

## MINUTES

January 5, 2006

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 5, 2006, in Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina for an informational meeting.

### PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Fred McClure, Vice Chairman Larry Potts, Cindy Akins, Fred Sink, Don Truell, Dr. Max Walser, Sam Watford

County Manager Robert Hyatt, County Attorney Robert Hedrick, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Board of Elections Director Ruth Huneycutt, Cooperative Extension Service Director Robert Lopp, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Library Director Ruth Ann Copley, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, Human Resources Director John Dean, Watershed Coordinator Scott Leonard, Economic Development Director Steve Googe

### A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman McClure called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

### B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Sam Watford

### C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### D. RECOGNITION

Chairman McClure recognized Board of Elections members and Alan Carter, Mayor of Wallburg.

### E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman McClure noted the register for public address.

### F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with the following amendments:

Change H.3. to second on the agenda and H.2. to third on agenda.

Add Closed Session for Economic Development (Exhibit 1)

### G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Voluntary Agricultural District by Robert Lopp, Cooperative Extension Director

Robert Lopp introduced Jerry Hilton and Ted Feitschan who shared information on the proposed voluntary agricultural district for Davidson County. Mr. Feitschan indicated that the largest cost would be signage. He noted that it could take up to a year to implement the program. He further noted that a steering committee would need to be appointed initially and then an ordinance would need to be adopted.

The Board acknowledged that the item would be placed on the January 10, 2006 deliberation agenda for consideration to move forward with developing the district. (Exhibit 2)

3. Consideration of Rescinding Retirement Plan for Elected Officials by Vice Chairman Larry Potts

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to rescind the retirement plan for elected officials.

2. Purchase of Voting Equipment by Dwayne Childress, Purchasing Director and Ruth Huneycutt, Director of Elections

Randy Cranford, representing member of the Davidson County Board of Elections, presented an analysis of the cost involved for the purchase of new voting equipment. He identified the vendor as the current vendor for the County, Election Systems & Software. He noted that the voting equipment, in action, has been witnessed as required. He further noted the problems with paper ballots and the lack of maintenance required on DRE (Direct Recording Electronic) systems, which is recommended by the Board of Elections. He informed the Board that the recommendation for vendor is Election Systems & Software (ES&S) and the cumulative cost total for five years is estimated to be \$2,001,058. He noted also, the requirement by ADA for a voting machine.

Chairman McClure suggested buying the same amount of machines as in possession at this time.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to place the Resolution to Recommend the Purchase of Voting Equipment on the January 10, 2006 agenda. (Exhibit 3)

4. Amendment to Sewer Allocation Policies by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

County Manager Robert Hyatt presented an amendment to the sewer allocation policies. He noted

that the changes would allow more people to connect to sewer and thus help the County with its costs of sewer.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to place the item on the January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 consent agenda. (Exhibit 4)

5. Schedule for Allocation of School and Community College Bond Proceeds by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

Robert Hyatt presented the schedule for the allocations and provided details of the three options to the Board.

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Vice Chairman Potts the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to place the matter on the January 24, 2006 deliberation agenda for discussion.

6. Agreement Between City of Lexington Board of Education and Davidson County Regarding Construction of New Schools and Renovations by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

Robert Hyatt presented the agreement to the Board and noted the procedures that have been followed in the past with the appointment of a construction committee that includes two commissioners.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted 6 -0 to place the item on the January 10<sup>th</sup> deliberation agenda. (Exhibit 5)

*Commissioner Max Walser was excused for a prior commitment.*

7. West Lexington Overlay District by Scott Leonard, Watershed Coordinator

Scott Leonard presented a draft of the Northeast Davidson County Thoroughfare Overlay District West Lexington Avenue Plan for an overlay district intended to preserve and protect the corridor from uncharacteristic development. Mr. Leonard noted that the Northeast Davidson County Committee had requested that he ask the Board of Commissioners to send a letter to the City Council of High Point and ask them to allow their planning staff to work with Davidson County Planning and Zoning on finding a compromising solution for the overlay district, which both governing bodies could approve.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Sink the Board voted 6-0 to send the draft plan and a letter from the County Manager to the High Point City Manager and ask that the

High Point staff work with the Davidson County staff for a solution for the overlay district and also place the draft document on the January 10, 2006 consent agenda. (Exhibit 6)

8. Discussion of Thomasville Library Museum Wing by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

Ruth Ann Copley informed the Board of the offer of funds from Meredith Finch Michener for a Thomasville Library Wing that would house a miniature rooms collection that she has, plus a meeting room and workshop, and to be paid for by the T. Austin Finch Foundation.

The Board acknowledged that an agreement will be placed on a future agenda for approval. The Board agreed by consensus for the program to proceed.

9. Cancellation of Planning and Zoning Public Hearing – January 9, 2006 by Guy Cornman, Planning and Zoning Director

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Sink the Board voted 6-0 to cancel the January 9, 2006 public hearing since there have been no applications to be set for this public hearing. (Exhibit 7)

10. Schedule Board of Commissioners Planning Session Robert Hyatt, County Manager

Robert Hyatt consulted with the Board concerning a suitable date for the 2006 planning session.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted 6-0 to move the informational meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and have a planning retreat February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

CLOSED SESSION – Economic Development

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted 6-0 to go into Closed Session for Economic Development.

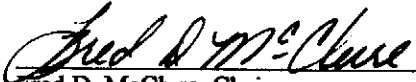
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

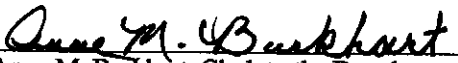
On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner Sink the Board voted 6-0 to return to Open Session.

The County Attorney reported discussion of Economic Development and Personnel in Closed Session with no action taken.

I. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Sink the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn.

  
Fred D. McClure, Chairman  
Davidson County Board of Commissioners

  
Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board  
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