



# Durham County

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## Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

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Monday, April 6, 2026

9:00 AM

Commissioners' Chambers

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### Work Session

#### "Public Charge"

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

#### "Land Acknowledgment"

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

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

### 9:00 am Work Session Agenda

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

[26-0170](#)

#### 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. Consent Agenda (20 min)

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

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

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

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

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

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

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC071 recognizing \$72,878

in grant funding from the State Library of North Carolina's Libraries Strengthening Connections grant program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Durham County Department of Public Health provides services that prevent disease, promote health, and protect the environment, including family dental services.

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

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

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

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

**Attachments:**

[AAF - Delta Dental Foundation](#)

[DDF SFK – Great News!](#)

[AAF-72 Legal Form](#)

[AAF Supplemental Document - Delta Dental Foundation](#)

**26-0139**

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

**Agenda Text:**

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

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

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

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

**Attachments:**      [AAF Supplemental Document](#)  
[SANFORD\\_FR26-206\\_BOCC\\_AMEND\\_DOCS](#)  
[Quotes\\_AAF](#)

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

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

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

In addition to advancing the programmatic and sustainability goals for this project, it is important to note that the new Junction Road Fleet Operations Center is intended to replace two separate facilities that the County currently leases for OES Fleet Services and OES/Sheriff's Department operations and storage. The new center will also allow for expansion of vehicle maintenance services for all County owned vehicles including the Sheriff's department. Consolidating these functions into a single, purpose-built County-owned facility will eliminate ongoing lease obligations, reduce operational inefficiencies caused by the separation of services, and support long-term fiscal stewardship.

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

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

**Resource Persons:** Dan Nosbusch, Project Manager, Engineering & Environmental

Services; Peri Manns, Deputy Director, Engineering & Environmental Services

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

**Attachments:**

[AAF - Supplemental Document](#)

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

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

**26-0145**

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

**Agenda Text:**

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

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

As we entered the 2026 replacement phase, the EMS Division conducted a formal market evaluation of the two primary cardiac monitor platforms currently available. This review focused on functionality, interoperability, vendor support, technological advancements since the previous purchase, and alignment with system wide clinical workflows. Based on this assessment, the LIFEPAK 35 cardiac monitor from Stryker is the recommended selection. The LIFEPAK 35 continues to offer the most comprehensive feature set, the strongest continuity of care within the Durham County EMS System, and full compatibility with receiving hospitals, including Duke Health System facilities, which also utilize Stryker LIFEPAK technology.

Stryker equipment aligns with other clinical tools used throughout the Durham County EMS System and within Duke Health System emergency departments, further enhancing interoperability. For example, the defibrillation pads used with the LIFEPAK 35 are interchangeable at Duke facilities, and the ETCO<sub>2</sub> monitoring components remain compatible across systems.

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

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

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

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

**Attachments:** [LIFEPAK 35 \(x55\) With Data \(5 yrs\)Trade Ins \(x47\) ProCare Service \(1 yrs\) upd](#)  
[LIFEPAK CR2 Non Cellular \(2.17.26\)\(x26\)](#)  
[Treatment Sole-Source Letter US \(1\)](#)  
[AAF Supplemental Document - Contract Approval Template -Stryker Monitor an](#)

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

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

**Stormwater Control Measure Access Easement:**

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

**Pedestrian 10' Public Access Easement in the Linear Park:**

The attached plat also identifies a permanent 10' public access easement in the linear park that was requested by the County to remain public during development

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

**Second Amendment to the Master Declaration Agreement:**

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

**Attachments:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the Stormwater Control Measure and Public Access Easement

Dedications and Plats for the 500 E. Main St. Redevelopment and authorize the County Manager to execute the Second Amendment to the Master Declaration Agreement pending the County Legal Department approval prior to execution.

**Attachments:**

[G21079\\_500 E Main Easement Plat\\_Rev02\\_260224](#)

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

[Ped Access Easement\\_500 E Main](#)

[SCM Easement\\_500 E Main](#)

**26-0160**

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

**Agenda Text:**

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

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

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

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

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

**Attachments:**

[AAF Supplemental Document -Boundtree](#)

[Boundtree Bid Documents](#)

[FR26-269 Complete with DocuSign FR 26-269 Boundtree M](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Attachments:**

[2026 EMFV Deposit \(1\)](#)

[2025 Fall Sale Deposit.xlsx - Sheet1](#)

[AAF-76 Legal Form](#)

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

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

Recovery Courts focus on individuals with high risk/high need substance use disorders

and/or co-occurring mental health issues.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

As a result of the funds from NCDSS, Welcome Baby will offer Incredible Years School Age for families with children 6-12 years, and Circle of Parents Program for families with children up to 17 years through Cooperative Extension's Welcome Baby program through June 2030. This will allow Welcome Baby to better support families who have come to Welcome Baby for their children ages 0-5 and have children of other ages, allowing the program to offer more comprehensive parenting support to the entire family. The grant award is intended "to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect by promoting protective factors that strengthen and support families." The work will be supported by existing staff along with the creation of an additional .65 FTE Parent Educator position.

Welcome Baby Resource Program is an award-winning family support program with nearly 40 years of experience serving Durham Families with newborns through the age of five. Each year the program serves over 1500 families and over 3000 children.

The grant offers an opportunity to grow services for families with children up to seventeen years old. The grant implementation includes providing Incredible Years School Age and Circle of Parents support groups in English and Spanish. IY School Age Basic strengthens parent-child interactions and attachment. Parents learn how to monitor children after school, set rules regarding screen time, partner with teachers to promote children's academic, social and emotional skills. Circle of Parents® provides a friendly, supportive environment facilitated by trained facilitators, but led by parents and other caregivers. Circle of Parents® provides a space where anyone in a parenting role can openly discuss the successes and challenges of raising children and where they can find and share support.

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

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

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

**Attachments:** [Durham County Cooperative Extension Award Letter](#)  
[Durham County Cooperative Extension NCDSS WB SOW DRAFT](#)  
[AAF-78 Legal Form](#)

### 3. Discussion Items (165 min)

#### **26-0161 WomenNC CEDAW Resolution and Student Research Presentation (30min)**

**Agenda Text:** The Board is requested to receive a presentation from WomenNC. This presentation is intended as a follow-up to the 2017 resolution and as an opportunity to share updated insights while continuing the conversation about how Durham County can build on its commitment to advancing women's human rights and gender equity locally.

At the time, this resolution demonstrated Durham County's commitment to pay greater attention to women's human rights and issues affecting women and girls within the city and county, and we continue to deeply appreciate the leadership Durham showed in adopting it. Durham remains one of the outstanding counties in North Carolina and across the country to take this step, and its leadership has been recognized in broader national and global conversations on local CEDAW implementation. WomenNC has proudly highlighted Durham's commitment in our advocacy work and through our engagement at national and international levels.

WomenNC has also had a strong and ongoing collaboration with the Durham County Women's Commission since 2017 and in subsequent years, working together to advance shared goals related to gender equity and women's rights. This partnership continues today. Most recently, the current Chair of the Durham County Women's Commission, Tiffani Reeves, has served as a mentor to WomenNC Scholar Noelle Smith, a student at North Carolina Central University. This mentorship reflects the continued alignment between our organizations and the importance of investing in the next generation of local leaders.

As part of resuming our CEDAW-related programming this year, WomenNC Scholars have conducted research on the status of women in Durham County, examining key issues affecting women and girls and identifying policy opportunities aligned with the goals of the original resolution. During this agenda item, students will briefly present their research findings and policy recommendations, with each student speaking for approximately five minutes.

Beth Dehghan, Founder and President of WomenNC, who played a leading role in advancing the original CEDAW resolutions with the City and County of Durham, will introduce the students and provide brief background remarks to contextualize the 2017 resolution and its continued relevance.

**Alignment With Strategic Plan:** This item aligns with Strategic Plan Goal - Healthy Community and Empowered Community

**Resource Persons:** Beth Dehghan, WomenNC Founder and President

Student Presenters: Caroline Joo, Duke University: Addressing Oral-Health Challenges for Women and Single Mothers in North Carolina: The Role of Medicaid Insufficiency

Chalina Morgan-Lopez, North Carolina State University: Resource Access for Latinx Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence in North Carolina: A Comparative Study Between Mecklenburg, Durham, and Duplin Counties

Noelle Smith, North Carolina Central University: Unmasking Strength: The Impact of the Strong Black Woman Archetype on Health, Coping, and Wellness in Black Women in U.S. Southern Communities

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board receive a presentation from WomenNC.

**Attachments:** [WomenNC Student Presentations\\_2026](#)

[NoelleSmith-Fact-Sheet](#)

[Caroline-Joo-Fact Sheet](#)

[Chalina-Morgan-Lopez-FactSheet](#)

**(75min)****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to receive a presentation 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 will receive an informal presentation at the April 6 work session. After a final recommendation is made by 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; Curtis Scarpignato, Transportation Planner

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

**Attachments:**

[SWG Administrator Memo](#)

[Durham County Transportation Staff Memo](#)

[Draft FY27 Work Program Presentation](#)

[Draft FY27 Work Program](#)

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

[Draft FY27 Work Program - Budget Summary Infographic](#)

**26-0175****An Overview of Medical Services and Detainee Health in the Durham County Detention Facility (60min)****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to receive a presentation from the Durham County Sheriff's Office and medical stakeholders at the detention facility to help guide future budgetary and programmatic decisions.

In recent years, correctional medical costs have risen nationwide. Detention facility staff will inform the Board of Commissioners, County Management and the public of data and trends related to diagnosed medical conditions, pharmaceutical costs, outpatient care, emergency care and other data sets to give a comprehensive overview of detainee health and the services provided. The Chief Medical Officer and the Chief Pharmaceutical Officer of the detention facility's medical provider will assist in the presentation.

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

**Resource Persons:** Clarence Birkhead, Durham County Sheriff; Justin Ellerbe, Chief of Detention Services, Durham County Sheriff's Office; Dheeraj Taranath, Chief Medical Officer, Wellpath; Dr. Deleca Reynolds-Barnes, Chief Pharmaceutical Officer, Wellpath; Emily Wilson, Regional Vice President South-Central U.S., Wellpath; Dr. Rodney Jenkins, Director of Public Health, Durham County; Roshanna S. Humphrey, Director of Justice Services, Durham County

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board receive a presentation from the Durham County Sheriff's Office and medical stakeholders at the detention facility to help guide future budgetary and programmatic decisions.

**Attachments:** [Overview of Medical Services](#)

#### 4. Adjournment