

MINUTES

APRIL 2, 2009

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 AM on Thursday, April 2, 2009, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina, for a regularly scheduled information meeting.

PRESENT

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

County Manager Robert Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb Hanner, County Attorney Chuck Frye, Deputy Clerk to the Board Debbie Harris, Human Resources Director Jim Tysinger, Tax Administrator Joe Silver, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Comman, Chief Sheriff Deputy Major Brian Grubb, Laura VanHoy, Carol Black, Economic Development Director Steve Googe and Derek Ignasiak, Thomasville Times Reporter.

ABSENT

Commissioner Max Walser was absent to travel to Raleigh on behalf of the Board.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Sam Watford and a second by Commissioner Larry Potts the Board voted 6-0 to excuse Commissioner Walser from the meeting.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Fred McClure called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Vice Chairman Sam Watford.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

There were no recognitions.

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman McClure noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Fred McClure requested that Item H-5, Tax Discounts by Joe Siler, Tax Administrator,

be removed from the Agenda, as well as the Closed Session. On a motion by Vice Chairman Sam Watford and a second by Commissioner Larry Potts the Board voted 6-0 to adopt the amended agenda. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

There were no individuals signed up to speak at public address.

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Decennial Census by Kathy Murphy, Area Representative for the 2010 Decennial Census

Ms. Kathy Murphy presented a brief program on the complete count activities to promote a successful census. Ms. Murphy noted that April 1, 2010 is National Census Day and there will be a number of activities leading up to that day for citizens to turn in their census forms. Ms. Murphy asked the Board for its support of the activities. (Exhibit 2)

2. Discussion of Employee Benefits by Jim Tysinger, Human Resources Director

Human Resources Director Jim Tysinger presented the Davidson County Employee Benefit Summary for the 2009-2010 Plan Year. Mr. Tysinger noted that the County is almost three full years into the program timeframe for the Five-Year Strategy. Mr. Tysinger discussed the Summary of Recommended Changes for the 2009-2010 Policy Year, and Employee Bi-Weekly Premiums. Mr. Hyatt requested that this matter be added to the April 14, 2009, Agenda for consideration of the proposed Employee Benefits Summary for the 2009/2010 fiscal year by the Board of Commissioners. On a motion by Commissioner Larry Potts and a second by Commissioner Don Truell the Board voted 6-0 to place this matter on the April 14, 2009, Agenda for discussion. (Exhibit 3)

3. Schedule a Public Hearing for the 2009 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application by Major Brian Grubb, Chief Deputy

Chief Deputy Brian Grubb addressed the Board to inform them of the purpose of the Grant and what the funds would be utilized for. Further that the Grant must be submitted by May 18, 2009.

On a motion by Commissioner Don Truell and a second by Commissioner Cathy Dunn the Board voted 6-0 to schedule a public hearing for April 14, 2009, 7:00 PM, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 North Greensboro Street, Lexington, NC on the 2009 Justice Assistance Grant Application to allow information to be presented and to receive public comments on the grant and the

proposed equipment to be purchased for the Sheriff's Department.

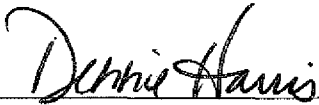
(Exhibit 4)

4. Improving Davidson County's Business Environment? by Vice Chairman Sam Watford

Vice Chairman Sam Watford addressed the Board to discuss his thoughts on economic development and what local government can do to help improve or assist Davidson County's business environment. He stated he felt that it was crucial for the County to do whatever feasible to maintain our business base and to assist the same in any way possible and proposed some suggestions for the Board to consider. It was suggested that the County Legal Department research what the County is legally able to do regarding incentives to small businesses and report back to the Board so they may further discuss this matter. (Exhibit 5)

J. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Larry Potts and a second by Commissioner Don Truell the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn.



Debbie Harris, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Davidson County Board of Commissioners



Fred D. McClure, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners