



Board of Commissioners Work Session Agenda

Monday, November 14, 2022 - 2:00 PM
Wake County Justice Center Conference Room 2800

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Chair Sig Hutchinson

I. Financial Policies for Fund Balance and OPEB

Pat Flanary, Chief Financial Officer and Michelle Venditto, Budget and Management Services Director

Maintaining and properly using fund balance is a core part of the County's overall financial management. The use of fund balance has a direct impact on ratings from credit agencies. For several months, staff has been developing refined policies for using fund balance. Specifically, staff has prepared policies that would guide using fund balance to fund such long-term commitments as Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) and authorized deferred taxes. In this briefing, staff will review key concepts, describe OPEB as a long-term liability, and walk the Board through the proposed policies. Staff seek the Board's feedback and approval to proceed with implementing the policy. A tentative Board action has been prepared for the November 21 regular meeting.

Attachments:

1. Presentation
2. Proposed OPEB Funding Policy Chart

II. Update on ARPA Funding

Pat Flanary, Chief Financial Officer

Since the American Recovery Plan Act was enacted and funds distributed, the range of eligible uses has been gradually narrowing. Staff has analyzed the current range of uses and considered the County's resource needs. Staff proposes applying ARPA funds to the County's affordable housing capital program, while using County funds to cover project cost increases in other County capital programs. In this briefing, staff will review the changes in ARPA rules, the state of the capital program, and the specific proposal. Commissioners will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. Staff have prepared an action to implement this proposal for the Board's consideration at the November 21 regular meeting.

Attachments:

1. Presentation
2. Appendix



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III. Update on Hearing-Impaired and Language Accessibility Goal

Danya Perry and Ben Canada, County Manager's Office

In its 2022 adopted goals, the Board of Commissioners included goal GG 2.2, "Communicate government proceedings and services by advancing language access, including non-English and sign languages." To advance this goal, staff have researched best practices and current County practices. During the September 12 Great Government Committee meeting, staff invited input from commissioners on policy principles. In this update, staff invite the Board's input on a draft policy and will provide an update on specific next steps related to Board proceedings.

Attachments:

1. Presentation
2. Draft Organization-wide Policy

IV. Selection Process for Hospitality Tax Small Projects

Denise Foreman, Assistant County Manager

The interlocal agreements governing the use of Wake County hospitality tax revenues set aside a portion of revenues to be used for "small projects." These are small and medium-scale facilities meant for tourism, sports and entertainment. Staff are organizing a project solicitation and prioritization process. Stakeholders from around the County will help evaluate and recommend proposals. Staff will briefly review the selection process and welcome commissioner questions and feedback.

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V. Lease for “286” Property *Wake County staff*

In 2017, the RDU Airport Authority conducted a bid process for interest in using non-aviation portions of its property. The County responded to that bid, and ever since, has been exploring options for possible uses of the “286” property. In this work session, staff will recap the history of Wake County’s exploration of this property and share a lease option for the Board’s consideration. Staff has prepared a motion to approve a lease for the Board’s consideration at the November 21 regular meeting. Staff seek the Board’s guidance on whether it is ready for this consideration.

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Status of Prior Policy Workflow Requests (“4 hour requests”)

Commissioners are encouraged to bring research and policy requests to staff. Staff will commit up to four hours of time on any individual request.

When a Commissioner wishes to request more than four hours of staff time for a particular policy question not found in the adopted Board Goals, the Commissioner may bring a policy workflow request to the full Board.

The table below summarizes the status of policy workflow requests approved by the Board of Commissioners this calendar year.

Commissioner	Title	Description	Status
Calabria September 2022	Violence Interruption	<p>At the August 22, 2022 Public Safety Committee meeting, Commissioner Calabria proposed a new violence interruption initiative to address violent crime. Commissioners approved the workflow request in September 2022.</p> <p>This would be an effort to bring together federal, state, and local law enforcement officials, prosecutors, and community stakeholders to identify the most pressing violent crime problems and develop comprehensive solutions to address them. This would include community engagement and intervention strategies to make communities safer and connect people in need to social services, economic opportunities, reentry programs, and similar resources.</p>	<p>Staff met with representatives from Durham City and County and Mecklenburg County to learn about their programs. Staff is reviewing this information and putting together recommendations for best practices.</p> <p>The anticipated next step is to coordinate with City of Raleigh to consider and determine the scope of the project.</p>



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Hutchinson March 2022	Proposal to appropriate funds to plan three new Nature Preserves and a Triangle Bikeway	During the March work session, Chair Hutchinson proposed that the Board of Commissioners fund the planning and design phase of three new nature preserves, one additional greenway project, and the Triangle Bikeway.	During the March work session, the Board discussed the various parks projects. The Board appropriated planning funds for three nature preserves in April 2022. The federal earmark request for the bikeway was not successful. Commissioners approved additional County funding for the Triangle Bikeway in September 2022.
Calabria February 2022	Evaluate Options for a Memorial of the Tragedy of a Lynching in Wake County	The NAACP approached Wake County about this memorial as part of a larger effort to memorialize the tragedy of lynchings across the country. Commissioner Calabria requested that staff evaluate ways to participate in this effort. A lynching occurred near Rolesville in 1918. One possible location for a memorial is the future Rolesville Library. County staff and staff from the Town of Rolesville need to have additional conversations about this concept since the tentative site for the library is on town-owned property that is slated to be developed as a municipal campus.	County staff are communicating with stakeholders about potential next steps and will bring more information to the Board.