

## MINUTES

May 3, 2007

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 3, 2007, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina for a regularly scheduled informational meeting.

### PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Fred McClure, Vice Chairman Don Truell, Larry Allen, Billy Joe Kopley, Larry Potts, Dr. Max Walser, Sam Watford

County Manager Robert Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb M. Hanner, County Attorney Robert Hedrick, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, Health Director Layton Long, Risk Management Coordinator Jim Price, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Human Resources Director Jim Tysinger, Inspections Director Ron Triplette

### A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

### B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Sam Watford

### 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 Potts and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with the deletion of Closed Session for personnel, and the addition of H.6.Resolution in Support for Interstate Highway 85 Lane Additions ID#I-2304 and Bridge Replacement Over Yadkin River B-3833. (Exhibit 1)

### G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Lynn Griggs, owner of a North Carolina century-old farm, addressed the Board concerning contact by Recil Wright for right-of-way easement for Midway Sewer. Mr. Griggs objected to his receipt of communication from Wright and Associates stating that his land would be condemned.

Barney Hill expressed his views on H.2. and opposition to H.5.

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Yadkin Pee Dee Lakes Project Update by Nancy Gottovi

The Board received an update and map from Nancy Gottovi on the Yadkin Pee Dee Lakes Project and requested that the Board support the efforts of the project. (Exhibit 2)

2. Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) by Ray McKinney, Executive Director of PART

The Board received an invitation for Davidson County's participation in a Seamless Mobility Study of current transit services provided in the Triad Region. The invitation was accompanied by a Resolution that stated the approval of a Seamless Mobility Study of all routes, schedules, administrative and operating policies within the service territory and the creation of a Steering Committee and a Technical Advisory Committee with appropriate representation to oversee and guide the study and the cooperation of Davidson County staff in providing information. Mr. McKinney reported that North Carolina is the 5<sup>th</sup> fastest growing state in the nation and presented other statistics for the County. He noted the request for local funding for services that will be available in Lexington and Thomasville. He further noted that bus services can be re-established.

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Commissioner Potts the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to place the Resolution Approving Davidson County' Participation in the Seamless Mobility Study of the Urban Transit System on the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007 consent agenda and discussion to Consider the Proposal from the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) on the May 8th, 2007 deliberation agenda. (Exhibit 3)

3. Zenith Presentation and Recognition by Jim Price, Risk Management Coordinator

Jim Price introduced Dominic Gola of Zenith Insurance. Mr. Gola presented a Safety Award to Davidson County and noted the decrease in worker's compensation claims and the premium.

County Manager Robert Hyatt recognized Safety Coordinators for Davidson County.

4. Summary of Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) and Workforce Development Board Youth Council Symposium by Layton Long, Health Director

The Board received a summary of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and Workforce Development Board Youth Council Symposium from Layton Long. (Exhibit 4)

5. Presentation by Davidson Vision by Ben Ross, President

The Board received a power point presentation from Ben Ross on the background study for preparation of possible NC General Assembly legislation mandating funding for only one school system per county. Mr. Ross outlined issues and proposed plans for school merger if it should occur. He identified how other school systems operated, best practices, and the issues to be considered.

Commissioner Kepley expressed his opposition to school merger for Davidson County.

Commissioner Watford, Truell, McClure, Potts, and Allen thanked Ben Ross for the presentation and noted that merger would put Davidson County at a loss.

Commissioner Walser stated that merger will eventually come to Davidson County.


Dr. Dan Cockman, Superintendent of Thomasville City Schools, presented figures on funding being received. (Exhibit 5)


6. Resolution in Support for Interstate Highway 85 Lane Additions ID#1-2304 and Bridge Replacement Over Yadkin River B-3833 by Commissioner Sam Watford and Commissioner Max Walser

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner Potts the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the resolution. (Exhibit 6)

I. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Vice Chairman Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adjourn.

  
Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board  
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Fred D. McClure, Chairman  
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