

MINUTES

June 4, 2009

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, June 4, 2009, at 8:00 P.M., in the Commissioners' Room, Davidson County Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina for a regularly scheduled informational meeting.

PRESENT

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

County Manager Robert Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb Hanner, County Attorney Chuck Frye, Assistant County Attorney Mike Newby, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Watershed Coordinator Scott Leonard, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Health Director Layton Long, IT Director Joel Hartley, Register of Deeds David Rickard, Soil and Water Director Andy Miller, Veterans Director Boyd Morgan, Inspections Director Ron Triplette, Human Resources Director Jim Tysinger, Tax Administrator Joe Silver, Parks and Recreation Director Charles Parnell, Public Works and Services Director Rex Buck, Senior Services Director Thessia Everhart-Roberts, Social Services Director Keith Johnson, Davidson Works Director Nancy Borrell, EMS Director Doug Lowe, Board of Elections Director Ruth Huneycutt, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Cooperative Extension Administrative Assistant Marie Bruff, Integrated Solid Waste Management Director Charlie Brushwood, Director of Libraries Ruth Ann Copley, Sheriff David Grice, 911 Director Terry Bailey

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman McClure called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Don Truell

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 Dunn the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of Closed Session for Real Estate. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Piedmont Behavioral Healthcare Report by Pam Shipton, Deputy director

Pam Shipton reported on the numbers of people waiting for services and noted that 625 slots are available for Davidson County for those with development disabilities. She also noted the numbers served with state funding, advising that funding is diminishing. Ms. Shipton reported on the spending and the providers used for the services. (Exhibit 2)

2. Offer of Gift Deed for 25' Tract on Arbor Drive by Chuck Frye, County Attorney

County Attorney Chuck Frye apprised the Board that the estate of Margaret Craven has tendered a deed to the County for a 25 foot tract on Arbor Drive of their partial interest in this tract. The Board did not direct that the item be placed on the June 9, 2009 agenda; the Board had no interest in the property.

(Exhibit 3)

3. Amendment to Watershed Ordinance by Scott Leonard, Watershed Coordinator

Scott Leonard apprised the Board that he has discovered that a section in the State Watershed Model Ordinance has been removed and is no longer mandatory. He noted that the section deals with existing development and basically requires property owners who have multiple contiguous substandard lots, to combine those lots together into one. He further noted that since the mandatory status has been removed and Davidson County has the option of removing this requirement. Mr. Leonard noted that if the Board would like to remove the requirement, a public hearing would be in order.

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to place the item on the June 9, 2009 consent agenda for scheduling a public hearing.

(Exhibit 4)

Attorney Chuck Frye noted that Closed Session would involve discussion of the Davidson Academy property for County offices and also the Frank Leer property for a box site.

I. CLOSED SESSION – Attorney/Client

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Commissioner Kepley the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to go into Closed Session for matters of Attorney/Client and Real Estate.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

County Attorney Chuck Frye reported discussion of an Attorney/Client matter with no action taken, and for the matter of real estate, direction was given to the County Manager to negotiate on the property.

J. BUDGET WORKSESSION

Commissioner Potts questioned the presence of funds for matching grants. Zeb Hanner responded that money for matching grant funds (\$50,000) is in budget. Mr. Hanner also stated that SRO Officers money is reimbursed and that Davidson Works has \$1,196,000 for new programs.

Commissioner Walser inquired about the amount of money in capital reserve. Robert Hyatt answered that there is \$6,930,104 and the amount eligible to be rolled in is \$8,160,099. He further stated that now the County has about \$15,000,000 and it is eligible for capital projects. Zeb Hanner stated that debt service is up to \$8-10,000,000 and debt service is eligible to receive it. Robert Hyatt noted the good financial standing of the County. Commissioner Kepley praised the County Staff for good financial management.

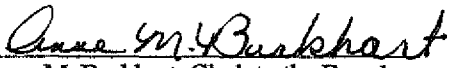
Vice Chairman Watford asked about Davidson Vision's funding. Zeb Hanner reported that it was reduced from \$100,000 to \$75,000.

Commissioner Potts recommended placement of the budget ordinance on the June 9, 2009 agenda for adoption.

Chairman McClure recommended Healing Springs Fire Department, that has plans to raise their taxes by \$.02, receive a letter from the County requesting that the increase not be implemented. Discussion followed with comments that a telephone call be made due to the time-sensitive nature in adopting the budget. Robert Hyatt noted a call would be made requesting that they be present on June 9, 2009.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner 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, Chairman
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