



Durham County

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Meeting Minutes

Board of County Commissioners

Monday, March 12, 2018

7:00 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

Regular Session

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Chair Jacobs informed the Board that the SNAP Resolution was added to the agenda.

Announcements

Chair Jacobs read the following announcements:

1. The Durham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council is now accepting proposals for juvenile crime intervention/prevention programs to be supported by North Carolina Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) funds for the State Fiscal Year 2018-2019. These funds are allocated to Durham County to support community programs serving Durham County delinquent and at-risk youth, between the ages of 7 and 17, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018. Any local public agency, private 501 (c) 3 non-profit organizations, or housing authority interested in applying for these funds must complete and submit application online by visiting <https://cp.ncdjdp.org/CP/>. The deadline to submit application for grant funding offered in fiscal year 2018-2019 by DJJ is 5 p.m., on Monday, March 19, 2018. For questions about funding awarded by the DJJ, contact Walter Crews, Area Consultant, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice at (919) 214-2348.
2. Join us for the 16 Annual Women's Forum in honor of Women's History Month. The event will be held Thursday, March 22 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers at 101 City Hall Plaza. For more information, call 919-560-4107, ext.34277 or RSVP@DurhamHumanRelations.com.
3. Commissioner Reckhow stated a Public Forum titled "*What's in you Water*" co-sponsored by the Headwaters Group of the Sierra Group and the North Carolina Central University (NCCU) Environmental Law Society would be held on March 22, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at NCCU Law School Auditorium located on 640 Nelson Street.

4. Chair Jacobs mentioned an opportunity led by Edmond Lewis, My Brother's Keeper Director, titled *Bull City Pitched* which was a social entrepreneurship, business and financial literacy opportunity for high school students. She stated this was a chance for students to collaborate as a team to pitch an idea about entrepreneurship. Chair Jacobs added the submissions were due by Friday, March 23, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. with qualifying students being notified on Friday, March 30, 2018 and the big event being held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at American Underground with a \$1,000 grand prize. She asked that this information be shared on the County website.
5. Commissioner Howerton stated there would be a meeting to help our youth learn more about Aviation. She added the meeting would take place at Beyu Café located at 314 W. Main Street and asked citizens to contact the venue at 919-683-1058 for the date and time.
6. Wendell Davis, County Manager, welcomed and introduced the Fort Bragg Civil Affairs Team who were visiting to complete an exercise prior to deployment.

Minutes

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to approve the January 2, 2018 Worksession meeting minutes.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Chair Jacobs commended the Clerk's Office on the detailed minutes.

Commissioner Reckhow raised the issue to keep all directives in bold and asked that the discussions be summarized. She also asked that the Board should think about reducing the length of the minutes since video and audio recordings were available.

Other Business

Advance Public Comments on the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget

Chair Jacobs stated no one was signed up to speak. She explained the Budget Work Session meeting dates and asked if the Advance Public Comment period was publicized.

Claudia Hager, General Manager, responded that the comment period was advertised. She added that due to the inclement weather, an additional public comment period could be added to the March 26, 2018, Regular Session meeting.

Commissioner Reckhow questioned the dates selected for the Budget Work Session meetings. Ms. Hager responded she would work with the Clerk's Office to conduct a poll of the Board's available and finalize additional dates.

Joint SNAP Resolution

Commissioner Carter read the following resolution:

A JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SNAP AND OTHER FEDERAL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, North Carolina is the 8th hungriest state in the nation. While average monthly SNAP benefits are nominal, about \$119 per household in North Carolina, the program is vital to helping people access nutritious food; and Durham County is the fourth most expensive county to live in North Carolina and is only growing more expensive. Even with more than 1.5 million North Carolinians (15% of the state's population) relying on SNAP to pay for their groceries, food insecurity still persists across the state. With 1 in 6 people facing the double burden of poverty and food insecurity, SNAP provides a critical safety net for those in need; and

WHEREAS, SNAP helps the most vulnerable in our state including households with children, seniors, or people with disabilities. In Durham County, 38,373 participants receive SNAP benefits. While 16.7% (106,210) of Durham County residents are food insecure, 26.6% (28,210) are children under age 18 and 58% (40,354) of the children in Durham receive free/reduced school meals. Of the adults over age 18, 73.4% (78,000) are food insecure. About half of SNAP recipients are employed yet still struggle to make ends meet; and

WHEREAS, SNAP helps those most vulnerable. In Durham County, SNAP benefits are provided predominantly to households with children, seniors, or people with disabilities. About half of those receiving SNAP benefits are employed; and

WHEREAS, SNAP participation is shown to improve nutrition and promote positive long-term health outcomes. Participation for six months can increase food security in a household by up to 10%. Furthermore, individuals who had access to food stamps in early childhood have a lower risk of obesity, high blood pressure, heart disease, and diabetes as adults. Additionally, access to SNAP is associated with increased utilization of preventative care, which can contribute to lower overall healthcare costs. A national level study found that SNAP participation was associated with a \$1400 reduction, per household, in yearly healthcare expenditures¹; and

WHEREAS, SNAP improves the state's economy. In 2016, SNAP benefits contributed \$2.2 billion to North Carolina's economy. These economic benefits were especially impactful in the agricultural and retail sectors. In Durham County, innovative programs such as Farmer's Market Double Bucks program allow SNAP participants to access nutrition and improve the local economy; over \$55,000 of SNAP/Double Bucks was spent on nutritious foods at Durham Farmers' Market since its inception in 2014. Research from Moody's Analytics show that for every dollar spent on SNAP, \$1.70 is put back into the U.S. economy. Furthermore, each year from 2009-2012, SNAP benefits helped keep 338,000 North Carolinians out of poverty, including 150,000 children. SNAP dollars encourage economic growth by supporting grocers, paying workers, and increasing the purchase of goods. SNAP allows families to participate in their local economies and helps to make our communities stronger; and

WHEREAS, SNAP is effective and efficient. SNAP's entitlement structure allows the program to expand in times of greater need, such as the 2008 recession, and contract in times of economic prosperity. Furthermore, every penny of monthly SNAP benefits for North Carolinians comes from the federal government, and the state of North Carolina is only responsible for half of the administrative costs of the program. The SNAP program therefore brings in billion dollars of economic activity for North Carolina, with little input at the state level. SNAP also has one of the most rigorous quality control systems of any public benefit program, which results in low frequency of fraud or abuse.

WHEREAS, Funding for SNAP benefits must be maintained and expanded to preserve health and well-being for our community's most vulnerable residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we the members of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, Durham County Social Services Board and Durham County's Board of Public Health do respectfully ask Senator Burr, Senator Tillis and Congressman Butterfield and Congressman Price to reject any proposals in the 2018 Farm Bill that cut funding to SNAP or other federal nutrition programs; shift costs to the states; or otherwise reduce benefits affecting low-income families, workers, children, the unemployed, or the elderly.

This the 12th day of March 2018.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair, Durham County Board of Commissioners

Tara Fikes, Chair, Durham County Social Services Board

Dr. F. Vincent Allison, III, Chair, Durham Board of Public Health

Chair Jacobs stated this was a time sensitive item and wanted to be sure the Board was in support of the resolution.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to approve the
A Joint Resolution Supporting Snap and Other Federal Nutrition Programs.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ceremonial Items

Recognition that Bert White of Information Services and Technology Department has been Recognized as the Help Desk Institutes (HDI) IT Analyst of the Year for the Triangle/Eastern North Carolina Region

Chair Jacobs requested this item be moved to the March 26, 2018 Regular Session meeting.

Proclamation - National Service Recognition Day

Chair Jacobs read the following proclamation:

NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY| 2018

WHEREAS, Durham County has a rich history of service to its community, and involvement with national service; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service provides economic opportunities by creating stronger and healthier communities and providing those who serve with educational and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers of the AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs in Durham County, North Carolina diligently provide service to address issues within our community, from education to supporting veterans and military services, providing disaster relief and support for the elderly; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers of the AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs in Durham County, North Carolina “GET THINGS DONE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the 3rd day of April 2018 as

“NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY”

in Durham County, and hereby commend its observance upon public officials, business and community leaders, and citizens in recognition of the positive impact of the AmeriCorps and Senior Corps volunteers on our community.

This the 12th day of March 2018.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Chair Jacobs added that this event was free and open to the public. It would take place on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. at 108 W. Parrish Street.

Proclamation - Durham CROP Hunger Walk Day

Chair Jacobs read the following proclamation:

CROP HUNGER WALK 2018

WHEREAS, at the end of World War II American citizens wanted to share our country's abundance with European war victims; and CROP's first purpose was to gather wheat and other crops from U.S. farms and send to Europe on "Friendships"; and

WHEREAS, today, the Durham CROP Hunger Walk is an important part of community life, bringing together people of different faiths, different socioeconomic levels, diverse cultures, and all age groups to provide local and international hunger aid; and

WHEREAS, in the last 43 years, Durham CROP Hunger Walks have raised over \$4M to help and bring hope to hungry people in need around the world and here in the US; and

WHEREAS, the Durham CROP Hunger Walk has awarded more than \$1M to local agencies including Meals on Wheels, Urban Ministries, Housing for New Hope, Double Bucks for SNAP, Threshold Clubhouse, Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina, Families Moving Forward, Open Tables, Partners for Youth Opportunities, St. Andrew's Society, Changing a Generation Outreach and Mt. Calvary UCC Food Pantry who provide food to our Durham neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS, the Durham CROP Hunger Walk raised \$153,900 last year; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Durham CROP Hunger Walk will be dedicated to the memory of friend of the walk Baba Chuck Davis; and

WHEREAS, the Durham CROP Hunger Walk in 2018 will dedicate all of the internationally designated funds over what was raised last year to the Safe Schools Zone program in Kenya in memory Chuck Davis; and

WHEREAS, the Durham CROP Hunger Walk is the oldest fund-raising walk in NC, and will hold its 44th Annual CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, March 25th; and

WHEREAS, the Durham CROP Hunger Walk remains the 2nd largest CROP Walk in the nation, out of more 1000 walks, demonstrating the tremendous compassion and altruism of Durham's citizens; and

WHEREAS, Durham CROP Hunger Walk successfully raises funds to help stop hunger One Step a Time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Sunday, March 25, 2018 as

"DURHAM CROP HUNGER WALK DAY"

in Durham County, North Carolina.

This the 12th day of March 2018.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Kaaren Johannson, CROP Walk Coordinator, introduced her staff and stated that the theme for this year was "Peace, Love and Respect." She stated the walk was scheduled for March 25, 2018, beginning and ending at the Duke Chapel and was free and open to the public. Ms. Johannson asked all interested citizens to register online at www.crophungerwalk.org/durhamnc. She then presented the Board with

shirts created by Melonie Williams, student at North Carolina Central University.

Consent Agenda

Chair Jacobs asked the Board if they requested to comment or pull any items from the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Reckhow commented on item 18-0604, stating that the program was in place for 26 years and with tonight's approval, over 100 projects would be awarded. She highlighted the variety offered in the five (5) projects and stated there was a nice mixture of open space and other improvements in the community. Commissioner Reckhow thanked the staff and the Durham Open Space and Trails Committee for their hard work.

Chair Jacobs commented on item 18-0676 regarding the Incredible Years Program, highlighting the \$240,000 received from the Duke Endowment.

Commissioner Reckhow thanked Morris White III, Cooperative Extension Director, and staff for responding to questions asked by Commissioners. She also stated she was pleased that the money would be used to expand services for newborn children through age eight (8).

Hearing no additional comments, Chair Jacobs entertained a motion for approval.

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda.

18-0603 Security Services Contract Amendment - HHS Screening Officer Additions, Specialty Pay and Insurance Increases

18-0604 Durham Open Space and Trails (DOST) Commission Matching Grants Funding Recommendation for FY 2017-2018

*18-0633 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 18BCC000021 to Recognize \$10,000 from Duke University for Racial Equity Training

*18-0634 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 18BCC000022 to Recognize \$16,600.15 in Donations to Support Project BUILD

18-0636 Replacement of the Pneumatic Control System Serving the 5th Floor of the Administration Building

18-0644 Employment of Experts North Carolina General Statutes 105-299 - Contract Amendment for Vincent Valuations, LLC

18-0665 Adecco USA, Inc. Contract - Additional Funding for Temporary Employment Services

*18-0666 Budget Ordinance Amendment 18BCC000023 for the Department of Social Services to Recognize Additional Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funds in the Amount of \$47,659

18-0667 Execution of the Public Art Agreement with David Wilson for the Fabrication/Installation of the Public Art at the Administrative Building II Renovation (former Judicial Building) Project No.: DC073

18-0669 Approval of the Purchase of Goods contract(s) with various vendors for the Private Office,

Conference and Outdoor Seating and miscellaneous furnishings from the U.S. Communities/GSA and/or NC State Contracts Buying Programs for the Administrative II Building Renovation (former Judicial Building) Project No.: DC073

18-0670 Execution of Architectural Services Agreement with Little Diversified Architectural Consulting Ltd. for the Redevelopment of Two Downtown Sites (300 and 500 blocks of East Main St.) Project No. 4730DC138

18-0671 Approval of Contract with Carolinas IT to Provide a HIPAA Privacy & Security Risk Assessment & GAP Analysis

*18-0672 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 18BCC000024 to Recognize \$80,000 in Grant Awards to Support the Welcome Baby Resource Program for the Purpose of Expanding the Incredible Years Program

18-0676 Refund of Erroneous Payment of Excise Tax Pursuant to NC General Statute 105-228.37

The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Item #18-0633

**Durham County, North Carolina
2017-2018 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 18BCC0000021**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2017-2018 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Other Revenues	\$587,302	\$10,000	\$597,302

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$97,084,993	\$10,000	\$97,094,993

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

This the 12th day of March 2018

Consent Agenda Item #18-0634

**Durham County, North Carolina
2017-2018 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 18BCC0000022**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2017-2018 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
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GENERAL FUND

Contributions & Donations	\$79,140	\$16,660	\$95,800
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Expenditures:

Function

GENERAL FUND

Human Services	\$97,094,993	\$16,660	\$97,111,593
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All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 12th day of March 2018

Consent Agenda Item #18-0666

**Durham County, North Carolina
2017-2018 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 18BCC0000023**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2017-2018 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

Category

Current Budget

Increase/Decrease

Revised Budget

GENERAL FUND

Intergovernmental	\$60,357,114	\$42,940	\$60,400,054
Other Financing Sources	\$32,528,676	\$4,719	\$32,533,395

Expenditures:

Function

GENERAL FUND

Human Services	\$97,111,593	\$47,659	\$97,159,252
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All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 12th day of March 2018

Consent Agenda Item #18-0672

**Durham County, North Carolina
2017-2018 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 18BCC0000024**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2017-2018 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

Category

Current Budget

Increase/Decrease

Revised Budget

GENERAL FUND

Intergovernmental	\$60,400,054	\$80,000	\$60,480,054
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Expenditures:

Function

GENERAL FUND

Economic and Physical Development	\$6,029,486	\$80,000	\$6,109,486
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All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 12th day of March 2018

Closed Session

Chair Jacobs announced there would not be a Closed Session tonight. She stated that Lowell Siler, County Attorney, would respond to the item in writing.

Wendell Davis, County Manager stated due to the inclement weather and a projected drop in temperatures, a decision would be made during the 9 p.m. conference call regarding a potential delay on Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

Commissioner Reckhow requested to be called in for the Legislative Breakfast scheduled on March 16, 2018. She also asked that Commissioners be polled on their availability prior to the scheduling of meetings.

Adjournment

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to adjourn the Regular Session meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Monica W. Toomer
Deputy Clerk to the Board