

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

Monday, September 9, 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: Vice-Chair James Hill and Commissioners Heidi Carter and Brenda Howerton

Excused Absence: Char Wendy Jacobs and Commissioner Ellen Reckhow

Presider: Vice-Chair James Hill

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Vice-Chair Hill announced that there were no agenda adjustments.

Announcements

Vice-Chair Hill read the following announcements:

1. **Celebrating Recovery: September is National Recovery Month** – Individuals and agencies work to raise awareness and understanding of mental and substance use disorders and celebrate those that recover. Recovery Community of Durham host Durham Celebrates Recovery on September 14, 2019 from 2:00pm – 6:00pm at Durham Central Park located at 501 Foster Street.

This is a **FREE** event and the public is invited to enjoy speakers, live music, healthy events and information about provider services. For more information, please contact Robert Thomas at recoverycommunityofdurham@gmail.com

2. **Durham Reads Together: One Month, One Book, One Community** – Join the Conversation as Durham Reads Together strives to strengthen the community through a biennial celebration of reading. During the month of September – October, the book selection is *The Best of Enemies* by Osha Gray Davidson with the first discussion being held on September 17th from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Stanford L. Warren Branch Library.

Each event is free and open to the public. Please visit www.durhamreadstogether.org for more information.

3. **Durham County Office of the Sheriff Hosts NC Bike Safe** – The Durham County Sheriff's Office has partnered with BikeSafe-NC and invites motorcyclists to participate in Rider Skills Days. To see this year's schedule and register, please visit www.durhamsheriff.com/services

4. **Open Enrollment Extended for Medicaid Beneficiaries** – The Department of Health and Human Services announced that it will extend open enrollment for Medicaid beneficiaries and move to a statewide transition to managed care on February 1, 2020.

For more details about this extension, visit www.ncdhhs.gov/news

5. **Child Support Amnesty** – If you have an active order for arrest for child support in Durham County, there is help for you. Meet a representative on September 25, 2019 between 9:00am – 4:00pm at 510 S. Dillard Street (Courtroom 5B) and bring \$500 per case. If the bond is lower than \$500 bring that amount and your order of arrest will be recalled.

For more information, please call 919-560-8901 ext. 8900 or 8930.

6. **2019 Triangle Kickoff to College & Career Event** – In collaboration with Art of Cool Fest 2019, this event is “**All Things Education**” in NC. Families are invited to attend and take crucial steps in preparing for life after high school. The kickoff includes a College & Scholarship Fair, Career & Military Showcase and Education Resource Expo.

This event is **FREE** and will be held on September 28, 2019 from 9:00am – 12:00pm at the Durham Armory located at 212 Foster Street. Please register at www.kickofftocollege.com

7. **Durham 150 Closing Ceremony: Tickets are on Sale!** – The ceremony will take place on November 2, 2019 from 7:30pm – 10:30pm at the Durham Performing Arts Center (DPAC). This event will explore the history of Durham narration, video, live performance and music. Tickets range from \$15 - \$30 and are available at www.dpacnc.com or at the DPAC ticket office.

Minutes

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to approve the June 11, 2019 (Morning Portion) Budget Work Session minutes and August 13, 2019 Regular Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair Hill stated Chair Jacobs and Commissioner Reckhow were absent due to being at a Transportation Conference in Vancouver, Canada.

Ceremonial Items

Proclamation - National Preparedness Month

Vice-Chair Hill read the following proclamation:

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH | 2019

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month, occurring annually in September since 9/11, creates an ideal opportunity for every resident of Durham County, North Carolina, to join citizens across the United States in preparing their homes, businesses, and communities for any type of emergency, including natural, technological, and human caused; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced the 2019 National Preparedness Month theme of “Prepared, Not Scared”; and

WHEREAS, planning now, before a disaster is the best way to improve community resiliency from disaster; and

WHEREAS, the City/County Emergency Management Division partners with federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, private, and volunteer agencies to educate individuals on local hazards and how to prepare for them; and

WHEREAS, the City/County Emergency Management Division informs residents on how to take action, through its Alert Durham public education campaign; and

WHEREAS, all residents of Durham County, North Carolina, are urged to plan ahead for disasters and encourage their family and friends to do so by visiting the County’s preparedness campaign website at alertdurham.com.

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 September as

“NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH”

in Durham, North Carolina and with the theme “**PREPARED, NOT SCARED**”, I encourage the community to observe this month by preparing for emergencies before they occur in Durham County, North Carolina.

This the 9th day of September 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Vice-Chair Hill commented on Hurricane Dorian and the damage in the Bahamas. He recommended that Durham residents try to prepare for emergencies before they occur.

Leslie O’Connor, Division Chief of Emergency Management stated the last two (2) hurricanes, flooding and the gas explosion were all examples of why the Durham community should prepare for emergencies. She explained how to be prepared for emergencies and disasters and stated citizens could visit the AlertDurham website: AlertDurham.com for more information. She also introduced Jim Groves, Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Director, Katelynn Tagget, Student Volunteer and Taylor Davis, Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator.

Commissioner Carter stated she felt safe during Hurricane Dorian and was glad there was a shelter open in Durham during the hurricane. Commissioner Howerton also added she toured the well-planned, organized shelter with Governor Roy Cooper.

Proclamation – Durham Senior Hunger Awareness Week

Commissioner Howerton read the following resolution:

DURHAM SENIOR HUNGER AWARENESS WEEK | 2019

- WHEREAS,** nationwide approximately 10 million older adults – or one in six – face the threat of food insecurity; and North Carolina’s senior hunger rate ranks second worst in the nation at an estimated 1 in every 5 seniors, compared to the national average of 1 in 6; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County Social Services estimates that of the 60,000 Durham County residents age 60 and older, 12,600 are at risk of food insecurity due to living at or below 199 percent of the federal poverty level; and
- WHEREAS,** up to 50 percent of older adults nationwide may be malnourished and an estimated one-third of older adults admitted to hospitals may be malnourished and thus subject to longer hospital stays and more health complications than those with adequate nutrition; and
- WHEREAS,** food insecurity is associated with poorer chronic disease management and decreased health-related quality of life, with food insecure seniors being 50 percent more likely to have diabetes, three times more likely to suffer from depression, 60 percent more likely to have congestive heart failure or a heart attack, and twice as likely to report gum disease and asthma; and
- WHEREAS,** food insecure seniors have increased likelihood of entering health care facilities, convalescent homes, or some form of assisted living, or may be forced to move in with relatives and receive inadequate care, which eventually leads to higher health care costs as chronic conditions worsen when remaining untreated; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham’s Partnership for Seniors, through its Committee on Senior Food & Nutrition, is working in conjunction with End Hunger Durham to create awareness of and solutions to senior hunger in Durham through building partnerships among governmental departments, nonprofits, medical and educational institutions, religious institutions, and community volunteers.

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 September 22-28, 2019 as

“DURHAM SENIOR HUNGER AWARENESS WEEK”

in Durham County.

This the 9th day of September 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Betsy Crites, Co-Director of End Hunger Durham explained the general public was not aware of seniors in need and those suffering from hunger. She stated she planned to use the week of September 22nd -25th to inform the Durham community about senior hunger using social media, newspaper and word-of-mouth.

Commissioner Hill thanked Ms. Crites for her dedicated work with seniors in Durham County; adding many seniors suffered from hunger and loneliness.

Consent Agenda

Vice-Chair Hill asked the Board if they requested to pull or comment on any items on the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Howerton requested to comment on item 19-0439. She stated Phil Goodwin Freelon was a legend and huge part of the Durham community. She added he contributed to the local community and all over the world. Vice-Chair Hill stated Mr. Freelon helped make Durham a beautiful place to live; adding he refused to design or help design a prison or jail.

Hearing no additional comments, Vice-Chair Hill entertained a motion for approval.

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to approve all Consent Agenda items.

The motion carried unanimously.

19-0363 Resolution Establishing a Public Art Program.

Jenna Bernstein, citizen, asked the Board to allocate money to properly restore the Confederate soldier artwork that was damaged by protestors and removed from public view.

19-0364 Execution of Architectural Design Services Agreement with Moseley Architects for the Durham County Youth Home Project No. 4400DC001.

19-0378 Request to award Contract for Purchase of a Mini-Caliber Hazardous Device Robot for Sheriff's Office Hazardous Devices Unit.

19-0379 Support for a County Application for the Environmental Enhancement Grant Program.

19-0388 Request to Award Contract for Sole Source Purchase of Online Public Catalog from BiblioCommons.

*19-0389 Budget Ordinance Amendment 20BCC000008 for Durham County's FY2020 Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funding Plan and the Department of Social Services to Recognize Additional HCCBG Funds in the Amount of \$115,624 which includes the required Durham County DSS Local Match of \$74,174. The local match will be funded with a fund balance appropriation.

*19-0393 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20BCC000009 – Approval of a Fund Balance Appropriation in the General Fund in the Amount of \$225,579 for Epic Community Connect Hardware and interfaces.

*19-0397 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20BCC000010 to Recognize \$5,000 from the Duke University Division of Community Health.

*19-0398 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20BCC000011 to Recognize \$2,000 from Duke University Division of Community Health.

*19-0399 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20BCC000013 – Approval of a Fund Balance Appropriation in the General Fund in the Amount of \$125,000 for Jail Medical Care.

*19-0404 Capital Project Amendment No. 20CPA000003 – Reducing the General Services On-going Roof Replacement Capital Project (4190DC073) by \$107,500 and General Services On-Going HVAC Appropriating \$267,500 to increase the Judicial Annex Renovations Capital Project No. 4730DC141.

*19-0413 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20BCC000012- Recognize \$38,902 in US DOJ Grant revenue for CJRC.

19-0416 Design Services Amendment for Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant Efficiency and Resiliency Improvement Projects.

*19-0424 Budget Ordinance Amendment 20BCC000014 – Recognize \$297,900 from CCTA Grant and approve contract for same amount with C3 Pathways, Inc.

19-0431 Durham County Support for Refugee Resettlement.

19-0439 Resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of Phil Goodwin Freelon.

Consent Agenda Item #19-0389

**Durham County, North Carolina
2019-2020 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 20BCC000008**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2019-2020 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	\$44,034,281	\$105,612	\$44,139,893
Other Financing Sources	\$21,926,270	\$10,012	\$21,936,282

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$82,358,173	\$115,624	\$82,473,797

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

Approved September 9, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0393

**Durham County, North Carolina
2019-2020 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 20BCC000009**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2019-2020 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	\$21,936,282	\$225,579	\$22,161,861

Expenditures:

Function
GENERAL FUND
Human Services

\$82,473,797	\$225,579	\$82,699,376
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All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved September 9, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0397

**Durham County, North Carolina
2019-2020 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 20BCC000010**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2019-2020 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	\$44,139,893	\$5,000	\$44,144,893

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u> <u>GENERAL FUND</u> Human Services	\$82,699,376	\$5,000	\$82,704,376
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All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved September 9, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0398

**Durham County, North Carolina
2019-2020 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 20BCC000011**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2019-2020 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	\$44,144,893	\$2,000	\$44,146,893

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u> <u>GENERAL FUND</u> Human Services	\$82,704,376	\$2,000	\$82,706,376
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All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved September 9, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0399

**Durham County, North Carolina
2019-2020 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 20BCC000013**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2019-2020 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	\$22,16,861	\$125,000	\$22,286,861

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Human Services	\$82,706,376	\$125,000	\$82,831,376

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

Approved September 9, 2019

Consent Agenda Item 19-0404

**DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
2019-20 Capital Project Ordinance
Amendment Number 20CPA000003**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY:

That the 2019-20 capital project ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments for the following projects.

Project	Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Revised Budget
Ongoing Roof Replacement (4190DC073)	\$3,731,273	(\$107,500)	\$3,623,773
Ongoing HVAC Replacement (4190DC076)	\$2,457,990	(\$160,000)	\$2,297,990
Judicial Building Annex (4730DC141)	\$4,650,427	\$267,500	\$4,917,927

Adopted this the 9th day of September 2019.

Consent Agenda Item #19-0413

**Durham County, North Carolina
2019-2020 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 20BCC000012**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2019-2020 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	\$44,146,893	\$38,902	\$44,185,795

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Public Safety	\$65,487,543	\$38,902	\$65,526,445

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

Approved September 9, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0424

**Durham County, North Carolina
2019-2020 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 20BCC000014**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2019-2020 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	\$44,185,795	\$297,900	\$44,483,695

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
Public Safety	\$65,526,445	\$297,900	\$65,824,345

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

Approved September 9, 2019

Consent Agenda Item 19-0431

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As the elected Board of County Commissioners representing Durham County, North Carolina residents, we are sharing this letter to communicate our strong support for resettling refugees in our states and communities, and

to also urge your Administration to resettle at least 95,000 refugees in Fiscal Year 2020. It is our strong hope that you will seriously consider the voices of communities across this country as we join in support of this life-saving program that brings so much to our collective communities, and to express our Board's desire to help protect refugees in need.

Data indicates that each day, nearly 44,000 people are forcibly displaced from their homes due to violence, persecution, or war. The United Nations Refugee Agency reports that over 68.5 million people are forcibly displaced worldwide, 25.4 million of whom are registered as refugees. More than half of those registered are children. Despite this escalating crisis, last year the United States set its lowest resettlement goal of only 30,000 refugees, and to date, has only resettled 17,276 refugees this fiscal year. Fiscal Year 2019's refugee admissions goal represents the lowest number of refugees the U.S. has resettled in the history of the program and indeed comes at a time of the greatest need. We know we can do so much more.

We are a nation founded and built by immigrants and refugees. It is our shared immigrant narrative that makes our collective states and local communities strong; it is our deep and abiding respect for hard work, our shared commitment to this country we call home, and our belief that America is a beacon of hope, that unite us.

The American people – our constituents – express their support for resettling refugees in our communities every single day. From welcoming a refugee family as they arrive at an airport to assisting them with English language classes or simply helping them navigate the local bus line – our communities stand for welcome and inclusion. Like us, they know that refugees are not people to be feared – they are men, women, and children who were forced to flee in order to save their lives and are now looking for a place to call home again.

Refugees bring immense value to our communities. They have invigorated our economies, brought innovation to our towns, and made our communities stronger through their contributions to our public life and cultural institutions. Refugees in the U.S. are students, business owners, dedicated employees, customers, elected o

The precipitous decline in refugee arrivals has negatively impacted our local economies, particularly for employers that have traditionally welcomed refugees. Many key U.S. industries – including manufacturing, hospitality, and food production – have become increasingly reliant on refugee workers to fill in gaps left by labor shortages.

Refugees, and their descendants, bring so much to our communities, and we are a stronger and better nation as a result. As elected officials, we encourage you to visit our communities and hear directly from our constituents, including refugees themselves, as to what this life-saving program has brought to our country.

We earnestly hope that you will consider our strong desire to welcome refugees as you make your decision regarding the number of refugees our country will help in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Consent Agenda Item #19-0439

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF PHILIP GOODWIN FREELON

WHEREAS, Philip Goodwin Freelon, an award-winning and nationally-known architect, left us far too soon when he made his earthly transition on July 9, 2019 following a three-year struggle with ALS; and

WHEREAS, this amazing life force brought his experience and knowledge from his hometown of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to North Carolina, earning his initial architectural degree from North Carolina State University; and

WHEREAS, because of his keen interest, commitment and dedication to Durham, Phil designed many of our region's unique buildings, including Durham County's Human Services Building and South Regional Library, Durham Bulls Athletic Park, the Central Parking Structure at Raleigh-Durham International Airport and the North Carolina Central University Biomanufacturing Research Institute and Technology Enterprise facility; and

WHEREAS, most notably he was a member of the planning and design team for the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African American History and Culture, and additionally he was the lead architect for several significant cultural, educational, and civic projects including the International Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta, Emancipation Park in Houston, and the Motown Museum in Detroit; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama appointed him to the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts in 2011 and Phil was the recipient of numerous recognitions and honors during his career; and

WHEREAS, he will be forever and fondly be remembered for his lasting positive impact in Durham County and beyond through his design of numerous and unique structures and for graciously mentoring many aspiring architects along the way.

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

PHILIP GOODWIN FREELON

for his lifelong work as a gifted architect and for leaving an indelible mark on the culture and beauty of all the communities in which he designed and built masterful structures that will stand as a monument to his incredible artistic talent.

This 9th day of September 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair

James Hill, Jr., Vice-Chair

Heidi Carter, Commissioner

Brenda A. Howerton, Commissioner

Ellen Reckhow, Commissioner

Public Hearings

Public Hearing to Consider Allocating Economic Development Funds to Policygenius Inc.

Andy Miracle, Economic Development Officer stated the Board was requested to hold a public hearing to consider allocating a total of \$188,500 in Economic Development Investment funds to Policygenius Inc. Policygenius, a online insurance platform, would locate a new technical and operations center in Durham County, creating at least 377 jobs over the next five years, and would invest a minimum of \$6

million.

Vice-Chair Hill opened the Public Hearing and recognized Bryan Fox to speak.

Bryan Fox, Vice President of Public Policy at Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce expressed his excitement about the direct impact the new high paying jobs would create and the multiplier effect on downtown Durham.

The Board thanked Mr. Fox for his comments and asked if anyone was present from Policygenius. Kevin Fusick, Vice President of Finance at Policygenius explained how the company valued training and supported employees, pets and the local Humane Society. The Board inquired about diversity at Policygenius. Mr. Fusick responded diversity was addressed throughout the entire company and in each department.

Commissioner Howerton inquired about the skill levels for the positions. Mr. Miracle replied most of the new jobs were at entry or operational level while others required a bachelor's degree. He added Policygenius would provide training opportunities for job candidates. The Board expressed excitement about the company, the new jobs and addition to downtown Durham.

Vice-Chair Hill closed the Public Hearing and entertained a motion from the Board.

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to allocate a total of \$185,500 in Economic Development Investment funds to Policygenius Inc., subject to certain performance goals being met related to timing and amount of investment, employment creation and maintenance of created jobs as well as partnership criteria.

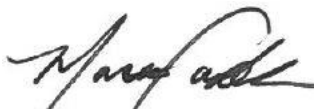
The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 7:49p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Macio Carlton', written in a cursive style.

Macio Carlton
Deputy Clerk to the Board