

MINUTES

April 6, 2006

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, April 6, 2006, 8:00 A.M., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, for an informational meeting.

PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Fred McClure, Vice Chairman Larry Potts, Cindy Akins, Fred Sink, Don Truell, Dr. Max Walser, Sam Watford

County Manager Robert Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb M. Hanner, County Attorney Robert Hedrick, Director of Libraries Ruth Ann Copley, Director of Public Works and Services Bill Clutter, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, Brent McKinney of PART, Norman Wilkes, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Transportation Director Zeb F. Hanner, Solid Waste Management Director Charlie Brushwood, Libraries Director Ruth Ann Copley

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Don Truell

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman McClure noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of Water Quality Special Orders by Consent with City of High Point. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) Update by Brent McKinney

Brent McKinney presented an updated report on the Ridesharing Vanpool Program. He reported that North Carolina is the 5th fastest growing state in the country, and the 3rd fastest growing state east of the Mississippi. Mr. McKinney reported that January, February, March 2006 ridership was up 23% over that of 2005. He apprised the Board that PART now has eight counties involved and several park and ride lots. He noted that a new park and ride lot will soon be completed across the road from the entrance to the Davidson County Airport. He also noted that an out-of-county non-emergency medical service is provided. He stated that transportation is provided from Winston-Salem to the Amtrak station in High Point and that PART is pursuing passenger rail service from Winston-Salem to east of Greensboro. He stated that 1,000 riders participate in the PART program everyday.

Discussion followed. Mr. McKinney responded to Vice Chairman Potts that PART is studying the air quality problem with Guilford County. He noted the amount of traffic in the area emphasized the fact that Winston-Salem, High Point, Greensboro, and northern Davidson County are in a metropolitan area that is the 36th largest in the country. Mr. McKinney informed the Board that 680 Davidson County residents work at NC Baptist Hospital, 325 at Forsyth Hospital and 47 at Hanes Mall. (Exhibit 2)

2. Acceptance of Grant by Ruth Ann Copley, Director of Libraries

The Board received information on the upcoming receipt of a grant from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the State Library in the amount of \$16,610.80. Ruth Ann Copley noted that the grant is intended for the purchase and replacement of old Gates grant computers granted in 2001 for Denton, Lexington, Thomasville, and West Davidson. (Exhibit 3)

3. Midway Service Area by Norman Wilkes

Norman Wilkes represented investors from the Midway area with a request for sewer service. He noted that the investors are willing to contribute the funding for the cost of the sewer. He further noted that the group is interested in promoting Midway and want to keep residents shopping in the Midway area.

Bill Clutter added that an initial installation would service the commercial intersection and it could be extended to serve other residents. Discussion followed concerning allocations.

Commissioner Watford expressed his favor with moving ahead.

Commissioner Walser inquired if all investors have businesses that will be within the incorporation of Midway. Mr. Wilkes responded affirmative.

County Manager Robert Hyatt noted that staff will gather information to bring back to the Board within 30 days and look at drafting an agreement. He further noted that he would like to have the Sewer Committee meet to study the issue.

The Board acknowledged a presentation on May 4, 2006. (Exhibit 4)

4. Suggested Modification to the South-Central Sewer Project by Bill Clutter, Public Works and Services Director

Bill Clutter reviewed the decisions that were reached at the last project update meeting on March 24, 2006, noting the changes to the South-Central Sewer Project. He noted that the school in Southmont will not be ready until late 2009 or in 2010; he further noted, therefore, it would not be advisable to construct that portion of the sewer and leave it idle. He advised the Board that the Southmont portion could be removed at this time and construction of the sewer lines to serve Central Davidson High, Central Davidson Middle and Southwood Elementary could move forward.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to place the Suggested Modification to the South-Central Sewer Project on the April 11, 2006 meeting agenda (Exhibit 5)

5. Sewer Reimbursement Policy by Bill Clutter, Public Works and Services Director

Bill Clutter presented a map to the Board, as an example, that exhibited the current sewer line in the Tyro area. He noted investments that have been made and the issues to be considered when other residents request service from the line. He further noted that the Board may want to revise the present Sewer Reimbursement Policy and consider some capital recovery for the initial investors. Mr. Clutter also recommended reimbursement for the oversized line connections.

Discussion followed concerning a minimum charge for connection to the system to be determined at a later date.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to place the Sewer Reimbursement Policy on the April 25, 2006 agenda. (Exhibit 6)

6. Water Quality Special Orders by Consent with City of High Point by Commissioner Walser

Commissioner Walser provided copies of the Water Quality Special Orders by Consent with the City of High Point. Discussion followed. The Board acknowledged the request by Commissioner Walser for placement on the April 11, 2006 Commissioners' agenda. (Exhibit 7)

I. CLOSED SESSION – Attorney/Client and Real Estate

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to go into Closed Session for matters of Real Estate and Attorney/Client.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION


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

J. ADJOURNMENT

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



Fred D. McClure, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners



Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board
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