

MINUTES

February 9, 2010

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at 7:00 PM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina, for a regularly scheduled meeting.

PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Max Walser, Vice Chairman Sam Watford, Cathy Dunn, Billy Joe Kepley, Fred McClure, Larry Potts, Don Truell

County Manager Robert Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb Hanner, County Attorney Chuck Frye, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Economic Development Director Steve Googe, EMS Director Doug Lowe, NCDOT Regional Engineer Pat Ivey and Mark Crook, TRIP Director William Deal, Zoning Officer John Mendenhall, 911 Director Terry Bailey, IT Director Joel Hartley, Solid Waste Director Charlie Brushwood, Senior Services Accounting Technician Doug Duffey, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Public Works and Services Director Rex Buck

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Walser called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Truell

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Walser noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by McClure the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of a budget amendment for the Landfill under the Consent Agenda I.2. and the addition of Attorney Client to Closed Session. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

William Deal, TRIP Director, spoke in favor of the proposed County ownership of the Wilcox Bridge and noted the advantages to tourism and recreation activities. He shared the plan for trails to be made leading (Boone's Cave to Wilcox Bridge) to notable attractions in the County. He noted the Wilcox Bridge is envisioned as a linear park to attract tourists and influence them to remain in Davidson County for a longer period of time, thus enhancing economic development in the County.

Arthur Morrison, owner of Crossroads Campground, spoke in support of county ownership of the Wilcox Bridge.

Jason Walser, President and Executive Director of Land Trust of North Carolina, spoke in favor of preservation of the Wilcox Bridge and supported the pursuit of engineering consultation for its potential as a pedestrian bridge.

Mary Cridelbaugh spoke in opposition to continued City of High Point wastewater treatment plant expansion efforts and future annexations into Davidson County.

Barney Hill spoke in opposition to the County's ownership of the Wilcox Bridge.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Economic Development Incentive to Project 3C

On a motion by Vice Chairman Watford and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to open the public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed entry into an Economic Development Incentive Grant Contract with Project 3C.

Steve Googe provided information on the project and spoke in favor of the proposed incentive grant.

Barney Hill expressed concerns about requirements for the companies receiving incentives and noted the companies should not receive more than they will be paying back. He addressed future disclosure of companies' adherence to requirements.

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

On a motion by Vice Chairman Watford and a second by Commissioner Dunn the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve entering into an Economic Development Incentive Grant Contract with Project 3C entitling the Company to a grant each year for five (5) years to be paid by Davidson County provided the Company meets the requirements of the contract as to investment, jobs, and wages, with the calculation for payment of the grant to be .0027 times the Company's investment of \$2,000,000.00 in the plant, machinery and equipment each year for five years, with the company creating and maintaining 20 jobs and wages equal to or above the County average. (Exhibit 2)

2. Rezoning Requests by Davidson County Board of Commissioners

(Under separate cover as prepared by the Planning and Zoning Department)

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION - *Consent*

I.2.c. and I.4. were removed from the Consent Agenda at the requests of Commissioner Potts (I.2.c.) and Commissioner Kepley (I.4.).

On a motion by Commissioner McClure and a second by Vice Chairman Watford the Board voted 6-1 to approve the consent agenda excluding I.2.c. and I.4.; Commissioner Kepley voted "No."

1. Minutes

The Board approved the Minutes of January 12, 2010 and January 26, 2010 Davidson County Board of Commissioners' meetings.

2. Budget Amendments by Zeb Hanner, Assistant County Manager

The Board approved budget amendments for Transportation, Landfill, and Thomasville City Schools. (Exhibit 3)

3. Reappointment to Nursing Home Community Care Committee

The Board approved the reappointment of Myrna Todd to the Nursing Home Community Care Committee for a three-year term. (Exhibit 4)

J. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION - *Deliberation*

I.2.c. Budget Amendment

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Vice Chairman Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to table the budget amendment for Lexington City Schools until further information is provided regarding the use of those funds.

I.4. Surplus Property

Commissioner Kepley inquired about possible use of the playground equipment at Denton's Park. Commissioner Potts noted there has been discussion with a teacher for its use for an Exceptional Children's School. County Manager Robert Hyatt noted the work

that would have to be done on the equipment if the County keeps it and that he had consulted with Jim Price, Risk and Safety Coordinator. He further noted that there are some pieces that may be offered to the school systems.

On a motion by Commissioner Kepley and a second by Commissioner Dunn the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to declare the playground equipment located at the Davidson Academy site as surplus property, and to sell the items remaining on GovDeals.com. (Exhibit 5)

1. Transfer of Ownership of Wilcox Bridge by Guy Cornman, Planning and Zoning Director

Guy Cornman presented further details on the agreement for ownership and updated information from NCDOT. Discussion followed concerning consultation with an engineering firm to have an examination of the bridge. Commissioner Potts questioned the proposal from an engineer, noting that it consisted of using information already compiled by NCDOT engineers. Pat Ivey, NCDOT Engineer, noted that the deterioration of the bridge has accelerated. Discussion followed concerning necessary repairs. Mr. Ivey noted it would be clarified that only emergency-structural repairs would be made by NCDOT and taken out of the \$2.5 million set aside for the bridge repairs. He further stated that NCDOT will be responsible for surfacing. He noted the County will not take ownership until the new bridge is complete.

Robert Hyatt noted the cost of \$8,500 for engineering consultation with a private firm.

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Dunn the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to appropriate \$8,500 for engineering services for the Wilcox Bridge. (Exhibit 6)

2. Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER)
Communication Tower Site by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

County Manager Robert Hyatt provided more information on the proposed tower project.

County Attorney Chuck Frye expressed concerns for County access to the tower.

NC Highway Patrol Trooper McNeill noted that the goal is to provide coverage for the middle of the County. County Attorney Chuck Frye recommended tabling until more information is received and reviewed. (Exhibit 7)

K. CLOSED SESSION – Real Estate

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to go into Closed Session for Real Estate.

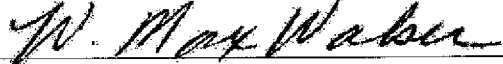
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Kepley the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to return to Open Session.


County Attorney Chuck Frye reported discussion of real estate matters and the Board's acknowledgement of the directions to be taken. Attorney Frye reported no vote taken in Closed Session.

L. ADJOURNMENT

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



W. Max Walser, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners



Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board
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