

## MINUTES

November 12, 2003

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, November 12, 2003, at 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, Lexington, for a public hearing and a scheduled meeting.

### PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Fred Sink, Vice Chair Priscilla Hege, Cindy Akins, Billy Joe Kepley, Don Truell, Dr. Max Walser, and Sam Watford

County Manager Robert Hyatt, County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Robert Hedrick, Budget Officer Zeb M. Hanner, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Human Resources Director Keli Greer, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Parks and Recreation Director Charles Parnell, Mental Health Director Harold Frontz and Jerry Smith, Tourism Development Coordinator Jo Ellen Edwards

### A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Sink called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

### B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley

### C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### D. RECOGNITION

Chairman Sink recognized Susie Truell, Commissioner Don Truell's wife, representing the Thomasville School Board for Davidson County Council of Chambers.

Chairman Sink then called upon Commissioner Max Walser for recognition of a group of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from North Davidson Middle School. Commissioner Walser introduced the group of 12 students and their instructor, Jonathan Woosley, and referred to them for presentation of their projects on monuments to honor World War II Veterans. The students were divided into 3 groups and each presented a Power Point presentation accompanied by a model of the monument for their project.

### E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Sink noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with the following amendments:

Add: I.10. Schedule Pay/Classification Plan Workshop

I.11. Economic Development Summit Update by Commissioner Walser

I.12. Piedmont Behavioral Healthcare Local Management Entity by Vice Chair Hege

Closed Session – Attorney/Client

Delete: I.10. Lease Agreement with Davidson County Board of Education (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Gene Beck questioned Commissioner Akins concerning her position on the Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Sink reminded Mr. Beck of the purpose for public address and informed him that the address was out of order.

Gene Beck inquired about the status of payment of the insurance deductible for the lawsuit involving the national motto with reference to former commissioner, Rick Lanier, as the payer.

Gene Beck then commended Commissioner Walser for his attention and responses.

H. PUBLIC HEARING – Community Transportation Program Grant Application

Transportation Director Zeb F. Hanner noted the purpose of the public hearing is to allow public comments on the proposed submittal of a Community Transportation Program Grant Application. Mr. Hanner further noted that the program provides assistance to coordinate existing transportation programs in operation in Davidson County as well as to provide transportation options and services for the communities within the service area.

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to open the public hearing.

Commissioner Truell inquired about the usage of the 20 vehicles on a daily basis.

Mr. Hanner responded that all are used and some are for back-up; he further responded that there are 700-750 trips made per day.

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Barney Hill spoke in opposition to the grant application and questioned the order of the document and accuracy of the information.

Vice Chair Hege commended the program.

Mr. Hanner noted that the purpose of the public hearing is to receive suggestions and further stated that some of the information relating to costs before the application is completed have to be estimates.

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to close the public hearing.

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the submittal of the grant application. (Exhibit 2)

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION

Consent

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted 6-1 to approve the consent agenda; Commissioner Kepley voted "No."

1. Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of October 23, 2003 and October 28, 2003.

2. Budget Amendments by Zeb M. Hanner, Budget Officer

The Board approved the following budget amendments:

- Tax – Appropriate \$20,292.65 in tax revenues to pay Evans and Associates for a discovery made during an audit.
- Health – Accept \$73,320 from Office of Public Health Preparedness.
- Sheriff – Appropriate \$75,000 of seized highway monies to 110-3101-422-80-20

(Exhibit 3)

3. 2004 Holiday Schedule

The Board approved the 2004 Holiday Schedule. (Exhibit 4)

4. Emergency Communications Position Status Change by Keli Greer, Human Resources

Director

The Board approved a status change for an Address Technician from Temporary to Regular Full-time. (Exhibit 5)

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5. Public Health Nurse Status Change by Keli Greer, Human Resources Director

The Board approved a status change for a part-time Public Health Nurse I position to a full-time Public Health Nurse I. (Exhibit 6)

6. Additions to the North Carolina Secondary Road System by Guy Cornman, Planning and Zoning Director

The Board approved the addition of Horse Farm Road in the Arcadia Township to the North Carolina Secondary Road System and adopted the SR-2 Resolution supporting the addition. (Exhibit 7)

**Deliberation**

7. Services for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Funding Request by Mary Crump

The Board received a request for funding of \$8,000 for the remainder of the 2003-2004 fiscal year Beginning January 2004 and \$16,000 beginning the fiscal year 2004-2005 and continuing annually. Supporting information was received in addresses from Mary Crump, Ida Brinkley, Janice Blevins, Jacob Thadathil, and Brenda Lusk-Blevins, Director of the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Center for Davidson County. Chairman Sink suggested that the request be made at the time of budget sessions in 2004.

(Exhibit 8)

8. Davidson County Recreation and Tourism Development Master Plan by Charles Parnell, Recreation Director

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Walser the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the proposal for facilitation and preparation of the Davidson County Recreation and Tourism Development Master Plan with an estimated budget not to exceed \$110,050.

(Exhibit 9)

9. Mental Health Early Childhood Intervention/Continuation of Services in Selected Positions to Accommodate Transition in Mental Health by Dr. Harold Frontz, Mental Health Director

On a motion by Vice Chair Hege and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve *Proposal 1* for the recovery of approximately \$601,830 in revenues and payment of approximately \$430,000 in invoices and also *Proposal 2* for the continuation of services in certain positions.

(Exhibit 10)

10. Lease Agreement with Davidson County Board of Education - Deleted

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Schedule Workshop for Pay and Classification Plan Workshop by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

The Board agreed to schedule a workshop for the Pay and Classification Plan to be placed at the end of the December 4, 2003 agenda.

11. Economic Development Summit Update by Commissioner Max Walser

Commissioner Walser apprised the Board of the results of the Economic Development Summit. He included the determination of the greatest strengths of Davidson County, its present status, possible strategies, proposed leadership, and the next steps to accelerate economic development.

(Exhibit 11)

12. Piedmont Behavioral Healthcare Local Management Entity by Vice Chair Priscilla Hege

The Board received notice from Vice Chair Hege of the change in regular meetings of the Local Management Entity to the third Thursday of the month so that it does not conflict with the Davidson County Board of Commissioners meetings and does allow Vice Chair Hege to attend both board meetings.

J. CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to go into Closed Session for Personnel and Attorney/Client.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

County Attorney/Clerk to the Board Robert Hedrick reported discussion of personnel and attorney/client with no action taken.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Vice Chair Hege the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adjourn.

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Fred C. Sink, Chairman  
Davidson County Board of Commissioners

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