



Durham County

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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

Monday, March 25, 2019

7:00 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

Regular Session

"Public Charge"

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As a courtesy to others, please turn off cell phones during the meeting.

7:00 pm Regular Session

1. Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance (5 min)

2. Other Business

[19-0141](#) 2019 State of the County Address

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to receive the 2019 State of the County Address from Chair Wendy Jacobs. Chair Jacobs will address the County on the accomplishments over the previous year as well as the goals and challenges the County faces in the upcoming year.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: Chair Jacobs will address how the State of the County aligns with all of its 5 Strategic Goals

Resource Persons: Wendy Jacobs, Chair, Durham Board of County Commissioners

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the annual State of the County Address.

[19-0130](#) Advance Public Comments on the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to hold an Advance Public Comment session to receive citizen input on the Fiscal Year 2019-20 budget. As county staff begins preparation of the FY 2019-20 budget, public input is being solicited on issues which may need to

be addressed during the budget process.

The County Manager's Recommended FY 2019-20 Budget will be presented to the Board of Commissioners on Monday, May 13, 2019, with individual budget work sessions with the BOCC to be scheduled for the period of May 23rd until possibly June 18th (pending Board availability).

Thursday, May 23 Work Session (9-2:30)

Thursday, May 30 Work Session (9-4)

Monday, June 3 Work Session (1-5)

Thursday, June 11 Work Session (9-3)

*The Clerk's Office is currently polling the Board for one of the following dates:

Tuesday, June 17 Work Session (9-4)

Wednesday, June 18 Work Session (9-4)

There will also be a Public Hearing at the Commissioners' Regular Meeting on June 10 at 7:00 pm.

Final adoption of the FY 2019-20 Budget Ordinance is scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2019.

Additional comments can also be e-mailed to commissioners@dconc.gov [<mailto:commissioners@dconc.gov>](mailto:commissioners@dconc.gov), or citizens can use the County's online FY2019-20 Budget Comment Portal located here: [<http://www.dconc.gov/government/departments-a-e/budget-management-services>](http://www.dconc.gov/government/departments-a-e/budget-management-services)

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The Advance Public Comment session aligns with Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government by soliciting citizen input to inform FY 2019-20 budget priorities.

Resource Persons: Keith Lane, Director of Budget and Management Services

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board hold an Advance Public Comment session on the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget.

3. Agenda Adjustments (5 min)

4. Announcements (5 min)

19-0146

Announcements

Agenda Text:

1. **Champs Grant Presents: Spring Break Lunch** - During the upcoming Spring Break (3/25 - 3/29), FREE lunch will be offered for children ages 1-18 and to adults for \$2.

Meals will be provided at the following locations:

- Oxford Manor - 3633 Keystone Place
- North Regional Library - 221 Milton Road

For more details, please call 919-560-2370 ext. 26287.

2. **17th Annual Women's Forum** - Visionary Women: Champions of Peace and Nonviolence will be held on Thursday, March 28th from 6-8 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers on 101 City Hall Plaza. This year's event will feature Santana Deberry, Durham District Attorney; T. Diane Jones, Chapter Leader of Parents of Murdered Children and Grace Marsh, Director of Women in Action and Executive Director of the Elna B. Spaulding Conflict Resolution Center.

Those interested in attending can RSVP at www.durhamhumanrelations.com
<<http://www.durhamhumanrelations.com>>

3. **Durham 4-H Club Open House** - Please join the Extension Center on April 5th from 6-8 p.m. at Durham Cooperative Extension on 721 Foster St. for an evening of fun, games and light refreshments while getting to know the Durham County 4-H Teen Council. Registration is required for this event. Please call 919-560-8295 for more information.
4. **My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Durham Mini Grant Program Accepting Applications** - The MBK Durham Mini Grant Program awards grants to local groups to provide support for youth focused grassroots initiatives to impact community change and is intended to provide support and engagement for boys and young men of color in Durham County. The goal is to support mentorship, creative discussion and activities by nonprofits and other community driven initiatives who will use their efforts toward helping our boys and young men of color many other milestones.

More information and the mini grant application can be found at:
<<http://www.mbkdurham.info>>

Please note the application deadline date is April 12th at midnight.

5. **2019-2020 Durham Pre-Kindergarten Programs Now Enrolling** - Your 4-year old child may be eligible to attend Durham County's NCPre-K Program, Durham PreK and/or Durham Public Schools' Pre-Kindergarten.

For more information or to apply please do one of the following:

- a. Call 919-314-6813 to set an appointment time starting now through May

16th

b. Visit www.dpfc.net/our-work/ncpk/ <<http://www.dpfc.net/our-work/ncpk/>> or www.dpsnc.net <<http://www.dpsnc.net>>

c. Walk in at East Durham Children's Initiative (EDCI) at 2101 Angier Ave between 11am - 2pm on April 1st, 15th or 29th or 4pm - 6pm on April 2nd, 16, or 30th.

- 6. Boys of Color Conference** - My Brother's Keeper Durham and North Carolina Central University Male Achievement Center (M.A.C) will kick-off their inaugural conference on April 13, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Miller Morgan Auditorium located at 1801 Fayetteville St (NCCU Campus).

This year's theme is Be the Change: The Re-Dedication to Black Male Achievement. This event is free and is aimed for males ages 14 and up. Pre-registration is suggested. Volunteers and sponsors are also needed. Please contact mybrotherskeeper@dconc.gov if you are interested.

- 7. Alert Durham** - Sign Up Today: Durham County wants to keep its citizens informed and safe in the case of an emergency. Sign up for Alert Durham to receive notifications about severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. To sign up for Alert Durham, visit www.AlertDurham.com
- 8. Get Involved! It's your County.** Durham County Government has approximately 43 active advisory boards referred to as Boards and Commissions. Citizens of Durham County may volunteer to participate by applying for a vacancy.

Interested citizens should fill out an application and send it to the Clerk to the Board's Office. A description of the boards as well as a list of vacancies can be found on the County's website at

<http://www.dconc.gov/government/departments-a-e/board-of-commissioners/boards-and-commissions>>. If you need additional information, please contact the

Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025 or email to:

BoardsandCommissions@dconc.gov

This information can also be found on our Durham County Website: www.dconc.gov

These announcements along with additional details may also be found on the County's website or you may call the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025.

5. Minutes (5 min)

19-0144 Minutes

Attachments: [Regular Session - February 25, 2019](#)

6. Ceremonial Items**19-0124 Proclamation - National Professional Social Work Month**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to recognize the month of March as National Professional Social Work Month. For 100 years, Social Workers at Durham County DSS have elevated and empowered citizens in Durham County. This month is set aside to recognize the extraordinary contributions of Social Workers who are enhancing the well-being of the vulnerable, oppressed and those living in poverty.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 3: Safe Community

Resource Persons: Ben Rose, Director; Jovetta L. Whitfield, Assistant Director, Child & Family Services; Janeen Gordon, Assistant Director Aging & Adult Services

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the proclamation declaring March National Professional Social Work Month in Durham County.

Attachments: [Proclamation - National Social Work Month 2019](#)

19-0133 Proclamation - CROP Hunger Walk 2019

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to proclaim Sunday, April 7, 2019 as Durham CROP Hunger Walk Day. This year will mark the 45th annual Durham Crop Hunger Walk Day. Each year, Durham comes together to support the local agencies that provide food to families and individuals in great need. Kaaren Johannson, Crop Walk Coordinator will provide remarks.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This proclamation aligns with strategic Goal 1: Community and Family Prosperity and Enrichment

Resource Persons: Wendy Jacobs, Chair; Kaaren Johannson, Crop Walk Coordinator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the proclamation and present to Ms. Kaaren Johannson, Crop Walk Coordinator.

Attachments: [Proclamation - CROPWALK - 2019](#)

19-0145 Proclamation - National Service Recognition Day 2019

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to proclaim April 2, 2019 as National Service Recognition Day.

Americorps and Senior Corps solve some of the toughest community problems. The

Corporation for National Community Service (CNCS) is America's leader in volunteering and service efforts. Through partnerships with schools, faith-based groups, non-profits, and local agencies, national service members are embedded within the communities they serve to make a tangible, lasting impact.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This work crosses all goal areas to help build a stronger, safer, more prosperous community for all.

Resource Persons: Paula Reif, RSVP Coordinator; Durham Technical Community College

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board proclaim April 2, 2019 as National Service Recognition Day and encourage the citizens to find opportunities to serve our community.

Attachments: [Proclamation - National Service Recognition Day - 2019](#)

19-0147

Proclamation - National County Government Month 2019

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to bring attention to Durham County residents and visitors that April is National County Government Month. Celebrated each April by the nation's counties, NCGM was created by the National Association of Counties to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government. The 2019 theme for NCGM is "Connecting the Unconnected." Throughout the month, Durham County will host internal and external events that will be open to employees and the public. Residents are encouraged to learn more about what county government does and what resources are available to the community.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The National County Government Month celebration and proclamation aligns with Goals 1-5.

Resource Persons: Dawn D. Dudley, Senior Public Information Specialist and Deborah Craig-Ray, General Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board proclaims April 2019 as National County Government Month in Durham.

Attachments: [Proclamation - National County Government Month - March 2019](#)

19-0134

Proclamation - Women in Public Office Day

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to proclaim March 19th as Women in Public Office Day.

The National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL) understand the hard work elected women dedicate each day. Passing landmark legislation and breaking down barriers is all within a day's work. Because March is Women's History Month, there is no better time to celebrate the accomplishments and selfless service of elected women, which is why NFWL launched this proclamation program at its 2017 Annual Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, celebrated with women on March 19, 2018 in 29 cities and municipalities and 17 states, and are continuing the initiative into 2019.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This proclamation aligns with Strategic Goal: Community and Family Prosperity and Enrichment

Resource Persons: Brenda Howerton, County Commissioner

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board proclaim March 19, 2019 as Women in Public Office Day

Attachments: [Proclamation - Women In Public Office Day 2019](#)

7. Consent Agenda (15 min)

[19-0113](#)

Property Tax Releases and Refunds for February 2019

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve the Releases & Refunds for the month of February 2019.

Due to property valuation adjustments for over assessments, listing discrepancies, duplicate listings, and clerical errors, etc. the attached report details releases and refunds for the month of February 2019.

Releases and Refunds for 2019 total \$494.69. Prior year's releases and refunds for February 2019 are in the amount of \$22,118.28. The current year and prior year's releases and refunds amount to \$22612.97.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 5, Accountable, Efficient, Visionary Government. To ensure the county complies with North Carolina General Statutes ensures we are accountable to our citizens. The Board of E&R ensures that we are accountable and efficient as tax revenues are impacted by the actions of this Board. The actions of the tax department and this Board impact all strategic goals due to the revenues needed.

Resource Persons: Teresa Hairston, Interim Tax Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board accept the property tax release and refund report for February 2019 as presented and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined by the report.

Attachments: [Backup-Tax Release and Refunds-February 2019-March 25, 2019](#)
[Releases and Refunds Backup Detail February 2019](#)
[NCVTS January Refunds](#)

8. Other Business (15 min)

[19-0115](#)

My Brother's Keeper (MBK)-Durham Mini Grant Program: Approval to Utilize \$50,000.00 and Summary of Program (10min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve the transfer of the \$50,000 currently being held in non-departmental funds to the My Brother's Keeper (MBK) fund center. In the last

days of BoCC budget meetings for the approval of the FY2018-19 budget it was the consensus of the board to hold these funds in non-departmental funds until a time when the MBK manager could present a more detailed narrative and fuller scope of work for the Mini Grant Program. The Mini-Grant program will have three targeted areas for funding: 1. Youth involvement/youth development, 2. Community Action, 3. Collaboration. The goal of this program is to create projects that create involvement opportunity for young men of color and therefore must take place after the hours of school or on the weekends and must align with the goals of the MBK Program. This program will be managed in the same method that is used for funding county supported non-profits.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with both Goal 1 and Goal 2 of the strategic plan. The Mini Grant support is providing and supporting learning and enrichment opportunities that support educational achievement and life success; as well as improving the quality of life across the lifespan through protecting the health of community, reducing barriers to access services and ensuring a network of integrated health and human services available to people in need.

Resource Persons: Edmund P. Lewis, Jr., My Brother's Keeper Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board move forward with transferring the \$50,000 that is currently in non-departmental to MBK Durham to be used for the Mini Grant request for proposals for community stakeholders and organizations working to support boys and young men of color in Durham County.

Attachments: [AAF-42 supplemental Approval of transfer of \\$50,000.00 for MBK Mini Grants P](#)
[MBKMINIGRANTSCOREPROPOSALSHEET](#)
[2019MBKDurhamMiniGrantApplication](#)

9. Board and Commission Appointments (10 min)

19-0135 Board and Commission Appointments

Agenda Text: Monica Toomer, Interim Clerk to the Board, will distribute ballots to the Board to make appointments to the following boards:

- Alliance Board of Directors
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
- Library Board of Trustees
- Memorial Stadium Authority
- Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority

The Board of Commissioners recognizes the need to have a representative sample of the citizens of Durham County serve on boards, commissions, committees and

authorities. No citizen may serve more than four consecutive terms for 2-year term boards; three consecutive terms for 3-year term boards; two consecutive terms for 4-year term boards; and one consecutive term for 5 and 6-year term boards in any one position, unless otherwise stated by statute; or there are no other applicants who meet the eligibility requirements. The Equalization and Review Board shall be exempt from these term limits.

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 Toomer, Interim Clerk to the Board

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners vote to appoint a member to the aforementioned Boards and Commissions.

Attachments: [25march19](#)

10. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA (20 min)

12. Adjournment