

## **Board of Commissioners regular meeting notebook**

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### Durham County

DURHAM -- In addition to The Herald-Sun's regular coverage of the Durham County Board of Commissioners meetings, the following took place at this week's meeting:

- The commissioners recognized the staff of the Durham County Public Health Department for being recipients of the "Best Practice in Outbreak Response Award" from the North Carolina Division of Public Health. The commissioners thanked the department's staff for its hard work to educate the Durham community during last year's H1N1 outbreak as it surfaced shortly before the 2009 flu season.

- The commissioners presented a proclamation to the Durham Center and adopted September as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. Staff from the Durham Center, including Peter Baker, the department's new Local Management Entity substance abuse specialist, thanked the commissioners for their support of the many residents of Durham struggling with substance use disorders and their family and friends.

- The commissioners also presented a resolution in support of Women's Equality Day 2010. Each year, Women's Equality Day is recognized on Aug. 26 in commemoration of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing all American women the right to vote.

**- The commissioners presented the Commissioners' Community Circle Award to the Durham's Partnership for Children for its services to children and families of Durham. The commissioners recognized the community organization for its success in implementing and maintaining programming that prepares young children, from birth to age 5, for successful entry into kindergarten.**

- The commissioners welcomed Wally Bowman, division engineer for Division 5 of the state Department of Transportation, to explain the Downtown Resurfacing Project. The commissioners presented questions regarding the project and listened to Bowman's review of project details. Bowman reported that a large portion of stimulus funds given to NCDOT are being used to resurface major parts of Mangum, Roxboro, Lakewood, Kent, Vickers and Chapel Hill streets. Bowman explained that the project, which began in May and should end in September, has revealed inherent delays of resurfacing urban areas.

- The commissioners discussed ideas for the N.C. Association of County Commissioners' 2011 Legislative Goal Process. The commissioners generated a tentative list of ideas which they will further discuss at their September 13 meeting.

- The BOCC appointed individuals to the following boards and commissions: Adult Care Home Advisory Committee, Patricia Plummer; City-County Appearance Committee, Wanona Satcher.