

MINUTES

October 25, 2005

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 25, 2005, 7:00 P.M., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, for a regularly scheduled meeting.

PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Don Truell, Vice Chairman Larry Potts, Cindy Akins, Fred McClure, Fred Sink, Dr. Max Walser

County Manager Robert C. Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb M. Hanner, County Attorney Robert Hedrick, Human Resources Director John Dean, Transportation Director Zeb F. Hanner, Health Director Layton Long, Parks and Recreation Director Charles Parnell, Library Director Ruth Ann Copley, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, Senior Services Director Kathryn Pritchard, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Assistant Social Services Director Keith Johnson, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Sheriff David Grice, Cooperative Extension Director Robert Lopp, Davidson County Schools Superintendent Dr. Fred Mock, Economic Development Director Steve Googe

ABSENT

Commissioner Sam Watford

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Don Truell called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Rev. Lee Jessup

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

1. NC Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service - United Way

Chairman Truell recognized Rev. Lee Jessup, Executive Director for United Way, for comments on the NC Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service. Chairman Truell then joined in recognizing and presenting certificates to Jim Barger, Randolph Scott Brown, Doris Carlile, Annie Lee Freeman, Davidson County Education Foundation. Rev. Jessup noted that the awards are state-wide volunteer awards. Christi

Davis, of the United Way office, assisted in the presentations. Rev. Jessup also recognized Meredith Palmer, of the Davidson County School System, for her participation in the program. (See Exhibit A)

2. Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award to Purchasing Department

Chairman Truell recognized Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress and the Purchasing Staff Suji Everhart, Jeanean Wyatt, Rosa Ladd, and Dennis Burnette on the receipt of the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award. Chairman Truell noted that the award is designed to recognize organizational excellence in procurement by obtaining a high score on a rating of standardized criteria. He further noted that the program is designed to measure innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity, and leadership attributes of the procurement function. Chairman Truell exhibited the trophy received and noted the significance of the award presented as it is the 10th annual award that has been presented. (Exhibit B)

3. Best Practice Award by NC Association of County DSS Directors for "Advancements in Staff and Leadership Development"

Chairman Truell also recognized Social Services Director Catherine Lambeth and the Social Services Department for winning the "Best Practice Award" given by the NC Association of County DSS Directors for "Advancements in Staff and Leadership Development." Assistant Director of Social Services Keith Johnson accepted the award for the Social Services Department and shared the details of the winning program. (Exhibit C)

Speaker of House for Senior Tarheel Legislature

Commissioner McClure recognized Rev. Lamar Moore for his recent election to the position of Speaker of the House for the Senior Tarheel Legislature which advocates for seniors in North Carolina.

Chairman Truell then recognized Roland Bibeau of the Davidson County Council of Chambers.

Commissioner Max Walser recognized the Purchasing Department for outstanding work in organizing and collecting for the Hurricane Relief for Harrison County, Mississippi where three schools were totally destroyed. Commissioner Walser emphasized the continuing need for donations of money and school supplies and noted that many teachers' and students' homes were lost.

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Truell noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted 6-0 to adopt the agenda with amendments:

Add –H.11.Resolution to Amend the 2005 Davidson County Board of Commissioners’ Meeting Schedule

(Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

H. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION

Consent

On a motion by Commissioner McClure and a second by Vice Chairman Potts the Board voted 6-0 to approve the consent agenda.

1. Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of October 11, 2005 Board of Commissioners’ meeting and June 20, 2005 Planning and Zoning public hearing.

2. Budget Amendments by Zeb M. Hanner, Assistant County Manager

The Board approved budget amendments for Day Reporting, Tax, Library, Sheriff’s Department, Cooperative Extension, Senior Services, Purchasing, and Transportation. (Exhibit 2)

3. Reclassifications by John Dean, Human Resources Director

The Board approved the reclassification of a Deputy I to Detention Officer/Road Squad position in the Sheriff’s Department. (Exhibit 3)

4. Easement to the Department of Transportation

The Board approved the Temporary Construction Easement across approximately 399 square feet of Cecil School Property for the Center Street Bridge project at the railroad tracks with Department of Transportation paying \$1,450.00 to Davidson County for the easement. (Exhibit 4)

5. Tax Refund by Joe Silver, Tax Administrator

The Board approved the request for a tax refund in the amount of \$50,000 for Murrows Transfer, Inc. as authorized by the North Carolina Department of Revenue based on Murrows Transfer, Inc. qualifying for listing and assessing as a Public Utility Company for tax years 2000 through 2005.

(Exhibit 5)

Deliberation

6. Sale of Home Health Agency by Layton Long, Health Director

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Sink the Board voted 6-0 to adopt the Resolution to Approve the Contract for Sale of the Home Health Agency with an addition recommended by Attorney Hedrick. Mr. Long noted the scheduled closing date is November 1, 2005.

(See Exhibit 6)

7. Schedule Public Hearing for Community Transportation Program Grant by Zeb F. Hamner, Transportation Director

On a motion by Commissioner Sink and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted 6-0 to schedule a public hearing for the Community Transportation Program Grant for Tuesday, November 8, 2005, at 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington. (Exhibit 7)

8. Appointments

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Walser, the Board voted 6-0 to table the appointments and reappointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission due to the absence of Commissioner Sam Watford. (Exhibit 8)

9. Prescription Drug Card by Commissioner Fred McClure

Commissioner McClure explained the details of the prescription drug card and noted the benefits of the card. He noted the availability of the card in various county departments. (Exhibit 9)

10. Denton Library Study by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

County Manager Robert Hyatt noted the original plan to expand the present Denton Library facility. Mr. Hyatt then stated that structural problems were observed which brought about discussion of other options for library improvement and expansion. He further noted that consideration was given to pursue architectural services. Ruth Ann Coppley, Library Director, discussed the steps that have been taken to find the best plan for improvement of services in the Denton area.

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Vice Chairman Potts the Board voted 6-0 to authorize the study with funding (\$18, 700) from the Performance Management. (Exhibit 10)

11. Resolution to Amend the Davidson County Board of Commissioners' 2005 Meeting Schedule

On a motion by Commissioner McClure and a second by Vice Chairman Potts the Board voted 6-0 to adopt the Resolution Amending the Davidson County Board of Commissioners' 2005 Meeting Schedule to eliminate the November 3, 2005 and December 5, 2005 meetings. (Exhibit 11)

I. CLOSED SESSION – Personnel and Economic Development

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted 6-0 to go into Closed Session for matters of Economic Development and Personnel.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Commissioner Sink the Board voted 6-0 to return to Open Session.

County Attorney Robert Hedrick reported discussion of Economic Development and Personnel matters with no action taken.

J. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn.



Don W. Truell, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners



Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board
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