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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

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Monday, April 25, 2016

7:00 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

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

16-915

Announcements

Agenda Text:

- 1) Registration is now open for the "Aging Well in Durham," a free community event and resource fair to be held Saturday, May 21, 2016 at the Human Services Complex. Come join the discussion of your vision of age-friendly Durham. Learn about reverse mortgages, voter ID, property tax relief programs for the elderly and disabled, etc. Registration is limited and required. For more information, please call 919-560-7393 or email seniors@dconc.gov <<mailto:seniors@dconc.gov>>.
- 2) Please contact the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025 or clerk@dconc.gov <<mailto:clerk@dconc.gov>> to find out about opportunities to serve on one of our volunteer boards or commissions.
- 3) We invite you to tune in to Cable TV Channel 8 or 97-5 to see rebroadcasts

of tonight's meeting as well as other Durham County programming that may be of interest to you. Please contact the Public Information Office at 919-560-0008 or our website www.dconc.gov <<http://www.dconc.gov>> for more information.

- 4) The Chair will hold office hours on Wednesdays. Please contact me at 919-949-4022 to schedule an appointment.
- 5) 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)

[16-917](#)

Minutes

Attachments: [Regular Session - April 11, 2016](#)

5. Ceremonial Items

[16-1012](#)

National Reentry Week 2016

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to proclaim the week of April 24-30, 2016 as "National Reentry Week."

Each year, the Justice Department uses this weeklong observance to highlight the importance of supporting successful reentry programs in promoting public safety. The goal of reentry is to help individuals return to productive, law abiding lives in our communities and help make our neighborhoods better places to live. Across the country, events such as job fairs, events for children of incarcerated parents and more are held during this week. Gudrun Parmer, Director of Durham County Criminal Resource Center will share details about Durham County's Reentry efforts.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Goal 3: Safe and Secure Community

Resource Persons: Michael D. Page, Chairman

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the "National Reentry Week" proclamation and present to Gudrun Parmer.

Attachments: [Proclamation - National Reentry Week](#)

[16-1033](#)

Proclamation - Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to proclaim the week of May 2, 2016 as Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.

Children's mental health awareness is essential to support positive mental health development and well-being for all children, youth and young adults. The

second week of May is dedicated to promoting education on mental health and acknowledging the importance of mental health treatment services to strengthen families and youth leadership development.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This recognition aligns with Goal 2: Health and Well-Being for All.

Resource Persons: Rob Robinson, CEO, Alliance Behavioral Healthcare; Teka Dempson, Lead Family Coordinator Alliance Behavioral Healthcare and President, National Federation for Families Children's Mental Health

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board proclaim the week of May 2nd as Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.

Attachments: [Proclamation - Children's Mental Health Week](#)

6. Consent Agenda (15 min)

16-985 Budget Ordinance No. 16BCC000053 to Recognize Additional Duke Energy NC Merger Settlement Funds of \$6,000 in the Social Services Budget

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve the Department of Social Services request to recognize additional revenue subsequent to the adoption of the FY2015-16 Budget. The Department has received \$6,000 from Duke Energy Progress to assist low-income customers with energy assistance. Pursuant to the Orders issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission on June 29, 2012, Duke Energy Progress has committed to make a one-time contribution to agencies that provide energy assistance to low-income customers. The targeted populations for these services are Durham County residents who were also Duke Energy and Progress Energy customers before the merger.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: Goal 2: Health and Well-being for All which decrease health disparities within the community and Goal 3: Safe and Secure Community to improve outcomes for vulnerable, children, youth and adults.

Resource Persons: Michael A. Becketts, Director; Jovetta Whitfield, Assistant Director; Richard Stegenga, Assistant Director and Bob Wallace, Program Manager.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance No. 16BCC000053 to recognize additional revenue in the amount of \$6,000 from Duke Energy Progress.

Attachments: [MOU for Distribution of NC Merger Settlement Funds from Duke Energy Carolina](#)
[AAF-53 Legal Form DSS Duke Energy NC Merger Settlement Funds](#)

16-986 Budget Ordinance No. 16BCC000054 to Recognize Donated Funds of \$4,000 from First Presbyterian Church in the Social Services Budget

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve the Department of Social Services request to recognize funds subsequent to adoption of the FY 2015-16 Budget. First Presbyterian Church (FPC) has donated four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for housing and utility assistance, and medical prescriptions/durable supplies assistance.

DSS will assess clients for eligibility based on current criteria for emergency assistance. If the eligible client's need exceeds DSS criteria then FPC Funds can be used to meet a one-time per year crisis need for housing or utilities. DSS will adhere to the two year terms of the Memorandum of Understanding entered into on September 1, 2014.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: Goal 2: Health and Well-being for All which decrease health disparities within the community and Goal 3: Safe and Secure Community to improve outcomes for vulnerable, children, youth and adults.

Resource Persons: Michael A. Becketts, Director; Jovetta Whitfield, Assistant Director; Richard Stegenga, Assistant Director and Bob Wallace, Program Manager.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve budget Ordinance No. 16BCC000054, recognizing a donation from FPC of \$4,000 for housing and utility assistance, and medical prescriptions/durable supplies assistance for FY 2015-16.

Attachments: [First Presbyterian Church FY14-15 Executed MOU](#)

[AAF-54 Legal Form DSS Donated funds from First Presbyterian Church](#)

16-989

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000055 to Recognize Additional Revenue of \$806,305 in the Social Services Budget

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve the Department of Social Services request to recognize **\$806,305** in additional revenue subsequent to the adoption of the FY15-16 Budget. The revenue represents funding changes in:

Child Care:

1. Counties initially receive a projected child care subsidy allocation amount for the next State Fiscal Year in their annual budget estimates in February. DCDEE later issues a funding authorization to each county for funds allocated. The county may find that the allocation figure on the funding authorization is different from the projected amount issued in February. The Department has received child care funding authorizations for 1) Non Smart Start Direct Services (provider payments), 2) Title IV-E Funds for Non Smart Start Direct Services and 3) Services Support.

The Department recognizes **\$712,619** which is the difference between the adopted budget and the allocation for Non Smart Start Direct Services Direct Services (\$659,762) and for Title IV-E Non Smart Start Direct Services (\$52,857). Funds will be expended in compliance with all state laws, rules, policies and procedures. The total allocation for Direct Services is \$15,821,999.

2. The Department recognizes **\$39,800** which is the difference between the adopted budget and the allocation for Services Support. The total allocation is \$669,358.

Crisis Intervention Payments (CIP):

The Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) is a federally funded program that provides assistance to low-income households that are in a heating or cooling related emergency. The goal of the CIP program is to help families stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer. The department recognizes **\$37,338** which is the difference between adopted budget and the allocation.

Duke Energy Progress - Energy Neighbor Fund:

The Energy Neighbor Fund is an assistance program for low-income customers in a heating or cooling related crisis. One hundred percent of funds collected from customers and employees go directly to customers in need. Allocations are made only to counties that have Duke Energy residential customers. The department recognizes **\$290** which is the difference between the current budget and the allocation. Attached is a copy of the funding authorization.

Low Income Energy Assistance Payments (LIEAP):

LIEAP provides assistance to low income households to assist in the cost of heating and cooling expenses. Eligible households receive a one-time LIEAP heating assistance payment to their heating vendor in February. The target population is persons age 60 and over and disabled persons receiving a service through the Division of Aging and Adult Services. County departments of social services take applications during a specified time frame each year for any household who is not automatically eligible. The department recognizes **\$16,229** which is the difference between the current budget and the allocation. Attached is a copy of the Funding Authorization.

LIEAP & CIP Administration:

This is a federally funded program to help eligible low income households meet their home heating and/or cooling needs. Administration funds offsets time of existing staff in working with energy programs and permits DSS to hire temporary staff for program administration. The department recognizes **\$29** which is the difference between the current budget and the allocation. Attached is a copy of the Funding Authorization.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: Goal 2: Health and Well-being for All which decrease health disparities within the community and Goal 3: Safe and Secure Community to improve outcomes for vulnerable, children, youth and adults.

Resource Persons: Michael A. Becketts, Director; Jovetta Whitfield, Assistant Director; Richard Stegenga, Assistant Director, Rhonda Stevens, Assistant Director and Bob Wallace, Program Manager.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance No. 16BCC000055 in the amount of \$806,305 Child Care, CIP, Duke Energy Progress, LIEAP, LIEAP and CIP Administration.

Attachments: [Child Care, CIP, Duke Enrg, LIEAP, LIEAP & CIP Admin Funding Authorization;](#)
[AAF-55 Legal Form DSS Recognize Additional Revenue](#)

16-996

Property Tax Releases and Refunds for March 2016

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve the Releases & Refunds for the month of

March 2016. 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 March 2016.

Releases and Refunds for 2015 total equals \$38,236.28 and for 2016 equals \$438.57. Prior year's (2012-2014) releases and refunds for March 2016 are in the amount of \$9,184.65. The current year and prior year's releases and refunds amount to \$47,859.50.

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 accept the property tax release and refund report for March 2016 as presented and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined by the report.

Sponsors: Board of County Commissioners

Attachments: [Backup Detail-Releases & Refunds-February 2016-March 28, 2016](#)
[Backup-Releases & Refunds-February 2016-March 28, 2016](#)
[NCVTS Refunds-Releases & Refunds-February 2016-March 28, 2016](#)

16-1035 Request for \$20,000 for 2016 Art of Cool Festival

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to consider approving \$20,000 for the 2016 Art of Cool Festival.

The Art of Cool (AOC) is a 501(c)(3) jazz-presenting non-profit organization that strives to cross artistic, economic and social boundaries to bring together a diverse mix of people, cultures, experiences and creativity. The mission of AOC is to present, promote and preserve jazz-influenced music in ways that build and uplift community. AOC's two major programs are Art of Cool Festival (aocfestival.org) and stArt of Cool (startofcool.org). AOC was founded in Durham, NC in 2011 and is spearheaded by jazz trumpeter and educator, Albert Strong IV, and Cicely Mitchell, DrPH.

The Art of Cool Festival is a progressive jazz and alternative soul music festival located in downtown Durham. The goal of the festival is to expand the audience for jazz-influenced music, and it includes 3 days of music representing over 60 performances and presentations in 10 venues. The 2015 festival nearly doubled the 2014 attendance numbers, and economic impact went from \$600,000 in 2014 to \$700,000 last year and an estimated \$1.6 million this year.

Free public access events include a kick-off concert & pop-up concerts at the Durham History Hub, Bull McCabes and the Blue Note Grill, a one day Innovation Conference at American

Underground, a hip-hopera at PSI Theatre, a Moog synth building workshop, mobile planetarium at The Cage & a high school pitch competition.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: Goal 1 of the County's strategic plan guides the County to "Provide access to educational, vocational, economic and cultural opportunities," and a successful jazz festival certain meets the last two criteria.

Resource Persons: Cicely Mitchell, festival co-founder, and Chuck Watts

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board consider approving \$20,000 for the 2016 Art of Cool Festival.

Attachments:

AOCFEST 2016 brochure

AOCFEST 2016 Proposal to Durham County

Art of Cool Backup

7. Board and Commission Appointments (10 min)

16-963

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:

- City-County Appearance Commission
- Durham County Hospital Corporation Board of Trustees

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.

8. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA (20 min)**9. Closed Session****16-1047** Closed Session**Agenda Text:**

1) 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.

2) The Board is requested to adjourn to closed session pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11 (a)(6) 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.

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

Resource Persons: Lowell L. Siler, County Attorney

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board adjourn to closed session and direct staff as appropriate.

10. Adjournment