

## **MINUTES**

**May 5, 2005**

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 A.M., Thursday, May 5, 2005, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina for a regularly scheduled meeting.

### **PRESENT**

Commissioners: Chairman Don Truell, Vice Chairman Larry Potts, Cindy Akins, Fred McClure, Fred Sink, Sam Watford

County Manager Robert Hyatt, County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Robert Hedrick, Assistant County Manager Zeb M. Hanner, Human Resources Director John Dean, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Planning and Zoning Officer Lee Crook, Parks and Recreation Director Charles Parnell, Watershed Coordinator Scott Leonard, Dan Coughlin, Renee Snipes, Paul Kron, David Long, John Hendren, Tax Administrator Joe Silver, IT Director Joel Hartley, Recycling Coordinator Steve Swaim, Inspections Director Ron Triplette, Ben Ross of Davidson Vision, Public Works and Services Director Bill Clutter and Assistant Director Scott Rickard, Fire Marshal Perry Tyler, Health Director Layton Long

### **ABSENT**

Commissioner Max Walser was in Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Chairman Truell called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

#### **B. INVOCATION**

Commissioner Fred Sink

#### **C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **D. RECOGNITION**

#### **E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS**

Chairman Truell noted the register for public address.

#### **F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted

6-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of H.7. Software Proposed Acquisition for Departments.

(Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Fiscal Information and Audit by Dan Coughlin, Piedmont Behavioral Health Care

Dan Coughlin of Piedmont Behavioral Health Care, presented information to the Board noting that the Medicaid waiver caps Medicaid costs and the Piedmont Behavioral Health Care Plan is basically a prepaid health care plan. (See Exhibit 2)

2. Master Plan for Tourism and Recreation by Paul Kron and David Long

Paul Kron presented a brief summary of the progress on the Davidson County Master Plan for Tourism and Recreation. He noted that the study started in the Fall of 2003; second stage involved evaluating community values and launched five community meetings around the County. He noted there are vast differences in resources, needs and expectations. He recommended the Tuckertown Lake area as a site for a park. He further noted that recommendations are to expand facilities with emphasis on the Boone's Cave Park, involving linear expansion of eight miles in a joint effort with ALCOA. He suggested a multi-sports facility and also an agricultural complex with a farmers' market and multi-cultural stage. He stated there are some ideas forthcoming for reorganizing the County's Parks and Recreation Department. He indicated that a significant investment is needed, with help from other organizations, in the amount of million to a million and a half dollars over a period of twenty years.

David Long recognized and commended Jo Ellen Edwards for the success and participation in the task force, due to her efforts and promotion of the plan. In his presentation he noted the strengths of Davidson County: high traffic, market location, central North Carolina location for conferences (Camp Walter Johnson), attractions, and mention of some diamonds in the rough. He suggested letting the private sector take the lead with the County's help through available grants. (See Exhibit 3)

3. Boone's Cave Park by Zeb M. Hanner, Assistant County Manager

Zeb M. Hanner, Assistant County Manager, presented a slide show of the Boone's Cave Park. Mr. Hanner's presentation exhibited the conditions before work began on the property and the status of the park as the work progresses. Mr. Hanner commended the Public Works and Services Department on their

exemplary work and construction at the park. Mr. Hanner noted the proposal forthcoming to have a ranger living on the premises in the cabin being constructed.

Charles Parnell noted that there will be someone at the park during the summer months.

Chairman Truell commended Zeb M. Hanner for his leadership and direction in the project.

(Exhibit 4)

4. Northeast Davidson County Overlay District by Scott Leonard, Watershed Coordinator

Scott Leonard, Davidson County Watershed Coordinator, addressed the Board concerning the pressure being received from the City of High Point for development by northeast Davidson County. He noted the Land Use Plan that was addressed to help the areas receiving pressure for development. He further noted the plans to protect the areas receiving the pressure with limitations to be addressed in the Zoning Ordinance. He stated that there are efforts to limit commercial use to some extent and submit an overlay plan to the City of High Point. He further noted the need for community meetings, a mass mail-out to explain the effort, and a public hearing.

The Board acknowledged the proposal and suggested meeting with the City of High Point.

(Exhibit 5)

5. Modification to High Point MPO MOU by Scott Leonard, Watershed Coordinator

Scott Leonard addressed the request by the Town of Wallburg to join the High Point Urban Area MPO to help coordinate its transportation planning for the community. Mr. Leonard noted that in order for the town to be officially recognized by the MPO, the original Memorandum of Understanding has to be amended by all member jurisdictions. Mr. Leonard requested placement of the amended MOU on the consent agenda for May 10, 2005 for adoption.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted 6-0 to place the item on the consent agenda for May 10, 2005. (Exhibit 6)

6. Article in Popular Government for Performance Management by Zeb M. Hanner, Assistant County Manager

Zeb M. Hanner addressed the Board concerning the article in Popular Government featuring Davidson County for their success with Performance Management. Mr. Hanner noted the commendations

for the participating department heads and the Ketner Awards received. Mr. Hanner noted that 12 departments are currently participating.

Chairman Truell and Commissioner McClure commended Mr. Hanner for his leadership in the program. (Exhibit 7)

Departure

Commissioner Fred Sink departed after receiving an urgent message.

7. Software Proposed Acquisition for Departments

The Board received information on the proposed software purchase for implementation of the next phase of Centralized Permitting wherein Environmental Health, Planning/Zoning, Inspections, and the Fire Marshal will be using live data from the Tax System for entry of data for permits issued and tracking creating a single data base for all departments. It was noted that the purchase will allow implementation by January 2006 with a cost of \$212,820.00 to come from Inspections Performance Based Budgeting Savings. The Board acknowledged the request for placement of the item on the May 10, 2005 agenda.

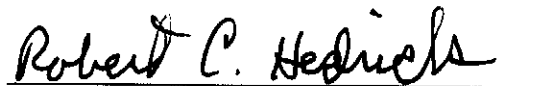
Mr. Triplette apprised the Board of the beginning efforts in 1990 when the County Manager, Norman Shronce, and some County Staff visited another county to view the Centralized Permitting Program. He then noted other visits through the years. He informed the Board that there is an interest-free loan to purchase the software. He noted the one-stop shopping for citizens and the shorter turn-around time for securing a permit, which could be less than an hour.

Vice Chairman Potts commended the Inspections Staff.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted 5-0 to place the item on the May 10, 2005 agenda for consideration. (Exhibit 8)

I. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn.

  
Robert C. Hedrick, Clerk to the Board  
Davidson County Board of Commissioners

  
Don W. Truell, Chairman  
Davidson County Board of Commissioners