



Durham County

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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
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Monday, November 27, 2017

7:00 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

Regular Session

“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 Chair will ask the offending person to leave the meeting until that individual regains personal control. Should decorum fail to be restored, the Chair 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)

17-0516 Announcements

Agenda Text:

- 1) On Tuesday, December 12, Durham Parks and Recreation (DPR) will host its 46th Annual Senior Holiday Party for mature adults ages 55 or better. The celebration will be held at the Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center (4700 Emperor Boulevard) from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Transportation is available upon request and must be reserved by November 30.
- 2) Heating, holiday decorations, winter storms and candles all contribute to an increased risk of fire during the winter months. Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter

season, Be Fire Smart. Heaters, fireplaces and woodstoves require extra care and maintenance. Keep anything that can burn at least 3-feet from any heat source. Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney every year before regular use. If you use fireplaces, woodstoves or gas heaters, we recommend the installation of Carbon Monoxide detectors in your home. Finally, the Fire Marshal encourages the use of electric, or LED, candles instead of traditional open-flame candles. It only takes one accident to cause a deadly fire.

- 3) The ACA Open Enrollment Period is November 1 until December 15, 2017. Consumers who are not eligible for Medicare or Medicaid and do not have other health insurance coverage can enroll in or change health plans during open enrollment. New coverage begins January 1, 2018. MDC, Durham County Department of Social Services and the Lincoln Community Health Center have navigators available to help individuals enroll in ACA. For a full list of local ACA assistance, visit <https://localhelp.healthcare.gov>. North Carolina consumers can also call 855-755-3711 to schedule an appointment with an ACA Navigator.
- 4) Beginning today, LimeBike and Spin will begin deploying 300 bikes for public use throughout the Bull City with additional operators and bikes to soon follow. The bikes work best for short trips, such as going to lunch, the bus stop, or getting someplace faster than walking. The bikes have a GPS and built-in lock, so residents can ride them anywhere in the city. When users get to their destination, they simply park the bike upright, lock it, and make sure it's not blocking driveways, sidewalks, crosswalks, loading zones, accessible parking spaces, bus stops or street corners. For more information about Durham's new dockless bike share program, contact Bryan Poole at (919)-560-4366, extension 36423 or Bryan.Poole@DurhamNC.gov <<mailto:Bryan.Poole@DurhamNC.gov>>.
- 5) These announcements can be found on the Commissioners' Webpage or you may call the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025.

4. Minutes (5 min)

[17-0517](#) Minutes

Attachments: [Regular Session - November 13, 2017](#)
[Worksession - Oct 2, 2017](#)

5. Ceremonial Items

[17-0492](#) Durham Soil and Water District Receives Grant from Duke Energy Foundation

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to recognize Duke Energy's support of the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). Duke Energy is providing a \$26,500 Duke Energy Foundation "Water Resources Fund" grant to the SWCD, continuing Duke Energy's commitment to assisting the SWCD in protecting and enhancing the county's watersheds, while providing environmental and green industry job training for our youth. This grant will further help support the Bionomic Educational Training Center Program (BETC); a program adopted in 2009 by the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District Board. The BETC program is a curricula-based workforce-development training program that teaches students how to design and install stormwater best management practices (BMPs). It introduces new technology and provides school faculty with pertinent curriculum and experiential learning opportunities for their students. It including data-collection and scientific methodology, while demonstrating the relevance of classroom science and math instruction to teachers and students.

During the summer of 2018 at least 10 student interns will be paid stipends through a collaboration with the Durham City-County Youthworks Program. These students will install 15-20 BMPs at various locations within the county. These Duke Energy Foundation grant funds will be used to defray transportation costs of the Youthworks program participants as well as materials needed such as plants, mulch, soil amendments, stone, equipment, etc. Durham Public School (DPS) teachers will serve as advisors and will be paid extended employment through the DPS Career & Technical Education Department. As part of the grant requirements, the Soil and Water Conservation Department will host at least one public workshop in 2018 to increase public awareness regarding stormwater issues and management through green infrastructure and BMPs.

The Duke Energy Foundation provides philanthropic support to address the needs of communities where its customers live and work. The foundation provides more than \$30 million annually in charitable gifts. The foundation's education focus spans kindergarten to career, particularly science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), early childhood literacy and workforce development. It also supports the environment and community impact initiatives, including arts and culture. Duke Energy District Manager, Indira Everett, will be presenting Danielle Adams, Vice Chair of the Durham Soil and Water Conservation with these Water Resources funds.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: This program addresses Strategic Goal 1 "Community Empowerment and Enrichment" through education and workforce development; Goal 4 "Environmental Stewardship and Community Prosperity" through natural resource stewardship and protection as well as the development and community services.

Resource Persons: Kacie Fore, Duke Energy; Danielle Adams, Vice Chair Durham Soil and Water Conservation; Eddie Culberson, Director, Durham County

SWCD; Mike Dupree, Agribusiness and Environmental Services Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board recognizes Duke Energy's support of the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District in providing a \$26,500 Duke Energy Foundation "Water Resources Fund" grant to the SWCD, continuing Duke Energy's and the Soil and Water Conservation District's joint commitment to protecting and enhancing the county's watersheds, while providing environmental and green industry job training for our youth.

Attachments: [AAF Supplemental Document - Non-contract \(002\)](#)

6. Consent Agenda (15 min)

[17-0512](#)

Property Tax Releases and Refunds for October 2017

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve the Releases and Refunds for the month of October 2017. Due to property valuations adjustments for over assessments, listing discrepancies, duplicate listings, and clerical errors, etc. the attached report details releases and refunds for the month of October 2017.

Releases and Refunds for 2017 total \$128,047.16. Prior year's (2013-2016) releases and refunds for October 2017 are in the amount of \$2,491.94. The current year and prior year's releases and refunds amount to \$130,539.10.

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 October 2017 as presented and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined by the report.

Sponsors: Board of County Commissioners

Attachments: [Release & Refunds-Backup-October 2017-November 27, 2017](#)
[Releases and Refunds Backup Detail-October 2017-November 27, 2017](#)
[VTS Refunds](#)

[17-0537](#)

Appointments to Go Triangle Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to appoint Wendy Jacobs as Durham County's regular voting member, and Heidi Carter, as the alternate voting member, to the GoTriangle MPO

Board, effective December 1, 2017.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: Goal 5 - Accountable and visionary government

Resource Persons: Wendy Jacobs, Chair

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the appointments of Wendy Jacobs and Heidi Carter to the Go Triangle MPO Board.

17-0543

Appointment to Durham County Community Child Protection/Child Fatality Prevention Team

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to appoint Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Director, James Groves to serve in the Fireman or EMS Representative position for a two-year term on the Community Child Protection/Child Fatality Prevention Team.

The Community Child Protection and Child Fatality Prevention Team was established and designated by the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute Section 7B-1406. The team promotes the development of a community-wide approach to the problems of child abuse and neglect and seeks ways to protect children from preventable deaths. To accomplish this mission, the team works under procedures established by the director of the Durham Department of Social Services in collaboration with the director of the Durham County Department of Public Health. The team reviews selected cases that are being serviced by child protective services and cases in which a child had died of suspected abuse or neglect as the work of Community Child Protection. The team also reviews all additional child deaths, ages 0-17, through the Medical Examiner system as the work of Child Fatality Prevention. These child deaths are not due to suspected abuse and neglect and have no report for abuse and neglect to the Department of Social Services in the prior 12 months. Annual recommendations are presented to the Board of County Commissioners and the appropriate state Team Coordinator regarding any system improvements or needed resources where deficiencies may exist.

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

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

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board appoint Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Director James "Jim" Groves to serve on the Community Child Protection/Child Fatality Prevention Team.

7. Board and Commission Appointments (10 min)

17-0524

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:

- Farmland Protection Advisory Board
- Women's Commission

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

[17-0546](#)

Closed Session

Agenda Text:

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; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee per G.S.143-318.11(a)(6).

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

10. Adjournment