

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Monday, June 10, 2019

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 Wendy Jacobs, Vice-Chair James Hill and Commissioners Heidi Carter, Brenda Howerton and Ellen Reckhow

Presider: Chair Wendy Jacobs

Closed Session – 5:00 PM

Chair Jacobs stated 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. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session per G.S.143-318.11(a)(6).

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to adjourn into Closed Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene to Open Session

Chair Jacobs announced the Board met in Closed Session and provided direction to staff.

Regular Session – 7:00 PM

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Chair Jacobs announced Agenda Item #19-0284 would be moved up to Ceremonial Items.

Announcements

Chair Jacobs read the following announcements:

1. **Durham County Summer Reading Program** – Beginning June 15th – August 3rd all events for the summer reading program are FREE and open to the public. This season celebrates “A Universe of Stories” with a variety of astronomy and science fiction programs to interest all age groups.

For more information please visit www.durhamcountylibrary.org/summerreading.

2. **Board of Elections Kick Off Photo ID to Vote Information Sessions** – The Durham County Board of Elections will host the second of six photo identification seminars at the South Regional Library on June 20th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

The sessions are open to the public and light refreshments will be served. The Board of Elections staff will be accepting applications for voter registration, voter photo identification and absentee ballots. For a full schedule of information sessions please visit:

www.dconc.gov/home/components/news/news/6143/31

Chair Jacobs encouraged citizens to sign up for the County Manager’s Weekly Newsletter.

Minutes

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to approve the May 6, 2019 Work Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to excuse Chair Jacobs and Commissioner Reckhow from the September 9, 2019 Regular Session meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ceremonial Items

19-0284 Capital Amendment No. 19CPA000022 to Amend the Main Library Renovation Project to Accept Funding from the Library Foundation for Main Library furniture as well as Approval of the Purchase of Goods contract(s) with various vendors for the Private Office, Conference and miscellaneous furnishing from U.S. Communities/GSA and/or NC State Contracts Buying Programs for the Main Library Renovation Project No.: 6110DC094.

Chair Jacobs thanked Lew Myers, Chair, Durham Library Foundation Board of Directors for his work and effort. Mr. Myers thanked the Board, the citizens in attendance and introduced the members of the Durham Library Foundation Board of Directors. He explained the Library Foundation was donating \$800,000 to assist with the purchase of furniture for the Main Library Renovation. Mr. Myers stated the Library Foundation was able to give the contribution due to the generosity of the citizens of Durham and their love for the library.

Tammy Baggett, Durham County Library Director thanked the Library Foundation for the contribution and thanked to Board for their support.

The Board thanked the Library Foundation and Mr. Myers for the contribution and all the hard work.

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to authorize the County Manager's approval of Capital Project Amendment No. 19CPA000022 appropriating \$800,000 for Library Foundation donation funding to the Main Library Renovation Project for furniture.

The motion carried unanimously.

Proclamation – 10th Anniversary World Sickle Cell Awareness Day: Shine the Light on Sick Cell

Chair Jacobs read the following proclamation:

10TH ANNIVERSARY WORLD SICKLE CELL AWARENESS DAY: SHINE THE LIGHT ON SICKLE CELL | 2019

- WHEREAS,** sickle cell disease is an inherited blood disorder that causes pain, infection, disability, economic strain and even death, primarily among African-American children, and adults; and
- WHEREAS,** no definite cure for this disease exists, although treatment is available to help those with sickle cell lead more productive and rewarding lives; and
- WHEREAS,** treatment of these conditions often requires both emergency department care and hospitalization; and
- WHEREAS,** provisions of services was a collaborative effort between major medical centers, regional educators/counselors, community-based programs, local health departments and the State Laboratory of Public Health; and
- WHEREAS,** many healthcare professionals, regional educators, and community advocates do not receive adequate and current education about sickle cell disease; and
- WHEREAS,** support for research on the treatment and management of this disorder, as well as overall awareness' are vital to improving the health and quality of life for persons with sickle cell disease; and
- WHEREAS,** since 1973, The North Carolina Sickle Cell Syndrome Program has provided quality services throughout the State for patients; and
- WHEREAS,** Sickle Cell Experts and Advocates from Duke University, and Pi Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority are committed to improving the quality of care received by persons with sickle cell disease; and
- WHEREAS,** since 2009, June 19th was officially designated as World Sickle Cell Awareness Day. The international awareness day is observed annually with the goal to increase public knowledge and an understanding of sickle cell disease, and the challenges experienced by patients and their families and caregivers; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County will "Shine the Light on Sickle Cell" by shining our lights outside the Admin II Building and lighting up the Taurus sculpture in red on June 19, 2019 to raise community awareness and commemorate the 10th Anniversary of World Sickle Cell Awareness Day.

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 Wednesday, June 19, 2019 as

"WORLD SICKLE CELL AWARENESS DAY"

in Durham County, North Carolina.

This the 10th day of June 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Tiffany Bell, Health Educator at Duke University introduced Dr. John J. Strouse, Adult Sickle Cell Program Director at Duke University. Dr. Strouse stated sickle cell did not get the deserved attention and was not discussed enough to make people more aware. He added he would be at Duke University Hospital on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of World Sickle Cell Awareness Day. Chair Jacobs invited Ms. Bell and Dr. Strouse to setup a table at the Health and Human Services Building on June 19th. She also thanked Peri Manns, General Manager and staff for lighting the Taurus sculpture red outside of the Administration II Building in observance of Sickle Cell Awareness Day.

Consent Agenda

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

Chair Jacobs commented on item 19-0280, stating the surplus property was to be used by the City for affordable housing.

Chair Jacobs commented on item 19-0288, stating the grant awards from several companies would be used to create new jobs. She applauded Andy Miracle, Economic Development Officer and staff for working with the companies. Mr. Miracle mentioned AveXis, Pairwise and Locus Bioscience received funding from North Carolina Biotechnology Center and had respective community benefit agreements.

Chair Jacobs commented on item 19-0266, stating the grant was made possible by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and would help continue with collaboration of the Durham County Library and Durham County Health Department.

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

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

The motion carried unanimously.

*19-0185 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19CC00051 Appropriating Lebanon Fire Tax District Fund Fund Balance (\$110,000), and Transferring to the General Fund for Personal Costs that were not included in the Original Budget for FY2018-19.

19-0210 Contract Amendment to annual Microsoft Premier Support Agreement for additional support hours in the amount of \$47,125.

*19-0225 Capital Project Amendment No. 19CPA000021 – Creation of the Alliance Behavioral Healthcare Backfill Renovation Project (47302635DC145), and Execution of Contract for Architectural Design Services with Perkins + Will Architects for the Alliance Behavioral Healthcare Backfill Renovation and Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19BCC000059 to Appropriate Debt Service Fund Fund Balance of \$150,000 and transfer the funds to the Pay as You Go County Contribution Fund and appropriate this amount to Alliance Behavioral Healthcare Backfill Renovation Project.

19-0240 Execution of Consulting Services Agreement with SEDC Engineering, P.C. dba NV5 for the Fundamental LEED Commissioning Services for the Durham County Administration Building

Renovation. Project No.:4730DC137.

19-0250 Award of Contract to Upgrade Nurse Call System at Health and Human Services.

19-0251 Contract Amendment with Robert Half International (RHI) in the amount of \$15,040.

*19-0252 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19BCC000056 recognizing \$29,998 on CCTA Grant funds in the Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Department supporting a workshop on the 4/10/19 explosion in Durham.

*19-0259 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19BCC000058 – Appropriating \$226,584 of Durham County Fire Rescue (DCFR) Fire Service Tax District Fund Fund Balance for Multiple Funds for expenditures incurred after July 1, 2018, the effective date of the City/County Fire Merger Interlocal Agreement (ILA).

19-0261 Resealing of Kennel Floors at Durham County Animal Shelter (RFP 19-028).

Cyril (CJ) Broderick, Jr., President/CEO, Greater Durham Black Chamber of Commerce questioned out of the five (5) companies interested, why did only one (1) submit with a high bid. Motiryo Keambiroiro, Director of General Services, replied the County offered multiple companies a chance to visit the facility and bids were sent out twice. She added only one (1) company made a bid and due to the poor condition of the floor and a 10-15year life span of the floor, the bid price was acceptable. Mr. Broderick stated he would like to see the bids go out for extended times to allow more opportunities for other companies. Chair Jacobs responded the process was extended over a year and it was critical to be completed.

*19-0266 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19BCC000061 – Recognize Continuation of Durham County Library Grant Revenue: “NIH – All of Us Durham.”

19-0270 Amendment of Xylem d/b/a Godwin Pumps Services Contract in the amount of \$59,335.64 for a Total Contract Value of \$212,835.64 for a Total Contract Value of \$212,835.64 for Emergency Pumping Services at the Stirrup Iron Creek Lift Station and Data Extension.

19-0272 Approval of Increase in the Contract Amount for Intermedix for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Billing and Collections in the Amount of \$80,000 to be Funded within the Current EMS Budget.

*19-0274 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19BCC000060 – Approve Appropriation of \$2,500,000 of General Fund Fund Balance and Transfer to the Benefits Plan Fund for Increased County Self-Funded Medical Costs.

*19-0275 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19BCC000057 – Social Services Budget Reduction of \$1,161,500 for Medicaid Transportation and \$150,000 for Medical Cost Settlement Funds in FY2018-19.

19-0277 Lease Renewal with Animal Protection Society of Durham, Inc. For 2117 East Club Blvd.

19-0279 Purchase of Real Property Located at 11894 and 12018 N. Roxboro Road.

19-0280 Conveyance of Surplus Real Property to the City of Durham for Affordable Housing.

19-0290 Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the City of Durham for YouthWork Internship Placements and Reimbursements.

*19-0294 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19BCC000062 to Recognize \$392,137 in Medicaid Cost Settlement Funds for Increased Funding for 10 Public Health Replacement Vehicles and the Electronic Health Record (HER) System Conversion and Authorize the County Manager to Execute a Contract with UNC Health System.

19-0305 Request to Appoint a Special Board of Equalization and Review for 2019.

Consent Agenda Item #19-0185

**Durham County, North Carolina
2018-2019 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 19BCC000051**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2018-2019 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 Financing Sources	\$30,122,556	\$110,000	\$30,232,556
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$2,641,391	\$47,891	\$2,751,391

Expenditures:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>General Fund</u>			
Public Safety	\$65,288,132	\$110,000	\$65,398,132
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>			
General Government	\$5,867,439	\$47,891	\$5,977,439

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

Approved June 10, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0225

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
2018-19 Capital Project Ordinance
Amendment Number 19CPA000021**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the 2018-19 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.

Project	Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Revised Budget
Alliance Behavioral Healthcare Backfill Renovation (4730DC145)	\$0	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Totals	\$0	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00

Adopted this the 10th day of June, 2019.

Consent Agenda Item #19-0252

**Durham County, North Carolina
2018-2019 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 19BCC000056**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2018-2019 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>			
Intergovernmental	\$47,034,711	\$29,998	\$47,064,709

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>General Fund</u>			
Public Safety	\$65,336,023	\$29,998	\$65,366,021

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

Approved June 10, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0259

**2018-2019 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 19BCC000058**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2018-2019 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 Financing Sources	\$30,205,938	\$55,000	\$30,260,938
<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$2,751,391	\$165,000	\$2,916,391
<u>Debt Service Fund</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$151,824,733	\$6,464	\$151,831,197
<u>Benefits Plan Fund</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$26,907,045	\$100	\$26,907,145

Expenditures:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>General Fund</u>			
Public Safety	\$65,428,130	\$55,000	\$65,483,130
<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>			
Public Safety	\$7,565,065	\$165,000	\$7,730,068
<u>Debt Service Fund</u>			
General Government	\$152,692,954	\$6,464	\$152,699,418
<u>Benefits Plan Fund</u>			
Public Safety	\$6,706,446	\$100	\$6,706,546

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

Approved June 10, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0266

**Durham County, North Carolina
2018-2019 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 19BCC000061**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2018-2019 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>			
Intergovernmental	\$45,753,209	\$51,650	\$45,804,859

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>General Fund</u>			
Cultural and Recreation	\$13,570,039	\$51,650	\$13,621,689

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

Approved June 10, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0274

**Durham County, North Carolina
2018-2019 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 19BCC000060**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2018-2019 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 Financing Sources	\$30,205,938	\$2,500,000	\$32,705,938

Expenditures:

Function

General Fund

General Government	\$117,374,219	\$2,500,000	\$119,874,219
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Revenue:

Category

Current Budget

Increase/Decrease

Revised Budget

Benefits Plan Fund

Other Financing Sources	\$24,407,045	\$2,500,000	\$26,907,045
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Expenditures:

Function

Benefits Plan Fund

General Government	\$12,663,594	\$2,500,000	\$15,163,594
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All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved June 10, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0275

**Durham County, North Carolina
2018-2019 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 19BCC000057**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2018-2019 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

Category

Current Budget

Increase/Decrease

Revised Budget

General Fund

Intergovernmental	\$47,064,709	-\$1,311,500	\$45,753,209
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Other Financing Sources	\$29,993,829	\$150,000	\$30,143,829
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Expenditures:

Function

General Fund

Human Services	\$84,186,809	-\$1,161,500	\$83,025,309
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All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved June 10, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0294

**Durham County, North Carolina
2018-2019 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 19BCC000062**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2018-2019 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>			
Intergovernmental	\$45,804,859	\$392,137	\$46,196,996

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>General Fund</u>			
Cultural and Recreation	\$83,025,309	\$392,137	\$83,417,446

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

Approved June 10, 2019

Public Hearings

19-0299 Public Hearing to Consider Allocating Economic Development Funds to Parexel International Corporation

Andy Miracle, Economic Development Officer gave an overview of the Parexel International Corporation. He explained Parexel would open a second U.S. headquarters in Durham County, adding 264 jobs and investing \$1.7 million in the facility. Mr. Miracle stated certain performance goals were being met by Parexel related to timing, the amount of investment, employment creation and maintenance of the created jobs as well as partnership engagement criteria.

Commissioner Howerton inquired about the incentives being given to Parexel. Mr. Miracle responded the payment was to be paid over a five (5) year period and payment would occur after performance verification has been met, incremental job creation, investment and criteria targets were met.

Chair Jacobs asked for the minimum amount being committed to Parexel. Mr. Miracle replied the numbers would be established for the project. Chair Jacobs stated she would like specific numbers and details in the contract.

Chair Jacobs opened the public hearing.

Bryan Fox, Vice President of Public Policy, Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce stated he was proud to partner with the State to bring another addition to the County tax base and spectrum of career opportunities for Durham residents.

Commissioner Reckhow thanked Mr. Miracle for the partnership engagement criteria and summer internships with new companies seeking incentives from the County.

Chair Jacobs closed the public hearing and asked to entertain a motion.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to approve allocating a total of \$120,500 in Economic Development Investment funds to Parexel International Corporation.

The motion carried unanimously.

Directives:

- **Chair Jacobs requested specific numbers and contract details on Parexel International Corporation.**

19-0237 Public Hearing on the FY2019-20 County Manager's Recommended Budget

Chair Jacobs opened the public hearing. She asked everyone to limit their comments to two (2) minutes each due to the large number of citizens signed up to speak.

Mickey Tezai thanked the Board and County Manager for being patient and addressing concerns with the EMS leadership. He added there were concerns with the merger and work being done to repair relationships.

The following citizens signed up to speak about supporting the Durham Public Schools proposed budget: *Ann Rebeck; Michelle Burton; Nicholas Graber-Grace; Dabney Hopkins; Jeannine Sato; Christie Masinick; Kimberly Elliott and Don Rosenberg.*

Cyril (CJ) Broderick, Jr., President/CEO, Greater Durham Black Chamber of Commerce wanted the County to include economic development with small black owned businesses.

The following citizens signed up to speak about supporting salary increases for Durham County employees as recommended by the salary compensation study: *Carl Kenney; Aidil Ortiz and Dr. Natasha Green.*

The following citizens signed up to speak about supporting the County Sheriff's budget: *Angie Steele; Thelma White and Vanita Alston.*

The following citizens signed up to seek funding and support of the Legal Aid and diversion of rent in Durham County: *Sarah D'Amato, Sheri Starks, Leigh Ann Shore, Zack Roberson.*

Brian Callaway did not support full funding for Durham Public Schools and asked that the details of the budget be reviewed.

Dr. Michelle Laws stated people of color were left behind and wanted budget funding distributed equally.

Mike Ellis stated Durham Public Schools maintenance department only received a one (1) percent pay increase and only had four (4) plumbers to cover 53 buildings.

Serena Sabring and Quisha Mullette addressed concern with public safety, community solutions, living wages, public health, police officers and the detention center.

Dr. E. L. Allision asked the Board for additional reports on the recommended budget.

Andrea "Muffin" stated the budget should invest more in children, livable wages and affordable housing.

Chair Jacobs thanked everyone for attending the meeting and expressing their care for the Durham community. She stated as always it was tough to complete the recommended budget but the Board heard

everyone and appreciated their public comments.

Commissioner Howerton was delighted to see the turn-out from the community; adding how important it was for citizens to be included when allocating tax dollars.

19-0283 Public Hearing for the Durham County ACCESS Merger with the City of Durham

Linda Thomas, Transportation Program Manager explained the history of Durham County ACCESS and discussed moving forward with the merger with the City of Durham. She added if approved, the merger would go into effect during the first quarter of fiscal year 2019-2020.

Chair Jacobs asked if the Champions in Transportation Awards would continue after the merger. Ms. Thomas responded the awards were not included in the interlocal agreement, but she would discuss with the City to see if the awards could be continued. Chair Jacobs emphasized the importance of recognizing citizens for their use of public transportation.

Chair Jacobs opened the public hearing.

Natalie Murdock, citizen supported the Durham County ACCESS merger with the City of Durham.

Chair Jacobs closed the public hearing and asked to entertain a motion.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to approve the Durham County ACCESS merger with the City of Durham GoDurham Paratransit (ACCESS) Service.

The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

19-0308 Federal Poverty Guidelines Rule Proposal

Ben Rose, Department of Social Services (DSS) Director discussed how the Office of Management and Budget were proposing a federal rule change that would impact how the federal poverty guidelines were calculated. He added the change would shift from using consume price index to using the chained consumer price index. Mr. Rose stated millions of people across the country would not qualify for federal poverty under the proposed federal rule change. He added potential impacts could include less federal funding coming into the State. Mr. Rose stated comments were accepted until June 21, 2019 and suggested the Board submit comments before the deadline. He added living wages were not reflected in the federal poverty guidelines.

Chair Jacobs asked the press to inform the community about the federal poverty guidelines rule proposal. She also recognized Tara Fikes, Chair of the DSS Board.

Commissioner Reckhow suggested County Manager Davis write a letter and forward it to the Office of Management and Budget as well as the congressional delegation. Chair Jacobs suggested to share the letter with Kevin Leonard, Executive Director at North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) and to submit the letter through the portal to make sure it reached the proper individuals. Mr. Rose replied a letter could also be faxed.

Commissioner Howerton asked about the current consumer price index and projected chained consumer price index. Mr. Rose replied chained consumer price index was projected to be lowered by about one

(1) to two (2) percent and continued to be lowered over the next ten years. Commissioner Howerton asked for income numbers. Mr. Rose responded estimated federal annual income limit was around \$12,000 for a 1-person household and \$21,300 for a family of three (3). He added 60 percent of citizens receiving assistance had some source of income and 30 percent were seniors.

Directives:

- **Commissioner Reckhow asked Ben Rose to work with County Manager Davis to submit a letter to the Office of Management and Budget and congressional delegation.**
- **Chair Jacobs requested the letter be sent to Kevin Leonard, Executive Director of NCACC also.**

Closed Session

Chair Jacobs stated the board was requested to adjourn to Closed Session to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3), in the matter of the following:

- Marquette Welton vs. Durham County, Durham Board of County Commissioners, Wendell Davis and Kathy Everett-Perry, Case Number 17-CV-258
- Julia Graves vs. Durham County, Clarence Birkhead, Michael Andrews, Michelle Henderson, FNU Jackson, FNU Taylor, Tanisha Stripling and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, Case Number 1:19-CV-316
- Durham County vs. AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation et-al., Case Number 1:19-CV-00491.

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Hill to adjourn into the Closed Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene to Open Session

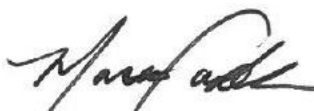
Chair Jacobs announced the Board met in Closed Session and provided direction to staff.

Adjournment

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 9:35 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Macio Carlton
Senior Administrative Assistant

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