

## MINUTES

October 2, 2003

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, October 2, 2003, at 8:00 A.M., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, for an informational meeting.

### PRESENT

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

County Manager Robert C. Hyatt, Emergency Services Director Doug Lowe, Finance Director Jane Kiker, MIS Director Joel Hartley, Fire Marshal Perry Tyler, 911 Communications Director Lisa Martin, Attorney Bit Holton

### ABSENT

County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Robert C. Hedrick

#### A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

#### B. INVOCATION

Chairman Fred C. Sink

#### C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### D. RECOGNITION

#### E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Sink noted the register for public address.

#### F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Don Truell and a second by Vice Chair Priscilla Hege the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of H.5. Remote Sales Tax Collection Legislation. (Exhibit 1)

#### G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

#### H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Proclamation – Barbecue Festival Month by Robert C. Hyatt, County Manager

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Kepley the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to proclaim October 2003 as Barbecue Festival Month in Davidson County in celebration of the Barbecue Festival's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. (Exhibit 2)

2. Space Needs Study by Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley

Commissioner Kepley recommended a study of the space needs, especially for storage of files, for the County. He reminded the Board that Mrs. Bates has noted that the Lexington Main Library and Denton Library need space and space is also needed to accommodate the new Mental Health Program. Mr. Kepley stated that files are piling up in the Tax Department, Employment and Training and Social Services departments. Commissioner Kepley suggested the purchase of a metal building and noted that the costs of the buildings could be in a range from \$4,000 for the small ones to \$25,000 for the larger ones. He recommended a 50'x100' building that could be used and noted that it could clear out some of the needed space for the Cecil School Building.

Vice Chair Hege stated that there would possibly be space at the Lexington Mental Health facility.

Commissioner Walser advocated that the County Manager do an assessment of the needs.

Commissioner Truell advocated more use of micro-filming.

Discussion followed.

Chairman Sink, with the support of the Board, directed the County Manager to study the space needs and report back to the Board.

3. Relocation of Emergency Operations (EOC) by Doug Lowe, Emergency Services Director

EMS Director Doug Lowe requested the support of the Board for a move of the Emergency Operations Center from the Cecil School facility basement to the Emergency Services building multi-purpose room. He noted the occurrence of theft, the limited parking, and the ongoing problem with mildew. Mr. Lowe further noted that the EMS building can withstand winds up to 100 mph. and would be much more accessible and secure for the Emergency Operations Center. He advised the Board that the total cost of the move would be approximately \$24,000 but with grant funding the County part would be only approximately \$10,000.

The Board directed that the County Manager work with Mr. Lowe to proceed with the move.

(Exhibit 3)

4. Update on September 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Storm by Doug Lowe, Emergency Services Director

Doug Lowe advised the Board that the September 15-16, 2003 storm produced winds of 35-50 mph. in Davidson County as a result of Hurricane Isabel. He noted that the Hurricane had been carefully monitored. He noted that on September 23, 2003, without warning, a storm covering a very wide area poured five and one-half to six inches of rain within two hours on Davidson County. He noted that a State of Emergency Proclamation was signed and issued and that it will open doors for the much-needed public assistance. He advocated education about flood insurance to the public and noted that many do not realize that their homeowners insurance does not cover flooding. Mr. Lowe commended his staff, the Fire Marshal and staff, and the 911 Communications Director and staff for their team efforts during the storm and its aftermath to provide emergency assistance to victims of the storms. (Exhibit 4)

5. Remote Sales Tax Collection Legislation by Robert C. Hyatt, County Manager

Robert Hyatt addressed the Board with a request of support of legislation for the collection of the Remote Sales Tax and asked for endorsement of a letter to be sent to Congressional representatives. Mr. Hyatt noted that the legislation would permit states to compel out-of-state vendors to collect and remit sales taxes on behalf of state and local governments.

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously to send the letter of support for legislation for the collection of Remote Sales Tax.

(Exhibit 5)

I. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Fred C. Sink, Chairman  
Davidson County Board of Commissioners

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Anne M. Burkhart, Deputy Clerk to the Board  
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