

## **MINUTES**

**May 8, 2007**

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 P.M., on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina for a regularly scheduled meeting and a public hearing.

### **PRESENT**

Commissioners: Chairman Fred McClure, Vice Chairman Don Truell, Larry Allen, Billy Joe Kepley, Larry Potts, Sam Watford

County Manager Robert Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb M. Hanner, County Attorney Robert Hedrick, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Cooperative Extension Director Robert Lopp, Soil and Water Director Andy Miller, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Lexington City Manager John Gray, Register of Deeds David Rickard, 911 Director Terry Bailey, Clerk to the Board Anne M. Burkhart

### **ABSENT**

Commissioner Max Walser was excused for out-of-town business.

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

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

#### **B. INVOCATION**

Chairman Fred McClure

#### **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 Watford the Board voted 6-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of Personnel in Closed Session. (Exhibit 1)

#### **G. PUBLIC ADDRESS**

Lexington City Manager John Gray read a letter from Lexington City Mayor Richard Thomas supporting the bus service by the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) into Davidson County. Mr. Gray noted his appreciation of the Davidson County Transportation System and further stated that it is invaluable to the area. (Exhibit 2)

Barney Hill requested that the Board table PART's revenue options and review them

Excuse Commissioner Max Walser

*On a motion by Commissioner Kepley and a second by Commissioner Potts the Board voted 6-0 to excuse Commissioner Walser for out-of-town business.*

H. PUBLIC HEARING – Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Vice Chairman Truell the Board voted 6-0 to open the public hearing to receive information and public input on the requested changes to the Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance.

George Smith, Vice Chairman of the Voluntary Agricultural District Advisory Board, reviewed the amendments to the ordinance.

Barney spoke in support of both amendments.

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Vice Chairman Truell the Board voted 6-0 to close the public hearing.

On a motion by Commissioner Kepley and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted 6-0 to approve the amended ordinance.

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted 6-0 to place the amendments to the ordinance on the May 22, 2007 deliberation agenda for a second vote, required due to the absence of Commissioner Walser, and thus, lack of a unanimous vote. (Exhibit 3)

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION

Consent

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted 5-1 to approve the consent agenda; Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley voted "No" on consent agenda items I.1, I.2., I.3., I.4., I.5., and I.6.

1. Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of April 24, 2007.

2. Budget Amendments by Zeb M. Hanner, Assistant County Manager

The Board approved budget amendments for Tax, Inspections, Sanitation, Sheriff, North Lexington and Silver Valley Fire Departments, Social Services, and 911. (Exhibit 4)

3. Resolution of Intent to Reimburse by Jane Kiker, Finance Director

The Board approved the Resolution of Intent to Reimburse by which the County declares its intent to reimburse itself for capital expenditures in connection with improvements to the Davidson County Community College, Davidson County Schools, Lexington City Schools, and the Thomasville City Schools from the bond proceeds to be issued in calendar year 2007. (Exhibit 5)

4. Resolution Approving Davidson County's Participation in Seamless Mobility Study of the Urban Transit System

The Board adopted the Resolution Approving Davidson County's Participation in Seamless Mobility Study of Urban Transit System. (Exhibit 6)

5. Surplus Property by Dwayne Childress, Purchasing Director

The Board approved the listed surplus, the sale date of June 9, 2007, 9:00 A.M. until finish, the authority to add minor items to the list as needed, the items agreed upon in the contract covering \$500.00 advertising expense, and the moving expense of \$1,000.00 or more covered by proceeds of the surplus sale. (Exhibit 7)

6. Resolution in Support of Observance of National Nursing Home Week

The Board adopted the Resolution in Support of Observance of National Nursing Home Week. (Exhibit 8)

Deliberation

7. Report from Voluntary Agricultural District Advisory Board by George Smith, Vice Chairman of the Voluntary Agricultural District Advisory Board

The Board received a report from George Smith, Vice Chairman of the Voluntary Agricultural District Advisory Board. (Exhibit 9)

8. Consider Proposal from Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) to Provide Express Service for Davidson County

Brent McKinney, Executive Director of PART, presented items for consideration of funding to provide express service for Davidson County. He noted that service for Davidson County would cost PART \$500,000 to \$750,000. He noted that the revenue would be used for construction of park and ride lots, purchase of buses, and the operation of the service, which would begin early next year, 2008.

Commissioner Kepley commented that he did not feel that Davidson County is ready for the PART express bus service.

Commissioner Watford expressed concerns for the financing of the program and indicated he was undecided on the issue.

Vice Chairman Truell spoke in support of the service and noted the higher cost of gas, the non-attainment status of the County, and the number of people who travel out of the County to work.

Commissioner Allen indicated that he was also undecided on the issue. He then made a motion to table the issue to the next meeting. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Potts stated the service will be needed in the future for Davidson County just as mass transit is a must in the larger cities now. He stated that County officials need to look ahead and have foresight for a solution for transportation problems. He stated his support for the service.

Brent McKinney stated that data still has to be gathered for the Hwy. 109 area, but service is being considered for the I-85 and Hwy. 52 corridors. He noted the great savings to the citizens who ride the bus, with 42-43% of Davidson County's citizens traveling out of the County to work. He noted the cost is \$2 one way, \$1 for seniors and students, and \$50 per month for commuters. He noted that no park and ride lots have had to be abandoned due to lack of riders.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Truell and a second by Commissioner Potts the Board voted 5-1 for the partnership with PART with 5% tax on rental cars; Commissioner Kepley voted "No."

(Exhibit 10)

9. Appointments

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Vice Chairman Truell the Board voted 6-0 to appoint John Hedgecock, Mike Hege, Nolan Smith, George Smith, Leslie Crouse, Sterling Wall, Thom Hege, Robert Lopp, Andy Miller, Guy Cornman to the Voluntary Agricultural District Advisory Board.

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Vice Chairman Truell the Board voted 6-0 to appoint Fred McClure to the Davidson Vision Board.

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Vice Chairman Truell the Board voted 6-0 to appoint Commissioner Watford and Commissioner Allen to the Davidson County School Construction Committee for renovations to East, Brown, and South schools. (Exhibit 11)

J. CLOSED SESSION – Real Estate

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Vice Chairman Truell the Board voted 6-0 to go into Closed Session for real estate and personnel.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

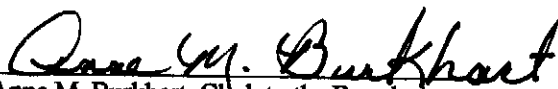
On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Vice Chairman Truell the Board voted 6-0 to return to Open Session.

County Attorney Robert Hedrick reported discussion of real estate and personnel in Closed Session with no action taken.

K. ADJOURNMENT

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

  
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Fred D. McClure, Chairman  
Davidson County Board of Commissioners

  
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Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board  
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