

MINUTES

June 1, 2006

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, June 1, 2006 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, for an informational meeting and budget worksession.

PRESENT

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

County Manager Robert Hyatt, County Attorney Robert Hedrick, Assistant County Manager Zeb M. Hanner, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Cooperative Extension Director Robert Lopp, 911 Emergency Communications Director Terry Bailey, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, Library Director Ruth Ann Copley, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Sheriff David Grice, Register of Deeds Mark Myers, Inspections Director Ron Triplette, Emergency Services Director Doug Lowe, Day Reporting Director Angela Scott, Soil and Water Director Bruce Wilson, IT Representative Vickie Hunt, Chris Coble and Brian Grubb of the Sheriff's Department, Elections Director Ruth Huneycutt, Transportation Director Zeb F. Hanner, Health Director Layton Long, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Carl McKnight of Cooperative Extension, Social Services Director Catherine Lambeth, Human Resources Director John Dean, Veterans Director Bob Leonard, Public Works and Services Director Bill Clutter and Assistant Scott Rickard, Tax Department Administrative Assistant Jane Wingler, JTEC Director Pat Everhart

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman McClure 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 McClure noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Vice Chairman Larry Potts and a second by Commissioner Fred Sink the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with addition of Consideration of Cancellation of the August 3, 2006 Informational Meeting. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Barney Hill addressed the Board concerning the compensation for some of the 48 various county boards' membership.

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance by Robert Lopp, Cooperative Extension Services Director

The Board received a draft of the Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance for review. Robert Lopp elaborated on the functions of the Voluntary Agricultural District Board and the impact of the established district. He then introduced Tom Hege, representing the steering committee.

Tom Hege noted that the goals of the committee are to set and protect agricultural districts and publicize. He noted that the committee is working to protect and identify agricultural districts and enhance conservation.

Robert Lopp stated that the incentives for the farmers to join will be to get marketing, help encroachment, water and sewer payment after connection, conservation, lower speed limits for safety of farmers on farm vehicles on the road, and signage. Discussion followed concerning some changes to wording of the ordinance. Mr. Lopp noted there would be one sign at an approximate cost of \$65 each per farm.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Sink the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to place the draft ordinance with noted corrections on the June 13, 2006 agenda for scheduling a public hearing. (Exhibit 2)

2. Resolution Amending Davidson County Board of Commissioners' Meeting Schedule

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to place the Resolution on the June 13, 2006 consent agenda.

The Board agreed to place Consideration of Cancellation of August 3, 7, and 8, 2006 Meetings,

due to absence of three commissioners for the NACo conference, on the June 13, 2006 agenda. (Exhibit 3)

3. Reverse 911 by Ellis Frazier and Terry Bailey, 911 Communications Director

The Board received a power-point presentation on Reverse 911 Phase II Information and Activation . Ellis noted that it is a notification system for varying types of information and bulletin board service for county agencies. It limits the amount of manpower needed to get public safety information out to the public and in a shorter time. He then provided exhibits of the system setup. He noted that the type of services available are outbound/emergency messages (100-170 per minute), bulletin board, and guardian call/welfare checks. He noted it has been used by the Sheriff's Department for criminal activities on two occasions. He stated that public safety personnel will need to be informed on the system. (Exhibit 4)

I. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adjourn.

J. BUDGET WORKSESSION

The Chairman called the Board to order to conduct a budget worksession for the Davidson County Budget FY2006-2007.

Vice Chairman Potts noted to set aside \$100,000 for this year and \$100,000 for next year rather than commit for 5 years for **Davidson Vision**. He noted he wants to see where the money has been spent in the past and asked that a list of expenditures be provided before the next Commissioners' meeting.

Vice Chairman Potts noted that he would like to have funding set aside for 4 Sheriff's deputies to be trained to be **IMS certified agents**. The Board requested that the cost of the training be provided for consideration.

Commissioner Walser reported on the Medicare costs to the County. Commissioner Walser stated that Senator Bingham called him and noted that he had spoken with Senator Rand who stated that he would bring the issue back up before Senate and try to get Davidson County some relief.

Commissioner Truell commended staff on the budget and maintaining the same tax rate.

Commissioner Akins questioned the SRO budget of the Sheriff's budget and requested clarification. Zeb M. Hanner provided clarifications.

Commissioner Watford questioned the 6 new positions requested for EMS out of 13 positions overall and acknowledged the set up for Midway. He commended the work and noted the use of **Lake Thom-A-Lex** and noted the need for seasonal (part-time County) employees. He acknowledged it is not addressed in the budget but is being considered and will be shared 1/3 with Lexington and Thomasville and county cost can be brought to the public hearing.

Robert Hyatt noted that the Boone's Cave employee is funded through **Recreation**.

Commissioner Watford questioned \$41,000 budgeted for Tourism. Zeb Hanner responded that there are 120 hours per month budgeted for Jo Ellen Edwards' services as Director.

Commissioner Watford questioned \$902,000 for Debt Sewer Service. Zeb Hanner made clarifications. Robert Hyatt offered information on use of funds for salaries for the sewer systems.

Chairman McClure asked how many parks are owned by Davidson County. Robert Hyatt responded that there are five.

Chairman McClure noted that Bob Segal, who saved the County \$250,000 to \$300,000 has been referred to the Davidson County School System but the Davidson County School System has not contacted Mr. Segal. The Board discussed the option of asking again that Mr. Segal be allowed to look at their spending and requested that the County Manager contact the school system.

Commissioner Truell inquired about the Library budget for construction in Denton. Robert Hyatt reported it is still ongoing.

Commissioner Sink thanked department heads for their work on the budget.

Robert Hyatt reported that information from the State on adoption assistance funding for Social Services may be coming forth and may impact the 2006-2007 budget. Catherine Lambeth reported that adoption assistance rate may go up for hard-to-place children to be adopted.

Chairman McClure addressed the performance based budgeting and noted the savings with congratulations to the department heads and staff.

Robert Hyatt noted a request for additional detention officers in the **Sheriff's Department**. He asked about consideration of pre-trial release to reduce numbers of inmates in Davidson County **Jail**. Commissioner Truell stated that the State will not fund the program. Robert Hyatt noted that he was aware of the absence of funding from the State but stated that he thought it would still save money for the County

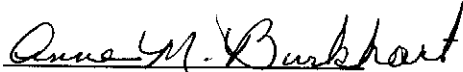
even with funding the program in lieu of additional jailers and jail space. Chairman McClure noted it could be looked at and other counties are pleased with the program. Robert Hyatt noted he would continue to pursue information on the program.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adjourn.



Fred D. McClure, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners



Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board
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