THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Monday, November 10, 2025

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 Nida Allam, Vice Chair Dr. Mike Lee and Commissioners Michelle Burton,

Wendy Jacobs and Stephen Valentine

Presider: Chair Nida Allam

Zoom Hybrid Participants: 5

Closed Session - 5:30 PM

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

• To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee; pursuant to G. S. 143-318.11(a)(6).

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene to Open Session

Commissioner Burton moved, seconded by Commissioner Valentine to approve the salary changes for the following positions:

- Board of Commissioners 4 percent increase
- Sheriff 4 percent increase
- Register of Deeds 5.133 percent increase

The motion carried unanimously.

Regular Session – 7:00 PM

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Vice Chair Dr. Lee 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. **Disruption to Food & Nutrition Benefits** The Durham County Department of Social Services has received notices from state and federal agencies that as the government shutdown continues, there will be a disruption in food and nutrition benefits. We know how important these benefits are to you and your family. DCoDSS will continue to process applications and recertifications as normal. The NCDHHS has announced that partial November SNAP benefits will be disbursed, and it will continue to have updates on their website at www.ncdhhs.gov/fns.
- 2. **Food Resources Website** The Durham Food Security Coordinator, the departments of Social Services, Public Health and Public Information have created a webpage with information on food security and resources at https://dconc.gov/Public-Information/SNAP-Update. This page includes links to food pantries, the Durham Food Resource Map, community organizations who can provide food or that residents may donate to, the Durham Public Schools' free meals program for all students, tips on donations, and more.
- 3. **Open Space Matching Grant Deadline on Nov. 12** The Durham County Open Space Matching Grant Program is accepting applications for the 2025-2026 cycle until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12. The program is designed to assist organizations, non-profits, and residents in Durham County, both inside and outside the city limits, in preserving open space lands and promoting new or improved recreational opportunities for citizens of Durham County. Information and application instructions are available at https://www.dconc.gov/matchinggrants. Email brmoore@dconc.gov with questions.
- 4. **13th Annual Welcome Baby Winter Coat Drive** The Welcome Baby program out of the Durham Cooperative Extension is hosting its 13th annual coat drive. Last year's event collected and distributed a record-breaking 1,427 coats that benefited Durham County youth. The Welcome Baby team is looking to top that number this year and asks community members to donate gently used and new children's coats, hats, and scarves in sizes newborn to 8 years. This year's event will run from Monday, November 17, 2025, until Friday, January 9, 2026. Find out where to drop-off donations, how to start your own drop-off site, and more at https://dconc.gov/DurhamCo-News/Welcome-Baby-Hosting-13th-Annual-Winter-Coat-Drive.htm.
- 5. **Feedback Wanted for Durham Bus Rapid Transit Vision Plan** The Durham County Transportation Department is seeking community input on the development of a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Vision Plan to ensure it reflects local priorities. There is one virtual session

remaining on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Join here: https://gesidents may also share feedback with online survey here: https://durhambrtvision.com/Fall_2025_Survey. More info can be found at https://durhambrtvision.com.

- 6. **DCoDPH Offers Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments** The Durham County Department of Public Health (DCoDPH) is now offering appointments for updated Moderna COVID-19 vaccines (2025-2026 formula) for all people age six months and older. Due to limited vaccine supply, vaccinations are available by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling 919-560-7608. Find more important information here: https://dconc.gov/DurhamCo-News/Public-Health/updated-2025-26-covid-vaccines.htm.
- 7. **Watch November "In Touch with Durham County" Show** The November edition of the "In Touch with Durham County" show features Veteran Services Supervisor Jonathan Crooms and Department of Social Services Child Welfare Social Worker Dana Stewart to the show. Watch it here: https://youtu.be/sYgU5Yh_dJc.
- 8. **Most DCo Offices to Close for Veterans Day** Most Durham County Government offices will close in observance of the Veterans Day holiday on Tuesday, November 11, 2025. All offices will reopen with normal hours on Wednesday, Nov. 12. Read about impacts on services at www.dconc.gov.
- 9. **Durham County Government 2025 State of the County** Please join the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, November 24, 2025, for the Durham County Government 2025 State of the County. Chair Allam will share the organization's key achievements from the past year, and present new initiatives aimed at addressing both current and emerging needs across our community.

Attendees are encouraged to bring canned goods and non-perishable food items to the meeting. These donations will be collected to help stock local food banks during a time of critical need, supporting families facing food insecurity throughout Durham County. To learn more about ongoing community efforts to address food insecurity, visit https://dconc.gov/Public-Information/Community-Food-Resources.

Commissioner Jacobs thanked the Durham County Veteran Services Department for the Veterans Day Celebration and also thanked County employees for donating to the Durham County Feeds Food Drive. Commissioner Jacobs stated she attended the 2025 Mpact Transit and Community Conference in Portland, Oregon from October 26th – October 29th and announced that the Board would be attending the Inter-City Visit to Austin, Texas from November 11th - November 15th.

Minutes

Commissioner Valentine moved, seconded by Vice Chair Dr. Lee to approve the October 6, 2025 Work Session, October 11, 2025, Regular Session and October 27, 2025, minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ceremonial Items

To Be Recognized

25-0568 Resolution – Honoring the Life and Legacy of DeWarren K. Langley

The Board read the following resolution:

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DEWARREN K. LANGLEY

- WHEREAS, the Durham County Board of Commissioners joins our community in honoring the life of DeWarren K. Langley, a devoted public servant, mentor, and advocate who gave his life's work to lifting others and building a more just Durham; and
- **WHEREAS,** DeWarren believed that every young person, especially young Black boys and men, deserved someone who would stand beside them and fight for their future; and
- WHEREAS, he was not a man of empty words but a man of daily action. When others spoke about change, DeWarren showed us what it looked like. He created programs, built relationships, and walked with young people until they could walk on their own; and
- WHEREAS, born and raised in Durham, DeWarren was shaped by this community and gave everything he could to give back. He was a proud graduate of Durham Public Schools, earned degrees from Hampton University and North Carolina Central University, and carried those experiences back home to strengthen his county; and
- WHEREAS, through his work as Executive Director of the Charles Hamilton Houston Foundation, DeWarren built pathways of opportunity for young men of color. He created spaces where they could lead, learn, and believe in their own potential. His vision was rooted in love, education, and purpose; and
- WHEREAS, he served with distinction as Chair of the Durham Civilian Police Review Board, Vice Chair of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, Durham Workforce Development Board, and as a founding voice for the Durham Youth Commission. He never stopped finding new ways to help young people claim their seat at the table; and
- WHEREAS, DeWarren was foundational to the Kids Voting Durham program. He was a founding member of the Kids Voting Durham Advisory Board joining in March 2008 and served on it continuously since, most recently as Vice Chair. Over the past 18 years, DeWarren contributed significantly to the development and growth of Kids Voting's youth voice efforts and our commitment to having our programs being youthled; and
- WHEREAS, in many ways, Kids Voting's Candidate programming connecting youth with decision-makers was built upon DeWarren's own work as a student at Jordan High School, creating "Teens Politically Active"; and
- **WHEREAS,** DeWarren's leadership was steady and full of grace. He held others accountable while treating everyone with dignity and care. He showed that courage and kindness can live in the same heart; and

WHEREAS, his passing leaves a deep ache in the city he loved, but his legacy lives on in the countless lives he touched. The young men he mentored will carry his lessons forward, and our community will continue to be shaped by his example.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby resolve to honor the life and legacy of

DEWARREN K. LANGLEY

and extends our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and all who loved him. We commit to continuing the work he began: to lift up our youth, to build community with compassion, and to make Durham a place where every young person has the chance to rise and thrive.

Let this resolution serve as both a tribute and a promise to carry forward the light that DeWarren Langley brought into this world.

This the 10 th day of November 2025.	
Nida Allam, Chair	Dr. Mike Lee, Vice Chair
Michelle Burton, Commissioner	Wendy Jacobs, Commissioner
Stephen Va	lentine Commissioner

The Board presented a framed copy of the resolution to DeWarren Langley's family. They expressed condolences to the family and thanked the family for sharing Mr. Langley with the Durham community. The Board stated Mr. Langley held people accountable and was an advocate for Durham.

Kevin McIver, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Chair, presented a plaque to Mr. Langley's family. He thanked Mr. Langley for preparing and mentoring him to become the JCPC Chair; adding Mr. Langley was a dedicated leader and left a void to be filled in the Durham community.

25-0607 Introduction of the New Durham County Early Childhood Coordinator Ileana Vink

Donna Rewalt, Cooperative Extension Director, thanked the Board for the continued commitment and devotion to Early Childhood. She introduced Ileana Vink, Early Childhood Coordinator, and shared a brief overview of her education and previous work experience.

Ms. Vink thanked the Board for the opportunity to continue to work for Durham County in the Early Childhood Coordinator position. She stated she was passionate about early learning, emotional well-being and food access.

The Board thanked Ms. Vink for accepting the position and stated they looked forward to working with her in the vital position as federal funding reductions impacted the community.

25-0565 Proclamation - Geographic Information System (GIS) Day

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) DAY | 2025

- WHEREAS, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) provide the framework for gathering, managing, and analyzing data to reveal patterns, relationships, and trends that inform sound decision-making; and
- WHEREAS, the County of Durham utilizes GIS technology across departments to enhance planning, housing, transportation, environmental management, and community engagement; and
- WHEREAS, GIS supports transparency and innovation by making complex data more accessible to residents, fostering collaboration, and improving the quality of life for all Durham communities; and
- WHEREAS, GIS Day, celebrated worldwide on November 19, 2025, highlights the power of mapping and spatial analysis in solving real-world challenges and encourages learning and curiosity about geography and data; and
- **WHEREAS,** the County of Durham recognizes the contributions of its GIS professionals who use this technology to advance equity, sustainability, and strategic growth.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Nida Allam, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 19, 2025, as

"GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) DAY"

in Durham County, North Carolina and commend Durham's continued leadership and commitment to applying GIS technology in service of the community.

This 10th day of November 2025.

Nida Allam, Chair

Durham Board of County Commissioners

Meredith Stull, Geographic Information System (GIS) Analyst thanked the Board for acknowledging the proclamation. She gave an overview of GIS and explained how County departments used the system. Ms. Stull invited the Board and residents to attend GIS Day on November 19th.

The Board thanked Ms. Stull for the proclamation, overview and explanation of GIS.

Consent Agenda

Chair Allam asked the Board if they requested to pull or comment on any items on the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, Chair Allam entertained a motion for approval.

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Burton, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

25-0524 Approval of a 10-Year Contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the Amount of \$3,112,658.44 for

the Purchase of Replacement and Additional Taser Equipment for the Durham County Sheriff's Office

25-0539 Creating the Position of Fire Marshal within the Office of Emergency Services

25-0547 Approval of Contract Amendment with Batteries of NC & S.W.S. LLC in the Amount of \$108,168.06 for the Sheriff's Office FY26 Vehicle Equipment for a New Total Amount of \$764,499.84

*25-0555 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC024 for the Department of Social Services to recognize Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC - 2025 NC Rate Settlement Funds #3 of \$22,000.00

*25-0556 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC025 for the Department of Social Services to Recognize Emergency Placement Funding of \$14,122.00

25-0557 The Board is requested to approve and authorize the Manager to execute two lease renewals for the Shoppes of Hope Valley with the County as Landlord. The first lease renewal agreement is with Lee and Cho, LLC, DBA Beautysmart, for a 9-year term and total value of \$1,041,009. The second agreement is an Assignment and Assumption of Lease with a 3-year extension for MAGC Wireless with a total value of \$74,182

*25-0558 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC028 for the Department of Social Services to Recognize \$1,001,500 in General Fund Fund Balance to Fully Fund the Low Income Homeowners Tax Relief Program (LIHRP) and to Approve the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between Durham County and the City of Durham

*25-0560 Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.26CPA008 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No.26BCC026 Decreasing the Open Space and Farmland Preservation Capital Project (4730DC083) by \$225,000 and Transferring that Funding to the General Fund to Support Improvements at Little River Regional Park and Natural Area

25-0561 Authorize the County Manager to execute an amendment to the contract between the City of Durham and Durham County for the City to Accept Municipal Solid Waste and Yard Waste from Durham County in an amount not to exceed \$200,000

25-0562 Approval of Purchase through the SAVVIK Cooperative for Five Ambulances in the Office of Emergency Services for a total not to exceed \$2,119,440.00

*25-0564 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No.26BCC030 to recognize additional funding from the NC Department of Adult Correction in the amount of \$19,117.00 for transportation for the Local Reentry Council

25-0570 Approve the acceptance of an 8.2-acre conservation easement donation from James Tcheng and Marianne Powers at 5824 Garrett Road (REID 136160) for the purpose of permanently protected open space

*25-0573 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No.26BCC032 Recognizing \$140,000 from the Department of Justice's FY25 Community Policing Development Microgrants, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) to the Durham County Sheriff's Office

*25-0574 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No.26BCC033 Appropriating \$130,000 of General Fund Fund Balance to Open Space and Real Estate to Cover Rent Payments to 300 East Main, LLC, a Subsidiary of Laurel Street Residential, for the Sub-lease of the Future Childcare Center at the 300 East Main Street Affordable Housing Project

25-0575 Approve Land Acquisition of 32 acres at 3601 Southwest Durham Drive (a portion of REID 140125) as permanently protected open space within the New Hope Creek Corridor

25-0582 Request Approval \$173,650.00 FY2026 Contract with the Museum of Durham History

25-0583 Authorization of an Amendment to the Design Contract with HH Architecture, PA for Design Development and Construction Administration Services Related to the Office of Emergency Services Fleet Maintenance Project in the Amount of \$138,182.50

*25-0584 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No.26BCC034 Appropriating \$271,680 of General Fund Fund Balance to Engineering to Pay for a 911 Consolidation and HEART Expansion Feasibility Study and Authorize the County Manager to Execute a Contract with ADCOMM Engineering, LLC. to Provide 911 Consolidation and HEART Expansion Feasibility Study

*25-0591 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC035 for the Department of Social Services to Recognize Additional Funding to Durham County's FY25-26 Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funding Plan in the Amount of \$42,254.00 to Improve Planning and Coordination of In-Home and Community-Based Services for Older Adults

*25-0593 Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.26CPA011 and Budget Ordinance Amendment No.26BCC036 Reducing the Durham County Sheriff's Office Body Worn Camera Capital Project (4310DC092) by \$587,393.88 in PAYGO Funding and Appropriating \$587,393.88 to the Durham County Sheriff's Office General Fund Operating Budget to Continue Supporting the Lease Agreement for Body Worn Cameras

Consent Agenda Item #25-0555

Durham County, North Carolina 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 26BCC024

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY

That the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Fund Name	<u>Current Budget</u>	Increase/Decrease	Revised Budget
GENERAL FUND			-
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Services	\$115,513,513.00	\$22,000.00	\$115,535,513.00
Revenue			
Intergovernmental	\$77,671,669,86	\$22,000.00	\$77,693,669.86

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

Approved November 10, 2025

Consent Agenda Item #25-0556

Durham County, North Carolina 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 26BCC025

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY

That the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Fund Name	Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Revised Budget
GENERAL FUND			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Services	\$115,535,513.00	\$14,122.00	\$115,549,635.00
Revenue			
Intergovernmental	\$77,693,669.86	\$14,122.00	\$77,707,791.86

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

Approved November 10, 2025

Consent Agenda Item #25-0558

Durham County, North Carolina 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 26BCC028

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY

That the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Fund Name	Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Revised Budget
GENERAL FUND			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Services	\$115,549,635.00	\$1,001,500.00	\$116,551,135.00
Revenue			
Other Financing Services	\$33,895,468.44	\$1,001,500.00	\$34,896,968.44
All ordinances and portions of ordinance	es in conflict herewith ar	re hereby repealed.	
Approved November 10, 2025			

Consent Agenda Item #25-0560

Durham County, North Carolina Capital Project Amendment Number 26CPA-08

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Project #	Project Name	Current	Increase /	Updated
		Budget	Decrease	Budget
47302635DC083	Open Space and Farmland Preser	\$12,800,369.70	(\$225,000.00)	\$12,575,369.70

All capital projects in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.	
Approved November 10, 2025	

Durham County, North Carolina 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 26BCC026

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY

That the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Fund Name	Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Revised Budget
GENERAL FUND			_
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Environmental Protection	\$8,560,748.00	\$225,000.00	\$8,785,748.00
Revenue			
Other Financing Services	\$30,557,810.00	\$225,000.00	30,782,810.00

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

Approved November 10, 2025

Consent Agenda Item #25-0564

Durham County, North Carolina 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 26BCC030

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

Fund Name	Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Revised Budget
GENERAL FUND			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Public Safety	\$98,879,793.30	\$19,117.00	\$98,898,910.30
Revenue			
Intergovernmental	\$79,263,736.86	\$19,117.00	\$79,282,853.86

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

Approved November 10, 2025

Consent Agenda Item #25-0573

Durham County, North Carolina 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 26BCC032

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY

That the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Fund Name	Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Revised Budget
GENERAL FUND	-		_
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Public Safety	\$98,898,910.30	\$140,000.00	\$99,038,910.30
Revenue			
Intergovernmental	\$79,282,853.86	\$140,000.00	\$79,422,853.86
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All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved November 10, 2025

Consent Agenda Item #25-0574

Durham County, North Carolina 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 26BCC033

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY

That the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Fund Name	Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Revised Budget
GENERAL FUND			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Environmental Protection	\$8,785,748.00	\$130,000.00	\$8,915,748.00
Revenue			
Other Financing Services	\$34,118,468.44	\$130,000.00	\$34,248,468.44

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

Approved November 10, 2025

Consent Agenda Item #25-0584

Durham County, North Carolina 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 26BCC034

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

Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Revised Budget
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\$8,915,748.00	\$271,680.00	\$9,187,428.00
\$34,248,468.44	\$271,680.00	\$34,520,148.44
	\$8,915,748.00	\$8,915,748.00 \$271,680.00

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

Approved November 10, 2025

Consent Agenda Item #25-0591

Durham County, North Carolina 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 26BCC035

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY

That the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Fund Name	Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Revised Budget
GENERAL FUND			-
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Human Services	\$116,551,135.00	\$42,254.00	\$116,593,389.00
Revenue			
Intergovernmental	\$78,795,353.86	\$42,254.00	\$78,837,607.86
All ordinances and portions of ordinance	es in conflict herewith ar	re hereby repealed.	
Approved November 10, 2025			

Consent Agenda Item #25-0593

Durham County, North Carolina Capital Project Amendment Number 26CPA-11

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Project #	Project Name	Current	Increase /	Updated
		Budget	Decrease	Budget
43103600DC092	Body-Worn Camera Project -	\$3,153,299.48	(\$587,393.88)	\$2,565,905.60
	43103600DC092			

All capital projects in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved November 10, 2025

Durham County, North Carolina 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 26BCC036

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY

That the 2025-2026 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Fund Name	<u>Current Budget</u>	Increase/Decrease	Revised Budget
GENERAL FUND			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Public Safety	\$99,038,910.30	\$587,393.88	\$99,626,304.18
Revenue			
Other Financing Services	\$35,521,648.44	\$587,393.88	\$36,109,042.32

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

Other Business

25-0532 Approval to Enter into a Contract with Key Environmental Consulting in the Amount of \$159,547 for a Durham County Food System Assessment & Strategic Plan

Donna Rewalt, Cooperative Extension Director and Reina Goldstein Bunnag, County Food Security Coordinator shared the *Durham County Food System Assessment* presentation which highlighted the following: Agenda, Purpose, Durham County Food Security Approach, Durham County Food System Snapshot, Food Insecurity Rates – 2023, Food System Assessment History, Food System Assessment Overview, Community Engagement, Data and Spatial Analysis, Strategic Plan – Framework, Strategic Plan – Format, Vendor-Key Environmental Consulting and Next Steps.

The Board asked about interval updates on the assessment and strategic plan instead of one update once completed. Ms. Bunnag replied the vendor scheduled opportunities for updates throughout the assessment and strategic plan for stakeholders to receive; this included the final presentation upon completion. The Board inquired about updates for the public and inquired about supporting County departments being engaged with the plan. Ms. Rewalt responded that the public would be included in the assessment and strategic plan development; adding County departments would be included on the steering committees. The Board asked if the vendor worked previously with the County. Ms. Bunnag said the vendor was new to working with the County.

The Board thanked Ms. Rewalt, Ms. Bunnag and Cooperative Extension for assisting residents with food security and healthy food. Claudia Hager, County Manger thanked Ms. Rewalt and Ms Bunnag for the assessment and strategic plan to create a sustainable, food secure community.

Commissioner Burton moved, seconded by Vice Chair Dr. Lee to authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract with Key Environmental Consulting in the amount of \$159,547 (RFP 25-041) and any related contract amendments, to develop a comprehensive food system assessment and 10-year strategic plan.

The motion carried unanimously.

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).

Vice Chair Dr. Lee moved, seconded by Commissioner Valentine 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

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Macio Carlton

Deputy Clerk to the Board