

MINUTES

April 14, 2009

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, 7:00 P.M., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro, Street, Lexington, North Carolina, for a regularly scheduled meeting and a public hearing.

PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Fred McClure, Vice Chairman Sam Watford, Cathy Dunn, Billy Joe Kempley, Larry Potts, Don Truell, Dr. Max Waiser

County Manager Robert Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb Hanner, County Attorney Chuck Frye, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, Human Resources Director Jim Tysinger, Finance Director Jane Kiker, 911 Director Terry Bailey, Health Director Layton Long, TRIP Director William Deal

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman McClure called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Larry Potts

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

Chairman McClure recognized visiting Boy Scouts. He also recognized Robert Hyatt on his birthday. He then called on Terry Bailey, 911 Director. Terry Bailey recognized Tele-communicators of the Year Kimberly Dash and Josh Myers, and Shift Supervisor of the Year Joni Grubb.

Chairman McClure recognized Robert Black, representing the Davidson County Council of Chambers.

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

The Chairman noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner Dunn the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

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Barney Hill expressed his opposition to the Edward Byrne JAG Application.

Ronald Swicegood stated that he had asked for a 20% reduction in the county's tax rate at a previous meeting. He requested the 20% reduction again for the 2009-2010.

H. PUBLIC HEARING – 2009 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Potts the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to open the public hearing to receive information and public comment on the 2009 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application.

Major Brian Grubb provided details of the grant, which is 100%, and noted that it would be used for computers, software, cameras, camcorders, fencing, etc.

Barney Hill spoke in opposition to the grant application.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Walscr and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously to approve the submittal of the 2009 Justice Assistance Grant Application. (Exhibit 2)

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION

Consent

On a motion by Vice Chairman Watford and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 6-1 to approve the consent agenda; Commissioner Kepley voted "No."

1. Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the March 24, 2009 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

2. Budget Amendments by Zeb Hamner, Assistant County Manager

The Board approved budget amendments for the Sheriff's Department, Fire Marshal's Office, Cooperative Extension, Davidson County Schools, Transportation, Tax, Social Services, Health, and the Airport. (Exhibit 3)

3. Reclassification by Jim Tysinger, Human Resources Director

The Board approved the request for reclassification of the Integrated Solid Waste Scale House Attendant part-time position to grade 60. (Exhibit 4)

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4. Davidson County Airport Authority Hangar Agreement Amendment by Zeb Hanner,

Assistant County Manager

The Board approved the Amendment to the Davidson County Airport Authority Hangar Agreement. (Exhibit 5)

Deliberation

5. Employee Benefits Program by Jim Tysinger, Human Resources Director

On a motion by Commissioner Dunn and a second by Vice Chairman Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the Davidson County Employee Benefit Summary 2009-2010 Plan.

(Exhibit 6)

6. Resolution for Bond Issue by Jane Kiker, Finance Director

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner Dunn the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the Resolution providing for the issuance of \$1,060,000 General Obligation Sewer Bonds and \$29,600 General Obligation School Bonds. (Exhibit 7)

7. Proclamation – National County Government Week by Chairman Fred D. McClure

On a motion by Commissioner Triell and a second by Commissioner Dunn the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to proclaim May 3-9, 2009 as National County Government Week. (Exhibit 8)

8. Appointments

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to table appointments to the Economic Development Commission to April 28, 2009.

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to appoint David “Tonte” Craver to the Davidson County Planning and Zoning Board.

(Exhibit 9)

9. Wil-Cox Bridge Ownership by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

Commissioner Kepley and Commissioner Walser presented comments on the preservation of the Wil-Cox Bridge. Discussion followed. The Board noted that questions about the bridge have not been answered and a decision cannot be made until more information is received. The issues raised were as follows:

- 1) Will NC DOT allow Davidson County additional time to study the condition of the

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bridge and to develop a plan for restoration?

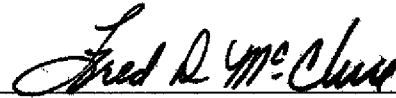
- 2) Why can't NC DOT keep and maintain this bridge, as it has other historic bridges?
- 3) Can Davidson County enter into an MOU with the NC National Guard to perform the repairs needed on the bridge?

Does the National Guard have the expertise to perform these services?


- 4) Are the costs stated by NC DOT to repair and maintain the bridge excessive? (i.e. What would be the actual cost for these items?)
- 5) Should Davidson County hire an engineer to perform an independent evaluation of the state of the bridge and the costs that will be incurred in its restoration?
- 6) What additional property will NC DOT provide to Davidson County in the area under and surrounding the bridge?
- 7) Are grant monies available to supplement the monies from NC DOT for the repairs and costs to maintain the bridge? (Exhibit 10)

J. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Vice Chairman Watford 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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