

## **MINUTES**

**September 1, 2005**

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 A.M., on Thursday, September 1, 2005, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina, for a regularly scheduled informational meeting and two public hearings.

### **PRESENT**

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

County Manager Robert Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb M. Hanner, County Attorney Robert Hedrick, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Transportation Director Zeb F. Hanner, Public Works and Services Director Bill Clutter, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Emergency Services Director Doug Lowe, Parks and Recreation Director Charles Parnell, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Human Resources Director John Dean, IT Director Joel Hartley, Tax Administrator Joe Silver

### **A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Chairman Don Truell called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

### **B. INVOCATION**

Commissioner Sam Watford

### **C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **D. RECOGNITION**

### **E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS**

Chairman Truell noted the register for public address.

### **F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with additions:

I.3. Investigation of Gas Prices

Under I.2. Budget Amendment for Boone's Cave Park

Closed Session for Attorney/Client. (Exhibit 1)

**G. PUBLIC ADDRESS**

Barney Hill spoke on the public notices for Bond Orders and questioned the text.

**H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. **Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$5,200,000 of General Obligation Community College Bonds of the County of Davidson, North Carolina**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to open the public hearing to receive public comment on the Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$5,200,000 of General Obligation Community College Bonds of the County of Davidson, North Carolina.

Barney Hill spoke in opposition to the proposed bond order for the Davidson County Community College.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to close the public hearing.

On a motion by Commissioner McClure and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$5,200,000 General Obligation Community College Bonds of the County of Davidson, North Carolina.

2. **Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$66,400,000 of General Obligation School Bonds of the County of Davidson, North Carolina**

On a motion by Commissioner McClure and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to open the public hearing on the Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$66,400,000 of General Obligation School Bonds of the County of Davidson, North Carolina.

Barney Hill spoke in opposition to the Bond Order for the Schools of the County of Davidson.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to close the public hearing.

On a motion by Commissioner McClure and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$66,400,000 General Obligation School Bonds of the County of Davidson, North Carolina.

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the Resolution Setting a Special Bond Order Referendum and Directing the Publication of Notice of a Special Bond Referendum and Notification of the Davidson County Board of Elections. (Exhibit 2)

I. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Designating the Governmental Center as a Smoke-Free Facility by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

County Manager Robert Hyatt addressed the Board concerning the adverse effects of second-hand smoke. He advocated the creation of a "designated smoking area" outside the Governmental Center on the loading dock area with the addition of a canopy. Mr. Hyatt noted the need for a healthy environment and at the same time an area to accommodate those employees who smoke.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Sink the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to place the item on the September 13, 2005 consent agenda. (Exhibit 3)

2. Boone's Cave Park Open House by Robert C. Hyatt, County Manager

County Manager Robert Hyatt proposed Sunday, September 25, 2005, 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. for an open house at Boone's Cave Park in coordination with the Davidson West Community Development Committee in an effort to introduce citizens to the improvements and new construction at the park and to boost the community.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Sink the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve September 25, 2005, 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. for an Open House at Boone's Cave Park.

Budget Amendment for Boone's Cave Park Site Improvements by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

Mr. Hyatt requested that funds be transferred from contingency (\$19,800) to the Boone's Cave Project for the site improvements in order to have the cabin ready for the park attendant.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts, seconded by Commissioner McClure, the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the budget amendment transferring \$19,800 from contingency to the Boone's Cave Park Project. (Exhibit 4)

3. Investigation of Gas Prices by Vice chairman Larry W. Potts

Vice Chairman Potts apprised the Board of the decisions being made at the office of the Attorney General on projected costs for gas. Vice Chairman Potts advocated taking a stand on the price gouging. He then called on Emergency Services Director Doug Lowe for a report.

Doug Lowe reported that pipe lines are down in Texas, which is the County's source of fuel. He further noted that the time for conservation is now. He stated that in his department, county vehicles will not be driven home except for employees on call. He further noted that employees have been asked to bring their lunches instead of driving out to eat. (Exhibit 5)

CLOSED SESSION – Attorney/Client

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


RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

County Attorney Robert Hedrick reported discussion of an Attorney/Client matter with no action taken.

J. ADJOURNMENT

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

  
Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board  
Davidson County Board of Commissioners

  
Don W. Truell, Chairman  
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