

## MINUTES

October 4, 2007

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 AM on Thursday, October 4, 2007, 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 Don Truell, Larry Allen, Billy Joe Kempley, Larry Potts, 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, Economic Development Director Steve Googe, Integrated Solid Waste Director Charlie Brushwood, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Public Works and Services Director Rex Buck, Register of Deeds David Rickard

### A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

### B. INVOCATION

Vice Chairman 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 Vice Chairman Don Truell and a second by Commissioner Larry Potts the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda with deletion of H.5. Possible Delivery of Services to Proposed Town of Southmont. (Exhibit 1)

### G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

### H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Presentation from Davidson County Economic Development Commission by Steve

Googe, Executive Director

Steve Gooze exhibited a report of jobs lost in the 1990's and up to the present time in Davidson County. He also included, in his power point presentation, the loss in taxes and total wages in the County. Mr. Gooze noted the expectations for improvement over a three-year period with the development of the mega-site. He continued his power point presentation with drawings of the proposed mega-site area and buildings. He noted the projection of a possible 10,000 jobs and further noted that the area consists of 2,700 acres.

(Exhibit 2)

2. Landfill Capitalization by Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley and Bill Brinker, President of Enerdyne Power Systems, Inc.

Commissioner Kepley informed the Board that the purpose of the presentation is to possibly introduce a program to find out if there is renewable energy in the landfill. He further informed that if there is enough methane gas, it can be pumped to the wells and then it can be used for energy on site or sold to utilities. Commissioner Kepley introduced Bill Brinker, President of Enerdyne Power Systems, Inc.

Bill Brinker gave a power point presentation that exhibited the process for drilling for the gas and also the gas extraction system. He noted that tax credits can be used to build the systems and presented an offer to set up a special purpose entity with a tax revenue sharing program with the County. He stated that 18-20 wells could be placed in the old part of the landfill and an equal amount in the new section. Mr. Brinker noted the development potential with the gas collection system at the landfill.

Commissioner Walser noted that negotiations for a contract are in process for Enerdyne Power Systems, Inc. and Energy United. He stated that the government is requiring Energy United to use 12% renewables. Discussion followed.

The Board agreed that the County Manager will talk with Wayne Wilkins of Energy United and set up a time to address the Board.

3. Winston-Salem MPO Conflict by Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley

Commissioner Kepley expressed his concerns with the weighted voting system in the Winston-Salem MPO and noted his opposition to the system. Commissioner Kepley suggested that the County Manager contact Andy Bailey and withdraw from Winston-Salem MPO due to the lack of voting power and join the High Point MPO or RPO. He further noted that if Davidson County does not withdraw, he would like to be replaced on that committee.

Guy Cornman, Planning and Zoning Director, provided information on the formation of the Winston-Salem MPO. He noted that the County can work with Andy Bailey to investigate boundary changes. (Exhibit 3)

4. Bridge for T.R.I.P. by Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley

Commissioner Kepley informed the Board of the areas that can and cannot use the bridge. He noted the possible use for the bridge at Lake Thom-A-Lex.

Commissioner Walser noted that the bridge might possibly be used to cross railroad tracks near the old depot in Lexington.

Guy Cornman noted that he has contacted Henry Black of DOT whose estimate for lead paint removal is \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Guy Cornman acknowledged he would talk further with Parks and Recreation concerning uses for the bridge in cooperation with the Master Plan.

5. Possible Delivery of Services to Proposed Town of Southmont - Deleted.

6. Agreement with Town of Midway

County Manager Robert Hyatt noted the current negotiations and the concerns received from the Town of Midway.

Chairman McClure noted that the application that Midway submitted to the State indicated that they would contract with Davidson County for law enforcement and planning and zoning. He noted that the Institute of Government has stated that Midway is in violation if they do not contract with some entity for the law enforcement services and planning and zoning.

The Board acknowledged that the County Manager will contact the Town of Midway concerning executing the document within 15 days. (EXhibit 4)

I. CLOSED SESSION – Economic Development

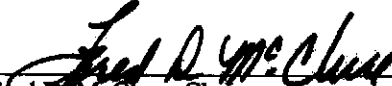
On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner Kepley the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to go into Closed Session for a matter of Economic Development.


RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

J. ADJOURNMENT

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

  
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Fred D. McClure, Chairman  
Davidson County Board of Commissioners

  
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Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board  
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