



Durham County

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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

Monday, August 11, 2025

4:00 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

Regular Session

Closed Session (To be held at: 4:00 pm)

[25-0440](#)

Closed Session

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to adjourn into Closed Session 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)

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Plan Goal: High Performing Organization.

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

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board adjourn into Closed Session and provide direction to staff.

"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.

7:00 pm Regular Session

- 1. Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance (5 min)**
- 2. Agenda Adjustments (5 min)**
- 3. Announcements (5 min)**

25-0439**Announcements (5min)****Agenda Text:**

- 1. Disaster Recovery Center Now Open** - If you were impacted by Tropical Depression Chantal, you can get in-person help at the Durham County Library North Regional Branch (221 Milton Rd.) through Saturday, Aug. 30 at 1 p.m. Apply for disaster aid and loans, connect with recovery agencies, and get information on resources available. Hours: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. More info: <https://www.durhamnc.gov/4888>.
- 2. 2025 Annual Property Tax Billing** - The Durham County Tax Administration is expected to mail 2025 tax bills to Durham County property owners on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. Taxes are due September 1, 2025,

but must be paid by January 5, 2026, to avoid interest and additional costs. For information, visit our website at www.dconc.gov/tax or contact Durham County Government Call Center at 919-560-0300. Payment may be made by check, bank draft, money order, cash, or online at <https://bit.ly/DcoTaxBillSearch>.

- 3. Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail Plan Public Engagement** - The Durham County Government and City of Durham, in partnership with the Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization (TWTPO), the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), and the East Coast Greenway Alliance, are excited to announce the second round of community engagement for the Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail Planning Study - a community-driven initiative to assess the transformation of an 18-mile inactive rail corridor into a multi-use trail. We're offering three drop-in public workshops where attendees can provide their input at their convenience on August 18, 5-7 PM at Durham County Main Library (300 N. Roxboro St.), August 27, 6-8 PM at Edison Johnson Recreation Center (500 Murray Ave.) and August 28, 6-8 PM at Spruce Pine Lodge (2235 Bahama Rd.) Online survey and more information at: <https://durham2roxborotrailplan.com/>.

- 4. Exploring Alzheimer's Care and Support Services Session** - Join the Alzheimer's Association - Eastern North Carolina Chapter and Durham County Library for the next in a year-long series of a year programs designed to support and educate caregivers helping to provide them with the tools they need to successfully provide compassionate care for individuals living with dementia and themselves. On Friday, August 15 between 12-1 p.m., at Main Library, the topic will be Exploring Care and Support Services, which examines how best to prepare for future care decisions and changes including respite care, residential care, and end of life care. Register at <https://durhamcountylibrary.libcal.com/event/13538470>

4. Minutes (5 min)

25-0438

Minutes (5min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve the July 28, 2025, Regular Session meeting minutes.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Plan Goal - High Performing Organization

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

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the July 28, 2025, Regular Session meeting minutes.

Attachments:

[Regular Session - July 28, 2025](#)

5. Consent Agenda (15 min)**25-0193****Award of Contract for Bliss Products and Services, Inc. in the amount of \$246,815.70, to replace three (3) sections of bleacher seating at Durham County Memorial Stadium (RFP 25-023)****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to execute a service contract with Bliss Products and Services, Inc. in the amount of \$246,815.70 for the removal and replacement of three (3) sections of bleacher seating at Durham County Memorial Stadium.

This project supports ongoing infrastructure improvements at Durham County Memorial Stadium. As part of Risk Management's safety inspection of the facility, it has been determined that the aging wood and vinyl encapsulated seating needs replacement to improve the safety of the patrons at Durham County Memorial Stadium.

The Request for Proposal was opened January 3, 2025, and closed February 11, 2025. Bliss Products and Services, Inc. was selected by a committee to be the contracted vendor.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Safe and Resilient Community Goal, Objective SR 2- Create happy, healthy, and safe places for residents and County employees; as well as the Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment Goal, Objective SI3- Preserve and restore the natural and built environment.

Resource Persons: Evan Kramer, Stadium Manager; Shawn Swiatocha, Assistant Director of General Services; Chrystal Thomas, Deputy Director of General Services; Motiryo Keambiroiro, Director of General Services.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board authorize the County Manager to execute a service contract with Bliss Products and Services, Inc. in the amount of \$246,815.70 for the removal and replacement of three (3) sections of bleacher seating at Durham County Memorial Stadium.

Attachments:

[Bleacher Replacement- AAF Supplemental Document - Contract Approval](#)

[Bliss Service Sample Contract and Scope](#)

[RFP 25-023 Addendum 1 - Bleacher Seating Replacement at DCo Memorial St.](#)

[RFP 25-023 - Bid Tabulation](#)

[MWBE Compliance Review Form-AAF for 25-023 RFP 031825](#)

[Bliss Products Proposal](#)

25-0377**Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No.26BCC007 Appropriating \$1,500,000 of General Fund Fund Balance to support the Durham Affordable Housing Loan Fund**

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No.26BCC007, appropriating \$1,500,000 of General Fund Fund Balance to support the Durham Affordable Housing Loan Fund (DAHLF). The County Board of Commissioners in FY 2024-25 approved an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to support the DAHLF, but the funding was not spent or encumbered by the end of the fiscal year. This budget action re-budgets that \$1,000,000 as well as an additional \$500,000 for a total of \$1,500,000 to support the fund.

The Durham Affordable Housing Loan Fund (Fund) is a revolving loan fund created in 2019 through a community roundtable process involving the Duke University's Office of Community Affairs, Self-Help, Durham County, the City of Durham, and members of the local housing development community. The initial contributions to the Fund have been loaned to affordable housing developers with zero defaults to date.

The Fund Managers and partner organizations recognize the need to expand the Fund and have set a goal to raise an additional \$20 million to create a \$30 million Fund. The City and County have been asked to loan \$1.5 million to the Fund, and Duke University intends to convert its initial \$2 million senior loan to top loss funds. Together, this \$5 million contribution will leverage \$15 million in new senior loans to provide \$30 million for the Fund. Please see the AAF Supplemental for descriptions of top loss funds and senior debt.

In November 2024, the Board authorized loaning \$1 million to the Durham Affordable Housing Loan Fund. This County commitment was instrumental in facilitating new conversations with community partners but was not sufficient for the Fund manager to seek senior debt funding from other partners. Now that the Fund partners have achieved the \$5 million in top loss funds, Self-Help Fund managers will begin securing the additional \$15 million from their other partners, and expect to have these additional funds available to developers by the end of this calendar year.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Plan goals involving financial stewardship, community development, and housing, including DCo Forward 2029 Strategic Plan Objective RL 4, Initiative RL 4a and Objective FS 1 and FS 1a.

Resource Persons: Christy Rauli, Sr. Real Estate Officer, Peri Manns, ASLA, Deputy Director of Engineering, Jay Gibson, P.E., Director of Engineering; Claudia Hager, County Manager; J.J. Froehlich, Housing Sector Director, Self-Help

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No.26BCC007, appropriating \$1,500,000 of General Fund Fund Balance to support the Durham Affordable Housing Loan Fund (DAHLF). The County Board of Commissioners in FY 2024-25 approved an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to support the DAHLF, but the funding was not spent or encumbered by the end of the fiscal year. This budget action

re-budgets that \$1,000,000, as well as an additional \$500,000 for a total of \$1,500,000 to support the fund.

Attachments: [AAF Supplemental - Durham Affordable Housing Loan Fund](#)
[Affordable Housing Steering Committee Draft Recommendations](#)
[AAF-07 Legal Form](#)

25-0378 **Award of Contract to EMS Management & Consultants (EMS/MC) for the EMS Billing and Collection Services for Durham County Emergency Medical Services.**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to execute a service contract with EMS/MC for the EMS billing and collection services for Durham County EMS for an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred Forty Dollars and Thirty-One Cents (\$562,240.31) beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30th, 2026

The contract may be renewed for up to four (4) additional one-year terms under the same terms and conditions. At the time of each renewal, compensation to the Contractor may be adjusted based on any increase in EMS call volume, with such adjustments not to exceed five percent (5%) per fiscal year.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) was advertised on April 13, 2025, with responses due to the County by 2:00 PM on May 13, 2025. A total of seven (7) proposals were received. The evaluation committee was composed of four (4) members, two from OES Business Operations and two from the Finance Department. Each committee member independently reviewed and evaluated the submitted proposals. Based on the evaluations, all four members unanimously selected EMS/MC as the recommended vendor to provide EMS billing and collection services for the County

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

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

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the BOCC authorize the County Manager to execute a contract with EMS Management and Consultants (EMS/MC) in the amount of \$562,240.31 and to execute future amendments, including renewals, provided that the associated costs have been allocated within the OES operational budget.

Attachments: [AAF Supplemental Document -EMSMC](#)
[Conflict of Interest Forms](#)
[Cost estimation](#)
[EMSMC Bid Proposal](#)
[Results part 1](#)
[Results part 2](#)
[RFP - FY25 -EMS Billing and Collection Services](#)
[RFP 25-047 EMS Billing and Collection Services Scores](#)
[MWBE Compliance Review Form-Agenda Action Form RFP 25-047 EMS Billing](#)

25-0390 **Approval of Purchase of Goods Contract with Batteries of NC & S.W.S. LLC in the Amount of \$656,331.78 for the Sheriff's Office FY26 Vehicle Equipment**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve and authorize the County Manager to execute a contract with Batteries of NC & S.W.S. LLC in the amount of \$656,331.78 for the Sheriff's Office FY26 vehicle equipment. Funding was previously budgeted and exists to cover the costs of this contract. G.S. 143-129(e) allows local governments to be exempted from the competitive bidding requirements and purchase furnishings/equipment through group purchasing programs.

This request will allow the Sheriff's Office to purchase emergency equipment and upfits for the FY26 fleet. The equipment to be purchased includes, but not limited to emergency lights, sirens, computer stands and associated mounting systems. Vehicles will be assigned and deployed after the equipment is installed.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This request aligns with the County's Strategic Plan Goal 3; Safe Community

Resource Persons: Preston Edwards, Logistics Manager, Durham County Sheriff's Office; David LaBarre, Director of Planning & Development, Durham County Sheriff's Office.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve and authorize the County Manager to execute a contract with Batteries of NC & S.W.S. LLC in the amount of \$656,331.78 for the Sheriff's Office FY26 vehicle equipment. Funding was previously budgeted and exists to cover the costs of this contract.

Attachments: [Batteries NC SUP 25](#)
[Batteries of NC Service Contract Template FY2026](#)
[Attachment 1A Batteries of NC quotes](#)
[Attachment 1B FY26 DCSO approved vehicles](#)
[Attachment 1C FY26 DCSO vehicle request](#)
[Attachment 1D Sourcewell contract # 090122-WHL](#)
[Attachment 1 Batteries of NC \(FY26 DCSO vehicle equipment & upfits\) Scope](#)

25-0391 **Approval of FY 2025-26 Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) Grant Funding Resolution**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve a one-year extension of the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) Grant for the Sheriff's Office and have the Chairwoman sign the Resolution. In FY22, the Governor's Highway Safety Program awarded the Durham County Sheriff's Office a four-year step-down reimbursement grant that requires a local match at varying percentages each year to fund three sworn deputy positions to work traffic enforcement. This renewal, and all subsequent renewals, will require a local match of seventy-five percent (75%) and a federal allocation of twenty-five percent (25%). For FY26, the local match will be in the amount of \$215,260 (75%) and a federal allocation in the amount of \$71,754 (25%); for a total amount of \$287,014. The BOCC initially approved these funds on September 13, 2021 (21-0550).

The Governor's Highway Safety Program helps fund law enforcement agencies to reduce traffic crashes in North Carolina. The Sheriff's Office will work to reduce traffic accidents across Durham County in the following categories:

- Overall Fatalities
- Alcohol Fatalities
- Unrestrained Fatalities
- Speed Related Fatalities
- Motorcycle Fatalities
- Teen Fatalities
- Pedestrian Fatalities

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with the County's Strategic Goal 3: Safe Community.

Resource Persons: Micheal Hogan, SCOPE Unit Lieutenant; Keith Webster, Captain of Patrol Division, Durham County Sheriff's Office; Clarence Birkhead, Durham County Sheriff.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve a one-year extension of the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) Grant for the Sheriff's Office and have the Chairwoman sign the Resolution.

In FY22, the Governor's Highway Safety Program awarded the Durham County Sheriff's Office a four-year step-down reimbursement grant that requires a local match at varying percentages each year to fund three sworn deputy positions to work traffic enforcement. This renewal, and all subsequent renewals, will require a local match of seventy-five percent (75%) and a federal allocation of twenty-five percent (25%). For FY26, the local match will be in the amount of \$215,260 (75%) and a federal allocation in the amount of \$71,754 (25%); for a total amount of \$287,014. The BOCC initially approved these funds on September 13, 2021 (21-0550).

Attachments:[24-25 GHSP SUP](#)[GHSP Application\(1000020849\) 2025](#)[GHSP Resolution](#)[GHSP 2026 T&C](#)[APPROVAL OF APPLICATION 1000024370](#)[GHSP Application 1000024370 Accepted le](#)**25-0402**

Approve Contract Award to Froehling and Robertson, Inc., for Professional Engineering Services for Materials Testing for Chin Page, Page Park, Slater Lift Stations and Pipeline Construction for the Utilities Division in the Amount of \$124,913.00 with a Not to Exceed Amount of \$138,000.00

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve a contract award and authorize the County Manager to enter into a professional engineering services contract with Froehling and Robertson, Inc., in the amount of \$124,913.00 with a not to exceed \$138,000.00. Funding will be from the Sewer Enterprise Fund operating budget.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This action is in accordance with Durham County's DCo Forward 2029 Strategic Plan:

- Strategic Plan Goal "Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment" by maintaining, protecting, and improving natural and built systems to support a sustainable community.
- Strategic Plan Goal "Financial Stewardship" by improving access for routine and preventive maintenance, prolonging infrastructure life span, and reducing response times for emergency repairs.

Resource Persons: Jay Gibson PE, Director of Engineering and Environmental Services; Stephanie Brixey, Deputy Director of Engineering and Environmental Services; Jerry Morrone, PE, Project Manager; Vincent Chirichella, PE, Sr. Project Manager.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends the Board approve a contract award and authorize the County Manager to enter into a professional engineering service contract with Froehling and Robertson, Inc., in the amount of \$124,913.00 with a not to exceed amount of \$138,000.00 to provide construction materials testing during the Chin Page, Page Park, Slater lift stations and

pipeline construction.

Attachments:

[AAF Supplemental Document - Contract Approval - Constr Materials Testing RFQ 25-015 Materials Testing Svcs Chin Page, Page Pk, Slater Lift Station MWBE Compliance Review Form RFQ # 25-015 2566-00047 \(Durham - Page Park, Slater, Chin Page Lift Stations\) Proposal Re](#)

25-0408

Approval of the FY26 Durham Annual Transit Work Program Global Operating and Capital Agreements

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve the FY26 Durham Annual Transit Work Program Global Operating and Capital Agreements.

The FY2026 Durham Annual Transit Work Program (“Work Program”) is the annual budget for the Durham Transit Plan and includes projected revenues, expenditures, as well as a Multi-Year Operating and Multi-Year Capital Improvement Program. The Work Program was approved by the Durham Board of County Commissioners on May 12, 2025, and the GoTriangle Board of Trustees on June 25, 2025.

To be eligible to receive reimbursement for project expenditures identified in the Work Program, Durham County must enter into Global Operating and Capital Agreements (“Global Agreements”) with GoTriangle, the Administrator of the Triangle Tax District, and the Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization (“Triangle West TPO”) for projects that have been awarded federal funding. A global agreement is an operating or capital funding agreement that encompasses a discrete logical grouping of capital projects, transit operations or studies.

The global agreements will allow the County to request reimbursement in FY26 of up to \$817,608 for the County-sponsored operating and capital projects. Durham County may also request reimbursement for any carryover capital projects identified in the Work Program.

To be eligible to receive reimbursement for project expenditures identified in the Work Program, GoTriangle must enter into Global Agreements with Durham County and the Triangle West TPO for projects that have been awarded federal funding.

The global agreements will allow GoTriangle to request reimbursement in FY26 of up to \$13,933,789 for the GoTriangle-sponsored operating and capital projects. GoTriangle may also request reimbursement for any carryover capital projects identified in the Work Program.

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

Resource Persons: Ellen Beckmann, AICP, Transportation Director; Brandi Minor, CLGFO, Senior Administrative Officer

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the following FY26 Durham Annual Transit Work Program Global Operating and Capital Agreements:

1. Global Operating Funding Agreement for Operations and Maintenance between Durham County and GoTriangle;
2. Global Capital Funding Agreement for Capital Infrastructure between Durham County and GoTriangle;
3. Global Special Capital Agreement for Capital Infrastructure with Federal Funding between Durham County, GoTriangle, and Triangle West TPO;
4. Global Operating Funding Agreement for Operations and Maintenance between GoTriangle and Durham County;
5. Global Capital Funding Agreement for Capital Infrastructure between GoTriangle and Durham County;
6. Global Special Capital Agreement for Capital Infrastructure with Federal Funding between GoTriangle, Durham County, and Triangle West TPO.

Attachments:

[Global Agreement Memo to BOCC](#)

[25-061 FY2025-26 Global Capital Agreement Package - Durham County](#)

[25-062 FY2025-26 Global Operating Agreement Package - Durham County](#)

[25-063 FY2025-26 Global Special Capital Agreement Package - Durham County](#)

[25-064 FY2025-26 Global Capital Agreement Package - GoTriangle](#)

[25-065 FY2025-26 Global Operating Agreement Package](#)

[25-066 FY2025-26 Global Special Capital Agreement Package - GoTriangle](#)

25-0419

Recognize \$31,982 of Duke Energy Smart Saver Custom Incentive Program Funding Related to the Board of Elections Renovations Capital Project (4730DC155)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to recognize \$31,982 of Duke Energy Smart Saver Custom Incentive Program funding related to the Board of Elections Renovations Capital Project (4730DC155). This funding is a rebate and will offset previously expended funding in the PAYGO Fund. There is no change to the project budget.

The Smart Saver Custom Incentive Program is a no-cost Duke Energy sponsored program to provide financial incentives to design and build more energy efficient buildings. The County benefits by receiving a check from Duke Energy at the end of

construction in addition to a 35 percent reduction in annual energy costs in the new Board of Elections facility. The Duke Energy incentive program provides cash for the installation of qualifying high efficiency equipment for lighting, mechanical, and glazing systems.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This aligns with Goal 4 - Environmental Stewardship - through the improvement of the environmental performance of County buildings to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions from the built environment.

Resource Persons: Brenda Hayes-Bright, Assoc. AIA, CDT, MPM, Project Manager Peri Manns, ASLA, Deputy Director of Engineering & Environmental Services, Keith Lane, Director of Budget and Management Services, Charles Nicholson, AIA, RND Architects.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends the Board recognize \$31,982 of Duke Energy Smart Saver Custom Incentive Program funding related to the Board of Elections Renovations Capital Project (4730DC155). This funding is a rebate and will offset previously expended funding in the PAYGO Fund. There is no change to the project budget.

Attachments:

[AAF Supplemental Document Board of Elections Duke Energy Incentives0730](#)

25-0420

Approve Allowances for Office of Emergency Services Fleet Maintenance Facility for Early Release Packages for the Renovation and to Execute the Construction Manager at Risk GMP #1 "Early Release Packages" Contract

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to approve and execute a CM@R contract with Samet Corporation for the Office of Emergency Services (OES) Fleet Maintenance Facility Renovation at 1129 E. Geer St. Durham N.C. to proceed with Guaranteed Maximum Price GMP #1 early release packages for the sprinkler main, mechanical, and electrical scopes of work, based on allowances not to exceed \$434,687.59 in total, and approve the owners construction contingency at (3%) in the amount of \$13,045.49, to execute any other related contracts including change orders, if necessary, not to exceed the available budget of \$447,732.98. Funding is available in the 4730DC164 Fleet Maintenance Facility Capital Project.

On June 9, 2025, the BOCC awarded the Construction Manager at Risk (CM@R) pre-construction services contract to Samet Corporation. The pre-construction services phase of the project was the first step in the CM@R process in which the contracting team provided cost estimating, constructability reviews, schedule development and value analysis of the project design. For an efficient scheduling process, the project has been broken down into 3 packages. GMP #1 early release packages which consists of which were immediate and long lead time. (1) Site Utilities -Sprinkler Service (2) Electrical Switchboards, Panels, MTS and (3) Mechanical HVAC Units and Exhaust Capture.

GMP #2 will cover critical renovations required for Office of Emergency Services (OES) to move operations into the facility, while GMP #3 will address renovations that will take place after OES begins operations on-site. Both GMP #2 and GMP #3 will be brought to the Board for review and approval. This mode of bidding allows for timely completion of construction activities and the turnover of the facility, currently scheduled for November 26, 2025.

The goal of the Office of Emergency Services project is to renovate approximately 8,000 square feet of space at 1129 E. Geer St., formally used as a metal fabrication facility, to house the OES Fleet Maintenance Facility. The new facility delivery is critical as the current facility is scheduled for demolition in December 2025. The scope of work includes interior renovations and building system upgrades and replacements.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The implementation of this project aligns with our strategic goal: Safe & Resilient Community for allowing us to maintain our fleet of emergency vehicles that provide critical services to our residents.

Resource Persons: Dan Nosbusch, Project Manager, Engineering & Environmental Services. Peri Manns, ASLA, Deputy Director of Engineering & Environmental Services.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board authorize the County Manager to approve and execute a CM@R contract with Samet Corporation for the Office of Emergency Services (OES) Fleet Maintenance Facility Renovation at 1129 E. Geer St. Durham N.C. to proceed with Guaranteed Maximum Price GMP #1 early release packages for the sprinkler main, mechanical, and electrical scopes of work, based on allowances not to exceed \$434,687.59 in total, and approve the owners construction contingency at (3%) in the amount of \$13,045.49, to execute any other related contracts including change orders, if necessary, not to exceed the available budget of \$447,732.98. Funding is available in the 4730DC164 Fleet Maintenance Facility Capital Project.

Attachments: [AAF - Supplemental Document - Samet Early Release Allowances](#)
[24-170 DCo OES Fleet Maintenance Samet Proposal GMP 1 07.24.25](#)

25-0426 **Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC008 Cooperative Extension to Recognize \$66,364 from Welcome Baby Smart Start Grant Program**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC008 Cooperative Extension to Recognize \$66,364 from Welcome Baby Smart Start Grant Program
This funding will support continued delivery of evidence-based parental support for Durham families with children ages 0-5.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The additional funds to implement evidence-based parental workshops align with the strategic focus areas of Healthy & Inclusive Community, Empowered Community, and Financial Stewardship.

Resource Persons: Donna Rewalt, County Extension Director; Patience Mukelabai, Welcome Baby Program Manager.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approves Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC008 Cooperative Extension to Recognize \$66,364 from Welcome Baby Smart Start Grant Program.

Attachments: [Welcome Baby Smart Start Funding Letter](#)
[AAF-08 Legal Form](#)

25-0428 **Adopt the Emergency Services Resolution for the 2025 Eno-Haw Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to adopt the resolution for the 2025 Eno-Haw Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan is reviewed annually and updated every five years to assure compliance with all State and Federal regulations and that any needed revisions or amendments are developed and presented to the BOCC for approval. The plan is a multi-jurisdictional plan covering Alamance, Durham, Orange, and Person Counties.

The citizens and property within Durham County are subject to the effects of natural hazards that pose threats to lives and cause damage to property. The plan incorporates knowledge and experience that certain areas of the region are particularly vulnerable to drought, excessive heat, hurricanes and coastal hazards, thunderstorm, tornado, winter weather, flooding, wildfire, hazardous substances, cyber threat, terrorism, and infrastructure failure. Planning is one of the best ways to develop a customized program that will mitigate the impacts of hazards while accounting for the unique character of a community.

A well-prepared hazard mitigation plan will ensure that all possible activities are reviewed and implemented so that the problem is addressed by the most appropriate and efficient solutions. It can also ensure that activities are coordinated with each other and with other goals and activities, preventing conflicts and reducing the costs of implementing each individual activity. This plan provides a framework for all interested parties to work together toward mitigation. It establishes the vision and guiding principles for reducing hazard risk and proposes specific mitigation actions to eliminate or reduce identified vulnerabilities.

In an effort to reduce the nation's mounting natural disaster losses, the U.S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) to invoke new and

revitalized approaches to mitigation planning. Section 322 of DMA 2000 emphasizes the need for state and local government entities to closely coordinate mitigation planning activities and makes the development of a hazard mitigation plan a specific eligibility requirement for any local government applying for federal mitigation grant funds.

The City and County has performed a comprehensive review and evaluation of each section of the previously approved Hazard Mitigation Plan and has updated the said plan as required under regulations at 44 CFR Part 201 and according to guidance issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management. The primary revisions for Durham identify some new hazard mitigation strategies related to stormwater management, facilities hardening measures, and land use, as outlined in Table 7.11 on Page 396.

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

Resource Persons: Elizabeth Schroeder, Office of Emergency Services - Emergency Management, Chief Emergency Manager; Jinizha Johnson, Emergency Management Planner

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board adopt the resolution for the 2025 Eno-Haw Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Attachments:

[Eno-Haw Regional HMP - City County Adoption - Legal Approval](#)

[Resolution - Adoption of Hazard Mitigation Plan](#)

[Eno-Haw Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan 050125](#)

25-0430

Request Approval of \$127,050.00 Contract with Student U to Administer the Durham Community Schools Program

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve a \$127,050.00 contract with Student U for the Durham Community Schools Program. Student U, launched in 2007, works with Durham Public Schools students from 6th grade through college graduation, providing holistic support, primarily through outside-of-school programing, at each step. In 2024, Student U joined the NC Community Schools Coalition as the Regional Implementation Partner for Central NC, to support public schools through the implementation of the Community Schools model. Student U works directly with 2 schools in Orange County and 2 schools in Vance County in the 2024-2025 school year. The Durham Public Schools Foundation transitioned the duties of lead agency to Student U for the 2025-2026 school year. Student U will support Durham Community Schools to implement the dynamic four-pillar FSCS model.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Goal: Empowered Community.

Resource Persons: Shannon Trapp, Director of Community Partnerships & Engagement

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve a \$127,050.00 contract with Student U for the Durham Community Schools Partnerships.

Attachments: [Student U - Scope of Work, FY 2025-26](#)
[Student U FY2026 Contract](#)

25-0432 **Approval of the contract with BMS CAT in the amount of \$448,250.00 to perform duct cleaning and restoration at the County Detention Center, and the authority to execute change orders/amendments to the contract as long as funds are available in the CIP fund.**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to authorize the County manager to enter into a contract in the amount of \$448,250.00 with BMS CAT, utilizing Capitol Improvement Funds (CIP) allocated for the project.

The contract will allow for the cleaning and restoration of duct systems, coils and VAV boxes at the County Detention Center. Approval of this contract will allow General Services to assess the condition of the duct system while cleaning is in process. The cleaning will also mitigate air flow issues, inspect for molds and other allergens that might be present.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This project aligns with Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment, Maintaining, protecting, and improving natural and built systems to support a sustainable community.

Resource Persons: Motiryo Keambiroiro, Director General Services, Shawn Swiatocha, Assistant Director, David Alpaugh, Project Facilitator, Claude Eubanks, HVAC Supervisor

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with BMS CAT in the amount of \$448,250.00 to clean and restore the duct system at the County Detention Center. The County Manager also recommends the Board allow the County Manager to sign off on subsequent extensions, change orders, or amendments associated with this contract as necessary to continue services as required as long as funds are available in the CIP fund.

Attachments: [AAF Supplemental Document - Contract Approval](#)
[Small Business Review Form-Agenda Action Form - RFP 25-027 Duct Cleaning](#)
[RFP 25-027 Duct Cleaning & Restoration at the DCo Detention Center](#)
[Justification Letter for BMS CAT - Copy](#)
[BMS CAT Bid Packet](#)

25-0433 **Budget Ordinance Amendment No.26BCC009 reallocating \$262,779.86 in previously unspent multi-year Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds for FY 2022-24**

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC009, reallocating \$262,779.86 in previously unspent multi-year Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds. This amendment increases the Sheriff's Office expenditure authority for the remaining funds from FY 2022-2024. The Board previously approved all funding

The Durham County Sheriff's Office and the Durham Police Department share the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) annually in a 50/50 interlocal agreement. The remaining unspent dollars are listed below along with the agenda item numbers where they were previously approved by the Board.

	FY Original Grant Amount	Remaining Amount	Agenda Item #
FY22	\$193,287	\$22,245.72	22-0493
FY23	\$199,106	\$75,516.14	23-0760
FY24	\$165,017.00	\$165,017.00	24-0812
Total		262,779.86	

Priorities often change throughout the grant periods, which delays the funds being used. All grant awards have a three-year term to be utilized.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This request aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Financial Stewardship and Safe Community

Resource Persons: Keisha Gaither, Finance Manager, Durham County Sheriff's Office; Clarence Birkhead, Durham County Sheriff.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC009 reallocating \$262,779.86 in previously unspent multi-year Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds. This amendment increases the Sheriff's Office expenditure authority for the remaining funds from FY 2022-24. The Board previously approved all funding

Attachments:

[Jag Supplemental](#)

[AAF-09 Legal Form](#)

25-0444**Removal of Citizen Board Member Due to Poor Attendance****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to remove the following member in keeping with the Attendance Policy approved by the Board of County Commissioners in August 2014. "If an appointee has absences (excused or unexcused) which constitute more than 50% of the meetings in any calendar year or three (3) consecutive unexcused absences or five (5) consecutive excused absences in any calendar year, he or she is obligated to resign."

- Juvenile Crime Prevention Council - Houston Taft

The Clerk's Office was notified of the absences and made attempts to contact the board member. There was no response.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Goal 5 Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government. When citizens are engaged and partners on our Boards and Commissions, the vision of our Strategic Plan is achieved - a thriving, vibrant diverse community with abundant opportunity for all residents to live, work, learn, play and grow

Resource Persons: Monica Wallace, Clerk to the Board

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the removal of Houston Taft from the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council due to poor attendance.

25-0450

Resolution Authorizing Execution of Opioid Settlements with Secondary Opioid Manufacturers, Purdue Pharma LP, and the Sackler Family and Approving the Third Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to authorize the County Attorney to execute Opioid Settlements with Secondary Manufacturers, Purdue Pharma LP, and the Sackler family. Additionally, the Board is requested to approve the third supplemental agreement for additional funds between the state of North Carolina and Local Governments.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Plan Goals - Healthy and Inclusive Community and Safe and Resilient Community

Resource Persons: Larissa S. Williamson, County Attorney

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board authorizes execution of the Opioid Settlements with Secondary Opioid Manufacturers, Purdue Pharma LP, and the Sackler Family and approve the Third Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments.

Attachments: [Purdue Resolution](#)

6. Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda (20 min)

7. Adjournment

