

MINUTES

March 23, 2004

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 P.M., on Tuesday, March 23, 2004, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Governmental Center in Lexington for a regularly scheduled meeting and two public hearings.

PRESENT

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

County Manager Robert Hyatt, County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Robert Hedrick, Tax Administrator Joe Silver, Budget Officer Zeb M. Hanner, Fire Marshal Perry Tyler, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Transportation Director Zeb F. Hanner, Interim Human Resources Director Carol Black, Senior Services Director Kathryn Gentry, JTEC Director Pat Everhart, Interim Health Director Diane Crouse and Environmental Health Specialist Donald Stephens, Senator Stan Bingham, Davidson County Schools Superintendent Fred Mock

ABSENT

Commissioner Max Walser was out of town.

LATE ARRIVAL

Commissioner Hege arrived during the first public hearing.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Sink called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Cindy Akins

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

Chairman Sink recognized Dan Briggs, representing the Davidson County Council of Chambers.

Chairman Sink then recognized Donald Stephens, retiring from Environmental Health with 27 years, and presented him with a gift certificate.

Robert Hyatt recognized Boy Scout Leader Jerry Dorsett, accompanied by scouts, Cameron Norse and Gareth Dorsett, who are working on their citizenship and community badges.

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Sink noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Vice Chairman Watford the Board voted 5-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of I.8. Update from NCACC Economic Development Meeting.

(Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Barney Hill favorably noted the absence of a Closed Session on the agenda.

H. PUBLIC HEARING

1. ROAP Grant Application

Transportation Director Zeb F. Hanner stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive information and public comments and for consideration by the Board following the public hearing, for approval of the Rural Operating Assistance Program grant application. Mr. Hanner noted that the program assists clients in the Davidson County geographical region and provides funds for the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program, the Work First Transitional/Employment Transportation Assistance Program, and the Rural General Public Program. He then gave a detailed account of eligibility requirements for the transportation services. Mr. Hanner further noted that the funds are state funds and there is no local match with the exception of the Rural General Public Program. Mr. Hanner then requested authorization to apply for the funds.

Late Arrival Late

Commissioner Hege arrived.

On a motion by Commissioner Kepley and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 6-0 to open the public hearing.

Carroll Gant, Director of the Davidson County Sheltered Workshop, spoke in favor of the grant application and transportation services.

Barney Hill spoke in opposition to the grant application and noted his objection to the expansion of the Rural General Public services.

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Hege the Board voted 6-0 to close the public hearing.

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Vice Chairman Watford the Board voted 6-0 to approve submittal of the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) grant application. (Exhibit 2)

2. Installment Purchase Contract

Finance Director Jane Kiker stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public input on the Resolution Authorizing the Negotiation of an Installment Purchase Contract of up to \$19,000,000 for financing of the Brier Creek Elementary School, Ledford Elementary School, Highway 109 Sewer Project, Reeds/Pilot Sewer Project, West Davidson Sewer Project, and the Airport Hangar at the Davidson County Airport. Mrs. Kiker noted that she has acted upon the request of the Board that she make application to the Local Government Commission to fund the projects. She further noted that the funding is in the form of Certificates of Participation and the interest rate is 4% and could be less upon finalization of the contract. Mrs. Kiker then requested that the Board adopt the Resolution Approving the Financing.

On a motion by Commissioner Hege and a second by Commissioner Kepley the Board voted 6-0 to open the public hearing.

Barney Hill spoke in opposition to the execution of the contract and all financing.

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Hege the Board voted 6-0 to close the public hearing.

On a motion by Commissioner Hege and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted 6-0 to adopt the RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF DAVIDSON, NORTH CAROLINA APPROVING AN INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING, AND EQUIPPING OF CERTAIN PROJECTS SET FORTH THEREIN. (See Exhibit 3)

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION

Consent

Commissioner Kepley requested the removal of *I.2. Tax Report of Refunds* from the consent agenda for a clarification of coding.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Watford and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 5-1 to approve the consent agenda consisting of I.1., I.3., I.4.; Commissioner Kepley voted "No."

1. Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of March 4, 2004 and March 9, 2004 Board of Commissioners' meetings and December 8, 2003 Planning and Zoning Public Hearing.

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

The Board approved the following budget amendments:

Senior Services - accept \$3,550 from HCCBG and Donations.

Health Department - \$12,000 (\$2,400) from Medicaid Maximization and (\$9,600) line item transfer for construction of handicap ramp for Health building.

Health Department – accept \$43,925 from NC Dept. of Health & Human Services for Title X Family Planning.

Health Department - \$1,153 line item transfer from Building Rental to Capital Equipment for computer.

JTEC – line item transfer to allocate funds for training scholarships.

Fire Marshal's Office- accept \$4,000 Smoke Detector Grant.

Social Services - accept \$20,443 adoption incentive funds.

Davidson County Budget – \$22,995 line item transfer for Bob Segal, CPA for jail meal savings project.

Public Works - \$6,200 line item transfer from Maintenance and Repair-Equipment to Capital Equipment.

Tax Department – appropriate part of tax revenue collected as part of Debt setoff program to pay Bob Segal \$12,835.

Public Works – use funds left over from Thomasville Library roof repair to repair Senior Center roof at estimated cost of \$24,998. (Exhibit 4)

4. Pyrotechnics Permit for Boy Scouts of America Jamboree by Perry Tyler, Fire Marshal

The Board approved the application by Ed Arth of Zambelli Fireworks, Internationale for a Pyrotechnics Permit for March 27, 2004 at Handy Road at the Thresher Reunion Location (Denton Farm Park) for a Jamboree for the Boy Scouts of America. (Exhibit 5)

Deliberation

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

On a motion by Commissioner Kepley and a second by Commissioner Hege the Board voted 6-0 to approve the Tax Report of Refunds, contingent upon the correction or clarification of coding on the report. (Exhibit 6)

5. Resolution – Incorporation of Wallburg by Senator Stan Bingham

Senator Stan Bingham introduced residents of Wallburg who have participated in the efforts for the incorporation of Wallburg. Senator Bingham expressed his support of the incorporation project.

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Hege the Board voted 6-0 to adopt the RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE INCORPORATION OF WALLBURG. (Exhibit 7)

6. Appointments/Reappointments

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Vice Chairman Watford the Board voted 6-0 to appoint Barbara Lindsey to the Nursing Home Advisory Committee for a term of one year.

On a motion by Commissioner Hege and a second by Vice Chairman Watford the Board voted 6-0 to reappoint Ann Corn to the Senior Services Advisory Committee for a term of three years. (Exhibit 8)

7. Agency Agreement Between Davidson County Board of Education and Davidson County by Robert Hedrick, County Attorney/Clerk to the Board

On a motion by Vice Chairman Watford and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 6-0 to approve the Agency Agreement Between Davidson County Board of Education and Davidson County.

(Exhibit 9)

8. Update on NCACC Meeting on Economic Development by Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley

Commissioner Kepley reported on the information received at a meeting he and Commissioner Akins had attended. Commissioner Kepley noted that the meeting was coordinated by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners to bring county commissioners together to share and receive

information on the status of economic development and the promotion of economic growth in North Carolina. Commissioner Kepley further noted that the meeting dealt with the philosophy of economic development. He stated that several things encourage economic development: 1) education and workforce 2) infrastructure 3) quality of life 4) change 5) small businesses.

J. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Kepley 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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