

MINUTES

April 3, 2003

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 A.M., Thursday, April 3, 2003, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, Lexington for an regularly scheduled informational meeting.

PRESENT

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

County Manager Robert Hyatt, County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Stephen Holton, Budget Officer Zeb M. Hanner, Finance Director Jane Kiker, JTEC Director Pat Everhart, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Human Resources Director Keli Greer, Workforce Development Board Chairman Ricky Murphy, Assistant Public Buildings Director Scott Rickard, Senior Services Representative Donna Campbell, Ann Bass of Yadkin Pee Dee Lakes Project, Economic Development Director Steve Googe, Fred McClure

ABSENT

Commissioner Cindy Akins had a prior commitment to attend a meeting in Raleigh.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Sink called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Ricky Murphy, Chairman of the Workforce Development Board

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

Chairman Fred Sink recognized Ricky Murphy, Chairman of the Workforce Development Board and Thomasville City Councilman.

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 Chair Hege the Board voted

6-0 to adopt the agenda with the additions of H.6. Boone's Cave Park and Attorney/Client and Personnel to Closed Session. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Ann Bass addressed the Board with an update on the Yadkin Pee Dee Lakes Project. Mrs. Bass noted the goals and projections for tourism and environmental conservation. She also mentioned the addition of Bill Medlin to the staff and noted his knowledge of the recreation industry. She apprised the Board of the \$1,000,000 raised from 64 private sector sources. Mrs. Bass concluded her presentation with a request of \$10,000 to be considered in the upcoming budget. (Exhibit 2)

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Senior Tarheel Legislative Report by Fred McClure

Fred McClure presented information from the Senior Tarheel Legislative Conference in Raleigh. He passed out a Senior Center Capacity Survey made by the Division of Aging on all North Carolina Senior Centers and noted that Davidson County is the only county in North Carolina having two Senior Centers and further noted that they are both exemplary. He informed the Board of the vote to maintain the Home Care and Community Block Grant services at the current level, strengthen dental care, insure Medicaid services (CAPDA) for the elderly with no reductions in services, support for operation of Senior Centers, and insure the National Criminal Background Checks for in-home aides services. He made a recommendation for the Board to send a resolution supporting no reduction of Medicaid. (Exhibit 3)

2. Incumbent Workforce Development Program by Ricky Murphy, Chair of Workforce Development Board and Pat Everhart, Director of Job Training & Employment Center

Ricky Murphy and Pat Everhart apprised the Board of the new Workforce Development Program that will allow North Carolina employers to apply for grants for employee training programs and noted that the program is designed to upgrade employees' skills and increase companies' competitiveness in the global marketplace. The Board was informed that the Incumbent Workforce Development Program was effective March 7, and allows employers (private or non-profit) across the state to apply for grants of up to \$50,000 for employee training. The Board received information that federal money from the Workforce Investment Act will fund the program with more than \$1 million available through June 30, 2003 and an additional \$2 million designated for the 2003-2004 program year. Mr. Murphy noted that information to

employers concerning the grants will be available through websites and coverage by the press. Pat Everhart stated that the Workforce Development Board and the Chambers of Commerce are working to get e-mail addresses of Human Resources Directors to inform them of the grants and application process.

(Exhibit 4)

3. Invitation to Join the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Board received information on the expanded Winston-Salem urbanized area that has included areas in Davidson, Davie and Stokes counties by Chris Murphy of the Winston-Salem Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The Board was apprised of the invitation to join the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) as a partial voting member, denoting that Davidson County would be eligible to vote on issues that impact the entire MPO (plans and organizational matters, road projects located within the portion of the County that is within the Winston-Salem urban area).

Commissioner Kepley provided further information on the proposed voting process and also noted his favorable experiences with the High Point MPO.

Discussion followed with concerns by the Board for partial voting instead of full voting and particularly the addition of vote by the Winston-Salem Mayor whenever Davidson County is allowed to vote. The Board was also apprised that joining the Winston-Salem MPO would delete that part of the County involved from the newly formed Rural Planning Organization (RPO).

Following further discussion, the Board agreed for Chairman Sink, Commissioner Kepley, County Manager Robert Hyatt, and Attorney Stephen Holton to prepare a letter stating the Board's stand on the matter and bring it back to the Board for approval. (Exhibit 5)

4. Dental Plan Renewal by Keli Greer, Human Resources Director

Keli Greer presented a proposal to renew the dental plan with Fortis (formerly Protective) which includes a 7.66% increase in rates, a change in company name from Protective to Fortis, and a new vision discount plan (no cost to employees). Mrs. Greer also noted no increased cost to the County.

The Board agreed to place the item on the April 8, 2003 agenda. (Exhibit 6)

5. Discussion Concerning 201 Sewer Facility Plan by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

Robert Hyatt passed out information from the construction meeting with Kevin Mosteller of HDR

Engineering and representatives from the City of Lexington and noted the recommendations for moving forward with the plan. The Board agreed to place appointments on the April 8, 2003 agenda to form a sub-committee with the City of Lexington to structure a wastewater agreement for the plan. (Exhibit 7)

6. Boone's Cave Park by Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley

Commissioner Kepley inquired if the deed for the Boone's Cave Park has been received.

Robert Hyatt noted that it has not but noted the receipt of a Cooperative Agreement for the Upgrade of Boone's Cave Park with Davidson County noted as the Owner/Contractor and noted that \$129,000 is the amount designated for the upgrade.

Commissioner Kepley asked Scott Rickard, Assistant Public Buildings Director, what can be done to get the park open when funding is received.

Scott Rickard replied that the park can be opened in a short time with other construction to follow at the end of the summer.

County Manager Robert Hyatt agreed to check on the deed.

I. CLOSED SESSION – Economic Development, Attorney/Client, Personnel

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted 6-0 to go into Closed Session for matters of economic development, attorney/client, and personnel.

Return to Open Session

On a motion by Commissioner Kepley and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted 6-0 to return to Open Session.

County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Stephen Holton reported discussion of economic development, attorney/client, and personnel with no action taken.

J. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn.

Fred C. Sink, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners

Stephen C. Holton, Clerk to the Board
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