

MINUTES

March 3, 2005

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, March 3, 2005, at 8:00 A.M., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina, for an informational meeting.

PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Don Truell, Vice Chairman Larry Potts, 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, Emergency Services Director Doug Lowe, Public Works and Services Director Bill Clutter, Human Resources Director John Dean, Safety Coordinator Mark Holzer, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Integrated Solid Waste Director Charlie Brushwood, Tammy Bullin of City of Lexington Solid Waste, Thomasville City Manager Roger Bryant, Denton Town Manager Bill Pless

ABSENT

Commissioner Cindy Akins was representing Davidson County in Washington, DC at NACo.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Truell called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Vice Chairman Larry W. Potts

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

Chairman Truell recognized Thomasville City Manager Roger Bryant

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 Watford the Board voted 6-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of Closed Session for an Attorney/Client matter. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Safety Awards by Mark Holzer, Risk Management Coordinator

Walt Rouse of Mountcastle Insurance introduced Zenith representatives Todd Smith and Doug Lamb.

Todd Smith presented the 2004 Safety Award to Mark Holzer and noted the 44% reduction in accidents from 2003 to 2004 and also reported marked reduction in particular areas. Mr. Smith commended the Davidson County employees and leaders for their diligence in pursuing safety measures.

2. 911 Radio Study Report by Terry Bailey, Emergency Communications Director and CTA Committee

Terry Bailey was accompanied by CTA Communications consultants Nick Diamond and David Pociluyko in presenting a report of the conceptual design and engineer's opinion of probable cost for Davidson County's 800 MHz simulcast, trunked radio system. The consultants noted that they had been asked by Davidson County to provide assistance in preparing a Needs Analysis Study and developing a Requirements Definition of the County's current and future radio communications needs for the next fifteen years.

David Pociluyko presented a video exhibit with photos of the sites of the current communications equipment. Mr. Pociluyko presented three alternatives for consideration and noted that Alternative 1 would be the recommendation of CTA (Extension of High Point). He noted the estimate of probable cost for Alternative 1 would be \$16,491,500 negotiated cost and \$19,005,153 list cost. He noted the Alternative 2 list cost at \$20,824,831, negotiated estimate at \$18,069,300, and competitive bid estimate at \$16,507,700. Mr. Pociluyko noted the Alternative 3 list cost at \$13,848,817 and the negotiated estimate at \$12,037,500.

(Exhibit 2)

3. Health Insurance by John Dean, Human Resources Director

John Dean addressed the Board concerning the County's health insurance. Mr. Dean recognized the Insurance Committee consisting of Kevin Davis, Zeb M. Hanner, and Dwayne Childress. Mr. Dean introduced Larry Reece and Linda Cline from Palmer & Cay. Mr. Dean noted the recommendation from the committee is a high deductible immediate plan.

Larry Reece and Linda Cline presented an overview of the insurance plan proposals, consisting of three options for consideration for the coming fiscal year. Discussion followed. (Exhibit 3)

The Board was receptive to placement of the Health Insurance item on the March 8, 2005 agenda.

4. Pay-As-You-Throw by Charlie Brushwood, Solid Waste Director

Charlie Brushwood presented the Board with information on self-supporting box sites. Mr. Brushwood recommended a "sticker plan" for trash with stickers being available for purchase at the libraries. He noted that bags with the county logo on them could also be used. He noted further that recyclables would be free of charge. Mr. Brushwood then introduced Jim Hickman from North Carolina Department of Solid Waste.

Mr. Hickman presented some statistics on the use of the "sticker plan" in other areas of North Carolina. (Exhibit 4)

5. Resolution Supporting Traditional Marriages by Commissioner Fred McClure

Commissioner McClure presented a Resolution Supporting Traditional Marriages to the Board with a request for consideration of adoption at the March 8, 2005 meeting. Commissioner McClure reviewed the status of the issue in the state of North Carolina. (Exhibit 5)

Discussion followed. Commissioner Walser noted that he did not feel it was the business of county commissioners to get involved in the issue.

On a motion by Commissioner McClure and a second by Vice Chairman Potts the Board voted to place the Resolution Supporting Traditional Marriages on the consent agenda for March 8, 2005.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner McClure amended his motion and it received a second by Commissioner Watford, to place the resolution on the deliberation agenda rather than the consent agenda for March 8, 2005. Upon a vote the motion carried 6-0.

Departure

County Manager Robert Hyatt, Chairman Truell, Commissioner Watford, and Commissioner Walser departed for a meeting in Raleigh.

CLOSED SESSION – Attorney/Client

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted 6-0 to go into Closed Session for a matter of Attorney/Client.

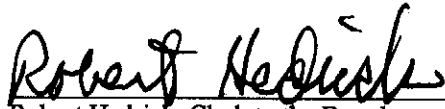
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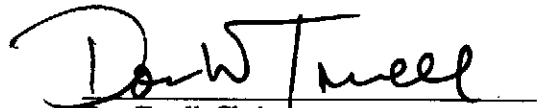
On a motion by Commissioner Sink and a second by Commissioner Sam Watford the board voted 4-0 to return to Open Session.

County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Robert Hedrick reported discussion of an Attorney/Client matter with no action taken.

I. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Sink and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn.


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


Don Truell, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners