

## **MINUTES**

**March 27, 2007**

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina, for a regularly scheduled meeting.

### **PRESENT**

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

County Manager Robert Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb M. Hanner, County Attorney Robert Hedrick, Human Resources Director Jim Tysinger, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Watershed Coordinator Scott Leonard, Public Works & Services Director Rex Buck, Transportation Director Zeb F. Hanner, Social Services Director Keith Johnson, Economic Development Director Steve Googe, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart

### **A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Chairman McClure called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

### **B. INVOCATION**

Commissioner Sam Watford

### **C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **D. RECOGNITION**

Chairman McClure recognized the Leadership Davidson County Class of 2007. The Chairman, assisted by Social Services Director Keith Johnson, then recognized Carolyn Yocum on her retirement from Social Services with 18-1/2 years service to Davidson County and presented her with a Belk's gift card in appreciation for her service.

### **E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS**

Chairman McClure noted the register for public address.

### **F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Vice Chairman Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of Personnel in Closed Session. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Barney Hill addressed the Board concerning a past agenda items including hiring of illegal immigrants.

H. PUBLIC HEARING (Exhibit 2)

1. Economic Development Incentive Grant to Project Green

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Vice Chairman Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to open the public hearing to receive public input on the proposed economic development incentive grant to Project Green.

Steve Googe noted that Project Green is a packaging operation and will stimulate the economy, create jobs, and increase the County's tax base. He noted that the name of the company is Chesapeake Packaging Company.

Barney Hill spoke in support of the Project Green Economic Development Incentive Grant.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the economic development incentive grant for five (5) years at .0027 times the total new investment in machinery and equipment, not to exceed \$5,400 per year provided the company meets the requirements as to investment, jobs and wages which include a minimum investment of \$2,000,000, and 15 jobs with an average hourly wage of \$17.00.

2. Project Roar

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to open the public hearing to receive public input on the proposed economic development incentive grant to Project Roar.

Steve Googe spoke in support of the Project Roar and noted that the company is Richard Childress Racing (RCR).

Barney Hill spoke in support of the Project Roar Economic Development Incentive Grant.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the economic development incentive grant for five (5) years at .0027 times the total new investment in machinery and equipment, not to exceed \$21,600 per year provided the company meets the requirements as to investment, jobs and wages which include a minimum investment of \$8,000,000, and 50 jobs with an average wage of \$75,000 per year.

3. Project Wire

On a motion by Vice Chairman Truell and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to open the public hearing to receive public input on the proposed economic development incentive grant to Project Wire.

Steve Googe spoke in favor of Project Wire, which is McIntyre Metals, and noted that the project would create jobs, stimulate the economy, and increase the County's tax base.

Barney Hill spoke in support of the Project Wire Economic Development Incentive Grant.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the economic development incentive grant for five (5) years at .0027 times the total new investment in machinery and equipment, not to exceed \$3,500 per year, provided the company meets the requirements as to investment, jobs and wages which include a minimum investment of \$1,300,000, and 20 jobs with an average hourly wage of \$12.50.

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION

Consent

Commissioner Kempley requested *I.5. Street Abandonment* be removed from the consent agenda.

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted 6-1 to approve the consent agenda items I.1.2.3.4.; Commissioner Kempley voted "No" on the consent agenda items I.1.2.3.4.

1. Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of March 13, 2007.

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

The Board approved the Tax Report of Refunds for February 2007. (Exhibit 3)

3. Budget Amendments by Zeb M. Hanner, Assistant County Manager

The Board approved budget amendments for Public Works and Services, Cooperative Extension, Tax, 911, Parks and Recreation, Social Services, Health, Purchasing, Transportation, Finance, Day Reporting, Davidson County Schools, and the Sheriff. (Exhibit 4)

4. Reclassifications by Jim Tysinger, Human Resources Director

The Board approved the reclassification of a Public Health Nurse I to a new position, Medical Lab Assistant III, and the reclassification of a Public Health Nurse I to a Social Worker II. (Exhibit 5)

Deliberation

5. Street Abandonment Requests by Guy L. Cornman, Planning and Zoning Director

The Board was requested to approve the abandonment of the final 260 ft. portion of SR 1824 – Sidney Craver Road in Lexington Township and the final 887 ft. portion of SR 1765 - Paul Pope Road in Thomasville Township from the NC Secondary Road System.

Commissioner Kepley noted that there were houses on the street and that the residents were not aware of the proposed abandonment. He questioned Guy Cornman if he had visited the site of Paul Pope Road and if he was familiar with it.

Mr. Cornman replied that he had not visited the area recently.

Commissioner Kepley asked that the minutes reflect that this circumstance is the reason that he votes “No” for items on the consent agenda. He noted that there should be opportunity for questions and discussion to make sure the item has been thoroughly researched before coming for a vote.

Commissioner Kepley made a motion to table the item until April 10, 2007, so that Mr. Cornman can make the residents of the area aware of the proposed abandonment and supply information; Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. Upon a vote the motion carried unanimously 7-0.

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the abandonment of Sidney-Craver Road in Lexington Township.

(Exhibit 6)

6. Text Amendment to County Sewer Policy by Guy Cornman, Planning and Zoning Director and Scott Leonard, Watershed Coordinator

Guy Corman and Scott Leonard reviewed the proposed text amendment.

Discussion followed.

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to table the text amendment to the existing county sewer policy until April 10, 2007.

(Exhibit 7)

7. Morton Metalcraft Firm Evaluation and Professional Services Contract by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

On a motion by Commissioner Allen and a second by Vice Chairman Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the Engineering Services Agreement with Davis-Martin-Powell & Associates, Inc. for the installation of a gravity sewer extension to Morton Metalcraft Welcome facility contingent on the awarding of the CDBG grant funding for the project. (Exhibit 8)

8. Appointments

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to reappoint Jim Hudson and Charles Romaine to the *Library Board of Trustees*.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Truell and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to appoint Ila Ford to the *Nursing Home Advisory Board*. (Exhibit 9)

J. CLOSED SESSION – Real Estate and Personnel

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner Potts the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to go into Closed Session for matters of Real Estate and Personnel.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION


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

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

K. ADJOURNMENT

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

  
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Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board  
Davidson County Board of Commissioners

  
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Fred D. McClure, Chairman  
Davidson County Board of Commissioners