

MINUTES

January 9, 2007

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 9, 2007, at 7:00 P.M., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, Lexington, North Carolina, for a regularly scheduled meeting and public hearing.

PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Fred McClure, Vice Chairman Don Truell, Larry Allen, Billy Joe Kepley, Dr. Max Walser, Sam Watford

County Manager Robert Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb M. Hanner, County Attorney Robert Hedrick, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Day Reporting Director Angela Scott, Human Resources Director Jim Tysinger, Health Director Layton Long, Public Works and Services Director Rex Buck, Clerk of Court Brian Shipwash, Register of Deeds David Rickard, Sheriff David Grice

ABSENT

Commissioner Larry W. Potts

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 – Scholarship Awards

Chairman McClure recognized Randi Michelle Lanier and Brittany Lewellyn Long as recipients of the \$5,000 Teaching Scholarship Awards. The Chairman presented the awards and also recognized Randi Lanier's parents, Cindy Lanier and Randall Lanier, and her aunt, Martha Adams, and in addition recognized Brittany Long's mother who was present to receive her daughter's scholarship award as Brittany was in Boone, NC, attending classes.

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman McClure noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Vice Chairman Truell and a second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted 6-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of I.4.a. Jail Medical Proposal and Budget Amendment and Closed Session for Economic Development. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Teresa Lowe spoke in support of the Pre-Trial Release Grant.

Judge Mary Covington spoke in support of the Pre-Trial Release Program.

Steve Shell spoke in opposition to the Pre-Trial Release Program.

John Riddle spoke in opposition to the Pre-Trial Release Program.

Barney W. Hill spoke in opposition to the Pre-Trial Release Grant and Resolution in Support of Local Fees for Food and Lodging.

Judge April Wood spoke in support of the Pre-Trial Release Program.

Clerk of Court Brian Shipwash spoke in opposition to the Pre-Trial Release Program and gave a Power Point presentation.

H. PUBLIC HEARING – Economic Development Incentive for Metal-Working Company

On a motion by Commissioner Allen and a second by Vice Chairman Truell the Board voted 6-0 to open the public hearing to receive public input on the proposed economic development incentive to a metal-working company, (Arneg) that will invest \$20,000,000 and provide 180 jobs with an average annual wage in excess of 110% of the current county wage.

Steve Googe spoke in support of the economic development incentive and noted the proposed phases of expansion of the company.

Barney Hill spoke in opposition to the cash grant and in support of the tax-break incentive, with revisions.

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Vice Chairman Truell the Board voted 6-0 to close the public hearing.

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Vice Chairman Truell the Board voted 6-0 to approve the economic development incentive grant contracts at .0027 x investment in plant and machinery and a one-time cash grant in year eleven of \$100,000 to assist with grading costs to be paid by

Davidson County, provided the Company meets the requirements of the Contract as to investment, jobs, and wages. (Exhibit 2)

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION

Consent

On a motion by Vice Chairman Truell and a second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted 5-1 to approve the consent agenda with the addition of I.4.a.; Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley voted "No."

1. Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of December 12, 2006 and December 20, 2006 Davidson County Board of Commissioners' meetings and the December 11, 2006 public hearing for the Davidson County NC Secondary Roads Construction Program FY 2006-2007.

2. Budget Amendments by Zeb M. Hanner, Assistant County Manager

The Board approved budget amendments for the Fire Marshal, Humane Society, Inspections, and Health. (Exhibit 3)

3. Reclassifications by Jim Tysinger, Human Resources Director

The Board approved reclassifications of Lieutenant (Grade 68) to Captain (Grade 70) in the Sheriff's Department and the reclassification of Office Support III (Grade 57) to Office Support IV (Grade 59) in the Veterans Service office. (Exhibit 4)

4. Jail Medical Plan by Zeb M. Hanner, Assistant County Manager

The Board approved the Jail Medical Plan approved by the Health Director of Davidson County. (Exhibit 5)

5. Davidson County Code of Ethics

The Board approved the Davidson County Code of Ethics. (Exhibit 6)

Deliberation

6. Contract for Easement Acquisition by Rex Buck, Public Works and Services Director

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted 6-0 to approve the contract with Jimmy Peele of Peele Consulting, Inc. for acquisition of approximately 50 easements on the Central Phase 1 & 2 Sanitary Sewer Project. (Exhibit 7)

7. Pretrial Release by Angela Scott, Day Reporting Director

Angela Scott presented details of the Pre-Trial Release Program.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Truell and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted 4-2 to approve the Pretrial Release Program/Grant; Commissioners Billy Joe Kepley and Larry Allen voted “No.” Commissioner Allen stated that he strongly opposes the program. (Exhibit 8)

8. Resolution in Support of Local Fees for Food and Lodging

On a motion by Vice Chairman Truell and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted 4-2 to adopt the Resolution in Support of Local Fees for Food and Lodging; Commissioners Allen and Kepley voted “No.” (Exhibit 9)

9. Appointments

On a motion by Commissioner Allen and a second by Vice Chairman Truell the Board voted 6-0 to appoint Roma Lanier to fill an unexpired term to August 12, 2007 on the Nursing Home Advisory Committee.

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Vice Chairman Truell the Board voted to appoint Alice Gray to the Board of Health.

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted 6-0 to appoint Jeannie Leonard to the Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee.

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Vice Chairman Truell the Board voted 6-0 to appoint Commissioner Allen and Commissioner Kepley for representation of the Central Davidson Construction Project Committee. (Exhibit 10)

10. Discussion of Meeting Schedule

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Vice Chairman Truell the Board voted 6-0 to schedule the January 23, 2007 meeting for 6:00 P.M.

11. Resolution Opposing Unfunded Mandate for Public Defender’s Office

On a motion by Commissioner Allen and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted 6-0 to adopt the Resolution Opposing Unfunded Mandate for Public Defender’s Office. (Exhibit 11)

CLOSED SESSION – Economic Development

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

County Attorney Hedrick reported discussion of Economic Development matters with no action taken. He then recognized Economic Development Director Steve Googe.

Steve Googe requested that the Board schedule a public hearing to receive public input on a proposed Economic Development Incentive package to a marketing-distribution company that will invest \$9,000,000, employ over 500 employees within five years, and have wages above the average for this area.

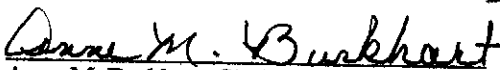
On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted 6-0 to schedule a public hearing for January 23, 2007, 6:00 PM to receive public input on the proposed Economic Development Incentive package to the marketing-distributing company.

I. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Allen and a second by Vice Chairman Truell 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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