

MINUTES

November 4, 2004

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, November 4, 2004, at 8:00 A.M., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina for a regularly scheduled meeting.

PRESENT

Commissioners: Vice Chairman Sam Watford, Cindy Akins, Priscilla Hege, Billy Joe Kepley, Don Truell

Robert C. Hedrick, Assistant County Manager Zeb M. Hanner, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Emergency Services Director Doug Lowe, Public Works and Services Director Bill Clutter and Assistant Director Scott Rickard, IT Director Joel Hartley, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Senior Services Director Kathryn Gentry, Officer Tony Roberson, Richard Atkins and Scott Rhine of Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation

ABSENT

Chairman Fred C. Sink, Commissioner Max Walser, and County Manager Robert C. Hyatt were in Raleigh, North Carolina for another County matter involving Economic Development.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Vice Chairman Sam Watford called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

Assistant County Manager Zeb M. Hanner recognized Health Director Layton Long.

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Vice Chairman Sam Watford noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Hege and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted 5-0 to adopt the agenda with the deletion of Closed Session.

(Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Park and Ride Lot by Richard Atkins, Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation

The Board received a presentation by Richard Atkins, P.E. with Wilbur Smith and Associates, on behalf of PART, and Scott Rhine, Transportation Planner for PART, concerning the development of a proposed park and ride lot for use by commuters in Davidson County. Mr. Atkins noted that he has been retained by the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation to help coordinate and design commuter park and ride lots throughout PART's jurisdiction. He further noted that the parcel of land under consideration for development of a park and ride lot is located at the intersection of NC Hwy. 109 and Cooksey Drive. He further stated that the establishment of park and ride lots in Davidson County can be counted on as part of the strategy to help reduce emissions into our air. He then requested the adoption of a Park and Ride Lot Agreement between PART and Davidson County with the County being held responsible for 10 percent of the total cost of establishing and maintaining the park and ride lots.

Discussion followed with some comments on partnering with the City of Thomasville and some revisions to the resolution. Guy Cornman agreed to revise the resolution to be brought back to the November 9, 2004 meeting. (Exhibit 2)

2. Relocation of EOC from the Cecil School Facility to Emergency Services Building by Doug Lowe, Emergency Services Director

The Board received a request from Doug Lowe for authorization to move the current Emergency Operations Center (EOC) from the Cecil School Facility to the Emergency Services building location at 935 North Main Street. Mr. Lowe noted needs for an 80 ft. tower behind the Emergency Services building, measures to secure the building, and parking space. He further stated that he has \$4,000 for the project saved through performance management.

The Board acknowledged that the item would be placed on the consent agenda for November 9, 2004. (Exhibit 3)

3. Mowing Contract by Dwayne Childress, Purchasing Director

Dwayne Childress presented a mowing contract for consideration with Elliott's Landscaping to

take care of all 27 county properties excluding ball fields. Mr. Childress noted that a negotiated price of \$8,276.97 monthly, or \$99,323.64 annually has been proposed that includes spraying and pine needles. He further noted that he makes the recommendation with support from Public Works and Services Director Bill Clutter and the Assistant Director Scott Rickard.

Bill Clutter addressed the Board noting that the greatest competence for the mowing of county properties would be to have it in-house, which would cost approximately \$81,000. He stated that the second best would be to have it under contract. He advised the Board that the proposed contract includes spraying and pine needles; however, the in-house cost of \$81,000 does not include gasoline, maintenance, repair, or replacement of equipment. Mr. Clutter stated that the mowing and care of the property is a weekly function.

Scott Rickard noted that the advantage to having the mowing in-house would be the supervision of the mowing and property. He further stated that three employees would be needed for the job.

Discussion followed. Vice Chairman Watford directed that three negotiable bids are needed before a decision can be made and requested the bids be presented at the November 9, 2004 meeting.

(Exhibit 4)

4. Tyro Sewer Policy for Cost Allocations by Bill Clutter, Public Works & Services Director

Bill Clutter reviewed the cost allocations for the Tyro Sewer Policy. Mr. Clutter apprised the Board of the additional requests for sewer in the Tyro area and emphasized the need to adopt a revised policy. Mr. Clutter noted several options to pay for the Tyro Sewer Project including a special assessment, a fee in lieu of assessment, or pay for the project.

The Board accepted the information to be considered at a future date. (Exhibit 5)

5. Boone's Cave Park Security by Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley

Commissioner Kepley informed the Board of the vandalism that has occurred at the park, noting that the cabin and picnic tables have been burned, steps busted, monument damaged, and trash strewn on the property. He noted that a park employee is present for a few hours during the day. He further noted that he has consulted with Sheriff David Grice and asked if the SRO officers and some DARE officers could patrol the park.

Officer Tony Roberson stated that Sheriff Grice has committed to having these officers patrol the park.


Bill Clutter noted the recent construction of the entrance gate with locks and the new restroom facilities which are locked at night also. Mr. Clutter further noted the plans for trails and campsites and the need for more maintenance and security when these projects are completed.

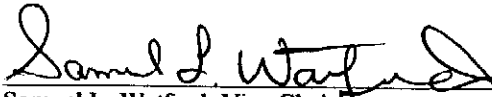
Commissioner Kempley advocated the formation of a Boone's Cave Security Committee to include one representative from the Sheriff's Department, Parks and Recreation, Public Works and Services, Administration, and a citizen. Commissioner Kempley advocated an arm-type barricade at the entrance with a ticket listing restrictions for each visitor, a surveillance camera, a headquarters building, and a full-time ranger.

Mr. Clutter noted that there is funding in the amount of \$30,000 available that could be used for the barricade and he emphasized the need for more manpower at the park.

I. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Hege and a second by Vice Chairman Watford the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn.


Robert C. Hedrick, Clerk to the Board
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Samuel L. Watford, Vice Chairman
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