

MINUTES

February 25, 2003

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 25, 2003, at 7:00 P.M., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, for a regularly scheduled meeting.

PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Fred Sink, Vice Chair Priscilla Hege, Cindy Akins, Billy Joe Kepley, Don Truell, Sam Watford

County Manager Robert Hyatt, County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Stephen Holton, Cooperative Extension Director Robert Lopp, Budget Officer Zeb M. Hanner, Tax Administrator Joe Silver, Human Resources Director Keli Greer, Board of Elections Director Ruth Huneycutt, Public Buildings Representative Scott Rickard, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Senior Services Director Kathryn Gentry, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Health Department Director Diane Crouse

ABSENT

Commissioner Max Walser

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Sink called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Sam Watford

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

Chairman recognized Darrell Wilson of the Davidson County Council of Chambers and Trent Harmon of North Davidson High School.

Chairman Sink then introduced Cooperative Extension Director Robert Lopp who recognized Helen Brake for her service of 17 years with the Cooperative Extension Service and her upcoming retirement. Helen addressed the Board and elaborated on her pleasant and rewarding working experience with Davidson County.

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Sink noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 6-0 to adopt the agenda with amendments as follows:

Delete - H.4.c.Reclassification – Emergency Services Director

Add - H.8. Handicapped Access by Commissioner Kepley (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Former Commissioner Fred McClure addressed the Board and thanked them for their support during his time of bereavement following the loss of his wife. He requested the Board's consideration of his appointment to the Senior Services Board.

H. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION

Consent

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted 5-1 to approve the consent agenda; Commissioner Kepley voted "No."

1. Minutes

The Board approved the Minutes of February 6, 2003 and February 11, 2003 Board of Commissioners' meetings.

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

The Board approved the Tax Report of Refunds for January 2003. (Exhibit 2)

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

Museum – Accept \$1,387.85 insurance payment from a trucking company and use to pay Service Master for cleaning services.

Health - Accept \$18,125 from the Office of Public Health Preparedness & Response and use for Bioterrorism Communications & Assessment and buy 4 Laptop Computers, printers, and software.

Senior Services – Accept \$500 donation from State Farm for Shelf Staple Meals.

(Exhibit 3)

Deliberation

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4. Reclassifications by Keli Greer, Human Resources Director

a. Cooperative Extension – Horticulture Position

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted 6-0 to approve the deletion of a Secretary IV position (grade 57) and the set-up of an Extension Agent, Horticulture position (grade 63-annual salary of \$33,944) in Cooperative Extension Services,

b. Elections Computer Technician

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted 6-0 to approve the upgrade of an Office Support V position to a new position of a Computer Support Technician II (grade 62). (Exhibit 4)

c. Emergency Services Director

Deleted.

4. Appointments

Board of Equalization and Review

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted 6-0 to reappoint Buddy Chesson and Donald Dublin to the Board of Equalization and Review for a term of two years and have the Board of Equalization and Review, itself, elect its Chair and Vice Chair.

Senior Services Advisory Board

Vice Chair Hege submitted the name of Eleanor Wilson for consideration of appointment to the Senior Services Advisory Board for a term of three years.

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 6-0 to appoint Eleanor Wilson to the Senior Services Advisory Board.

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 5-1 to reappoint Betty Nifong, Rev. Lamar Moore, and Martha Nicholson to the Senior Services Advisory Board for a term of three years; Commissioner Akins voted “No.” (Exhibit 5)

6. Letter to City of Lexington for Designation of Restricted Parking by Robert Hyatt,

County Manager

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

6-0 to send a letter to the City of Lexington to designate restricted parking at some County buildings with the installation of "NO PARKING" signs at 925 North Main Street in front of the Transportation Building and in front of the Communications Center at 208 Salem Street, West Second Street to West Third Street.

(Exhibit 6)

7. Request for Cancellation of Public Hearing by Guy Cornman, Planning and Zoning Director

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted 5-1 to cancel the March 3, 2003 public hearing due to lack of a recommendation on the Boggs application and the Industrial Federal Savings Bank application by the Planning and Zoning Board, and to accept three more applications also from G. Brown and Ruby J. Loflin, G. Raeford Haltom, Jr. and George C. Haltom, and Billy Sparks, refer them to the Planning and Zoning Board for recommendations and schedule a public hearing for all five applications for April 7, 2003, 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioners' Room, Governmental Center to receive public comment and information; Commissioner Akins voted "No." (Exhibit 7)

7. Handicapped Access by Commissioner Kepley

Commissioner Kepley apprised the Board of the hazard to our handicapped citizens, particularly on windy days, with the handicapped access doors. Commissioner Kepley suggested the pursuit of an automatic apparatus for these doors.

On a motion by Commissioner Kepley and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted 6-0 to have County Manager Robert Hyatt and Scott Rickard of Public Buildings to look into the application of an automatic system for the doors.

I. CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted 6-0 to go into Closed Session for matters of Personnel.

Return to Open Session

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted 6-0 to return to Open Session.

County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Stephen Holton reported discussion of Personnel in Closed Session with no action taken.

J. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn.

Fred C. Sink, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners

Stephen C. Holton, Clerk to the Board
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