

MINUTES

August 26, 2003

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 P.M., on Tuesday, August 26, 2003, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Governmental Center in Lexington for a public hearing and regularly scheduled meeting.

PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Fred Sink, Vice Chair Priscilla Hege, Cindy Akins, Billy Joe Kepley, Don Truell, Dr. Max Walser, Sam Watford

County Manager Robert Hyatt, County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Robert C. Hedrick, Attorney Stephen C. Holton, Budget Director Zeb M. Hanner, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Human Resources Director Keli Greer, Library Director Nancy Bates, Senior Services Director Kathryn Gentry and Donna Campbell, Keith Jackson of Social Services, Keith West of Pease Associates, Economic Development Director Steve Googe, Humane Society Treasurer Becky Everhart, Humane Society President Karen Hedrick, Paul Walters of Johnson Controls

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Sink called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Don Truell

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

1. Introduction and Oath of Office

Chairman Fred Sink introduced Robert C. Hedrick and noted that Mr. Hedrick has agreed to serve as County Attorney/Clerk to the Board in an interim position.

Clerk of Court Brian L. Shipwash administered the Oath of Office for County Attorney and Clerk to the Board to Robert Hedrick.

Chairman Sink officially welcomed Robert C. Hedrick.

2. Scholarship Award

Vice Chair Hege presented a teaching scholarship in the amount of \$3,000 to Jessica Suann Clark

and noted that Ms. Clark will receive her Bachelor of Science Degree from Appalachian State University in the Spring of 2004. Vice Chair Hege further noted that Ms. Clark is the 43rd teaching scholarship recipient.

(Exhibit A)

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Sink noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda amended as follows:

Delete - K. Reconvene Reeds Community County Sewer District

L. Adjourn Reeds Community County Sewer District (Consideration of issue to be combined with

Item # M. Reconvene Pilot Community County Sewer District due to Pilot's designation as lead agency and the Reed's award is combined with Pilot's award.)

Remove I.2. Budget Amendments from the Consent Agenda.

Add - I.8. Economic Development by Commissioner Max Walser (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Barney W. Hill spoke on North Carolina General Statutes 153A-40a.

H. PUBLIC HEARING

Dwayne Childress, Purchasing Director, presented information on the proposed contract between First Security Leasing, Inc. and Davidson County for financing a self-funded energy savings project for Davidson County. Mr. Hanner provided information, also, on the awarding of a guaranteed energy savings contract to Johnson Controls, Inc. for evaluation, recommendation, and implementation of energy conservation measures including design and installation of equipment or the repair or replacement of existing equipment.

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to open the public hearing.

Barney W. Hill spoke in opposition to the proposed contract and referenced the NCGS168-20 law.

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to close the public hearing. (Exhibit 2)

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION

Consent Agenda

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve I.1. Minutes on the consent agenda.

1. Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of July 28, 2003, August 7, 2003, and August 12, 2003.

Deliberation

2. Budget Amendments by Zeb M. Hanner, Budget Director

Zeb Hanner apprised the Board of the receipt of donations for Senior Services and the return of \$5,000 from Senior Services to the General Fund.

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the following budget amendments:

Social Services – Accept \$229,029 for Day Care from NC Dept. of Health and Human Services Division of Child Development.

Social Services – Accept \$2,500 from Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

Social Services – Accept decreases in allocations of \$2,800 for Emergency Food & Shelter, \$4,970 for Carolyn Phillips/Charity League, \$60,971 for Crisis, and \$7,065 for Links.

Senior Services – Accept additional Caregiver Funds in amount of \$8,575.

Senior Services – Return of \$5,000 to General Fund.

Risk Management – Use of \$5,000 returned by Senior Services for Seminars, Training, Intra-County Mileage, Supplies and Safety Participation awards. (Exhibit 3)

3. Reduced Cost of Spay/Neuter Services for Cats and Dogs for Low-Income Families by Becky Everhart, Treasurer, The Humane Society of Davidson County

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the request for participation in the Reduced-Cost for Spay/Neuter Program and authorize the County Manager and Humane Society to check with the area veterinarians to see if they would be willing to participate in a reduced-cost program and then proceed with the program and if no

veterinarians are willing to participate then the Humane Society would pay with a commitment of up to \$5,000 for these costs and with reimbursements for these costs to be paid to the County by the State and then the County would reimburse the Humane Society. (Exhibit 4)

4. Extension of Moratorium on Exotic Pets

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to extend the moratorium on exotic pets to end October 28, 2003. (Exhibit 5)

5. Review of Lease by Nancy Bates, Director of Libraries

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to establish a committee to study the situation of the lease with Family Dollar Stores on property adjacent to the Lexington main branch of the Davidson County Library and bring information back to the Board with a recommendation. Chairman Sink requested that Commissioner Truell, Commissioner Walser, Robert Hyatt, and Nancy Bates serve on the committee.

(Exhibit 6)

6. Appointments

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to appoint Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley to the TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee).

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to appoint Commissioner Priscilla Hege to the Piedmont Behavioral Management Board.

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to appoint Larue Kennedy to the Community Action Board of Directors. (Exhibit 7)

7. Additions to the Pay and Classification Plan by Keli Greer, Human Resources Director

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Kepley the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the additions of a Staff Attorney and a Legal Assistant position (SG63) to the County Manager's Department and the addition of a Staff Attorney (SG 82) to the pay plan. (Exhibit 8)

8. Economic Development

Commissioner Walser received the support of the Board for the scheduling of a summit meeting with leaders, laid-off employees, County Manager Robert Hyatt, Commissioners, Economic Development

Director Steve Googe, Doris Brown, and Tommy Hedrick to discuss the Economic Development Incentives.

J. RECESS

At the direction of Chairman Sink the Board agreed by consensus for a ten-minute recess.

K. RECONVENE PILOT COMMUNITY COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT (& *Reeds Sewer Project*)

Chairman Sink reconvened the Pilot Community County Sewer District, the leading agent for the Pilot Community County Sewer and Reeds Community County Sewer. Discussion followed.

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to award the bids to the contractors on the Pilot Sewer Project at a total cost of \$1,297,396.32 and to the contractors on the Reeds Sewer project at a total cost of \$962,130.52 with the County's local match of \$414,073 on the Reeds Sewer Project and to submit these to the Rural Center for approval contingent on the commitment from the City of Thomasville to fund the Pilot Sewer local match of \$598,427. (Exhibit 9)

L. ADJOURN PILOT COMMUNITY COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT

Chairman Sink adjourned the Pilot Community County Sewer District.

M. CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to go into Closed Session for matters of Personnel, Economic Development and Real Estate.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Robert C. Hedrick reported discussion of Personnel, Real Estate, and Economic Development with no action taken.

Recognition - Economic Development

Chairman Sink recognized Steve Googe, Executive Director of Davidson County Economic Development.

Mr. Googe presented a request for a public hearing on September 9, 2003, 7:00 P.M., in the Commissioners' Room of the Governmental Center in Lexington. Mr. Googe noted that the public hearing will be to receive input and public comment on economic development incentives for a metal fabrication company planning to locate on a site in the Thomasville area with an \$8,000,000 investment, a promise of 60 jobs over a 36 month period with wages of at least \$18.00 per hour. Mr. Googe noted the incentives offered by Davidson County are \$25,000 for moving expense and \$.00265 of the investment per year for five years.

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to schedule the public hearing for September 9, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room in the Governmental Center in Lexington.

N. ADJOURNMENT

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

Fred C. Sink, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners

Robert C. Hedrick, Clerk to the Board
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