

## MINUTES

April 22, 2003

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 22, 2003, 7:00 P.M., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, for a regularly scheduled meeting and to hold a public hearing.

### PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Fred 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 Holton, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Budget Officer Zeb M. Hanner, Transportation Director Zeb F. Hanner, Fire Marshal Perry Tyler, Tax Administrator Joe Silver, Health Department Director Diane Crouse, Solid Waste Director Charles Brushwood, Recycling Coordinator Steve Swaim, Public Buildings Interim Director Scott Rickard, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Human Resources Director Keli Greer, Mark Crook of DOT

### A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Sink called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

### B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley

### C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### D. RECOGNITION – Special Recognition of Retiree

Chairman Sink and Health Department Director Diane Crouse recognized Rebecca Greening for her 25 years of service with the Health Department and presented her with a gift certificate. Mrs. Crouse noted that Ms. Greening would be sorely missed and congratulated her on her job performance. Ms. Greening addressed the Board with parting comments that included "there is no such thing as wasted money on a child."

Chairman Sink also recognized Emma White, representing the Davidson County Council of Chambers.

### 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 Akins the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of I.14. DOT's Moving Ahead Program/Forsyth MPO by Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

*C.M. Rogers* addressed the Board regarding the problem of "standing water" that covers over 1/3 acre on lot 37 on Shobert Court off Friedburg Church Road. He noted that the County has an easement for sewer on this property and asked for assistance to correct the problem.

*Randy Rooker* addressed the board on the "standing water" also and noted that the elevation in the area was changed with the installation of the sewer line and does not drain "like it used to."

*Lt. Mark Alley* of the Badin Fire Department stated that no new property is to be taken in on Alleghany Church Road if the Badin Lake Fire Service District is approved.

*Barney W. Hill* spoke in support of the School Bond Refinancing but opposed the Two-Thirds Bonds (I.10.).

H. PUBLIC HEARING – Rural Operating Assist Program by Zeb F. Hanner, Transportation Director

Zeb F. Hanner, Transportation Director, outlined the proposed Rural Operating Assist Program (ROAP) grant application and how it assists clients in the Davidson County Geographical region and provides funds for the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program, the Work First Transitional/Employment Transportation Assistance Program, and the Rural General Public Program. Mr. Hanner further commented that the funds are state funds and there is no local match with the exception of the Rural General Public program.

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to open the public hearing on the Rural Operating Assist Program.

*Barney W. Hill* spoke in opposition to the application for the Rural Operating Assist Program and requested that his comments of June 27, 2000 be exhibited. He stated that it is wrong for government to be in the transportation business and that a "grant is a device of the state or federal government to tax more so that it can use the excess to erode the autonomy of local government."

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Mr. Hanner offered closing remarks for clarification of the ROAP's funding to Davidson County programs noting the existence of many special urgent cases that are funded by this grant.

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

Vice Chair Hege expressed her support of the program and commended Mr. Hanner for his administration of the program.

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve submittal of the application for the ROAP grant as proposed.

(Exhibit 2)

H. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION

**Consent**

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 6-1

to approve the consent agenda items I.1., I.2., and I.3. and to consider I.4. under deliberation;

Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley voted "No."

1. Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of April 3, 2003 and April 8, 2003 Board of Commissioners' meetings.

2. Tax Report of Refunds by Joe Silver, Tax Administrator

The Board approved the Tax Report of Refunds for March 2003. (Exhibit 3)

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

The Board approved budget amendments as follows:

*Social Services* – Accept \$1,434 from Local Partnership for Children to purchase a computer and printer.

*Social Services* – Accept \$30,000 allocation from United Way (\$12,200 increase).

*Cooperative Extension* – Accept \$500 from Rowan County Leaf Tobacco Grant for Specialty Crops.

*EMS* – Transfer \$9,687 from salaries to equipment leases to cover cost of ambulance leases.

(Exhibit 4)

**Deliberation**

4. Additions to the North Carolina Secondary Road System by Guy Cornman, Planning and Zoning Director

The Board approved the addition of SR1577 Susan Street (Extension) to the North Carolina Secondary Road System for maintenance and the adoption of an SR2 Resolution supporting this addition contingent on verification of the street name. (Exhibit 5)

5. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINANCING BY WALLBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Paul Reid of the Wallburg Fire Department presented information on the request for approval of re-financing for Wallburg Fire Department. Mr. Reid noted that the proposed loan is for 15 years and will save approximately \$360 per month.

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to to adopt the RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINANCING BY WALLBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT that provides for the re-financing of up to \$850,000.00 to allow a more favorable interest rate. (Exhibit 6)

6. Letter of Support for Uptown Lexington by Liz Parham, Executive Director

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the request for a letter of support encouraging the City of Lexington Mayor and Lexington City Council to renew the Municipal Service District Tax to continue the revitalization efforts. (Exhibit 7)

7. Badin Lake Fire Service District by Perry Tyler, Fire Marshal

Perry Tyler responded to inquiries from the Board concerning the area to be served by the proposed Badin Lake Fire Service District. Discussion followed.

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 5 to 2 to deny the request for creation of the Badin Lake Fire Service District. The Board was polled by the County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Stephen Holton and the results are as follows:

Commissioner Walser

No

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Commissioner Truell	Yes	
Vice Chair Hege	No	
Commissioner Kepley	No	
Commissioner Watford	No	
Commissioner Akins	Yes	
Chairman Sink	No	(Exhibit 8)

8.a. Schedule Public Hearing for Solid Waste Management Ten-Year Plan Three-Year Update by Steve Swaim, Recycling Coordinator

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, May 13, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. to receive a three-year update on the Solid Waste Management Ten-Year Plan and to receive public comment on the information. (Exhibit 9)

8.b. Co-Mingling Recycling by Charles Brushwood, Solid Waste Director

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the co-mingled recyclables collection at box sites. (Exhibit 10)

9. Request from NC Department of Transportation to Accept Storm Debris and Establish Tipping Fee by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

On a motion by Commissioner Kepley and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the request from NC Department of Transportation for Davidson County Landfill to accept the ice storm debris and the proposed tipping fee of \$21.00 per ton to be paid by the North Carolina Department of Transportation with the County Manager to work out the details to avoid conflict with private industry and in the best interests of the County. (Exhibit 11)

10. Resolution for Two Thirds Bonds and School Bond Refinancing by Jane Kiker, Finance Director

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt a Resolution authorizing the LGC application for re-financing of school bonds.

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the Resolution on the findings of fact and indicating the need of \$930,000.

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Kepley the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the Resolution setting a Public Hearing for Tuesday, May 13, 2003, 7:00 P.M. on the Bond Orders to enable the proposal to use these bonds to fund the renovation of Liberty Drive Elementary School. (Exhibit 12)

11. Guaranteed Energy Savings Contracts by Zeb M. Hanner, Budget Officer

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 6 to 1 to approve \$4,755 to come out of the current Public Buildings Budget to pay for the review by the independent engineering firm, Calloway Johnson Moore West, to verify the feasibility and validity of the proposals on the Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract Project; Commissioner Akins voted "No."

(Exhibit 13)

12. Agreement Between Davidson County Board of Commissioners and Davidson County Board of Education for New School Construction Procedures by Stephen Holton, County Attorney

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the Agreement Between Davidson County Board of Commissioners and Davidson County Board of Education for new School Construction Procedures. (Exhibit 14)

13. Appointments

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to appoint Chairman Fred Sink and Commissioner Sam Watford for representation from the Board of Commissioners to the **School Construction Committee** and to consider the three citizens appointments at the May 13, 2003 meeting.

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to appoint the **Davidson County EMS System's Quality Management Committee** as submitted. (See Exhibit 15)

14. DOT "Moving Forward Program" /Winston-Salem MPO by Commissioner Kepley

Commissioner Kepley noted the time sensitive material needed for submission to DOT by May 2, 2003 relating to road/bridge improvement priorities for Davidson County. Commissioner Kepley noted that he and Guy Cornman had been working on a priority list and presented the list to the Board. Commissioner Kepley then requested that the board members designate their priorities and submit them to

the County Manager for a master list. He further noted that he and Mark Crook of DOT would then take the master list and work on the priorities together for submission to NCDOT. (See Exhibit 16)

Commissioner Kepley then passed out an invitation from High Point MPO to be compared with the invitation received from Winston-Salem MPO.

**Recognition**

Chairman Sink then recognized Dwayne Childress and Keli Greer and congratulated them on their graduation from the Institute of Government County Administration Program.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Fred C. Sink, Chairman

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Stephen C. Holton, Clerk to the Board

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