

MINUTES

September 3, 2009

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 AM on Thursday, September 3, 2009, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, for an regularly scheduled informational meeting.

PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Fred D. 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 Hamner, County Attorney Chuck Frye, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, Health Director Layton Long, Superintendent of Davidson County Schools Dr. Fred Mock, Superintendent of Thomasville City Schools Keith Tobin, and Superintendent of Lexington City Schools Rick Kriesky

A. CALL OR ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Fred 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 Update of the NCACC conference..

(Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Re-Entry Project Pre-to-Post-Release Program for Inmates and Ex-Offenders by Ineta

Cherry, Project Re-entry Employment Specialist

Ms. Cherry was not present.

2. H1N1 by Layton Long, Health Director

Layton Long presented a power point on the details and symptoms of the H1N1 (Swine) flu. Mr. Long pointed out that the flu seems to be targeting the younger population with the highest number affected. He noted the prevention measures to be taken. He stated that the vaccine will not be available until October.

3. Qualified School Construction Bonds by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

The Board reviewed the low interest Qualified School Construction Bonds to be used for construction (both new and old), rehabilitation or repair of a public school or for land acquisition in conjunction with rehabilitation or repair.

Dr. Fred Mock noted that there are several schools that have roofs that need to be replaced. He stated that any money received will go 100% for roofs.

Commissioner Potts asked that the other school systems state their uses for the bond money.

Superintendent of Thomasville Schools Keith Tobin noted that a roof is needed for the high school's cafeteria. Social Studies building and math buildings need a roof. The ALC (learning center) needs a roof, and a chiller is needed at the middle school. The infrastructure for computer system, upgrade to HVAC, and air-conditioning at the high school are other items that need attention.

Lexington City Schools Superintendent Rick Kriesky stated that grant funds would be used for renovation of an area under the gym at Lexington Middle School so they can discontinue use of the mobile units. He noted that Southwest Elementary School needs the addition of two one-thousand foot classrooms in order to discontinue using mobile units there. He further noted that new roofing is needed on part of the school.

The school superintendents nodded in agreement that if the economy fails further, they would pay back the annual debt service (principal and interest) from their CAT 2 funds if necessary.

On a motion by Commissioner Kepley and a second by Commissioner Dunn the Board voted unanimously to place the item on the consent agenda for action on September 8, 2009. (Exhibit 2)

Update on NCACC Conference

Commissioner Walser noted that he was most interested in the report by the President of Duke Energy who noted that conservation is a major concern, an issue to be addressed, and consumers will be rewarded for conservation. Commissioner Walser further noted the existence of a new ethics law for commissioners.

Chairman McClure noted that whole conference was focused on sustainability. He noted the recommendations for long-range planning.

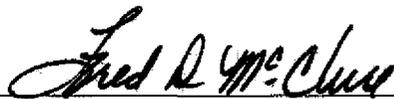
Commissioner Kepley shared information on the ECO-Complex Tour and shared information about his tour of the Catawba County Landfill. He noted that they have been capturing methane gas for a long time and they are bringing in \$2,000 per day in sales of the gas. He stated that the part of the 800-acre landfill that is not being used is planted in sunflowers. The sunflowers are processed into oil and made into bio-diesel fuel which runs the equipment at the landfill. He further stated other uses with timber sawdust and the heat from the turbines (they have 2) that is used for ceramics/pottery kiln drying. He shared information about Madison High School where there is a wind turbine to combat the increased power consumption bills and noted that it costs only \$15,000. He suggested approaching DCCC about pursuing a wind turbine to reduce power bills there, and then if it is successful, equip the schools with the same.

Robert Hyatt noted that PBS-UNC – Channel 4 is doing a presentation on Boone's Cave on September 3rd and 4th of this week.

Commissioner Walser stated he is meeting with Congressman Coble and Congressman Watts next week concerning stimulus funds.

I. ADJOURNMENT

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



Fred D. McClure, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners



Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board
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