

MINUTES

March 4, 2004

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 4, 2004 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, Lexington, North Carolina, for a regularly scheduled informational meeting.

PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Fred Sink, Vice Chairman Sam Watford, Cindy Akins, Billy Joe Kepley, Don Truell, and Dr. Max Walser

County Manager Robert Hyatt, County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Robert Hedrick, Budget Officer Zeb M. Hanner, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Interim Human Resources Director Carol Black, MIS Director Joel Hartley, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Risk Management Coordinator Mark Holzer, Public Works Director Bill Clutter and Assistant Director Scott Rickard, Senior Services Director Kathryn Gentry, Parks and Recreation Director Charles Parnell, Museum Curator Catherine Hoffman, Emergency Communications Director Lisa Martin, Economic Development Director Steve Gooze and Jason Clodfelter, Lexington City Schools Superintendent Dr. Becky Bloxam, Thomasville City Schools Superintendent Dr. Dan Cockman, DCCC President Dr. Mary Rittling, Davidson Vision President Ben Ross, Davidson County Tourism Development Coordinator Jo Ellen Edwards, City of Lexington Uptown Revitalization Coordinator Liz Parham

ABSENT

Commissioner Priscilla Hege

A. CALL OR ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Sink called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Don Truell

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Sink noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Kepley and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted 6-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of Personnel to Closed Session. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Communications Space Needs Study by Steve Allan, Solutions for Local Government by Steve Allan, Solutions for Local Government

The Board received a Power Point presentation by Steve Allan. Mr. Allan noted options to satisfy current needs and options to satisfy needs for the future.

Commissioner Truell emphasized the problem with heat in the building and the limited space in work areas and hallways and supported Option 4 for an all new facility.

Commissioner Akins inquired about the possibility of locating underground.

Lisa Martin noted that underground is not recommended for telecommunications.

Vice Chairman Watford supported Option 1 to accommodate the current needs.

Commissioner Walser suggested looking at other options.

Chairman Sink noted that the issue will be addressed at the retreat. (Exhibit 2)

2. Request for Space/Get REAL by Pat Everhart, JTEC Director and Dr. Mary Rittling, President of Davidson County Community College

Pat Everhart addressed the space needs for the Get REAL program and requested the vacant space in the former Mental Health facility in Lexington. Mrs. Everhart noted that Get REAL has to move out of the current location at the Eanes School building to enable Lexington City Schools to move forward with their plans involving the Charles England Intermediate School's needs for 4th and 5th grades.

Dr. Rittling noted that the students in the program do not fit in on the DCCC campus. She further noted that the program is for drop-out who want to complete their high school education and graduate. She informed the Board that the funds for the program are restricted and cannot be used for utilities or construction. Dr. Rittling stated also that DCCC furnishes the teachers for the program.

On a motion by Commissioner Kepley and a second by Vice Chairman Watford the Board voted 6-0 to place the item on the March 9, 2004 consent agenda. (Exhibit 3)

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3. Yadkin Pee Dee Lakes Project Update by Bill Medlin, Director

Bill Medlin presented an update on the work of the Yadkin-Pee Dee Lakes Project and information on plans for the coming year in regards to the creation of the North Carolina Central Park. Mr. Medlin advocated efforts to increase over-night stays in the area and noted that the Central Park project would promote extended stays as well as providing revenue and jobs, a boost to the economy. Mr. Medlin emphasized the importance of Small Town Area Revitalization (STAR) and the preservation of cultural and recreational attractions. (Exhibit 4)

4. Master Plan for Tourism/Recreation Report by David Long, Consultant to PTCOG

David Long presented an updated report on the plans and direction of the Master Plan for Tourism/Recreation. He also noted the workshops planned for areas in the community to receive input throughout the County. Mr. Long then presented a resolution of support endorsing the planning process proposed by the Master Plan for Tourism and Recreation Steering Committee for the Board's consideration.

Chairman Sink noted that it could be considered at the March 9, 2004 meeting under the consent agenda. (Exhibit 5)

I. CLOSED SESSION – Economic Development and Personnel

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Vice Chairman Watford the Board voted 6-0 to go into Closed Session for Economic Development and Personnel.

Return to Open Session

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 6-0 to return to Open Session.

County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Robert Hedrick reported discussion of Economic Development and Personnel in Closed Session with no action taken.

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J. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Vice Chairman Watford the Board voted
6-0 to adjourn.

Fred C. Sink, Chairman
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Robert C. Hedrick, Clerk to the Board
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