

MINUTES

December 13, 2005

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, December 13, 2005, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina, for a regularly scheduled meeting.

PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Fred D. McClure, Vice Chairman Larry W. Potts, Cindy Akins, Fred C. Sink, Don W. Truell, Dr. Max Walser, Sam Watford

County Manager Robert Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb M. Hanner, County Attorney Robert C. Hedrick, Zeb M. Hanner, Tax Administrator Joe Silver, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Emergency Services Director Doug Lowe, 911 Communications Director Terry Bailey, JTEC Director Pat Everhart, IT Director Joel Hartley, Economic Development Director Steve Googe

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Don Truell

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

Special Recognition of Retirees

Chairman McClure recognized Robert Meachum of the Sheriff's Office, retiring with 30 years, Jack Yarbrough of the Finance Office, retiring with 26 years, and Betty Mason, retiring Switchboard Operator of 21 years. Each retiree was presented with a gift certificate from Belk.

Chairman McClure also recognized Walt Rouse of the Davidson County Council of Chambers.

Commissioner Don Truell recognized Roger Bryant, retiring City Manager of Thomasville, and presented him with a Resolution honoring him for his service to city government and his relationships with other municipalities and the County. Commissioner Truell also presented Roger Bryant with the First Davidson County "Walking Stick Award." Commissioner Truell noted the recent creation of the stick and

noted that it is manufactured at Thomasville Furniture Industries and designed by Nathaniel Hawks.

(Exhibit A)

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman McClure noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with additions as follows:

Closed Session for Economic Development

Resolution – Roger Bryant under *Consent Agenda*

Use of Voting Machines

Update on Trading Path Association Work (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Barney Hill expressed views on H.4. Retirement for Elected Officials and recommended effective date of January 2, 2007

H. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION

Consent

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Vice Chairman Potts the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the consent agenda with the exception of H.4. Retirement for Elected Officials.

1. Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of October 6, 2005, November 22, 2005, December 1, 2005 Board of Commissioners' meetings and the October 3, 2005 Planning and Zoning Public Hearing.

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

The Board approved the Tax Report of Refunds for November 2005. (Exhibit 2)

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

The Board approved budget amendments for the General Fund (Unemployment Insurance), Contracted Services (Central Permitting Project), Lexington City Schools, Register of Deeds, IT, Purchasing, Thomasville City Schools, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (Family Empowerment & Intensive Preservation Grant), and Davidson County Schools. (Exhibit 3)

Deliberation

4. **Retirement for Elected Officials by Vice Chairman Larry W. Potts**

Commissioner Truell inquired how many counties have the program and why the program would be retroactive to 1990. Discussion followed.

Chairman McClure replied that his inquiries to the State rendered no records to give substantial figures as to how many counties have a retirement program.

Vice Chairman Potts noted that there are only three commissioners since 1990 that would qualify for the program.

Commissioner Watford stated that he is opposed to the program.

Commissioner Akins noted that it would be a good benefit for Commissioners.

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner Sink the Board voted 4 to 3 to approve the Retirement Program for Elected Officials; Commissioners Truell, Watford, and Chairman McClure voted “No.” (Exhibit 4)

Consent

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Vice Chairman Potts the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the consent agenda.

Resolution – Roger Bryant

The Resolution recognizing and honoring Roger Bryant was adopted by the Board.

5. **Emergency Services Mutual Aid Response Plan by Doug Lowe, Emergency Services**

Director

The Board approved the Emergency Services Mutual Aid Response Plan Agreement.

(Exhibit 5)

6. **Appointments**

The Board approved the appointment of Steven Moore, Production Manager of Dantherm for a two-year term to the Workforce Development Board.

The Board approved the appointment of Major Bratton to fulfill the unexpired term of retiring Police Chief Murdock the JCPC Council. (Exhibit 6)

7. Resolution Approving Midway Fire & Rescue Department Financing by Jane S. Kiker,
Finance Director

The Board adopted the Resolution Approving the Financing by Midway Fire and Rescue Department, Inc. of up to \$460,000.00 for Equipment Project. (Exhibit 7)

Deliberation

8. Resolution Establishing Procedure for Construction of New Schools and Buildings by
Robert C. Hyatt, County Manager

On a motion by Commissioner Akins and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the Resolution to Establish Procedure for the Construction of New Schools and New Buildings for the Davidson County School Administrative Unit, the Lexington City School Administrative Unit, the Thomasville City School Administrative Unit and Davidson County Community College. (Exhibit 8)

9. Architectural Firm and Budget for West Davidson Area Elementary School Project by
Robert Hyatt, County Manager

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Sink the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Davidson County Board of Commissioners ("County Commissioners") approves the selection and engagement of Martin, Boal, Anthony, Johnson, Architects, by the Davidson County Board of Education ("Board of Education"), along with the funds necessary to hire said architects for the purpose of designing the new West Davidson Area Elementary School. This resolution is made pursuant to that certain agreement by and between the County Commissioners and the Board of Education dated April 22, 2003. (Exhibit 9)

10. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report by Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs

The Board received the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report prepared by Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, and an accompanying slide presentation from Chris Costner. (Exhibit 10)

11. Renewal of Lease for Probation/Parole by Dwayne Childress, Purchasing Director

The Board received a lease agreement between Davidson County and Dr. Kwan for

Probation/Parole facilities to be considered for renewal from Dwayne Childress. Discussion followed concerning the term of the lease and County maintenance responsibilities.

Bill Clutter noted that Public Works and Services is not presently maintaining heat and airconditioning or flooring in the Kwan facility.

Vice Chairman Potts recommended that the lease agreement be renegotiated to reflect that any damage by the County to the facility will be repaired by the County but other repairs are the responsibility of Dr. Kwan and that the term of the lease is for one year.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to re-negotiate the terms of the property lease with Dr. H.L. Kwan for the Probation/Parole facility for one year with stipulations of County maintenance. (Exhibit 11)

12. Proposal for Use of Voting Machines in the Schools of Davidson County by Commissioner Walser

Commissioner Walser presented a proposal for use of old voting machines. Discussion followed concerning use of the machines in other places.

Commissioner Walser requested that the County Manager and Director of Elections research the proposal. (Exhibit 11)

13. Trading Path Association Update by Commissioner Walser

Commissioner Walser presented information on The Trading Path at Abbotts Creek. Commissioner Walser noted the potential of the trading path becoming an attraction for tourism.

I CLOSED SESSION – Attorney/Client, Real Estate, and Economic Development

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to go into Closed Session for matters of Attorney/Client, Real Estate, and Economic Development.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

County Attorney Robert Hedrick reported discussion of Attorney/Client, Real Estate, and Economic Development matters with no action taken.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA


On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Akins the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to amend the agenda to schedule public hearings for economic development incentives for two industries.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to schedule a public hearing for January 10, 2006, 7:00 P.M., Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, for an economic development incentive to *PPG* (.0027 x \$4,500,000 for five years not to exceed \$12,150 per year).

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner Sink the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to schedule a public hearing for January 10, 2006, 7:00 P.M., Commissioners' Meeting, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, for *Advanced Motorsports Coatings* (.0027 x \$1,500,000 for four years not to exceed \$4,050 per year).

J. ADJOURNMENT

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


Fred D. McClure, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners


Anne M. Burkhardt, Clerk to the Board
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