

MINUTES

October 1, 2009

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 AM on Thursday, October 1, 2009, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina for a regularly scheduled informational meeting.

PRESENT

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

County Manager Robert Hyatt, County Attorney Chuck Frye, Assistant County Manager Zeb Hanner, Deputy Clerk to the Board Debbie Harris, Chief Resident Superior Court Judge Mark Klass, Davidson County Clerk of Court Brian Shipwash, Senior Services Director Thessia Everhart-Roberts, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Comman, Public Works and Services Director Rex Buck, Recycling Coordinator Steve Swaim, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Inspections Director Ron Triplette, Inspections Employee John Latham, Public Works and Services Employee Tim Phelps, Thomasville Times Reporter Carissa Minn .

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Cathy Dunn led the invocation.

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 Larry Potts and a second by Commissioner Cathy Dunn the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

There was no one signed up to speak at public address.

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Property Maintenance Complaints by Guy Cornman, Planning and Zoning Director

Planning and Zoning Director addressed the Board and reported that County Manager Robert Hyatt had requested that he provide information regarding complaints received regarding tall grass and dilapidated structures. Mr. Cornman provided information on what other counties are doing regarding this same issue. Stanly County is considering adopting an Ordinance regarding these issues and a copy of this draft Ordinance was provided to the Board for their review. Mr. Cornman further explained that when complaints are received they are investigated; however, unless the property owner voluntarily rectifies the problem, there is nothing that can be enforced at this time.

A conversation by the Board ensued regarding the pros and cons of adopting an Ordinance. It was a consensus that dilapidated structures were a problem.

Inspections Director Ron Triplette addressed the Board and reported on the County's current procedures regarding dilapidated structures and the expenses that have been incurred in the past.

After discussion by the Board it was proposed that the County Manager would track complaints and report at the annual retreat the results and proposals from the Departments to correct the problem.

2. Elderly Nutrition Funds as Part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Senior Services Director Thessia Everhart-Roberts addressed the Board and provided information regarding this grant application and what the funds would be used for. She further explained where matching funds needed would come from. It was the decision of the Board to place this item on the Consent Agenda for the next Board of Commissioners Meeting.

3. Recycling Update by Steve Swaim, Recycling Coordinator

Recycling Coordinator Steve Swaim provided an update on the past, current and proposed future recycling efforts of Davidson County. A discussion ensued regarding how the County was going to enforce the new bans on what was being brought to the landfill; both commercial and residential. It was agreed that at some point in time the County was going to have to step up and make sure that this was enforced. Mr. Hyatt reported that the County did have the ability to put standards in place to enforce these regulations. Mr. Swaim reported that the driving force behind the passage of these new laws were to try to keep up with demand for these recycling products. Mr. Hyatt stated that he felt that the citizens of the County needed to

be reminded that this was a law, and that although there were no enforcement procedures in place at this time that they needed to follow the law. It was discussed that Mr. Hyatt work through the departments to ensure that recycling procedures are followed.

4. Courthouse Facilities Committee by Commissioner Cathy Dunn

Commissioner Cathy Dunn reported that Chief Resident Superior Court Judge Mark Klass had contacted her regarding Courthouse needs being considered along with the jail needs and that possibly the Jail Committee could undertake this task or that a new committee could be established to determine the needs of the Courthouse along with the needs of the jail. Commissioner Cathy Dunn reported that she felt that these needs were potentially equally important.

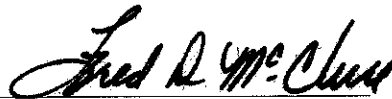
Commissioner Cathy Dunn made a motion to either use the Jail Committee or establish a new committee to assess the needs of the Courthouse. Vice-Chairman Sam Watford seconded the motion for further discussion. A discussion regarding this issue ensued by the Board of Commissioners and it was determined that the possibility did exist that a study of the Courthouse needs conducted concurrently with the jail needs study could be productive in that a determination could be made as to which facility is the most necessary. It was further discussed that the current Jail Committee was sheriff's department heavy and that additional members needed to be added representing courthouse personnel, the judiciary and the district attorney's office. After discussion, a vote was taken on this matter and it was the decision of the Board, 7-0, to place this item on the Consent Agenda for the next regular Board meeting to add to the Jail Committee a judiciary representative and a district attorney representative.

I. ADJOURNMENT

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



Deborah J. Harris, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Davidson County Board of Commissioners



Fred D. McClure, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners