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May 1, 2003

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, May 1, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina, for an information meeting.

PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Fred C. Sink, Vice Chair Priscilla H. Hege, Billy Joe Kepley, Don W. Truell, Dr. Max Walser, and Samuel L. Watford

County Manager Robert C. Hyatt, County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Stephen C. Holton, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Budget Officer Zeb M. Hanner, Human Services Director Keli Greer, Zeb F. Hanner, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Recycling Coordinator Steve Swaim, Senior Services Director Kathryn Gentry, Assistant Public Buildings Director Scott Rickard, City of Lexington Solid Waste

Representative Tammy Bullin, Economic Development Director Steve Googe

ABSENT

Commissioner Cindy Akins was out of town.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Sink called the meeting to order.

B. INVOCATION

Chairman Fred Sink asked for a time of silent prayer.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

Chairman Sink recognized the Transportation Director, Zeb F. Hanner, and congratulated him on his 50th wedding anniversary.

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Sink noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Kepley the Board voted to adopt the agenda with the addition of Closed Session for Economic Development and Personnel and Attorney/Client and the addition of H.4. Sewer Use Policy. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS - None

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Solid Waste Advisory Committee Report by Tammy Bullin, City of Lexington Committee Representative

Tammy Bullin presented the results of a survey conducted in the Fall of 2002 at five random box sites and noted the following information: 1) Respondents did not know the costs of collection and disposal of household waste, 2) Respondents would not be in favor of disposal cost system based on amount thrown away, 3) Respondents were in favor of disposal costs at a lower rate than the current one, 4) the largest numbers of respondents are 50 years of age plus.

Recycling Coordinator Steve Swaim noted that a variable rate (fee based on amount of trash put into the box site) would encourage recycling. (Exhibit 2)

2. Insurance Premiums by Keli Greer, Human Services Director

Keli Greer reviewed the information on the renewal of the Workers Compensation Insurance with Zenith Insurance Company. Mrs. Greer noted the increase of \$102,765, representing growth of 15.37% with the experience modification (1.16) and the deductible (\$5,000) remaining constant. Ms. Greer recommended acceptance of the proposed premiums and to continue with Mr. Walt Rouse and Zenith Insurance Company.

Mrs. Greer also presented a proposal to continue health insurance coverage for County employees with CIGNA. The information included comparisons of the County's costs and the employees' costs under Option 1 and Option 2. Mrs. Greer recommended Option 2.

The Board agreed to place the Workers' Compensation Insurance and Health Insurance on the consent agenda for May 13, 2003. (Exhibit 3)

3. Maintenance Vehicle by Zeb M. Hanner, Budget Officer

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted 6-0

to approve the request for purchase of a new 2002 truck at \$22,500 for the Maintenance Department to replace a 1990 Chevrolet Cheyenne with 320,212 miles on it. (Exhibit 4)

4. Sewer Use Policy by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

Robert Hyatt apprised the Board of a request from an individual in the Friedburg Church Road area for some assistance or relief on his elevated water bill from Davidson Water that includes the sewer use. Mr. Hyatt noted that the bill, according to the individual, is high due to his watering of his lawn and the fact that he was unaware of the impact it would have on his water bill. Mr. Hyatt further noted that several months passed before the individual received his first bill and therefore the individual was not aware of the costs. Mr. Hyatt noted the agreement between the County and Davidson County for billing with regards to sewer use and noted the need for a policy. Discussion followed.

The Board agreed to authorize Mr. Hyatt to determine adjustments to the individual's bill and pursue the development of policy.

CLOSED SESSION – Economic Development

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 Economic Development and Personnel.

Return to Open Session

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

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

I. ADJOURNMENT

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

Fred C. Sink, Chairman

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Stephen C. Holton, Clerk to the Board

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