

MINUTES

March 6, 2008

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 A.M., on Thursday, March 6, 2008, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina for a regularly scheduled informational meeting.

PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Larry Potts, Vice Chairman Billy Joe Kepley, Larry Allen, Fred McClure, Don Truell, Dr. Max Walser, Sam Watford

County Manager Robert Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb M. Hanner, County Attorney Robert Hedrick, Davidson Works Director Nancy Borrell, Public Works and Services Director Rex Buck, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Cooperative Extension Director Robert Lopp, IT Director Joel Hartley, Tourism Development Director JoEllen Edwards, Integrated Solid Waste Director Charlie Brushwood, Chris Duffey from the Board of Elections.

LATE ARRIVAL

Commissioner Sam Watford

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Larry Potts called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Vice Chairman Billy Joe Kepley

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Allen and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted 6-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of H.4. Potential NC Tax Law Changes by Vice Chairman Kepley and Closed Session for Personnel. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

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Commissioner Sam Watford arrived.

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Landfill Horse Trails by Vice Chairman Billy Joe Kepley

Vice Chairman Kepley shared information on the pursuit of a location for horse trails in Davidson County and the final result in the proposal of the Hamby Creek Trail.

Doug Meredith addressed the Board with details and noted the option to submit an application for a grant.

Charlie Brushwood noted the acknowledgement and support by the State. He noted also that Davidson County Landfill is the first in North Carolina to pursue the placement of horse trails on a landfill site.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Kepley and a second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the proposal for placement of the Hamby Creek Horse Trail at the landfill and to request from the State the necessary permit modification.

2. Davidson Works Transformation Journey by Nancy Borrell, Davidson Works Director

Nancy Borrell introduced board members Buck Yarborough, Robert Lopp, Don Clinard, and staff member Edna Snyder. Mrs. Borrell addressed the Board with a power point presentation on the transformation of JTEC to Davidson Works, noting the agencies that are associated with Davidson Works and are an integral part of its success. She noted that Davidson Works has been selected for a Regional Job Fair. She noted that Davidson County's Davidson Works will be representing the Piedmont area in a job fair, as well. Mrs. Borrell reported that the transformation will hopefully boost economic development in the County.

Buck Yarborough noted that Davidson County is being recognized and has set an example in the State.

3. Proposed Reedy Creek Watershed District

Guy Cornman presented a power point presentation with the results of research by his staff on the feasibility of protecting the land area that would contain a future reservoir. He exhibited a map showing a proposed lake, which contains 340 acres, for a future reservoir. He then proposed an overlay district for the area.

Scott Leonard, Watershed Coordinator, noted the restrictions already in place for protection of the area. Discussion followed concerning the impact on residences in the area.

Vice Chairman Kepley suggested a public meeting for the area to provide information and receive comments.

Guy Cornman noted public meetings being held at Davidson County Community College in Room 116, Mendenhall Building, to discuss the Land Development Plan, and the opportunity to present the proposal of the reservoir watershed site.

Commissioner McClure suggested placement on an agenda for direction to Staff to move ahead with scheduling public meetings for presentation of information and receipt of input from the public.

Greg Stabler, of Davidson Water, addressed the Board concerning intakes from the lower Yadkin River. He noted that Lake Thom-A-Lex can be studied for possibility of a joint plant with Thomasville and Lexington. Discussion followed. He noted Davidson County is in three river basins: Uwharrie, Yadkin, Deep River. He noted the plans to pursue getting more capacity from the Randleman Reservoir in Randolph County.

Commissioner Allen stated that he felt there are not enough facts to continue until after the Board hears more from Davidson Water on their findings from the State and has a better understanding of where the potential Reedy Creek Reservoir would be located.

4. Potential NC Tax Law Changes by Vice Chairman Billy Joe Kepley

Vice Chairman Kepley presented a DVD on the plans North Carolina has for updating its revenue system to be stable and supportive to its services.

I. CLOSED SESSION – Personnel

On a motion by Commissioner Allen and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to go into Closed Session for Personnel

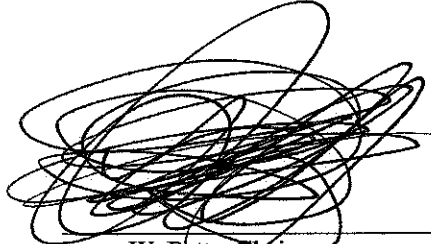
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

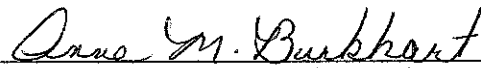
County Attorney Robert Hedrick reported discussion of Personnel in Closed Session with no action taken.

J. ADJOURNMENT

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



Larry W. Potts, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners



Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board
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