

MINUTES

May 9, 2006

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 09, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, for a regularly scheduled meeting and public hearing.

PRESENT

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

County Manager Robert Hyatt, County Attorney Robert Hedrick, Assistant County Manager Zeb M. Hanner, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, Public Works and Services Director Bill Clutter, IT Director Joel Hartley, Senior Services Employees Angelia Chappel and Donna Campbell, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Lexington Chamber of Commerce President Radford Thomas, Real Estate Broker Brenda Gibbons, Inspections Director Ron Triplette, Social Services Director Catherine Lambeth, Register of Deeds Mark Myers, Finance Director Jane Kiker

ABSENT

Commissioner Max Walser was in Washington, D.C. attending a meeting with FERC.

LATE

Commissioner Fred Sink was late due to death in the family.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman McClure called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Chairman Fred McClure

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

Chairman McClure recognized Dan Rhyme of the Davidson County Council of Chambers.

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman McClure noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted 5-0 to adopt the agenda. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Gene Beck addressed the Board requesting no raise in taxes through the revaluation of property.

Barney Hill addressed the Board based on NCGS158-7.1 regarding economic development incentives, noting that he felt there was partiality shown. He also spoke on the Rural Operating Assistance Program and noted the change in source of local match.

H. PUBLIC HEARING – Rural Operating Assistance Program 2006-2007

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 5-0 to open the public hearing.

Zeb F. Hanner, Transportation Director, noted that the public hearing was scheduled to receive public comment and inquiries regarding the 2006-2007 Rural Operating Assistance Program Grant application (ROAP). He then presented information on the proposed fund allocations of the grant. He noted that funds are intended to assist elderly or disabled individuals who do not qualify for other transportation assistance, for Social Services and Rural Public Transportation, and for individuals who are not human service agency clients.

Arrival of Commissioner Fred Sink

Discussion followed.

Barney Hill spoke in opposition to the ROAP with reference to his written remarks of the June 27, 2000 public hearing.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner Sink the Board voted 6-0 to approve the submittal of the 2006-2007 Rural Operating Assistance Program Grant application.

(Exhibit 2)

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION

Consent

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 6-0 to approve the consent agenda.

1. Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of April 25, 2006 Davidson County Board of Commissioners' meeting.

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

The Board approved budget amendments for Health, Jail, Davidson County Schools, Parks and Recreation, Museum, IT, Senior Services, Inspections, Fire Marshal, Cooperative Extension, Social Services. (Exhibit 3)

Deliberation

3. Request for Sewer Allocation by Brenda Gibbons

Brenda Gibbons, real estate broker, introduced the owners of the project and presented a request to have access to approximately 33,000 gallons of Davidson County's sewer allotment from the City of Lexington for the Tinker's Creek Subdivision (TCSD) Project. She then exhibited the project by a power point presentation.

Discussion followed.

Bill Clutter addressed the Board noting that the item could be approved conceptually. He noted that allocations should have a time limit and not beyond ten years.

Andy Gibbons explained the plans for construction.

On a motion by Chairman McClure and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 5-1 to approve the allocation of 33,000 gallons from the City of Lexington for the Tinker's Creek Subdivision conditional on the proper developmental approvals; Vice Chairman Potts voted "no."

(Exhibit 4)

4. Historical Courthouse Marker for the North Carolina Civil War Trails by Radford Thomas, President of Lexington Chamber of Commerce and Zeb M. Hanner, Assistant County Manager

Radford Thomas presented a request for an easement for the location of a Civil War Trails Marker at the old Historical Courthouse location on the West Center Street side of the building to facilitate

participation in the Civil War Trail program and promote tourism in the County. He noted that there is a second site identified which is the Old Homestead.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Sink the Board voted 6-0 to grant the easement for the marker. (Exhibit 5)

5. Group Medical Insurance

John Dean, Human Resources Director, noted that the recommendation for medical insurance is Blue Cross. He noted a change in claims that is an 18% decrease. He shared the benefits of the program including free generic drugs for the first six months. He recognized Consultant Larry Reece of Wachovia Insurance.

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted 6-0 to change the Group Medical Insurance to Blue Cross for a three-year period. (Exhibit 6)

6. Proclamation – Older Americans Month

Rev. Lamar Myers, Martha Nicholson, Evelyn Kepley, and Ann Corn were present in addition to Donna Campbell and Administrative Assistant Angelia Chappel in support of the Proclamation for Older Americans Month.

Rev. Lamar Myers, Martha Nicholson, Angelia Chappel, Evelyn Kepley, Ann Corn, and Chairman McClure read the Proclamation proclaiming May 2006 as Older Americans Month.

On a motion by Commissioner Sink and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 6-0 to adopt the proclamation for Older Americans Month, May 2006. (Exhibit 7)

7. Schedule Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment Applications by Guy Cornman,
Planning and Zoning Director

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted 6-0 to accept the applications from Linda Sue Smith, Fonzo and Ramona Caudle, and Thornfield Associates, refer them to the Planning and Zoning Board for their review and recommendations, and set a public hearing for June 5, 2006, 7:00 P.M., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington. (Exhibit 8)

8. Appointments

Vice Chairman Potts nominated Max Gainor for appointment to the Nursing Home Advisory

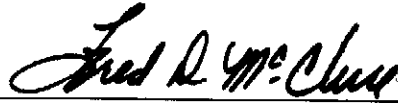
Committee to fill one of the two vacancies.

Commissioner Akins then nominated Beth Silver for appointment to the Nursing Home Advisory Committee.

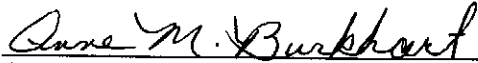
On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioners Akins the Board agreed by acclamation to close the nominations and to appoint Max Gainor and Beth Silver to the Nursing Home Advisory Committee. (Exhibit 9)

J. ADJOURNMENT

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



Fred D. McClure, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners



Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board
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