

MINUTES

October 7, 2004

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 A.M., Thursday, October 07, 2004, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, for a regularly scheduled informational meeting.

PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Fred Sink, Vice Chairman Sam Watford, Cindy Akins, Billy Joe Kepley, Don Truell

County Manager Robert Hyatt, County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Robert C. Hedrick, Assistant County Manager Zeb M. Hanner, Human Resources Director John Dean, Emergency Services Director Doug Lowe, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Transportation Director Zeb F. Hanner, Public Works and Services Director Bill Clutter, Meadowlands Representative James Armentrout, Realtor Bruce Hubbard

ABSENT

Commissioner Priscilla H. Hege and Commissioner Max Walser

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Sink called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Cindy Akins

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 Truell and a second by Vice Chairman Watford the Board voted 5-0 to adopt the agenda with amendments as follows:

Add – H.4. Resignation of Register of Deeds by Robert C. Hyatt, County Manager

- Closed Session for Real Estate

(Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. 2004 Homeland Security Grant by Doug Lowe, Emergency Services Director

Doug Lowe presented a request for approval to apply and receive the 2004 Homeland Security Grant to provide first responders with protective, assessment, decontamination equipment, and training. He noted that the grant can be used to upgrade current communications equipment and further noted the trailers being constructed and equipped for multi-hazard purposes in Davidson County. He stated that the total for the grant is \$292,554.00 with \$42,554.00 for Multi-Hazard Equipment for first responders and \$250,000.00 for Communications upgrade.

The Board acknowledged that the item would be placed on the agenda for October 12, 2004 for action. (Exhibit 2)

2. Schedule Public Hearing for 2005-2006 Community Transportation Program Grant Application by Zeb F. Hanner, Transportation Director

Zeb F. Hanner requested that the Board schedule a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed Community Transportation Application to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Mr. Hanner noted that the program provides assistance to coordinate existing transportation programs operating in Davidson County as well as to provide transportation options and services for the communities within this service area.

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Kepley the Board voted 5-0 to schedule a public hearing for 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 26, 2004, at 7:00 P.M., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina. (Exhibit 3)

3. Update on Meadowlands Request for Sewer by Bill Clutter, Public Works and Services Director

Bill Clutter introduced James Armentrout, Meadowlands Representative, and Bruce Hubbard, Realtor. He then proceeded to present an update and review of considerations of sewer for Meadowlands. Mr. Clutter reminded the Board of its past action from an October 2003 Commissioners' meeting, when the Board stipulated in a motion that it " would not, at the present time, agree to maintain the sewer lines or the

future pump station” for the Meadowlands Development. Mr. Clutter noted that Winston-Salem/Forsyth County has stated that it did not wish to operate systems in Davidson County. Mr. Clutter then apprised the Board that Meadowlands representatives have asked Davidson County to reconsider ownership/operation of the sewer system, noting that currently there exists 17,000 lineal feet of sewer plus two pump stations and forced main with 350 lots, approximately 130 town homes, and approximately 102 condominiums.

Mr. Clutter provided points that the County might consider for owning/operating the Meadowlands sewer system:

- a) In the past, private systems eventually have to seek public ownership operation due to the insistence of the users.
- b) Often private systems are poorly maintained and have need of massive repairs; thus, public entities are faced with assuming these systems and correcting the conditions that have evolved.
- c) The county would have better control of initial installation and system materials.
- d) The County would have control of development.
- e) The County would have control of environmental issues such as stormwater runoff and groundwater pollution.

In closing, Mr. Clutter noted that in the very near future, he will provide information on the availability of a large utility company that may be willing to assist with the request. He advised that presently, a) Meadowlands is in construction, b) Winston-Salem is providing treatment, and c) a pump station is being built to the State of North Carolina specifications.

Discussion followed. The Board acknowledged that it will receive advisement from Mr. Clutter when more information is available regarding the possibility of a large utility company’s assumption of the project.

(Exhibit 4)

4. Resignation of Register of Deeds by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

Robert Hyatt noted his receipt of Ronnie Callicutt’s resignation, effective December 31, 2004. County Attorney Robert Hedrick advised that he would send a letter to the Chairman of the Democrat Party, requesting a recommendation for replacement within 30 days of the effective date of resignation.

CLOSED SESSION – Real Estate

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Kepley, the Board voted 5-0 to go into Closed Session for a matter of real estate.

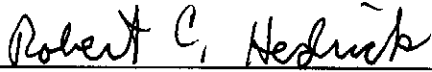
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Chairman Sink, the Board voted 5-0 to return to Open Session.

County Attorney Hedrick reported discussion of a real estate matter in Closed Session with no action taken.

I. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn.



Robert C. Hedrick, Clerk to the Board
Davidson County Board of Commissioners



Fred C. Sink, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners