultation, P.C. dba Patricia Knaudt for a new total of \$205,757. The contracted services provide mental health services in the Detention Center through the end of the FY 25-26 fiscal year**

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to approve a contract amendment in the amount of \$44,000 for a new total contract amount of \$205,757. Psychiatric Services Contract (26-058) provides mental health services in the Detention Center through the end of the FY 25-26 fiscal year.

Justice Services Department is responsible for the behavioral health services provided in the Durham County Detention Center. We currently have a contract with Psychiatric Services and Consultation in the amount of \$161,757 to provide 19 hours per week of clinical services and support. In the last four months we have seen an increased need for clinical services to address the higher number of detainees needing mental health services. A second psychiatrist has been added to the contract to assist with the increased need resulting in the number of hours needed weekly increasing significantly. Based on the increased need for psychiatric hours, Justice Services Department is requesting a contract amendment to increase contract amount by \$44,000 for a new total of \$205,757.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** This item aligns with Strategic Plan Goal Three: Community Safety

**Resource Persons:** Rayburn "Marc" Strange, JSD Clinical Services Manager and Robin Heath, JSD Assistant Director

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board approve a contract amendment in the amount of \$44,000 for a new total contract amount of \$205,757. Psychiatric Services and Consultation, P.C. (dba Patricia Knaudt) provides mental health services at the Detention Center through fiscal year 2025-26

**Attachments:** [Psych Services Scope of Services FY2025-2026](#)

**26-0209****Approve and Authorize the Manager to Execute Documents Conveying a Non-Exclusive Easement to Duke Energy Over the County's Property at 1211 Shiloh Glenn Drive to Provide Electricity to the County's New Shiloh Glenn Lift Station****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to approve and authorize the Manager to execute documents conveying a non-exclusive easement to Duke Energy over the County's property at 1211 Shiloh Glenn Drive to provide electricity to the County's new Shiloh Glenn Lift Station.

This easement allows Duke Energy to extend power from a neighboring parcel to the County's new Lift Station site via an overhead transmission line. The overhead line will be installed on poles approximately 400 feet apart, which allows the utility to avoid disturbing a creek and floodplain. Consideration for this easement is one dollar.

The easement language grants different easement widths depending on the utility lines or fixtures: overhead lines have a 30-foot easement, underground lines have a 20-foot easement, and fixtures (e.g. enclosure, transformer, vault, manhole) have a 10-foot easement on all sides. The portion of the work on Durham County property is planned to be an overhead line and utility pole, however Duke Energy reserves the right to change the lines and equipment type at any point.

Please see Attachment A for the Easement Agreement, and Attachment B for Duke Energy's Project Map.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** This easement supports Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment Planning for long-term use of County land, facilities, and equipment.

**Resource Persons:** Jerry Marrone, P.E., Project Manager, Vince Chirichella, Sr. Project Manager, Stephanie Brixey, Deputy Director, Jay Gibson, P.E., Director, Engineering and Environmental Services; Christy Raulli, Sr. Real Estate Officer; and Hyrum Hemmingway, Assistant County Attorney.

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board approve and authorize the Manager to execute documents conveying a non-exclusive easement to Duke Energy over the County's property at 1211 Shiloh Glenn Drive to provide electricity to the County's new Shiloh Glenn Lift Station.

**Attachments:**

[Easement Deed - County to Duke Energy for Shiloh Glenn LS](#)

[Duke Energy Power Line Construction Aerial](#)

**26-0231**

**Approve Change Order No. 001 for the Installation of a Generator for Northern Convenience Site under IFB 25-13R2 in the amount of \$5,304.07 and Approve a Construction Contingency in the Amount of \$39,541.36 for a Total Project Amount of \$440,259.07 and authorize the Manager to approve subsequent Change Orders within the project budget.**

**Agenda Text:** The Board is requested to approve Change Order No. 001 for the construction contract with Wilson & Cofield Electric Service, Inc. in the amount of \$5,304.07 for the Generator for Northern Convenience Site project, due to unforeseen site conditions, increasing the original contract amount from \$395,413.64 to \$400,717.71.

This Change Order is required for the Contractor to complete concrete work, and the extending of conduit and wire to the new pad location. Approved by DCM Jones on April 21, 2026.

The Board is also requested to authorize a 10% construction contingency, in the amount of \$39,541.36, of the original contracted amount to be approved administratively by the County Manager for future change orders, as necessary. Bringing the total project amount including Change Order No. 001 to \$440,259.07. Thus allowing the Manager to execute future contract amendment if cost are with the Capital Improvement project budget.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment.

**Resource Persons:** Motiryo Keambiroiro, General Services Director; Chrissie Koroivui, Solid Waste Project Manager; Darius Allen, Waste Reduction Supervisor / Project Manager; Joel Jones, Engineering Project Manager.

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board authorize the County Manager to approve Change Order No. 001 in the amount of \$5,304.07 and authorize an 10% construction contingency of the original contract amount (\$39,541.36), for a total increase to \$440,259.07 as well as Authorize the County Manager to Execute Future Contact Amendments if cost of future Amendments have been allocated within the Capital Improvement Projects for Buildings.

**Attachments:** [AAF Supplemental Document - Northern Convenience Site Change Order 1](#)  
[Wilson & Cofield Change Order 01 - New Pad Location](#)

#### 4. Discussion Items (190 min)

**26-0220 Departmental - Proposed Planning & Development Department FY27 Work Program (20mins)**

**Agenda Text:** The Board is requested to review and provide comments on the draft FY27 Planning & Development Work Program.

##### **Summary**

The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and County for merged planning functions charges the Planning Director with preparing and submitting to the Joint City-County Planning Committee, the Planning Commission, and both Managers

a work program and annual budget that must be forwarded to both governing bodies for approval.

#### **Attachments**

**Attachment A:** Draft Work Program, FY27

**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:** Sara Young, AICP, Planning & Development Director

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board review and provide comments on the draft FY27 Planning & Development Work Program.

**Attachments:** [WP FY27 BOCC WS Memo May 4](#)

[WORK PROGRAM FY27 - revised 04-27-26](#)

#### **26-0140**

**Approval of Freese and Nichols (FNI) Contract Amendment for Engineering Services for Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Study in the Amount of \$388,046 Bringing the Contract Amount from \$547,900 to \$935,946 with a Not to Exceed Amount of \$990,000 (15min)**

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract amendment with Freese and Nichols (FNI) to provide engineering services for Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Study (RFQ 24-050) (FR 25-1192) in the amount of \$388,046, bringing the total contract amount from \$547,900 to \$935,946 with a not to exceed amount of \$990,000. Funding will be from the Sewer Enterprise Fund operating budget.

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

**Resource Persons:** Jay Gibson PE, Director of E&ES; Stephanie Brixey, Deputy Director of E&ES

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends the Board authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract amendment with Freese and Nichols (FNI) to provide engineering services for Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Study (RFQ 24-050) (FR 25-1192) in the amount of \$388,046, bringing the total contract amount from \$547,900 to \$935,946 with a not to exceed amount of \$990,000.

**Attachments:** [AAF Supplemental Document Expansion Study](#)  
[FR 25-1192 FREESE & NICHOLS, INC. Legistar pkg](#)  
[TWWTP Exp. Study-Design Amendment No. 1 - Signed](#)  
[TWWTP Expansion Study for BOCC May 2026](#)

**26-0141** **Adoption of the Local Water Supply Plan for Rougemont Water System (20min)**

**Agenda Text:** The Board is requested to adopt the Local Water Supply Plan (LWSP) for Rougemont Water System and sign the accompanying Resolution for submission to North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ). On February 25, 2026, NCDEQ approved the Plan. A copy of the Local Water Supply Plan, the approval letter from NCDEQ, and the Resolution are attached. North Carolina General Statute 143-355(l) requires all public water systems to develop and file a Local Water Supply Plan (LWSP).

**Alignment With Strategic Plan:** This action is in accordance with Durham County Strategic Plan Goals “Safe & Resilient Community” as well as supporting “Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment”.

**Resource Persons:** Jay Gibson, PE, Director of E&ES; Stephanie Brixey, Deputy Director of E&ES

**County Manager’s Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board adopt the Local Water Supply Plan for Rougemont Water System and authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the Resolution on behalf of the County.

**Attachments:** [AAF Supplemental Document - Non-contract](#)  
[Local Water Supply Planning Final Report](#)  
[LWSP Approval Letter 02.25.2026](#)  
[LWSP Resolution](#)  
[Rougemont LWSP Presentation for BOCC May 2026](#)

**26-0222** **Draft FY27 Durham Annual Transit Work Program Update (30min)**

**Agenda Text:** The Board is requested to receive an update on the Draft FY27 Durham Annual Transit Work Program (Work Program).

As part of the appropriations process for the Durham County Transit Plan, an annual Work Program is developed which includes a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The 2023 Transit Governance Interlocal Agreement (ILA) determines the process by which the annual budget is developed and approved. Under the guidance of the ILA, the Work Program requires approval by the Durham Board of County Commissioners and the GoTriangle Board of Trustees.

The Durham Board of County Commissioners received a presentation at their April 6

work session. Durham County staff will now provide an update on the status of the Work Program and the next steps for approval. The City of Durham will also present a recent request.

After a final recommendation is made from the Staff Working Group, the Board will be requested to adopt the Final Recommended FY27 Durham Annual Transit Work Program in June 2026.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Regional Leadership.

**Resource Persons:** Ellen Beckmann, AICP, Transportation Director; Brandi Minor, CLGFO, Transit Program Administrator; Sean Egan, City of Durham Transportation Director

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board receive an update on the Draft FY27 Durham Annual Transit Work Program.

**Attachments:**

[FY27 Transit Work Program Memo](#)

[FY27 Work Program - Partner Budget Priorities](#)

[Draft FY27 Transit Work Program](#)

[Durham Transit Plan FY27 Draft Work Program - 2026-05-04 Presentation](#)

## LUNCH

### **26-0178**

#### **Early Childhood Action Plan and Durham PreK Update (40mins)**

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to receive and discuss an annual update on County early childhood initiatives and the impact in Durham County.

This annual update is centered on the County's commitment to nurturing the youngest members of our community through the collective efforts of Durham's Early Childhood Action Plan (ECAP). ECAP, developed through a three-year process led by the community-based Grown in Durham Steering Committee, reflects community strengths, challenges and opportunities.

This update shares recent implementation of this plan to support early childhood initiatives that align with the priorities from the ECAP. This includes helping families meet basic needs, supporting early literacy and early relational health, and supporting maternal and infant health. ECAP implementation funds have also been used to support service navigation for parents and caregivers to connect with resources, and support and promotion of family-friendly businesses. Finally, ECAP funds are supporting community based participatory research to inform community partners and policy makers about the needs of young children and their adults. Local efforts are aligned with the updated state Early Childhood Action Plan (ECAP) and its four

priority areas: Healthy Babies, Food Security, Permanent Families for Children in Foster Care, and High-Quality Early Learning. The County partners with varied organizations that implement this work in our community, and the presentation will highlight implementation efforts and impact.

The presentation additionally highlights the County's work and investment (\$8.1 million in 2025-2026) in Durham PreK-through which Durham is moving towards a goal of high-quality universal pre-K for all 4-year-olds, an effort which began and continues as a collaborative model led by Early Years in the fall of 2019 along with other key partners, including Durham's Partnership for Children (NC Pre-K), Durham Public Schools, and Families and Communities Rising (Head Start). The program is now in its seventh year and uses a braided funding model to maximize the impact of public dollars via a mixed delivery system where children are served both at programs in the public schools, at Head Start, and at private childcare sites. This update is intended to provide a broader perspective on progress and barriers toward universality and elevate system-wide challenges and needs with an opportunity for discussion.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** A robust ecosystem of early childhood programs, including universal Pre-K, aligns with the DCo Forward strategic focus areas of Empowered Community (EC 1a, EC 1b, EC 1c, EC 2a, EC 2c) and Healthy and Inclusive Community (HI 1b, HI 1d, HI 2a, HI 2c).

**Resource Persons:** Ileana Vink, County Early Childhood Coordinator; Donna Rewalt, County Extension Director.

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board receive and discuss an annual update on Early Childhood needs and initiatives in Durham County.

**Attachments:**

[BOCC ECAP presentation 2026](#)

[ARPA Early Childhood Impact Highlights](#)

[NC Child Child Health Report Card- 2025](#)

**26-0213**

**County Food Security Initiatives Implementation Update (40mins)**

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to receive an annual update on County Food Security initiatives and their impact in Durham County and provide input on upcoming food security plans and initiatives. This annual update is focused on the County's commitment and efforts to target initiatives and investments in collaboration with the Durham community to improve food security for all residents. Durham County's collaborative approach to its food security work, investments, and initiatives have strengthened internal and external capacity to make progress toward improving food security in Durham County during a period of increasing food insecurity post-COVID.

The update will review current food security data for Durham County; examine Durham County's current food security investments and initiatives, including Food Security Grants, the Food Security Network, and the Food System Assessment and Strategic Plan; and offer an opportunity to explore emerging food security initiatives, trends, and challenges.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** Food Security aligns with the DCo Forward strategic focus areas of Healthy and Inclusive Community, Empowered Community, and Financial Stewardship.

**Resource Persons:** Raina Goldstein Bunnag, County Food Security Coordinator; Donna Rewalt, County Extension Director.

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board receive an annual update on County Food Security initiatives and their impact in Durham County.

County Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachments:** [BOCC Food Security Update May 2026](#)

**26-0239**

### **Future Data Center Policy Discussion (30min)**

**Agenda Text:**

The Board is asked to provide staff with guidance on the information needed to inform future policy discussions regarding data centers. As data centers have expanded across the state and nation, some jurisdictions have enacted temporary moratoria on new large-scale facilities, citing concerns about rising utility costs and environmental effects.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** Empowered Community and Sustainable Infrastructure Environment

**Resource Persons:** Claudia Hager, County Manager and Larissa Williamson, County Attorney

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board gives direction on future data center policy discussions.

## **5. Adjournment**