

## MINUTES

June 14, 2005

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 14, 2005, at 7:00 P.M., in the Commissioners' Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina for a regularly scheduled meeting.

### PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Don W. Truell, Vice Chairman Larry W. Potts, Cindy Akins, Fred D. McClure, Fred C. Sink, Dr. Max Walser, Samuel L. Watford

Assistant County Manager Zeb M. Hanner, County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Robert C. Hedrick, Fire Marshal Perry Tyler, Tax Administrator Joe Silver, Public Works and Services Director Bill Clutter, Assistant Public Works and Services Director Scott Rickard, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Tourism Coordinator Jo Ellen Edwards, Thomasville Mayor Joe Bennett, Thomasville City Manager Roger Bryant, Register of Deeds Mark C. Myers, Library Director Ruth Ann Copley, Human Resources Director John Dean, Social Services Director Catherine Lambeth, Finance Director Jane Kiker, G.W. Mountcastle Insurance Consultant Walt Rouse, Engineering Consultant Recil Wright, former commissioner Billy Joe Kepley, Sheriff David Grice, Chief Deputy Brian Grubb, Officer Tony Roberson, Emergency Services Director Doug Lowe, Health Director Layton Long, Integrated Solid Waste Management Director Charlie Brushwood, Davidson Vision President Ben Ross

### ABSENT

County Manager Robert C. Hyatt

#### A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Truell called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

#### B. INVOCATION

Chairman Don W. Truell

#### C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### D. RECOGNITION

Chairman Truell recognized Walt Rouse, representing Davidson County Council of Chambers, former commissioner Billy Joe Kepley, Sheriff Grice, and Register of Deeds Mark Myers.

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Truell 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 Closed Session for an Attorney/Client matter.

(Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Carol Harris addressed the Board concerning assault events involving Chris Teal and her son Anthony Collins. She expressed her views and displeasure with the actions of the City of Thomasville Police officers and the sentence received by Christopher Alan Teal.

Roger Bodenheimer, resident of Burton Road, spoke in opposition to proposed development in his community.

Barney W. Hill addressed the Board with a request to have his remarks on the budget placed as an exhibit in the minutes of June 6, 2005.

H. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION

*Consent*

On a motion by Commissioner Sink and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the consent agenda.

1. Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of May 24, 2005 and June 2, 2005 Commissioners' meetings and the January 3, 2005 Planning and Zoning Public Hearing.

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

The Board approved budget amendments as follows:

*Social Services* – accept \$100,000 in additional funds for Day Care from NC Dept. of Health and Human Services.

*Health* – appropriate \$20,000 additional revenue from Div. of Public Health for prenatal budget for lab tests (\$17,000 for Professional Services and \$3,000 for Contracted Services).

*Landfill* – line item transfer of \$55,000 for cost to repair equipment.

*Sheriff's Department* – line item transfer of \$40,000 from Jail Overtime to Jail Contracted Services for adjustment to actual expenditures.

*Davidson County Schools* – line item transfer from Brier Creek Project to Ledford Middle School for \$116,740 to complete the parking and entrance. (Exhibit 2)

3. Pyrotechnics Permits by Perry Tyler, Fire Marshal

The Board approved pyrotechnics permits for events at the Boat Dock, Hi Toms Baseball games at Finch Field, and Fourth of July at Finch Park. (Exhibit 3)

4. Resolution Appointing Joseph O. Silver, Tax Assessor/Collector

The Board adopted the Resolution Appointing Joseph O. Silver as Davidson County Tax Assessor/Collector. (Exhibit 4)

5. Reduction in Force by Bill Clutter, Public Works and Services Director

The Board approved the reduction in force in eliminating one full-time Housekeeper position and two part-time Housekeeper positions within the Public Works and Services Department. (Exhibit 5)

6. Memorandum of Understanding – Park and Ride Lot by Guy Cormman, Planning and Zoning Director

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding governing participation in the development of the Thomasville Park and Ride lot. (Exhibit 6)

Deliberation

7. Presentation by Mayor Joe Bennett, City of Thomasville

Mayor Bennett presented the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award to Chairman Don W. Truell, noting Chairman Truell's many accomplishments. Mayor Bennett then read the accompanying toast.

8. Property and Casualty Insurance by Zeb M. Hanner, Assistant County Manager

Zeb M. Hanner introduced the recommendation of St. Paul Travelers for property and liability insurance and was followed by Walt Rouse, who gave an explanation of the history of the relationship between St. Paul Travelers and Davidson County. Commissioner McClure added clarifications to the address.

On a motion by Commissioner McClure and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted

unanimously 7-0 to accept the bid from St. Paul Travelers for the property and liability program effective July 1, 2005 to July 1, 2006 at an annual premium of \$593,396. (Exhibit 7)

9. Davidson County Visitor's Guide by Jo Ellen Edwards, Tourism Coordinator

Jo Ellen Edwards presented the newly produced Davidson County Visitor's Guide, which is a joint partnership involving Tourism Development Partnership, the Lexington Area Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center, Thomasville Tourism Commission and the Denton Chamber of Commerce. (Exhibit 8)

10. Schedule Public Hearing for Amending Fire Prevention Ordinance by Perry Tyler, Fire Marshal

On a motion by Commissioner Sink and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to schedule a public hearing for amending the Fire Prevention Ordinance for Tuesday, June 28, 2005, 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina. (Exhibit 9)

11. Law Enforcement – Town of Wallburg by Commissioner Larry W. Potts

Commissioner Potts addressed the Board concerning law enforcement services for the Town of Wallburg in the current budget at a cost of \$55.49 per person and asked that the Board consider the impact of the item and contrast to services to other cities/towns in the County in a future budget. (Exhibit 10)

12. Emergency Repairs/Miller's Creek Outfall Along Muddy Creek by Bill Clutter, Public Works and Services Director

Bill Clutter addressed the Board concerning the severe erosion in the Miller's Creek Outfall along Muddy Creek and referenced the location map and budget estimate of the amount needed to correct the problems submitted by Recil Wright of Wright & Associates.

Recil Wright explained the steps to be taken, requesting a look at the budget established for the project and authorization to proceed to correct the problem.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to authorize the Additional Services under the terms of the County's existing contract with Wright & Associates, to get the permit and to amend the budget for \$80,000 from Contingency to Contracted Services to provide funds for the additional services. (Exhibit 11)

13. Reappointments

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to reappoint Michael Albert to the DCCC Board of Trustees and reappoint Prentice Weldon, Ruth Swicegood, and Mark Stevens to the Library Board of Trustees. (Exhibit 12)

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

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner Sink the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to schedule a public hearing for zoning amendment applications from Seahorse Corporation, Colonial Business Park, Ragan and Smith/K.T. Isenhour, Terry and Christopher Yokeley, and Telemachos Fiouris/Julia Mercer for August 1, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. (Exhibit 13)

15. Davidson County Proposed Budget FY2005-2006 by Zeb M. Hanner, Assistant County Manager

Zeb Hanner noted a change to \$.10 for the tax rate for North Lexington Fire Department.

Commissioner Walser made a motion to fund the SRO program for the 6 middle schools (6 officers) by one half and the other half to be funded by the school board for one year with Davidson County to discontinue funding to the program in the next budget year. Commissioner Akins seconded the motion. Upon a vote the motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Commissioner Sink made a motion to add \$11,000 back to the Economic Development Commission budget; Vice Chairman Potts seconded. Upon a vote the motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Commissioner Watford proposed a cut to Medicaid, taking a penny off the tax rate.

Catherine Lambeth stated she felt that this would be a risk, noting that this budget year Social Services had to come back to the Board for more funding for Medicaid.

Commissioner Watford passed. Discussion followed.

Vice Chairman Potts addressed the Board concerning the law enforcement for the Town of Wallburg. Discussion followed with comments from Sheriff Grice noting the requirements from the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner McClure addressed the Board concerning Fund Balance, noting a 21.07% fund balance and suggested no tax increase and let fund balance absorb loss of revenue.

Commissioner Walser noted the commitment to build schools.

Commissioner McClure noted the upcoming revaluation in two years.

Chairman Truell spoke in opposition to using fund balance.

Commissioner Sink spoke in favor of maintaining the current fund balance.

Vice Chairman Potts noted the ongoing County transition and upcoming issues to address that result from growth in the area.

Commissioner McClure noted fund balance in Davidson County compared to other counties.

Commissioner Akins made a motion to eliminate the proposed change of a part-time position to full-time in Public Works and Services. The motion received a second by Commissioner Walser. Upon a vote the motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Commissioner Watford opposed great use of fund balance. Commissioner Watford made a motion to reduce Medicaid by one penny.

Commissioner Akins inquired about the justification of the Human Resources Analyst position.

John Dean responded that the analyst would do a lot of the work that Council of Governments has been doing such as surveys, updating job descriptions, services in screening applications, back-up for director's position.

Commissioner Akins made a motion to reduce the budget amount for the analyst position to \$36,000 for FY2005-2006 and re-evaluate it next year; Vice Chairman Potts seconded the motion. Upon a vote the motion carried 5-2; Commissioner Watford and Commissioner McClure voted "No."

Mr. Hanner reviewed the budgeted amount for Medicaid.

Commissioner Watford made a motion to adopt the FY2005-2006 budget with a one cent tax increase with the amendments noted and approved and approve the reduction to Medicaid with the difference to come from fund balance. Vice Chairman Potts seconded the motion. Upon a vote the motion carried 6-1; Commissioner McClure voted "No." (Exhibit 14)

#### CLOSED SESSION – Attorney/Client

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to go into Closed Session for an Attorney/Client matter.

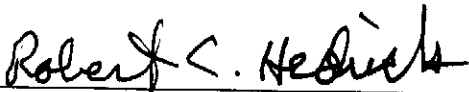
#### RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to return to Open Session.

County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Robert Hedrick reported discussion of Attorney/Client with no action taken.

I. ADJOURNMENT

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

  
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Robert C. Hedrick, Clerk to the Board  
Davidson County Board of Commissioners

  
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Don W. Truell, Chairman  
Davidson County Board of Commissioners