

MINUTES

April 8, 2003

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 8, 2003, at 7:00 P.M., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, for a public hearing and a regularly scheduled meeting.

PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Fred C. 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 C. Holton, Budget Officer Zeb M. Hanner, Human Resources Director Keli Greer, Interim Emergency Services Director Doug Lowe, Parks and Recreation Director Charles Parnell, Senior Services Director Kathryn Gentry and Donna Campbell, Health Department Director Dianne Crouse, Fire Marshal Perry Tyler, Public Buildings Assistant Director Scott Rickard, MIS Director Joel Hartley

LATE ARRIVAL

Commissioner Max Walser arrived at the time of Closed Session due to his attendance to a commitment made prior to his election as commissioner.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Sink called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Sam Watford

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

Chairman Sink recognized Walt Rouse of the Davidson County Council of Chambers and Tyler Pritchard, a ninth grade Honors Class student at North Davidson High School and son of Senior Services Director Kathryn Gentry. Chairman Sink also recognized Joel Pierce, Sherry Watford, Jerry Hughes, and Phil Younts of the Thomasville Jaycees.

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 Truell the Board voted 6-0 to adopt the agenda with amendments as follows:

Add - I.8. Moratorium on Exotic Animals

I.9. Letter of Support for Thomasville Medical Center – Fixed MRI

Closed Session for Attorney/Client

Delete - School Construction Committee Appointment (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

H. PUBLIC HEARING – Creation of Clemmons Fire District

Fire Marshal Perry Tyler exhibited maps of the fire service district proposed and noted that the Clemmons Fire Department has been serving the *no man's land* area for 30 years.

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted to open the public hearing to receive input and public comment on the proposed creation of Clemmons Fire & Rescue Service District.

Scott Brown addressed the Board with concerns about the response time of ambulance services to the Salem Glen County Club area in Clemmons from Davidson County as compared with those from Forsyth County. He stated that he was not opposed to the creation of the fire district and that he and the residents of the area are willing to pay a tax for quicker response. Mr. Brown further verified that part of the area is in Davidson County and part of the area is in Forsyth County.

Chief Jerry Brooks, of Clemmons Fire Department, stated that the Clemmons Fire Department serves all the area residents and that the response is almost the same as Forsyth County's response. Chief Brooks noted that the fire department is four miles from the area.

Attorney Stephen Holton read a statement from *Barney Hill* stating Mr. Hill's opposition to the creation of the proposed Clemmons Fire and Rescue District.

Perry Tyler presented closing remarks stating that the area is getting adequate services and recommended approval of the proposed fire district.

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Commissioner Watford asked that the Clemmons Fire Department extend its boundaries where possible; Chief Brooks agreed to the request.

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Kepley the Board voted 6-0 to close the public hearing.

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted 6-0 to approve the creation of the Clemmons Fire and Rescue Service District. (Exhibit 2)

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION

Consent Agenda

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted 5-1 to approve the consent agenda; Commissioner Kepley voted "No."

1. Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the Retreat on March 14, 2003 and March 15, 2003 and the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of March 25, 2003.

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

The Board approved the following budget amendments:

1/5th, 1/10th Plan – appropriate from ½ cent sales tax \$439,873, Social Services \$40,762, Child Support \$4,691, Health \$61,565, & other departments \$332,855.

Sheriff's Office – accept \$292.35 medical co-payments; accept \$1,640.32 in commissary funds.

Public Buildings – line item transfer from Parking Deck to cover Parking Deck charges erroneously charged to Public Buildings.

MIS – line item transfer of \$1,250 from lapsed salaries to purchase desk top computer.

Finance- appropriate \$3,399 sales tax audit services of Dixon Odom.

Senior Services – appropriate \$4,692 donations for Care Management – Crisis Fund.

Tax Department – appropriate \$15,399 for a property tax discovery of \$49,672 by Evans and Associates.

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Personnel - line item transfer of \$35,000 in lapsed salary funds for contracted services for Pay and Class Study by COG.

Health – accept \$4,275 from Davidson County Lions Council to purchase new MTI Vision Screener; accept \$7,500 from NC Department of Health and Human Services to Support Health Promotion Program activities around physical activity and nutrition; Line item transfers for cost of computers, office supplies, shortages in budget line items; accept reduction in revenue of \$3,094 from NC Department of Health and Human Services in the Child Health Section.

Day Reporting – reduction to actual amount State Grant (\$93,888).

Davidson County Schools – East Davidson Elementary School Project Ordinance. (Exhibit 3)

3. Renewal of Dental Plan by Keli Greer, Human Resources Director

The Board approved the renewal of the plan for dental benefits for County employees with Fortis (formerly Protective). (Exhibit 4)

Deliberation

4. Teaching Scholarship Requirements by Vice Chair Priscilla Hege

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 6-0 to schedule a public hearing for May 13, 2003, at 7:00 P.M., Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, to receive input and public comment on the proposed amendment to the Teaching Scholarship Ordinance that would lower the Grade Point Average (GPA) from 2.8 to 2.5 which is the State Standard. (Exhibit 5)

5. Appointments

Vice Chair Hege nominated Kathy Moorefield to the ***Animal Ordinance Review Committee***. There were no further nominations and the Board agreed by consensus to close the nominations. The Board voted 6-0 to appoint Kathy Moorefield to the Animal Ordinance Review Committee.

Vice Chair Hege nominated County Manager Robert Hyatt, County Attorney Stephen Holton, Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley, and Commissioner Sam Watford to serve on the ***201 Facilities Plan Subcommittee*** to work with designated officials and staff from the City of Lexington to structure a wastewater agreement. There were no other nominations and the Board agreed by consensus to close the

nominations. The Board then voted 6-0 to have Robert Hyatt, Stephen Holton, Commissioner Kepley and Commissioner Watford serve on the 201 Facilities Plan Subcommittee. (Exhibit 6)

6. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT EMERGENCY PLANNING FUNDING by Doug Lowe, Emergency Services Interim Director

Emergency Services Interim Director Doug Lowe addressed the Board with information about the grant funding allowed by the memorandum and noted that it is a 100% grant with no match but the County will have to take the *up front expenses* and then be reimbursed for all expenditures by the State.

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted to approve the Memorandum of Agreement to allow awarding of a \$12,500 grant to provide assistance to State and local governments in updating their Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) for all hazards with special emphasis on Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Terrorism Preparedness. (Exhibit 7)

7. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT – Upgrade of Boone’s Cave Park Facilities by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

Robert Hyatt noted that the agreement allows up to \$129,936 and the County will submit invoices and be reimbursed for the expenditures. Mr. Hyatt further noted that the agreement indicates that the deed for the park has been executed and he is pursuing the location of the deed as it goes through the process.

On a motion by Commissioner Kepley and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted 6-0 to approve the Cooperative Agreement between the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation and Davidson County for the upgrade of Boone’s Cave Park recreational facilities. (Exhibit 8)

8. Moratorium on Exotic Animals by Vice Chair Hege

(See amendment following Closed Session)

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Kepley the Board voted 6-0 to extend the Moratorium on Exotic Animals, which was adopted on November 12, 2002, for 120 days.

9. Letter of Support for Thomasville Medical Center-Fixed MRI

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 6-0 to approve a letter on behalf of the Board of Commissioners in support of the Certificate of Need Application for a fixed Magnetic Resonance Imager (MRI) at Thomasville Medical Center. (Exhibit 9)

CLOSED SESSION – Attorney/Client

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

Late Arrival

Commissioner Walser arrived at 8:05 P.M. and joined the Board in Closed Session.

Return to Open Session

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

County Attorney Holton reported discussion of an Attorney/Client matter with no action taken.

Amended – Moratorium on Exotic Animals

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 7-0 to amend the action on the Moratorium on Exotic Animals to extend it to August 26, 2003.

J. 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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