

MINUTES

November 24, 2009

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 24, 2009, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina, for a regularly scheduled meeting.

PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Fred McClure, Vice Chairman Sam Watford, Cathy Dunn, Billy Joe Kempley, Larry Potts, Don Truell, Dr. Max Walser

County Manager Robert Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb Hanner, County Attorney Chuck Frye, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhardt, Tax Administrator Joe Silver, Human Resources Director Jim Tysinger, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Davidson Works Director Nancy Borrell, Piedmont Triad Governments Regional Energy Sustainability Director Dave Harris, Capital Projects Manager Rick Prevette, Library Director Ruth Ann Copley, Veterans Director Boyd Morgan Social Services Director Keith Johnson, Finance Director Jane Kiker, IT Director Joel Hartley, Public Works Director Rex Buck

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Cathy Dunn

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

Chairman McClure recognized Mac Parrott, representing Davidson County Council of Chambers.

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman McClure noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of Closed Session for Personnel. County Attorney Chuck Frye stated that the purpose of the Closed Session was to address the awarding of a scholarship, prize or similar award pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(2). (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Barney Hill spoke on the Davidson Academy Facility Upfit.

H. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION

Consent

Commissioner Potts requested the removal of H.4. from the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Dunn the Board voted 6-1 to approve H.1.2.3.5. on the consent agenda; Commissioner Kepley voted “No.”

1. Minutes

The Board approved the Minutes of November 5, 2009 and November 10, 2009 Davidson County Board of Commissioners’ meetings.

2. Budget Amendments by Zeb Hamner, Assistant County Manager

The Board approved budget amendments for Tax, Purchasing, Human Resources, Social Services, Davidson Works, Senior Services, and the Sheriff’s Department. (Exhibit 2)

3. Tax Report of Refunds by Joe Silver, Tax Administrator

The Board approved the Tax Report of Refunds for October 2009. (Exhibit 3)

4. Position Closing and Reclassifications by Jim Tysinger, Human Resources Director

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner Kepley the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the closing of one Career & Development position and reclassification of one Office Support III part-time, with retirement, to full-time in Davidson Works, following details provided by Jim Tysinger. (Exhibit 4)

5. Davidson Works Appointments for Workforce Development Youth Council by Nancy

Borrell Director of Davidson Works

The Board approved the appointments of Phillip Bryant and Yvonna McIntosh to the Davidson Works Workforce Development Board Youth Council. (Exhibit 5)

6. Resolution Amending the Davidson County Board of Commissioners' Meeting Schedule

for December 2009

The Board adopted the Resolution Amending the Davidson County Board of Commissioners' Meeting Schedule for December 2009, which cancelled the December 14, 2009 Planning and Zoning Public Hearing and the December 22, 2009 Board of Commissioners' Meeting. (Exhibit 6)

Deliberation

7. Davidson Works Success Stories by Nancy Borrell, Director of Davidson Works

Nancy Borrell noted the presence of recipients of Davidson Works services who would share accounts of their successes with the funding from stimulus programs. Ms. Borrell introduced Martha Martin who spoke as an employer of the Summer Youth.

After an introduction, Ronte' Burgess, a 16-year old spoke on the benefits of the summer program.

Jamie Tucker was introduced and spoke on his experience with Davidson Works in pursuing his associate degree.

Ms. Borrell introduced Linda Burgess, now employed by the Davidson County Health Department. She noted that she was able to attain her goal and reach full-time employment.

Ruth Ann Copley, Director of Davidson County Libraries, noted the presence of access points in Davidson County's libraries for Davidson Works and the honorable mention in the ICMA magazine.

Whitney McLaughlin, College Advisor for Lexington and Thomasville High Schools, spoke on the activities in the high schools.

David Ernest, manufacturer of metal stamping, spoke on his experience with Davidson Works and the funding received.

Ms. Borrell introduced Ineta Cherry who spoke on the success of a project re-entry client (ex-offender).

Commissioner Potts then stated that he had some questions and he asked Ms. Borrell to come to the podium for responses. Ms. Borrell declined and stated that Scott Biesecker and Steven Moore, Davidson Works board members, could better respond to questions. Mr. Biesecker and Mr. Moore approached the podium to receive inquiries. Commissioner Potts asked how many people were served? The response was 589. Commissioner Potts asked how many are working today? How did you determine who receives a business grant? Was it advertised? How many were served in employment? . The response was 96 in summer program, 7 permanent placements, 64 transitional employment (work experience/on-the-job training). Commissioner Potts asked about the time limit for spending the funds? The response was June 30, 2011. Commissioner Potts questioned the spending for social functions, conferences, speakers, and flowers and noted the extravagance of the spending. There was more discussion. Commissioner Potts asked if the summit was actually required from the stimulus funds. Ms. Borrell stated “yes.” More discussion followed.

Chairman McClure commended the success story participants for their achievements and thanked them for sharing the accounts of their experiences with Davidson Works. (Exhibit 7)

8. Rezoning Applications by Lee Crook, Zoning Officer

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Dunn the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to accept applications from William and Karen Biscoe and Robert Carroll Saveille, III, to refer them to the Planning and Zoning Board for its recommendations, and set a public hearing for Monday,

January 4, 2010 at 7:00 P.M., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913
Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina. (Exhibit 8)

9. Re-entry Project by Ineta Cherry, Project Re-entry Employment Specialist, and Rebecca Sauter, Director and Co-founder

The Board received information on the Re-entry Project, created to assist prisoners in re-entering the workforce after being released. Presently, North Carolina is responsible for 40,000 inmates. Rebecca Sauter provided statistics on re-entry and provided the details of the programs to assist in re-entry.

(Exhibit 9)

10. Professional Services Contract with Piedmont Council of Governments to Assist with Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Program Requirements by Rex Buck, Public Works and Services Director and Dave Harris, Regional Energy Sustainability Director

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner Walser, the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to award the contract with PTCOG for a total of \$36,300, to be used for technical support from the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments to assist with the US Department of Energy and American Reinvestment and Recovery Act grant (\$631,000) requirements. (Exhibit 10)

11. Davidson Academy Upfit/Budget Amendment by Rick Prevette, Capital Projects Manager

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Commissioner Dunn the Board voted 6-1 to approve the budget amendment for the upfit to the Davidson Academy facility (\$272,019); Commissioner Potts voted "No." (Exhibit 11)

12. Optional Personal Day without Pay by Robert Hyatt, County Manager, and Jim Tysinger, Human Resources Director

On a motion by Vice Chairman Watford and a second by Commissioner Dunn the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the proposed Optional/Personal Day without Pay to be offered to Davidson County employees between December 21, 2009, and January 1, 2010. (Exhibit 12)

13. Churchland Elementary School Sewer Project Bid by Dwayne Childress, Purchasing Director

On a motion by Vice Chairman Watford and a second by Commissioner Dunn the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to award the contract to M & M Builders, Inc. at \$359,900.00 for the Churchland Elementary School Sewer Project. (Exhibit 13)

CLOSED SESSION – Personnel

On a motion by Commissioner Walser and a second by Commissioner Dunn the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to go into Closed Session for matters of Personnel.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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


County Attorney Chuck Frye reported discussion of Personnel in Closed Session with no action taken.

I. ADJOURNMENT

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



Fred D. McClure, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners



Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board

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