

MINUTES

February 14, 2006

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 14, 2006, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina for three public hearings and a regularly scheduled meeting.

PRESENT

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

County Manager Robert Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb M. Hanner, County Attorney Robert Hedrick, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Emergency Services Director Doug Lowe, Public Works and Services Director Bill Clutter, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, Economic Development Director Steve Googe, HDR Engineer Kevin Mosteller, Grant Consultant Skip Green, Attorney Frank Bell, Sheriff David Grice, Chief Deputy Brian Grubb, Inspections Director Ron Triplette, Parks and Recreation Director Charles Parnell, Jimmy and Betsy Kepley, Museum Curator Katherine Hoffman

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman McClure called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Don Truell

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

Chairman McClure recognized Jane Browser of the Davidson County Council of Chambers.

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman McClure noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Vice Chairman Potts the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of Closed Session for Economic Development.

(Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Morton Metalcraft – Community Development Block Grant Application

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously to open the public hearing to receive public comment and information on the Community Development Block Grant Application for Morton Metalcraft to seek \$135,534 to allow expansion of the company.

Skip Green, Davidson County's Consultant, was recognized.

Robert Hyatt gave the details of the grant application and noted Skip Green's involvement and review of the application.

Economic Development Executive Director Steve Googe spoke in favor of the application.

Barney Hill spoke in opposition to the grant application.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Vice Chairman Potts the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the first resolution authorizing the submittal of the application seeking \$135,534 in CDBG Economic Development Grant funds to be used with \$45,178 local funds to construct sewer improvements and allow the expansion of full-time employment by and up to 38 positions with Morton Metalcraft committing to create a minimum of 15 new jobs within 24 months of the grant award of which at least 60% of the new jobs will be filled by individuals from households having low and moderate incomes.

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the second resolution that adopts all the accompanying policies and guidelines for the grant. (Exhibit 2)

2. Economic Development Incentive Grant to Wood Products Manufacturing Project

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Vice Chairman Potts the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to open the public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed economic development incentive grant to a wood products manufacturing project (Kepley-Frank).

Steve Googe gave the details of the incentive grant and spoke in favor of the incentive grant.

Barney Hill spoke in favor of the incentive grant to Kepley/Frank Wood Products.

Jimmy Kepley, President of Kepley-Frank, thanked the Board for the assistance and spoke in favor.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Sink and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the economic development incentive grant to the wood products manufacturing project (Kepley Frank Wood Products) with the company investing and maintaining a minimum of \$4,100,000 in manufacturing plant equipment and machinery and the County making five annual cash payments to the company equal to a maximum of .0027 times the company's annual value of the capital investment in the plant, equipment and machinery, not to exceed \$11,070 per year, contingent upon the company locating its plant machinery and equipment in Davidson County, and creating and maintaining 200 full-time employment positions within the first 36 months of occupancy and maintaining that number for the term of the contract. (Exhibit 3)

3. Economic Development Incentive Grant to Kurz Transfer Products, LP

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to open the public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed economic development incentive grant to Kurz Transfer Products, LP.

Barney Hill spoke in favor of the economic development incentive grant to Kurz Transfer Products, LP.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner Sink the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the economic development incentive grant to Kurz Transfer Products, LP, with the company investing and maintaining a minimum of \$8,000,000 in manufacturing plant equipment and machinery and the County making five annual cash payments to the company equal to a maximum of .0027 times the company's annual value of the capital investment in the plant, equipment and machinery, not to

exceed \$21,600 per year, contingent upon the company locating its plant machinery and equipment in Davidson County and creating and maintaining 10 full-time employment positions within the first 36 months of occupancy and maintaining that number for the term of the contract. (Exhibit 4)

H. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Sink the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve I.1.,I.3.,I.4. of the consent agenda.

Commissioner Walser asked for discussion of an item in I.2. Budget Amendments, in order to elaborate on the transfer of funds from Recreation to Museum to do the fall event at Boone's Cave and note the involvement with the Trading Path as a part of the efforts for tourism in Davidson County.

Consent

1. Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of January 24, 2006 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

2. Easter Parade Resolution

The Board approved the resolution requesting a parade permit for the Easter Parade in Welcome, scheduled for Saturday, April 8, 2006, 3:00 P.M. (Exhibit 5)

4. Additions to the NC Secondary Roads System by Guy Cornman, Planning and Zoning

Director

The Board adopted the SR2 resolution approving the addition of Nottingham Drive in Brockwood Forest Subdivision to the NC Secondary Roads System. (Exhibit 6)

Deliberation

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

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Vice Chairman Potts the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve budget amendments for the Sheriff's Department, Social Services, Museum (Boone's Cave fall event), JTEC, Tourism, Purchasing, Inspections, Economic Development, and CJPP. following information provided by Commissioner Walser on the Trading Path in coordination with Boone's Cave Park. (Exhibit 7)

5. 2006 Justice Assistance Grant by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Sink the Board voted

unanimously 7-0 to approve the submittal of application for the 2006 Justice Assistance Grant for the Davidson County Sheriff's Department, City of Lexington Police Department and City of Thomasville Police Department. (Exhibit 8)

6. Auctioning Services by Dwayne Childress, Purchasing Director

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve auctioning services to be performed by Dave's Auction LLC on an as needed basis with the contract running for a two-year period at 4.43% of Sale with up to a \$500.00 advertising expense. (Exhibit 9)

7. Lease of (1) EMS Ambulance Unit by Dwayne Childress, Purchasing Director

On a motion by Commissioner Sink and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve waiving the formal bidding procedures under NCGS 143-129(e)(3) and accept the offer of Wheeled Coach of North Carolina on the ambulance unit at a price of \$89,947. (Exhibit 10)

8. South Central Sewer Project by Bill Clutter, Public Works and Services Director

Bill Clutter noted the work performed by HDR for the Preliminary Engineering Report for the South Central Sewer Project. He stated that the desired action to be taken by the Board was to accept the report and to approve the recommended alternative so the engineering design work can begin. Mr. Clutter then introduced Kevin Mostellar of HDR Engineering.

Kevin Mostellar used the exhibits provided and explained the details of the project. Mr. Mostellar then noted the opportunities offered in Alternative #5 at approximately \$6.3 million cost to the County.

Robert Hyatt explained the sources of funding for the project.

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner Sink the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to accept the Preliminary Engineering Report and recommend Alternative 5 for the South Central Sewer Project, allowing the engineer to proceed with the drawings for design.

9. Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund by Commissioner Max Walser

The Board agreed by consensus to accept the recommendation of Commissioner Walser to donate \$7,200 remaining in the Katrina Relief Fund for computers and some safety equipment for the school in Long Beach, Mississippi.

9. Relicensing of Alcoa by Commissioner Max Walser

Commissioner Walser reported on the meeting with Secretary Ross of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) to address concerns about lake levels at High Rock Lake on behalf of the Concerned Property Owners at High Rock Lake. Commissioner Walser noted that the Secretary's staff assured the group that NCDENR will be looking after the High Rock Lake concerns.

10. Resolution in Opposition of Comprehensive Eye Examination and Establishment of Governor's Vision Care Program

Chairman McClure gave the details of the Comprehensive Eye Examination and Establishment of the Governor's Vision Program and asked the Board to approve the opposing resolution.

Discussion followed.

On a motion by Chairman McClure and a second by Vice Chairman Potts the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the Resolution expressing opposition to the Comprehensive Eye Examination and Establishment of the Governor's Vision Care Program for the 2006/2007 school year. (Exhibit 11)

CLOSED SESSION – Economic Development

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to go into Closed Session for Economic Development.


RETURN TO OPEN SESSION


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

County Attorney Robert Hedrick reported discussion of an Economic Development matter 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.


Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board
Davidson County Board of Commissioners


Fred D. McClure, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners