

## MINUTES

November 1, 2007

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 A.M. 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 Kepley, Larry Potts, Dr. Max Walser, Sam Watford

Assistant County Manager Zeb M. Hanner, County Attorney Robert Hedrick, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, TRIP Director Jo Ellen Edwards, TRIP President and Cooperative Extension Services Director Robert Lopp, Uptown Lexington Director Wade Nichols, IT Director Joel Hartley, Human Resources Director Jim Tysinger, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Superintendent of Davidson County Schools Dr. Fred Mock, Day Reporting Director Angela Scott, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Public Works and Services Director Rex Buck, Integrated Solid Waste Director Charlie Brushwood, Health Director Layton Long, JTEC Director Nancy Borrell, Senior Services Director Catherine Lambeth, Sheriff David Grice, Social Services Director Keith Johnson, Historical Museum Curator Catherine Hoffman

### A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

### B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley

### C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### D. RECOGNITION

### E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman McClure noted the register for public address.

### F. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On a motion by Vice Chairman Truell and a second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of Closed Session for Personnel and Real Estate.

(Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Davidson County Board of Education Avid Program

Ms. Ceretha Mitchell of Davidson County Schools, presented information on AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), explaining that it is a fifth through twelfth grade system to prepare students in the academic middle for four-year college eligibility. She noted that the current participating schools in Davidson County are Brown Middle School, Central Middle School, and Tyro Middle School. She further noted that AVID is for all students but it targets the at-risk population in the academic middle. (Exhibit 2)

2. Tourism Recreation Investment Partnership Update to Commissioners by Jo Ellen Edwards, Executive Director of TRIP, and Robert Lopp, President of TRIP

Robert Lopp addressed the Board noting that the presentation is an update of the Tourism Recreation Master Plan. He noted that Davidson County now has enough tourist attractions to bring tourists to the County. Mr. Lopp informed the Board about the projects the group has achieved during 2007 and priorities the group has set for the upcoming year. These included the receipt of a grant from the National Park Service for consultation services and Davidson Vision for the Greenway/Trail Master Plan, and officially forming Tourism Recreation Investment Partnership for Davidson County Foundation.

Jo Ellen Edwards announced the addition of Virtual Tours of Davidson County destinations to the County-wide tourism website, the calendar of events and the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Capture the Spirit of Davidson County" photo contest. She noted the partnerships with Recreation, the Historical Museum, Cooperative Extension Service, Planning and Zoning, Davidson Vision, Arts United. She further noted the progress that has been made with the group efforts.

Robert Lopp informed the Board that the group is pursuing grant funding to continue the efforts and enhance the community tourism projects.. (Exhibit 3)

3. Tourism Information Kiosk for The Square by Wade Nichols, Executive Director of Uptown Lexington, Inc.

The Board received a request to place an informational kiosk on the corner of The Square in an effort to boost tourism spending in Lexington and Davidson County. He noted the plans to place a total of three kiosks in the County, one at the Bob Timberlake Gallery, one at the Childress Winery, and one on The Square.

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to add the request to place a kiosk on The Square to the November 13, 2007 consent agenda.

The Board requested that the County Attorney look into drafting an indemnification agreement. (Exhibit 4)

4. Davidson County Landfill Gas to Energy Feasibility Study/Possible next Steps

Charlie Brushwood introduced Matt Lamb, Engineer of Richardson Smith Gardner & Associates. Mr. Lamb shared information on the latest developments in the landfill gas to energy projects. He noted the details on the development of a Request for Proposals for marketing the landfill gas. The Board acknowledged that \$20,000 is the cap on cost with 120 days for the duration of the project from initiation of the feasibility study through final recommendation.

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to place the item on the November 13, 2007 consent agenda. (Exhibit 5)

5. Update on Davidson County Facility/Space Needs Study by Ware Bonsall Associates

The Board received a Power-Point presentation update on the Davidson County Facility Space Needs Study. Mr. Glenn Ware noted to the Board that the Sheriff/Detention/Court area appeared to be the greatest priority of need. Mr. Ware further noted that the other priorities to follow would be Social Services, and Health. He then presented recommendations and stated that 20 acres would be needed for a jail project. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Potts requested that the County Attorney look into possible condemnation of the lease with the Post Office.

Commissioner Potts moved that the Board have a discussion item on the November 13, 2007 deliberation agenda for the facility/space needs; Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. Upon a vote the motion carried 7-0 unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Vice Chairman Truell and a second by Commissioner Kepley the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to go into Closed Session for Personnel and Real Estate.


RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

County Attorney Robert Hedrick reported discussion of Personnel and Real Estate in Closed Session with no action taken.

I. ADJOURNMENT

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

  
Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board  
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Fred D. McClure, Chairman  
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