

## MINUTES

**March 4, 2010**

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners' met on Thursday, March 4, 2010, at 8:00 AM, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina, for a regularly scheduled informational meeting.

### PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Max Walser, Vice Chairman Sam Watford, Cathy Dunn, Billy Joe Kepley, Fred McClure, Larry Potts, Don Truell

County Manager Robert Hyatt, County Attorney Chuck Fryc, Assistant County Manager Zeb Hanner, IT Director Joel Hartley, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, Engineering Consultant David Fischetti, TRIP Director William Deal, former commissioner Sim DeLapp, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Assistant County Mike Newby

### A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Max Walser called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

### B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Kepley

### C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### D. RECOGNITION

### E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Walser noted the register for public address.

### F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner Truell  
the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

Wil-Cox Bridge Engineering Consultant's Findings with Power Point  
Presentation by David C. Fischetti, Engineering Consultant of DCF Engineering

Guy Cornman introduced David Fischetti, the Consulting Engineer. Mr. Fischetti presented a power point, including photos. Mr. Fishchetti reviewed the construction of the bridge (built in 1918). He noted the deterioration due to drainage and the run-off of salt and de-icing materials and stated that the deterioration appears to be superficial. He further noted that it appears that the deterioration on the deck is due to pot holes or breaks in the road where water stood for a period of time. Mr. Fischette stated that he felt most of the deterioration could be easily repaired and recommended the replacement of the downspouts. He stated that the construction seems to be sound. He further stated that two struts may have to be repaired, or possibly replaced if the deterioration is deep into the struts.

Discussion followed concerning exactly what the State will pay for in maintenance and repairs.

Mr. Fischetti noted that the bridge is not weight-limited and the County may accept ownership after DOT has closed the bridge to traffic because repairs are easier to make at that point. He stated that he thinks that the \$2.5 million might be low for an estimate of repairs and maintenance. He stated that bridge is better than the pedestrian bridges that he has engineered. He warned that DOT may close the bridge at some point

and do more repair that the County would have to pay for, over and above the \$2.5 million..

Commissioner McClure stated that it would be helpful to have a list of what the State is going to do. He pointed out the part of the contract that penalizes the County if the County backs out but noted there is no part of the contract that holds DOT to the contract.

Commissioner Keypley stated the need for enough land to make it an asset to the County.

Discussion followed concerning the County's responsibility for costs of repairs due to vehicular traffic after the agreement has been executed.

County Attorney Chuck Frye pointed out the obligations of the County in the agreement in paragraphs 3 and 10. He noted concerns with the obligation of the County for repairs above the \$2.5 million.

Guy Cornman stated that he had been informed that NCDOT does not want the County to take the bridge as it will cost more for rehabilitation.

I. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adjourn.



W. Max Walser, Chairman  
Davidson County Board of Commissioners



Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board  
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