



Durham County

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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

Michael D. Page, Chair
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Wendy Jacobs, Commissioner
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Monday, November 23, 2015

7:00 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

"Public Charge"

The Board of Commissioners asks its members and citizens to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous manner, both with the Board and fellow citizens. At any time, should any member of the Board or any citizen fail to observe this public charge, the Chairman will ask the offending person to leave the meeting until that individual regains personal control. Should decorum fail to be restored, the Chairman will recess the meeting until such time that a genuine commitment to the public charge is observed.

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. Agenda Adjustments (5 min)
3. Announcements (5 min)

15-754

Announcements

Agenda Text:

- 1) PremiumHelp.Org is a United Way program designed to help qualified individuals reduce your monthly health care premium to zero in these specific Silver-Level Plans purchased on the North Carolina Health Insurance Marketplace. To apply for 2015 support, please call 919-463-5000.
- 2) Imagine not having a turkey or sweet potato pie to eat for Thanksgiving dinner. Sadly, that is the case for many of our older adults in Durham County. The Durham Center for Senior Life is holding a holiday food drive and will be accepting toiletry donations for seniors from November - December 18. For more information about the Holiday Drive, please call Emoni' Battle (919) 688-8247 ext. 103 or Laurie McNeil (919) 688-8247 ext. 115.

- 3) These announcements may also be found on the County's website or you may call the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025.

4. Minutes (5 min)

15-755 Minutes

Attachments: [Regular Session - November 09, 2015](#)
[Worksession Nov 02, 2015](#)

5. Ceremonial Items

15-753 Recognition that the Information Services and Technology Department has Received a National Awards that Demonstrates World-Class IT Effectiveness

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to recognize a recent award received by Durham County's Information Services and Technology department.

The IS&T Department has received a national award that demonstrates world-class IT effectiveness: customer service; innovative business transformation and business process improvements.

In October 2015, IS&T was awarded a 2015 Solutions Award from Public Technology Institute "Moving From Paper to Data, From Storage to Strategic." This is in recognition of Durham County's decade long effort to move beyond paper and embrace document imaging in several county departments.

Your recognition of these achievements made by the entire staff of IS&T, and departmental partners is appreciated!

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government by providing collaborative leadership, exceptional customer service, innovation, transparency and fiscal responsibility.

Resource Persons: Greg Marrow, Chief Information Officer

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board that recognize a recent award received by Durham County's Information Services and Technology department.

6. Consent Agenda (15 min)

15-731 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000023 to Recognize \$600 from the Strong Fathers Program in Support of Durham County 4H and \$3140 as the Annual Commercial Mail Allocation from NCCES CALS. The total Amount to be added to the Budget is \$3740.

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000023 to recognize funds in the amount of \$3740 collectively from the

Strong Fathers Program and North Carolina Cooperative Extension Services College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

The \$600 from Strong Fathers will be used to support youth attendance at 4H activities and the provision of services through 4H. The \$3140 from NCCES CALS will be used to cover commercial mail expenses incurred by Durham Extension.

Expenditures associated with these funds will be as follows:

1001010000	4950231200	5200189000	\$600	Other Services
1001010000	4950230000	5200110300	\$3140	Postage

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This budget amendment aligns with Strategic Goal 1: Community and Family Prosperity and Enrichment and Strategic Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government.

Resource Persons: Delphine Sellars, County Extension Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000023 to recognize funds in the amount of \$3740 with \$600 from Strong Fathers to be applied to 4H and \$3140 from NCCES CALS to be applied to Extension postage.

Attachments:

[AAF Supporting Documentation for Strong Fathers and Postage.pdf](#)

[AAF-23 Legal Form CES Strong Fathers Grant and Commercial Mail Allocation](#)

15-737

Approval of Closed Session Minutes

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Closed Session Minutes that have been released by the County Attorney for your approval.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 5 - Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government

Resource Persons: V. Michelle Parker-Evans, County Clerk to the Board

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Closed Session Minutes that have been released by the County Attorney.

15-750

Property Tax Releases and Refunds for October 2015

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve the Releases and Refunds Report for the month of October, 2015 and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined in the report. 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 October, 2015.

Releases and Refunds for 2015 total equals \$49,247.47. Prior year's (2010-2014) releases and refunds for October, 2015 are in the amount of

\$11,494.42. The current year and prior year's releases and refunds amount to \$60,741.89.

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: Kimberly H. Simpson, Tax Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the Releases and Refunds Report for October, 2015 as presented and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined in the report.

Sponsors: Board of County Commissioners

Attachments: [BackUp Detail-Releases & Refunds-Oct. 2015-November 23, 2015](#)
[BackUp-Release & Refunds-October 2015-November 23, 2015](#)
[NCVTS Tax Interface](#)

15-752

Judicial Parking Lease

Agenda Text: Blackwell Street Management Company, LLC (the Real Estate Management Company for the American Tobacco Complex). They have requested to lease an additional 50 parking spaces in the Judicial Parking Deck at \$55 per month for one year with the ability to renew for one year. The total value of the lease is \$33,000 annually. The deck is currently operating at daily census of 78%. This lease will bring the occupancy rate to 84%. We currently have a lease with Blackwell Street Management Company, LLC for 100 spaces. We intend to amend that contract.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government. By embracing new and efficient ways of using capital to produce additional dollars for its citizens.

Resource Persons: George K. Quick, Chief Financial Officer

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the lease and authorize the County Manager and/or the Chief Financial Officer to execute the necessary document.

Attachments: [Justice Center Parking Contract \(BSM LLC\) - November](#)

15-756

Reimbursement Resolution -Research Triangle Foundation

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve the attached Resolution in order to reimburse the County for partial funding of the \$20M economic incentive to the Research Triangle Foundation approved during its September 28, 2015 meeting.

The resolution is necessary because we have to make the first payment to RTF during the first quarter 2016 (\$2.5M). This will be prior to issuance of the LOBs, which we expect to take place during the fourth quarter FY2017. The interim source of funding will be an inter fund loan.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 5, Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government

Resource Persons: George K. Quick, Chief Financial Officer

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the attached Resolution.

Attachments: Durham County NC - 2016 LOBS Proceedings of Board of Commissioners re Re

15-759

Appointment to GoTriangle Board of Directors

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to reappoint Commissioner Fred Foster, Jr. to a four-year term on the GoTriangle Board of Directors. His current term expires November 30, 2015.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: (brief statement and relevant goal)

Resource Persons: Michael D. Page, Chair, Board of County Commissioners

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board reappoint Commissioner Fred Foster, Jr. to the GoTriangle Board of Directors for a four-year term.

15-768

Resolution Creating Task Force to Support Early Literacy Efforts and Pre-K Expansion

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve the attached resolution creating a task force to support early literacy efforts and Pre-K expansion.

Many community conversations have been and are currently taking place about how to improve early learning, early literacy, third grade reading scores. Critical mass has been achieved in terms of the desire to invest in high-performing strategies to address those areas. Even in those three areas, however, there are a great many alternatives, so the Board of County Commissioners, the Board of Education, and the City Council have agreed to form a task force to help focus and prioritize our community approach.

The attached resolution describes some of the philosophical underpinnings of this movement as well as the charge for this task force, which is desired to report its finding back to the respective elected bodies by fall 2016.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: Improved early learning can have crucial short, medium, and long-term impacts in the vibrant economy (Goal 1), health (goal 2), and public safety (goal 3) goals of our County strategic plan.

Resource Persons: Wendell Davis, County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the attached resolution creating a task force to support early literacy efforts and Pre-K expansion.

Attachments: A Resolution in support of Universal Access to High Quality Pre-Kindergarten ar

7. Other Business

[15-745](#)

Report to the Board: 2016 Reappraisal

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to receive the report of the Durham County Tax Administrator regarding the completion of the 2016 Reappraisal. The report will include a preview of both the notices to be mailed on December 8, 2015, and the customer service and appeals procedures that have been established.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The information is intended to contribute to transparency in government by providing clarity and understanding of the reappraisal process to the Commissioners and Durham County citizens. (Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government)

Resource Persons: Kimberly Simpson, Tax Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the information presented on the 2016 Reappraisal process.

8. Board and Commission Appointments (10 min)

[15-764](#)

Board and Commission Appointments

Agenda Text: Michelle Parker-Evans, Clerk to the Board, will distribute ballots to the Board to make appointments to the following boards:

- Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee
- City-County Appearance Commission
- Library Board of Trustees
- Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee
- Transportation Advisory Board

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: 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: V. Michelle Parker-Evans, County 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 above-mentioned boards and commissions.

9. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA (20 min)

10. Closed Session

[15-765](#)

Closed Session

Agenda Text:

- 1) The Board is requested to adjourn to Closed Session to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee, pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6).
- 2) The Board is requested to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to G. S. 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of a business or industry.
- 3) The Board is requested to adjourn to closed session pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11 (a)(3) to consult with an attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This action aligns with Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government.

Resource Persons: Wendell Davis, County Manager; Marqueta Welton, Deputy County Manager; Lowell Siler, County Attorney

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board adjourn to Closed Session and direct staff accordingly.

11. Adjournment