

## MINUTES

February 10, 2004

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 10, 2004, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, for a regularly scheduled meeting and public hearing.

### PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Fred C. 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, Social Services Director Catherine Lambeth, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Health Director Diane Crouse, Public Works Director Bill Clutter, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Senior Services Director Kathryn Gentry and Donna Campbell, Economic Development Commission Chairman Tommy Hedrick, Economic Development Director Steve Googe, Davidson Vision President Ben Ross, Davidson Progress Chairman Ed Jordan, and former commissioners Larry Potts, Fred McClure, Brown Loflin,

### ABSENT

Commissioner Priscilla H. Hege was absent due to illness.

#### A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Sink called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

#### B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley

#### C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### D. RECOGNITION

Chairman Sink recognized Mike Dowd of the Davidson County Council of Chambers and Stokes County Health Director Steve Smith.

#### E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Sink noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 6-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of CLOSED SESSION for Personnel, Real Estate, and Attorney/Client for Administrative Procedures. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

*Fred McClure* delivered a request for further consideration of the “flex pay for canine officers” in the Sheriff’s Department.

*Evelyn Marlowe* apprised the Board of a problem with flooding and rat infestation in the Pilot School area, noting the sewer construction in that same area and blockage in the creek from construction debris.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Economic Development Incentive Package for Unilin

Steve Googe, Economic Development Director, stated that the County has proposed an economic development incentive package to Unilin, a laminate flooring manufacturer, including \$2.2 million to purchase and grade 61 acres to be leased to Unilin for 12 years at \$183,334 per year, an economic development grant equal to .001325 of the total investment for the plant, machinery and equipment to be paid over five years, not to exceed \$424,000. Mr. Googe noted that Unilin would be the largest taxpayer in Davidson County.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Watford and a second by Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley the Board voted unanimously 6-0 to open the public hearing to receive information and allow public comment on the proposed economic development incentive grant contract with Unilin.

(Please see exhibit #2)

*Richard Beard, site selection representative*, spoke in support of the incentive grant package and noted the advantages to Davidson County.

*Tommy Hedrick, Economic Development Chairman*, spoke in support of the incentive package and noted that Unilin is an existing business in Davidson County that is expanding its operations.

*Ed Jordan, past Chairman of Economic Development and present Chairman of Davidson Progress*, spoke in support of the incentive grant package.

*George Sowers* spoke in support of the incentive package to Unilin. He also asked the Board what would happen if a small business requested an incentive in order to expand.

*Ben Ross, President of Davidson Vision*, spoke in support of the incentives to Unilin and noted the opportunities afforded to the County if the company accepts the package and locates in Davidson County.

*Barney Hill* spoke in opposition to the economic development incentive package to Unilin.

*Inez Crump* stated that she is opposed to the economic development incentive package to Unilin.

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 6-0 to close the public hearing.

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 6-0 to approve the economic development incentive grant contract with Unilin. (Exhibit 2)

#### DEPARTURE

*Commissioner Walser departed due to the critical illness of a family member.*

#### 2. Amendment to Teachers' Scholarship Ordinance

On a motion by Vice Chairman Watford and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 5-0 to table the public hearing until the February 24, 2004 meeting due to the absence of two commissioners.

#### I. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION

##### Consent

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted 4-1 to approve the Consent Agenda; Commissioner Kepley voted "No."

#### 1. Minutes

The Board approved the Minutes of January 27, 2004 Board of Commissioners' Meeting and October 6, 2003 Planning and Zoning Public Hearing.

#### 2. Budget Amendments by Zeb M. Hanner, Budget Officer

The Board approved the following budget amendments:

- *Tax Department* – appropriate \$11,671.62 in tax revenues to pay Evans and Associates for discovery made during audit.

- *Tax Department* – appropriate \$15,000 to Capital Equipment (savings-Performance Management).
- *Purchasing Department* – appropriate \$1,699 to Capital Equipment (savings-Performance Management).
- *Health Department* – accept \$8,000 from March of Dimes and contract with an RN or Health Educator to provide telephonic intervention to assist women in smoking cessation.
- *Health Department* – accept \$35,198 from NC Division of Public Health for WIC budget.
- *Health Department* – accept \$18,757 from The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer FDN for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program.
- *Health Department* – line item transfer of \$22,000 for remaining cost of generator.
- *Senior Services* – accept \$1,930 in donations for Care Management Crisis Fund and a line item transfer to adjust the budget \$7,924.
- *Sheriff's Department* – appropriate \$82,000 of seized highways monies to 110-3101-422-80-20 to replace 1993 van and 1986 van, for travel for Commercial Vehicle Workshop (TAC Officers), for 40 Tasers and holsters. (Exhibit 3)

3. Welcome Easter Parade Permit

The Board adopted a Resolution permitting the Welcome Easter Parade scheduled for Saturday afternoon, April 3, 2004, in Welcome. (Exhibit 4)

4. Space Request for Colonial Drive by Catherine Lambeth, Social Services Director

The Board approved the request for space in the Colonial Drive Building in Thomasville for Social Services. (Exhibit 5)

5. Reclassifications/Extension of Pay and Classification Study

The Board approved reclassifications in the Sheriff's Department at a total cost of \$16,099.63 as follows:

- *Sheriff Detention Officer I (SG62) to Tele-communicator (SG61)*
- *Sheriff Deputy III (SG65) to Sheriff Deputy Investigator Special Unit (SG65)*
- *2 Sheriff Deputy I's (SG63) to 2 Sheriff Deputy Investigators Special Unit (SG65)*
- *Sheriff Deputy II (SG64) to Sheriff Deputy Investigator Special Unit (SG65)*

- *Tele-communicator (SG61) to Sheriff Evidence Technician (SG62)*
- *2 Sheriff Detention Sergeants (SG65) to 2 Sheriff Detention Lieutenants (SG65)*
- *3 Sheriff Detention Officer I's (SG62) to 3 Sheriff Detention Sergeants*

(Exhibit 6)

6. Addition of Two Temporary Full-Time Positions in Social Services

The Board approved the addition of an Income Maintenance Case Worker II and a Social Worker II in the Social Services Department at a total cost of \$70,120 (no county monies). (Exhibit 7)

7. Jury Commission Compensation by Zeb M. Hanner, Budget Officer

The Board approved the requested \$450 to each Jury Commission member as compensation for the services provided in 2003. (Exhibit 8)

**Deliberation**

8. Bids for Auctioneering Services by Dwayne Childress, Purchasing Director

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 5-0 to award the bid for auctioneering services to Dave's Auction LLC at an agreement of 4.49% of Sale and up to \$500 advertising expense. (See Exhibit 9)

9. Purchase of Generator for Health Department by Dwayne Childress, Purchasing Director

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of the generator for the Health Department at \$92,842 from Carolina Engine. (Exhibit 10)

10. Schedule Retreat by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

The Board received information on dates to consider in scheduling a retreat for planning the 2004-2005 budget year and acknowledged that the County Manager would report on the availability of the Cooperative Extension facility at a later date.

J. CLOSED SESSION – Personnel, Real Estate, Attorney/Client for Administrative Procedures

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 5-0 to go into Closed Session for matters of Personnel, Real Estate, and Attorney/Client for Administrative Procedures.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Vice Chairman Watford the Board voted 5-0 to return to Open Session.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Kepley and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn.

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Fred C. Sink, Chairman  
Davidson County Board of Commissioners

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Robert C. Hedrick, Clerk to the Board  
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