

MINUTES

May 7, 2009

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 AM on Thursday, May 7, 2009, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina, for a regularly scheduled information meeting.

PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Fred McClure, Vice Chairman Sam Watford, Cathy Dunn, Billy Joe Kepley, Larry Potts, and Don Truell.

County Manager Robert Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb Hanner, County Attorney Chuck Frye, Deputy Clerk to the Board Debbie Harris, Human Resources Director Jim Tysinger, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Scott Leonard, Dr. Russell Smith, Chief Sheriff Deputy Major Brian Grubb, Major Steve Hedrick, Carol Black, Deputy Director, Department of Social Services Dale Moorefield, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Recycling Coordinator Steve Swaim, City of Lexington Assistant City Manager Alan Carson, Public Works Project Manager Rick Prevette, Glen Ware, Karen Westen-Chien, Dispatch Reporter Heather Smith.

ABSENT

Commissioner Max Walser was absent from this meeting.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Sam Watford and a second by Commissioner Larry Potts the Board voted 6-0 to excuse Commissioner Walser from the meeting.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Chairman Fred McClure.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

There were no recognitions.

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman McClure noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

County Manager Robert Hyatt requested that the Board add a Closed Session to the Agenda to discuss an Attorney/Client matter. Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley requested that an update on the Wil-Cox Bridge issue be added as Number 6 on the Items for Information/Decision.

On a motion by Commissioner Don Truell and a second by Commissioner Cathy Dunn the Board voted 6-0 to adopt the amended agenda. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Barney Hill spoke in opposition to any change in the County's Land Use Development Plan.

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Land Development Plan Update by Guy Cornman, Planning and Zoning Director

Dr. Russell Smith and County Planning Staff appeared and presented recommendations of the Land Development Plan for information purposes. Dr. Russell described the objectives/goals of the steering committee and how the presented document was drafted and organized. The consensus of the Board was to set this issue on the Agenda for discussion on Tuesday, May 12, 2009. (Exhibit 2)

2. Three-Year Update to Ten-Year Reduction Plan Presentation and Schedule Public Hearing by Steve Swaim, Recycling Coordinator

Recycling Coordinator Steve Swaim addressed the Board and reported that this is the fourth update in this Plan since its inception in 1997 and presented an overview of the Plan Update. The ultimate goal of the plan is to expand the life of the County's Landfill. Mr. Swaim reported that since the 2006 update, there have been several new recycling programs implemented. He further reported that costs, revenues and expected expenditures are included in the update that has been presented. A request to set a public hearing was made by Mr. Swaim to the Board.

On a motion by Commissioner Larry Potts and a second by Commissioner Cathy Dunn the Board voted 6-0 to set the Three-Year Update to Ten-Year Reduction Plan for a public hearing on May 26, 2009. (Exhibit 3)

3. Health Insurance Benefits for Retirees by Jim Tysinger, Human Resources Director

Human Resources Director Jim Tysinger addressed the Board regarding his recommendations for ending benefits for health insurance benefits to retirees beginning with any individual hired after July 1,

2009 and stressed that this change would not impact current employees. He reported the County's current expenses for retiree benefits.

On a motion by Commissioner Larry Potts and a second by Commissioner Cathy Dunn the board voted 5-1 to place the issue of Health Insurance Benefits for Retirees on the Consent Agenda for Tuesday, May 12, 2009. Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley voted "no." (Exhibit 4)

4. Community Child Protection Team Child Fatality Prevention Team Annual Report

Deputy Director of Social Services Dale Moorefield addressed the Board and provided an overview of the purpose of the Child Fatality Prevention Team, the content of the Report and future goals of the Team. (Exhibit 5)

5. Jail Committee Update by Dwayne Childress, Purchasing Director

Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress introduced Glen Ware of Ware Bonsall Architects who discussed the results of the Site Evaluation and provided an overview of the current status of the Project. Karen Westen-Chien of Haden/Stanziale discussed Site Evaluation Issues that were undertaken in this process. Mr. Ware reported that after taking into consideration all of the factors that were to be considered, that the Committee has recommended the Duracell site for construction of any new jail facility construction undertaken by the Board. Although suggested phases of the property expansion and anticipated costs were discussed, it was specifically noted that the only recommendation to be made to the Board at this time was that the Duracell site was the more appropriate of the two sites considered by the Committee to be utilized by the Board in any next step taken by the Board in jail expansion/construction.

A discussion by the Board ensued. It was the consensus of the Board that this item be added to the Consent Agenda for May 12, 2009, for consideration to formally accept the Duracell site and whether to proceed with environmental testing on this Site. (Exhibit 6)

6. Update on Wil-Cox Bridge by Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley

Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley addressed the Board and provided a brief update on the status of the Wil-Cox Bridge.

I. CLOSED SESSION- Attorney/Client Matter

On a motion by Commissioner Larry Potts and a second by Commissioner Don Truell the Board voted unanimously 6-0 to go into Closed Session for an Attorney/Client issue

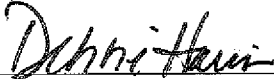
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

Chuck Frye, Davidson County Attorney, reported that an Attorney/Client issue was discussed and that there was no action taken by the Board.

J. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Don Truell and a second by Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn.



Debbie Harris, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Davidson County Board of Commissioners



Fred D. McClure, Chairman
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