

MINUTES

February 8, 2005

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 8, 2005, at 7:00 P.M., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, for a regularly scheduled meeting and a public hearing.

PRESENT

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

County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Robert Hedrick, County Manager Robert Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb M. Hanner, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Economic Development Director Steve Googe, Public Works and Services Director Bill Clutter, Senior Services Director Kathryn Gentry, Tax Administrator Joe Silver, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, former commissioner Kenny Moore, Economic Development Director Steve Googe, Tourism Development Coordinator Jo Ellen Edwards, Health Director Layton Long

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Don Truell called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Cindy Akins

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

Chairman Truell recognized Jay Belk and sons, representing Davidson County Council of Chambers, Director of Employment Security Commission Archie Hicks, and former commissioners Kenny Moore and Billy Joe Kepley.

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Truell noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner McClure, the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with the additions as follows:

1.5. Resolution Supporting Recreation & Tourism Development Master Plan Recommendations Requesting ALCOA to Preserve in Perpetuity Its Land Holdings in Davidson County for the Public Benefit & Enjoyment of County Residents

I.6. Alternative School Construction Financing

J. Closed Session for Real Estate (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Ron Qualkenbush addressed the Board concerning ALCOA's ownership of land versus lands of public trust.

H. PUBLIC HEARING

Steve Googe approached the Board and stated the proposed appropriation and expenditure of County funds for an economic development incentive grant contract for A.M. Haire Truck Bodies, Inc. Mr. Googe noted that the company must invest and maintain a minimum of \$1,800,000 in new capital improvements consisting of a plant, equipment and machinery. He further stated that the County will make five annual cash incentive payments to the company equal to a maximum of .00265 times the company's annual value of the added capital investment in the plant, equipment and machinery. He further stated that the economic incentive grant contract is contingent upon the company expanding its plant, machinery and equipment at its location on Pineywood Road in Thomasville, Davidson County, North Carolina and the company must create and maintain 175-220 new full-time employment positions in addition to the existing number of employees as of December 31, 2004 over the next five years and for the balance of the contract.

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to open the public hearing to receive public comment.

Steve Googe spoke in favor of the expansion of the company and the incentive package.

Barney Hill spoke in favor of the expansion and incentive package and noted the information that was published in the public notice for the public hearing.

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Vice Chairman Potts the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to close the public hearing.

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the economic development incentive grant contract to A.M. Haire Truck Bodies, Inc. for an investment by the company of \$1,800,000 with the County providing five annual cash

incentive payments to the company equal to a maximum of .00265 times the company's annual value of the added capital investment in the plant, equipment and machinery, contingent upon the company expanding its plant, machinery and equipment at its location on Pineywood Road in Thomasville, Davidson County, North Carolina, and the company must create and maintain 175-220 new full-time employment positions in addition to the existing number of employees as of December 31, 2004 over the next five years and for the balance of the contract. (Exhibit 2)

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION

Consent

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner Sink the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the consent agenda.

1. Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of January 25, 2005 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

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

The Board approved budget amendments as follows:

EMS – appropriate \$7,966 to Capital, \$5,000 to purchase computers for EMS Bases from Performance Management savings.

JJPP – appropriate \$23,214 pass through funds for JJPP Truancy Program.

Senior Services – accept \$3,719 care giver funds, \$6,813 crisis funds, \$1,000 Wal-Mart donation and allocate \$6,813 to Crisis fund, \$2,500 to Departmental Supplies, and \$2,219 to Contracted Services.

Board of Elections – appropriate \$2,775 to be reimbursed by Town of Denton for upcoming referendum; appropriate \$12,405 in Technology Grant funds from State Board of Elections for technology.

Sheriff/Animal Shelter - accept donation of \$100,000 for Animal Shelter and appropriate \$30,000 for purchase of equipment and supplies for the Animal Shelter and use remaining funds to pay \$20 for each animal that is spayed or neutered.

Finance – accept sales tax audit of \$41,180.09 for Davidson County from Dixon Hughes sales tax audit and appropriate \$14,413 of funds to pay fee for Dixon Hughes.

Lexington City Schools – allocate approved 2004-2005 Category I funds of \$235,000 to various projects.

Purchasing – appropriate \$1,512 in printing revenues. (Exhibit 3)

Deliberation

3. Appointments

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to appoint Amy Greeson to the Davidson County Board of Health for a three-year term. (Exhibit 4)

4. Sewage Allocation Request –RCR Enterprises by Guy Cormman, Planning and Zoning Director and Bill Clutter, Public Works and Services Director

Guy Cormman reviewed the request for sewer allocation and exhibited a map of the area to be included.

Commissioner Watford quoted passages from the sewer policy.

Bill Patterson, RCR Enterprises, explained the details of the request.

Bill Clutter presented an interpretation of the sewer policy noting the original intent of the policy when adopted. Mr. Clutter noted that the purpose was for proposals such as the request by RCR Enterprises and emphasized that according to the policy, this type proposal requires a decision by the Board.

Robert Hyatt noted that his interpretation was that there is a very small capacity for residential use and the policy outlines just what staff can approve, and anything beyond that is for the Board to approve.

Discussion followed.

Bill Clutter noted that the capacity is available, but according to policy, the Board must decide whether to allocate that capacity for the request.

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner Sink, the Board voted 5-2 to deny the request for allocation of sewer capacity for RCR Enterprises for a residential and commercial project on property containing 41.56 acres fronting SR 1459 Leonard Road and Old US Hwy. 52 per the sewer extension policy; Commissioner Akins and Vice Chairman Potts voted “No.” (Exhibit 5)

5. Resolution Supporting Recreation & Tourism Development Master Plan

Recommendations Requesting ALCOA to Preserve in Perpetuity Its Land Holdings in Davidson County for the Public Benefit & Enjoyment of County Residents

On a motion by Commissioner McClure and a second by Vice Chairman Potts the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the *Resolution Supporting Recreation & Tourism Development Master Plan Recommendations Requesting ALCOA to Preserve in Perpetuity Its Land Holdings in Davidson County for the Public Benefit & Enjoyment of County Residents* with changes as noted. (Exhibit 6)

6. Alternative School Construction Financing by Commissioner Max Walser

Commissioner Walser addressed the Board on Adequate Public Facilities Programs. Included in his presentation, he noted the cost of a school seat is \$20,000 and a high school seat is \$28,000. He then exhibited a map that denoted the areas of growth. Commissioner Walser requested the Board to direct County Staff to study the information provided, investigate the possibilities and bring back the results to the Board.

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to have County Staff to look into the alternatives and bring results to the Board.

CLOSED SESSION – Attorney/Client and Real Estate

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to go into Closed Session for matters of Attorney/Client and Real Estate.

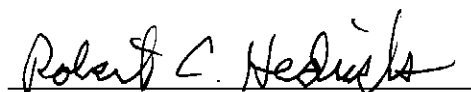
Return to Open Session

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to return to Open Session.

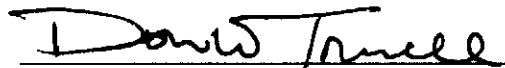
County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Robert Hedrick reported discussion of Attorney/Client and Real Estate matters in Closed Session with no action taken.

J. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Vice Chairman Potts the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adjourn.



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



Don W. Truell, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners