

MINUTES

July 22, 2009

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, at 8:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina for a special called meeting.

PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Fred McClure, Vice Chairman Sam Watford, Cathy Dunn, Billy Joe Kopley, Larry Potts, Don Truell

County Manager Robert Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb Hamner, County Attorney Chuck Frye, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, Economic Development Director Steve Googe

ABSENT

Commissioner Max Walser

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Fred McClure called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Billy Joe Kopley

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. PURPOSE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Chairman McClure stated that the purpose of the special called meeting was to hold a second public hearing for the County's submission of a grant application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance for a Small Business & Entrepreneurial Assistance grant.

E. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 6-0 to adopt the agenda. (Exhibit 1)

F. PUBLIC HEARING – 2nd Public Hearing for Submission of Grant Application to NC Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance, for a Small Business & Entrepreneurial Assistance Grant

On a motion by Commissioner Kopley and a second by Commissioner Dunn the Board voted

6-0 to open the public hearing.

Robert Hyatt shared information and updates on the project.

Steve Googe informed the Board that the Economic Development Commission (EDC) is interested in assisting Loflin with sewer rather than apply for the CDBG funds. He further noted that a resolution was passed to that effect.

Tim Loflin, Chairman of the Handy Sanitary District, noted that Handy Sanitary District could extend the sewer lines with EDC providing the funding.

Barney Hill spoke in opposition to the grant.

Rev. Wayne Knight spoke in support of the grant and noted that it is an investment in value of the land and providing jobs for the County.

Greg Loflin, owner of Loflin Fabrication, spoke in support of the grant.

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

Commissioner Truell asked for clarification of the source of funding.

Steve Googe, Economic Development Director, responded that funding will come from Economic Development funds.

Discussion followed.

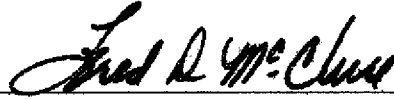
Barney Hill reminded the Board that there is need of a CDBG Administrator and there is not one on the Handy Sanitary District Board.

Robert Hyatt reminded the Board that no work can be done on the sewer until there is notification of a grant award if a CDBG is applied for rather than other EDC funding, and therefore, greatly slowing the process.

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Kepley the Board voted 3-3 to apply for the grant to the NC Dept. of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance, for a Small Business & Entrepreneurial Assistance Grant. Commissioners Dunn, Potts, and Chairman McClure voted "No." The motion failed.

G. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Vice Chairman Watford and a second by Commissioner Dunn 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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