

**MINUTES**

**May 23, 2006**

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 23, 2006, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina, for a regularly scheduled meeting.

**PRESENT**

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

County Manager Robert Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb M. Hanner, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Public Works and Services Director Bill Clutter, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, Human Resources Director John Dean, Fire Marshal Perry Tyler, EMS Director Doug Lowe, Inspections Director Ron Triplette, Health Director Layton Long, Social Services Director Catherine Lambeth, Jason Clodfelter of Economic Development

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Chairman McClure called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

**B. INVOCATION**

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**D. RECOGNITION**

Chairman McClure recognized Greg Monroe, representing the Davidson County Council of Chambers.

**E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS**

The Chairman noted the register for public address.

**F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On a motion by Commissioner Fred Sink and a second by Vice Chairman Larry Potts the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of Attorney/Client in Closed Session.

(Exhibit 1)

**G. PUBLIC ADDRESS**

Gene Beck spoke on the amount of the school bond and expressed his opposition to the amount of burden on the taxpayers. He advocated prayer in schools and in public meetings.

Larry Allen addressed the Board concerning problems with illegal immigration and its impact on Davidson County taxes.

H. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION

Consent

Commissioner Akins moved that *Budget Amendment g. under H.2.* be removed from the Consent Agenda; Vice Chairman Potts seconded. Upon a vote the motion carried 7-0.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the consent agenda with the exception of *Budget Amendment g.*

Discussion followed with clarification of *Budget Amendment g.* by Zeb M. Hanner.

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Sink the board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve *H.2. Budget Amendment g.*

1. Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of May 4, 2006 and May 9, 2006 Board of Commissioners' meetings.

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

The Board approved budget amendments for the Library, Cooperative Extension Services, Lexington City Schools, JTEC, Health, Sheriff's Office, and Thomasville City Schools.

(Exhibit 2)

3. Tax Report of Refunds by Joe Silver, Tax Administrator

The Board approved the Tax Report of Refunds for April 2006. (Exhibit 3)

4. Reclassifications and Additional Grade by John Dean, Human Resources Director

The Board approved reclassification of two Office Support II (Grade 54) positions to Office Support III (Grade 57) in the Social Services Department and the addition of Inspector IV-B by splitting Inspector IV to IV-A (Grade 67) and IV-B (Grade 69) to add the additional level in the progression ladder for qualified inspectors. . (Exhibit 4)

5. Pyrotechnics Permits for Hi-Toms Games, Old Threshers' Reunion, and Fourth of July at Finch Park by Perry Tyler, Fire Marshal

The Board approved Pyrotechnics Permits for the Hi-Toms Games, the Old Threshers' Reunion, and the Fourth of July Event at Finch Park. (Exhibit 5)

Deliberation

6. Resolution – Davidson County Medicare Payment Issue by Chairman Fred McClure

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Vice Chairman Potts the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the Resolution on the Davidson County Medicare Payment Issue. (Exhibit 6)

7. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Annual Plan and Proposed Membership List

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Annual Plan and the proposed membership. (Exhibit 7)

8. Appointments

On a motion by Potts and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to appoint Commissioner Truell to the Winston-Salem, High Point, and Greensboro Urbanized Area MPO Transportation Advisory Committees (TAC).

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Commissioner Sink the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to appoint Steve Googe to the Airport Authority.

The Board discussed the composition of the Animal Ordinance Committee. Discussion followed concerning Board members submitting names for consideration.

Vice Chairman Potts made a motion to appoint Artie Burkhart and Mary Culp to the Animal Ordinance Committee and allow the Health Director to make the remaining appointments at a future meeting; Commissioner Walser seconded. Upon a vote the motion carried 7-0. (Exhibit 8)

9. Sewer Reimbursement Policy by Bill Clutter, Public Works and Services Director

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the revisions to Article III (Draft 4) of the Davidson County Sewerage System Policy. (Exhibit 9)

10. Meeting with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Officials by Commissioner Max

Walser

Commissioner Walser reported on the meeting with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Officials. He noted that the High Rock Coalition is pursuing more stable water levels (ALCOA to draw down no more than 3 ft. from April 1 to November 1 and no more than 7 ft. from November 1 to April 1). He noted the problem of sedimentation, especially for Salisbury. He noted that he has been sensitive to the economic interests of ALCOA. (Exhibit 10)

11. Schedule Public Hearing for Amendments to Teaching Scholarship Ordinance by Robert C. Hedrick, County Attorney

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to schedule a public hearing for June 27, 2006, 7:00 P.M., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Davidson County Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, to receive information and public comments on the consideration of amendments to the Teaching Scholarship Ordinance to provide for the amount of the scholarship, the number and the allocation to be set by the Board of Commissioners from time to time. (Exhibit 11)

12. Davidson County 2006-2007 Budget Message by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

County Manager Robert Hyatt presented the Budget Message for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. He noted that the \$.54 per \$100 property tax valuation will not increase over last fiscal year. Mr. Hyatt noted he is recommending a 3% cost of living salary increase to be implemented on July 1, 2006 and also a 1% 401K contribution for employees. He further noted 13 new positions are being recommended for approval in the budget.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to schedule a Workshop for June 1, 2006 to follow the Informational Meeting and schedule a Public Hearing for June 13, 2006 at 6:00 P.M. in the Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington. (Exhibit 12)

I. CLOSED SESSION


On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to go into Closed Session for matters of Economic Development and Personnel.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner Sink and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to return to Open Session.

J. ADJOURNMENT

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

  
Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board  
Davidson County Board of Commissioners

  
Fred D. McClure, Jr., Chairman  
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