

MINUTES

January 13, 2004

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2004, at 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, Lexington, North Carolina.

PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Fred Sink, Vice Chairman Sam Watford, Cindy Akins, Billy Joe Kepley, Don Truell, Dr. Max Walser

County Manager Robert Hyatt, County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Robert Hedrick, Budget Officer Zeb M. Hanner, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, 911 Communications Director Lisa Martin, Emergency Services Director Doug Lowe, Acting Sheriff Dallas Hedrick, Senior Services Director Kathryn Gentry, Human Resources Director Keli Greer, Economic Development Director Steve Googe

ABSENT

Commissioner Priscilla Hege was excused due to illness.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Fred Sink called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Will Hyatt and Tom Hyatt, sons of County Manager Robert C. Hyatt.

D. RECOGNITION

Chairman Sink recognized Tom Smith, representative from the Davidson County Council of Chambers, Attorney Butch Zimmerman, and Teresa Hyatt, the County Manager's wife.

Chairman Sink then recognized Wayne Swicegood, Chairman of the Teachers' Scholarship Fund Advisory Committee.

Mr. Swicegood recognized the following scholarship recipients and presented the scholarships for \$3,000 each to them:

Brandy Patrice Bayliff (unable to be present)

April D. Kepley

Paula Carol Jones-Williams

Amanda Copeland Zimmerman

Mr. Swicegood noted that with the current scholarship awards, 47 teachers' scholarships have been awarded in Davidson County. (Exhibit A)

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Sink noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Vice Chairman Watford and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 6-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of Personnel in Closed Session. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Barney Hill expressed his opposition to the number of closed sessions held by the Board.

Mr. Hill also inquired about the efforts of Davidson Vision.

H. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION

Consent

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted 5-1 to approve the consent agenda; Commissioner Kepley voted "No."

1. Minutes

The Board of Commissioners' Minutes of December 4, 2003, December 9, 2003, December 18, 2003, and Public Hearing Minutes of September 8, 2003 were approved.

2. Budget Amendments of Zeb M. Hanner, Budget Officer

The following budget amendments were approved:

Health Department – transfer funds between lines in dental budget (\$70.00).

Health Department – transfer funds between lines in WIC (\$200.00) (Exhibit 2)

3. Reclassification of Office Support III to Emergency Management Assistant by Keli

Greer, Human Resources Director

The Board approved the request for reclassification of an Office Support III (SG57) position to an Emergency Management Assistant (SG65) position in Emergency Services. (Exhibit 3)

3.a. Change Part-time Position to Full-time Position

The Board approved the request for a change of status of a part-time Public Health Nurse I to a full-time Public Health Nurse I in the Health Department with funding from lapsed salaries.

(Exhibit 4)

Deliberation

4. Submittal of New PARTF Grant Application for Lake Thom-A-Lex Project

On a motion by Vice Chairman Watford and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board 6-0 to approve the Basic Facts and Assurances for submittal with the new grant application for the Lake Thom-A-Lex Park renovation and construction with a match in funding for Davidson County of \$83,334.

(Exhibit 5)

5. Amendment to the Teachers' Scholarship Ordinance by Wayne Swicegood, Chairman of the Teachers' Scholarship Fund Advisory Committee

On a motion by Commissioner Kepley and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted 6-0 to schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, February 10, 2004, Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, Lexington, to receive public comment on the proposed amendment to change the Teachers' Scholarship Ordinance to read "must have lived in Davidson County 10 years prior to entering college." (Exhibit 6)

6. Declaration of Surplus Property by Dwayne Childress, Purchasing Director

The following resolution was adopted upon the motion of Commissioner Akins, seconded by Vice Chairman Watford, and the affirmative vote of all the commissioners present:

WHEREAS, Davidson County does at the present time own a 1992 Ford E350 ambulance, serial number 1FDKE30M7NHB37410, that at this point no longer meets the requirements for emergency service vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Davidson County Board of Commissioners has received a request to declare this ambulance as surplus and to offer to sell this ambulance to the Davidson County Community College for use in the paramedic training program for an amount of one dollar;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Davidson County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare the ambulance as surplus to be sold to the Davidson County Community College for one dollar. (Exhibit 7)

7. Economic Development by Commissioner Max Walser

Commissioner Walser updated the Board on the progress made through Economic Development with the creation of 1,970 jobs. He commended Steve Googe, Economic Development Executive Director, on his ongoing efforts and success in attracting industry. He suggested visitation by the Board to the industries who participated in the summit, possibly two visits per day. He advocated streamlining the permitting procedures for required for new construction. Finally, he apprised the Board that Davidson Vision could come to the next meeting and outline their plans and activities.

Vice Chairman Watford suggested visitation to industries on the Thursdays when informational meetings are scheduled. The Board was receptive.

8. Appointments

Vice Chairman Watford nominated Sallie Hepler for appointment to the Nursing Home Advisory Committee. There were no further nominations.

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted 6-0 to appoint Sallie Hepler to the Nursing Home Advisory Committee. (Exhibit 8)

9. Budget Retreat by Zeb M. Hanner, Budget Officer

Mr. Hanner noted the previous budget retreat at the Davidson County Community College campus and asked if the Board would like to have another retreat for budget planning for 2004-2005.

Robert Hyatt noted that he would discuss dates with staff and bring back a tentative date for consideration.

The Board was receptive to having a retreat for budget planning with a tentative date to be submitted at a later date.

10. Lease for Brier Creek School Property by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

The Board reviewed the terms of the Brier Creek School Property with the County Attorney.

Commissioner Akins noted that her preference would be for the Brier Creek School property to

remain an asset of Davidson County. Discussion followed with County Attorney Hedrick making clarifications of the related text in the lease document.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Watford and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted 5-1 to approve the Lease for Brier Creek School Property; Commissioner Akins voted “No.” (Exhibit 9)

11. Lease for EMS Building by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted 6-0 to approve the Lease for the EMS Building in Denton. (Exhibit 10)

12. Records Retention Agreement with Piedmont Behavioral Health by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

A motion was made by Commissioner Truell, seconded by Commissioner Akins, and adopted by the affirmative vote of the six Commissioners present that the Agreement regarding client records by and between Davidson County, Davidson County Area Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Authority and Piedmont Behavioral Healthcare be approved and executed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners on behalf of Davidson County. (Exhibit 11)

I. CLOSED SESSION –Personnel and Attorney/Client for Real Estate

On a motion by Vice Chairman Watford and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 6-0 to go into Closed Session for matters of Personnel and Attorney/Client for a Real Estate matter.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Robert Hedrick reported discussion of a personnel and real estate matters in Closed Session with no action taken.

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 6-0 to amend the agenda to add a Request for Change of a Part-time Position to a Full-time Position.

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted 6-0 to approve the Request for Change of a Part-time Scale House Attendant position to Full-time position with benefits with funding to come from the Enterprise fund. (Exhibit 12)

J. ADJOURNMENT

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

Fred C. Sink, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners

Robert C. Hedrick, Clerk to the Board
Davidson County Board of Commissioners