

MINUTES

March 25, 2003

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 P.M., on Tuesday, March 25, 2003, in the Commissioners' Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, for a regularly scheduled meeting and public hearing.

PRESENT

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

County Manager Robert Hyatt, County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Stephen Holton, Fire Marshal Perry Tyler, Budget Officer Zeb M. Hanner, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Tax Administrator Joe Silver, Human Resources Director Keli Greer, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Transportation Director Zeb F. Hanner, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Mental Health Director Billy West, Health Director Diane Crouse, Interim Emergency Services Director Doug Lowe, Senior Services Director Kathryn Gentry and Donna Campbell, Project Coordinator Jo Ellen Edwards for Tourism Development Partnership, Assistant Public Buildings Director Scott Rickard, Social Services Director Catherine Lambeth, Sgt. David McDade, Thomasville City Schools Superintendent Dr. Daniel Cockman, Mental Health Finance Officer Jerry Smith, Mental Health Board Chair Gail Whitehead

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Sink called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Vice Chair Hege asked for a period of silent prayer for the troops in Iraq and our leaders.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

Chairman Sink recognized Gabrielle K. Causby representing the Davidson County Council of Chambers; Dr. Daniel Cockman, Superintendent of Thomasville City Schools; Madison McDade, daughter of Sgt. David McDade; Susie Truell, Thomasville City Schools Board member; Jerry Smith, Mental Health Finance Officer

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Sink noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted Unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with the deletion of Economic Development from Closed Session and the addition of Attorney/Client to Closed Session. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Attorney Don Vaughan, Greensboro City Councilman – addressed the Board as an attorney representing Lake Shore Road residents to request County assistance in solving the problem of run-off from the White Dove Acres subdivision, noting that a permit was issued by DEHNR for development of the subdivision.

Jean Elliott, Mrs. Perryman, and Casey Swicegood verified that they have flooding as a result of the run-off.

Chairman Sink noted that the problem would be addressed and that Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman would keep them informed of the progress to resolve the problem.

H. PUBLIC HEARING – Badin Lakes Fire District

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to open the public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed creation of a fire service district in the Badin Lake area and the levying of a special tax to provide the fire protection services.

Lt. Mark Alley of Badin Lake Fire Department spoke in support of the creation of the fire service district and noted the service in the past and anticipated service in the future to the adjoining counties in the area.

Dr. Julianna Fine-Parrish, representing residents of Alleghany Township, spoke in opposition to the creation of the fire district. She further stated that the services from Healing Springs and South Davidson are adequate and the citizens would rather pay their taxes for fire service to Davidson County instead of an adjoining county.

Barney Hill spoke in opposition to the creation of a *new fire district*.

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Katherine Varner spoke in opposition to the creation of the new fire district and noted that she and her neighbors want Davidson County fire departments to serve them.

Commissioner Truell asked Lt. Alley how many substations Badin Lake Fire Department has.

Lt. Alley replied that there is one main station and one substation.

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to close the public hearing.

Fire Marshal Perry Tyler exhibited maps of the fire district boundaries. Discussion followed.

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to have the County Attorney study the legalities of 5-6 mile boundary extensions and then present the information from his findings at a future meeting. (Exhibit 2)

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION

Consent

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted 5-2 to approve the consent agenda; Commissioner Akins and Commissioner Kepley voted “No.”

1. Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of March 6, 2003 and March 11, 2003 Commissioners’ meetings.

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

The Board approved the Tax Report of Refunds for February 2003. (Exhibit 3)

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

The Board approved the following budget amendments:

Health – Receipt of \$2,760 from the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources for Childhood lead poisoning prevention to be used to upgrade current software to be HIPPA compliant and Lead Risk Re-certification training.

Senior Services – Receipt of \$1,801 in insurance reimbursement for theft loss to replenish stolen Departmental Supplies.

Senior Services – Line Item transfer of \$1,376 to replace the PC used for CAP-DA. (Exhibit 4)

4. Additions to the NC Secondary Road System by Guy L. Cornman, III, Planning and Zoning Director

The Board approved the additions of Stacey Street Extension , Swicegood Farms Lane, and West Whispering Pines Lane to the NC Secondary Road System for maintenance and adopted the SR 2 Resolution supporting these additions. (Exhibit 5)

5. Resolution of Commitment for Liberty Drive School by County Attorney Stephen Holton

The Board adopted the Resolution of Commitment for Liberty Drive School to fund renovations at the Liberty Drive School in the 2003-2004 budget. (Exhibit 6)

6. Reclassifications

The Board approved reclassifications as follows:

- a. Upgrade of *Emergency Services Director* to Salary Grade 76 (\$50,440-\$75,660) and revision of job description.
- b. Reclassified Maintenance Director to *Public Works Director* with revised job description and upgraded to Salary Range 73 (\$43,576-\$65,364).
- c. Revised job description of Risk Management/Safety Coordinator to *Risk and Benefits Manager* and upgrade of Personnel Technician I to a Risk and Benefits Manager, Salary Grade 72 (\$41,496-\$62,244).
- d. Upgrade of Office Support V to *Administrative Assistant I*, Salary Grade 60 (\$23,192-\$34,788).
- e. Addition of *Social Services Deputy Director*, Salary Grade 75 (\$48,048-\$72,072) with reclassification of Social Work Program Administrator I to a Social Services Deputy Director.
- f. Upgrade a Social Worker III to a *Social Work Program Administrator I*, Salary Grade 73 (\$43,576-\$65,364). (Exhibit 7)

Deliberation

7. Schedule Public Hearing for Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) by Zeb F. Hanner, Transportation Director

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, April 22, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room in the Governmental Center, Lexington to receive comments on the proposed Rural Operating Assistance Program application to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation. (Exhibit 8)

8. Tourism Development Partnership by Jo Ellen Edwards, Project Coordinator

Jo Ellen Edwards announced the ten finalists and unveiled photographs of the three winners in the Tourism Development Partnership photo contest "**It's Great In Davidson County!**" Winners announced were:

Youth Winner Olivia Bruff, age 7, for her photo entitled "Three Hat Mountain Rock Barn" with prize money donated by the Davidson County Horsemen's Association/REINS, presented by Johnny Wagner.

1st Place Adult Winner Robert Wooten for his photo "View From Country Lane" with prize money donated by the Arcadia Lions Club, presented by Jim Bumgarner and a gift certificate from the Bob Timberlake Gallery, presented by Robin Bivens.

2nd Place Adult Winner Chris Michael for his photo "Yadkin River" with prize money donated by the Welcome Civitan Club presented by Doug Meredith.

Dr. Gaston Penry, TDP Chairman, presented Chairman Fred Sink with framed copies of the winning photographs, noting that they were donated by Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley for permanent placement at the Governmental Center. (Exhibit 9)

9. Janitorial Services Contract by Dwayne Childress, Purchasing Director

Robert Hyatt expressed concerns for the number of bids received and the discrepancies in the bid amounts. Mr. Hyatt further noted that Scott Rickard submitted figures for a County crew to do the cleaning using one full-time employee and two part-time employees for one year beginning at the ending date of the current contract, April 17, 2003. Discussion followed.

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to reject the bids and allow Public Buildings to clean as outlined by Mr. Rickard.

(Exhibit 10)

10. Replacement of Boat for Sheriff Office by Dwayne Childress, Purchasing Director

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the purchase of a skiff (flat-bottom boat) at a cost of \$11,000 using vice and/or drug seized money for the funding of the purchase and put the existing boat in surplus for sale. (Exhibit 11)

11. Resolution In Support of NCDOT Safety Enhancement Project at Midway School and NC Highway 109 by Guy Cornman, Planning and Zoning Director

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the Resolution Supporting Safety Improvement Project for NC Highway 109 and Midway School Road which supports the use of Contingency Safety Funds (\$200,000).

(Exhibit 12)

12. Pay Grade/Classification Study by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted 6 to 1 to enter into a contract for \$35,000 for a county-wide pay and classification study by the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments (PTCOG) with funding to come from Human Resources lapsed salaries and unemployment funds with the results of the study to be available in the Fall of 2004 with the provision that PTCOG work with Mental Health for a reduction of the cost if Mental Health is not included in the study due to a notable reduction of staff; Commissioner Watford voted "No." (Exhibit 13)

13. Mental Health's Local Business Plan by Billy West, Mental Health Director

Billy West noted the efforts through the business plan to get service providers in Davidson County, to offer choices to the clients, and to have new money for services.

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the Local Business Plan for the operation of Davidson County Mental Health.

(Exhibit 14)

14. Audit Contract by Jane Kiker, Finance Director

The Board agreed by consensus for Finance Director Jane Kiker to pursue a new contract to continue audit services with Dixon Odom. (Exhibit 15)

15. Appointments

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to reappoint Patti Kestler, Brian Shipwash, and Cliff Pickett and to appoint Mary Covington, Teresa Lowe, Robert Husted, and April Wood to the Day Reporting Center CJPP Advisory Board. (Exhibit 16)

J. CLOSED SESSION – Attorney/Client

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to go into Closed Session for matters of Attorney/Client.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to return to Open Session.

Stephen Holton, Clerk to the Board, reported discussion of Attorney/Client with no action taken.

Amend Agenda

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to amend the agenda to add **6.f. Social Worker III to Social Work Program Administrator I** to the list of *Reclassifications* on the agenda as intended, noting that it was not included in the list but was included in the packet with exhibits for decision.

K. ADJOURNMENT

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

Fred C. Sink, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners

Stephen C. Holton, Clerk to the Board
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