

MINUTES

September 9, 2003

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 P.M., on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina for a public hearing and a regularly scheduled meeting.

PRESENT

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

County Manager Robert Hyatt, County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Robert Hedrick, Budget Officer Zeb M. Hanner, Fire Marshal Perry Tyler, Soil and Water Director Bruce Wilson, Cooperative Extension Director Robert Lopp, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Economic Development Director Steve Googe, Senior Services Director Kathryn Gentry and Donna Campbell, Library Director Nancy Bates, Public Works Director Bill Clutter, Susie Truell

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Sink called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Sam Watford

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

Chairman Sink recognized Susie Truell, representing the Thomasville City School Board and wife of Commissioner Don Truell.

Chairman Sink also recognized Phil Mickey of the Davidson County Council of Chambers.

Chairman Sink then recognized County Manager Robert Hyatt.

Robert Hyatt introduced William "Bill" Clutter, Professional Engineer, and noted that he became an official employee of the County as of September 8, 2003 in the position of Public Works Director.

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Sink noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Kepley the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of I.8. Library Grant Approval. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Gene Beck advocated personalized signs for library staff parking. Mr. Beck also spoke in support of continuing the lease for the Family Dollar Store.

Karen Leonard, representing the Employment Security Commission, apprised the Board of the National Emergency Grant secured by the Employment Security Commission to assist Davidson County citizens who are out of work because of the Trade Act. Ms. Leonard noted that assistance will be available, in particular, to people who worked for Lexington Home Brands, Thomasville Furniture, Stanley Furniture and Levelor.

H. PUBLIC HEARING – Economic Incentive Grant to XCEL DYNE Engineering, Inc.

Steve Googe reviewed the purpose of the scheduled public hearing noting that the Board would receive information and public comment on the Board's intent to consider entering into an economic development incentive grant contract with XCEL DYNE Engineering, Inc., a metal fabrication company contingent upon the company investing a minimum of \$8,000,000 in capital improvements consisting of locating a new manufacturing plant and machinery in Davidson County, North Carolina. He stated that under the economic incentives grant contract, the County will make five annual cash incentive payments to the company equal to a maximum of .00265 times the company's annual value of the capital investment in the new manufacturing plant and machinery and the County will pay a cash incentive grant to the company in the amount of \$25,000 to assist in the financing of the relocation of the company. He further stated that during the term of the economic incentive grant contract, the company must maintain a minimum capital investment of \$8,000,000, create and maintain 60 full-time employment positions over 36 months after occupancy with minimum starting wage at \$18.00 per hour. Mr. Googe noted that a request will be made also to Thomasville City Council for a \$25,000 incentive to assist with relocation.

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

Steve Googe spoke in favor of the Economic Incentive Grant and noted that the company's interest in Davidson County is resting greatly on the location of FED-EX in the area and the fact that the company manufactures parts (titanium valves) for race cars (largely NASCAR and Formula One).

Barney Hill addressed the Board and referenced his written remarks exhibited in the minutes of February 25, 1997. He noted his support of the \$21,200 annual grant paid over a five year period. He spoke in opposition to the one-time grant of \$25,000 for assistance with relocation costs.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Commissioner Kepley the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the economic development incentive grant of \$25,000 and annual payments of .00265 times the annual value of the manufacturing company over a five-year period to XCEL DYNE Engineering contingent upon the \$8,000,000 in capital investment and 60 full-time employment positions over 36 months. (Exhibit 2)

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION

Consent

Commissioner Kepley requested the removal of I.1.Minutes from the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted 6-1 to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of I.2., I.3., I.4., I.5., and I.6.; Commissioner Hege voted "No."

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

The Board approved the following budget amendments to balance the 2002-2003 budget:

- *Jail* – Appropriate \$10,201 from jail fees, \$42,320 from ½ cent sales tax art.4, \$7,764 from sheriff other, \$58,943 from inmate reimbursements, and \$1,772 from Safe Road Act to balance Jail budget for prisoner medical cost and department supplies (total \$121,000).
- *State Agencies Budget* – Appropriate \$53,073 from Contingency to balance State Agencies budget due to increase in people sent to Juvenile Detention.
- *Medical Examiners Budget* – Appropriate \$17,500 in income from ½ cent sales tax art.4 to balance Medical Examiners Budget.

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- *Airport Budget* – Appropriate \$4,984 from Airport fund Retained Earnings to balance Airport Budget due to higher utility costs and snow removal.

The Board approved the following budget amendments to the *2003-2004 budget*:

- *Senior Services* – Accept \$17,422 from Council of Governments to allow Lexington Senior Center to purchase 4 computers and 1 laser jet printer Thomasville Senior Center to buy 9 chairs, a computer workstation, 4 computers, and have a wall and door installed in the building.
- *Social Services* – Accept \$1,371 from Emergency Food and Shelter Program.
- *Davidson County Schools* – Appropriate \$1,325,700 Category I funds to Davidson County Schools projects.
- *Lexington City Schools* – Appropriate \$260,000 Category I funds to Lexington City Schools projects.
- *Family Services* – Appropriate \$219,493 NC Dept. of Crime Control grant funds for Family Services programs.
- *Justice Delinquency Prevention* – Appropriate Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention funds in the amount of \$132,764 to fund the Junior Police Academy, Teen Court, Project Challenge, and Mills Homes Programs.
- *Sheriff - Vice Operations* – Carry forward \$114,218 unspent restricted vice revenues from FY2003 for vice operations.
- *Register of Deeds* – Carry forward \$98,230 unspent restricted Preservation & Technology Funds from FY2003 generated by Register of Deeds office. (Exhibit 3)

3. Pyrotechnic Permits by Perry Tyler, Fire Marshal

The Board approved pyrotechnics permits for the Davidson County Agricultural Fair for September 15-20, 2003, and the Graham/Gingerelli Wedding Reception on September 27, 2003.

(Exhibit 4)

4. 2004 Board of Commissioners' Meeting Schedule

The Board adopted the Resolution approving the 2004 Davidson County Board of Commissioners' Meeting Schedule. (Exhibit 5)

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5. Soil and Water's Pilot View, Inc. Membership by Bruce Wilson, Director

The Board approved the membership in Pilot View, Inc. and the annual dues of \$1,000.

(Exhibit 6)

6. Road Abandonment by Guy L. Cornman, III, Planning and Zoning Director

The Board voted to recommend approval of the request for abandonment of 477 feet of Yadkin College Road from the North Carolina Secondary Road System. (Exhibit 7)

Deliberation

1. Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the minutes of August 26, 2003 with the insertion of the following, for clarification, to the second sentence on page 4 under *I.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*:

"and with reimbursements for these costs to be paid to the County by the State and then the County would reimburse the Humane Society."

7. Mental Health Board Recommendations for Appointments to Local Piedmont Management Entity (LME) Board by Billy West, Mental Health Director

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Kepley the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to appoint Gayle Whitehead, Dean Vick, and Carol Gouge to the Local Piedmont Management Entity (LME) Board. (Exhibit 8)

8. Library Grant Approval by Nancy Bates, Director of Libraries

Nancy Bates apprised the Board of the availability of a grant from unexpended LSTA funds. She stated that the grant is available to libraries receiving training labs with Gates Library Foundation grants. Mrs. Bates noted that the libraries receiving the grant must sustain their labs through the purchase of upgrades or replacement equipment and agree to participate in the training lab grant program, encumber grant funds by September 22, 2003, expend funds, and submit receipts by December 8, 2003. She further noted that there is no local match and the funds would be used to replace outdated computers to be used in the training lab.

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Kepley the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the \$30,000 grant with no local match, to be used to replace outdated computers to be used in the training lab. (Exhibit 9)

J. CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Kepley the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to go into Closed Session for matters of Personnel.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Robert Hedrick reported discussion of Personnel matters in Closed Session with no action taken.

Director of Mental Health Program

Robert Hyatt stated that the Board needs to consider an appointment of a Director for the Mental Health Program.

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to accept the recommendation by the Area Mental Health Board of Harold Frontz to serve as Director of the Mental Health Program from September 15, 2003 through December 31, 2003.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Akins 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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