

## MINUTES

**January 14, 2003**

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 14, 2003, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, Lexington, for a regularly scheduled meeting.

### PRESENT

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

County Manager Robert Hyatt, County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Stephen Holton, Budget Officer Zeb M. Hanner, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Tax Administrator Joe Silver, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Mental Health Director Billy West, JTEC Director Pat Everhart, Health Director Diane Crouse, Parks & Recreation Director Charles Parnell, Senior Services Director Kathryn Gentry, Interim Human Resources Director Carol Black, Assistant Public Buildings Director Scott Rickard, Officer Brad Glisson, Economic Development Director Steve Googe, Bob Segal, and Clayton Cone

### A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Sink called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

### B. INVOCATION

Moment for Meditation

### C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### D. RECOGNITION – Guests and Special Recognition of Scholarship Recipients

Chairman Sink recognized Tyler Pritchard, 14 year old son of Kathryn Gentry and a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student at North Davidson Middle School, attending to observe for an “Honors” Class in Economics, Political and Legal Systems..

Vice Chair Hege recognized Laura Marie Lanier, Tammy Morrison Tilley, and Cori Jean Walker and awarded Teaching Scholarships for \$3,000 to each of them.

### E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Sink noted the register for public address.

### F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Kepley the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with the following amendments:

Delete – H.7. Resolution Exempting Board from Process

Table - H.9. Wastewater Treatment Facilities Agreement

Add - Attorney/Client to Closed Session (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

*Charles Lambeth* stated that he is a Christian, a church member, he believes in God. He spoke in favor of separation of church and state and in opposition to the motto “IN GOD WE TRUST” being displayed on the Governmental Center. Mr. Lambeth also expressed concerns with the manner of installation of the motto onto the Governmental Center.

*George Daly* spoke in favor of separation of church and state and asked the commissioners to consider removal of the motto from the building.

*Barney Hill* spoke in favor of separation of church and state and expressed opposition to the frequency of closed sessions.

*Bill Schafer* addressed the Board as chairman of the Northeast Davidson Planning Committee and expressed concerns for the nine-square miles area adjacent to the City of High Point. Mr. Schafer requested support for the designation of a scenic byway as an entry into Davidson County. (Exhibit 2)

H. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION

**Consent Agenda**

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted 6-1 to approve the consent agenda; Commissioner Kepley voted “No.”

1. Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of Planning and Zoning Public Hearing of October 7, 2002, and Board of Commissioners’ meetings for December 10, 2002 and January 2, 2003.

2. Tax Report of Refunds by Joe Silver, Tax Administrator

The Board approved the Tax Report of Refunds for November and December 2002. (Exhibit 3)

3. Budget Amendments by Zeb M. Hanner, Budget Officer

The Board approved the following budget amendments:

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Mental Health – Line item transfer for \$200 to adjust Contracted Services to Professional Services

for Epley Cleaning Services

Mental Health – Line item transfer for \$3,000 to adjust miscellaneous income line to cover cost of

drug screenings.

Sheriff – Line item transfer of \$1,800 from supplies to Capital Outlay to replace a time lapse recorder

Health – Accept \$19,441.31 from NC Dept. of Health and Human Services for School Site Immunization Services (Heptatitis B vaccine for 6<sup>th</sup> graders).

Health – Accept \$17,820 from NC Dept. of Health and Human Services for Family Planning outreach to be used to increase the PA time in Family Planning Clinic.

Health – Accept \$40,700 from NC Local Partnership for Children (Smart Start) to adjust to actual funding allocated by the State. (Exhibit 4)

Deliberation

4. Bob Segal's Jail Meal Recommendation by Zeb M. Hanner, Budget Officer

The Board received a recommendation for jail meals, revenue enhancement and savings concerning the Jail presented by Zeb Hanner. Clarifications of services for jail meals to be provided were presented by Dennis Hatcher of Aramark Correctional Services.

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the recommendations by the Bob Segal CPA Firm for Jail Meals and the revenue enhancement and savings concerning the Jail. (Exhibit 5)

5. Bid Award – Janitorial Service by Dwayne Childress, Purchasing Director

The Board received a proposal for bid award of janitorial service for Group I buildings from Dwayne Childress. Commissioner Truell questioned the background for the manner and reasoning for the selection of the proposal. Discussion followed.

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted

6 to 1 to approve a contract for cleaning of the Group I buildings with Key Cleaning at \$7,700 monthly, \$92,400 annually for one year with the option of two two-year extensions; Commissioner Truell voted “No.” (Exhibit 6)

6. Tyro EMS by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to authorize the County Manager to proceed with the project for construction of the EMS Base in Tyro to be constructed by the county public buildings staff at a cost of \$79,950 (excluding labor) to come from fund balance. (Exhibit 7)

7. Resolution Exempting Board from Process by Dwayne Childress, Purchasing Director

Deleted.

8. Scenic Byway Designation for West Lexington by Guy Cornman, Planning and Zoning Director

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to pursue the process to support the areas introduced for Scenic Byway Designation for West Lexington Avenue and Wallburg-High Point Road. (Exhibit 8)

9. Wastewater Treatment Facilities Agreement by Stephen Holton, County Attorney

Tabled.

10. Highway 109 Sewer – Brier’s Creek Area by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve *Option 2* as provided by Davis-Martin-Powell & Associates for sewer service to the Brier Creek Area of the Highway 109 Project which *provides an on-site pumping station located on the school property of East Davidson Elementary School with a forcemain installed along Highway 109 to transport flows to Thomasville, and noting that sewer service to other properties not immediately adjacent to the school site would require individual/multiple pumping stations be installed to transport flows to the pump station on the school property and a project cost of \$605,000.* (Exhibit 9)

11. Mental Health Merger Partner by Vice Chair Priscilla Hege and Billy West, Mental Health Director

Vice Chair Hege recognized Carol Gouge, Dean Vick, and Clayton Cone of the Mental Health,

Retardation, and Substance Abuse Area Board. Vice Chair Hege and Billy West apprised the Board of the recommendation of the Mental Health Board and Mental Health staff for Davidson County to merge with Piedmont Behavioral Health that includes Cabarrus, Stanly, Rowan, and Union counties.

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the merger of Davidson County Mental Health as a partner with Piedmont Behavioral Health consisting of Cabarrus, Stanly, Rowan, and Union counties and have the County Attorney to draft a resolution to include that "The Board resolves that Davidson County and the authority board, actively with due diligence, pursue the establishment of a joint resolution, an inter-local agreement between the aforesaid counties, i.e. Piedmont Behavioral Health, Cabarrus, Rowan, Stanly, Union, for the ultimate purpose of establishing Davidson County pursuant to NCGS 115C-115C as a member of the Piedmont Behavioral Health, a multiple mental health area authority operating under Chapter 122C of the North Carolina General Statutes." (Exhibit 11)

12. Report on JTEC's Program Performance 2000-2001 by Pat Everhart, JTEC Director

The Board received a Report on JTEC's Program Performance for the Program Year 2000-2001 from Pat Everhart, JTEC Director. Mrs. Everhart pointed out that Davidson County JTEC 's performance was the fourth highest in the state out of 23 local areas that provide services funded through the Workforce Investment Act for North Carolina's 100 counties. Mrs. Everhart also noted the change in clients due to the retirements and lay-offs of long-term and older employees as a result of reductions and closings of industries.

Discussion followed and the Board commended Mrs. Everhart and staff for a job well-done.

(Exhibit 12)

13. Appointments

Teachers' Scholarship Fund Advisory Committee

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to reappoint Wayne Swicegood and Lois Sowers to the Teachers' Scholarship Fund Advisory Committee.

Nursing Home Advisory Committee

The Board agreed by consensus to table appointments to the committee until meeting in February.

Economic Development Commission

The Board voted by a show of hands 4 to 3 to appoint Steve Jackson to the Economic Development Commission with Commissioner Walser, Commissioner Kepley, Vice Chair Hege, and Commissioner Truell voting in favor of Steve Jackson and Chairman Sink, Commissioner Akins, and Commissioner Watford voting for Kathy Wall.

Parks and Recreation Commission

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to appoint Evon Lambeth to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Health Board

Commissioner Truell submitted the name of Susan Tussey for appointment to the Health Board; there were no further nominations. The Board agreed unanimously 7-0 to appoint Susan Tussey to the Health Board in the *public citizen* position.

Thomasville Planning Board Extraterritorial Jurisdiction District

The Board had requested verification of the eligibility of Wayne Brumley to serve on the Thomasville Planning Board-Extraterritorial Jurisdiction District. Upon verification of Mr. Brumley's residence allowing him to be eligible the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to appoint Wayne Brumley to the City of Thomasville Planning Board-Extraterritorial Jurisdiction District.

Planning and Zoning Board

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to appoint Kelly Smith to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Senior Services Advisory Board

Commissioner Truell nominated Jewel Manning for appointment to the Senior Services Advisory Board; there were no further nominations. The board voted 7-0 to appoint Jewel Manning to the Senior Services Advisory Board. (Exhibit 13)

14. Submittal for 2002-2003 Grant Application and Certification by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the request for submittal of an application for the 2002-2003 Grant and

Certification for the Lake Thom-A-Lex Project for \$500,000 with a local match of \$250,000 of which Davidson County's part is \$83,333. (Exhibit 14)

15. Reservoir Committee Representation by Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley

Commissioner Kepley nominated Jarrod Buchanan, General Manager of Handy Sanitary District, or his designee, and Bill Pless, Town Manager of Denton, or his designee, to serve on the Reservoir Committee to represent the South Davidson area. There were no further nominations. The Board voted unanimously 7-0 to appoint Bill Pless and Jarrod Buchanan to the Reservoir Committee to represent the South Davidson area of Davidson County. (Exhibit 15)

I. CLOSED SESSION – Economic Development, Personnel, Real Estate, Attorney/Client

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to go into Closed Session for matters of Economic Development, Personnel, Real Estate, and Attorney/Client.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to return to open session.

County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Stephen Holton reported discussion of Economic Development, Personnel, Real Estate, and Attorney/Client with no action taken.

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to amend the agenda to adopt a resolution.

*Resolution In Support of Aurora Plastic, Inc. to Locate a Manufacturing Facility in Davidson County, North Carolina*

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the Resolution in Support of Aurora Plastic, Inc. to Locate a Manufacturing Facility in Davidson County, North Carolina. (Exhibit 16)

*Schedule Public Hearings*

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to amend the agenda to call for two public hearings.

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted unanimously to schedule a public hearing for January 28, 2003, 7:00 P.M. for consideration of sewer extension from Swearing Creek to the tip of property at Hwy. 52 and Hwy. 64, being the Childress property to be used for a winery, with 50% of the cost not to exceed \$24,000.

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to schedule a public hearing for January 28, 2003, 7:00 P.M. to consider a \$17,500 grant for a rail spur for Aurora Plastics located in the Welcome Business Park to be paid after the spur is put in and to also ask for an Economic Incentive of \$5,250 per year ending after five years for the Aurora Plastics manufacturing facility.

J. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adjourn.

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Fred C. Sink, Chairman

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Stephen C. Holton, Clerk to the Board

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