

## MINUTES

April 1, 2010

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 AM on Thursday, April 1, 2010, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina for a regularly scheduled informational meeting.

### PRESENT

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

County Attorney Chuck Frye, County Manager Robert Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb Hanner, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, Davidson Works Interim Director Catherine Lambeth, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Human Resources Director Jim Tysinger, Operations Manager Rick Prevette, Emergency Services Director Doug Lowe, Register of Deeds David Rickard, Integrated Solid Waste Director Charlie Brushwood, Assistant Social Services Director Dale Moorefield, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress

### A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman McClure called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

### B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Potts

### C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### D. RECOGNITION

Chairman Walser recognized David Rickard, Register of Deeds.

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Walser noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of H.1a.. Update on Tornado Destruction in Davidson County. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1.a. Update on Status of Tornado Destruction in Davidson County by

Chairman Max Walser and Emergency Services Director Doug Lowe

Chairman Walser noted that a State of Emergency was declared following the tornadoes and storms on Sunday, March 28, 2010.

Doug Lowe, Emergency Services Director, reported on the number of mobile homes destroyed and damaged and noted that there is \$1.7 million estimated damage which could rise to \$2 million. He noted ground searches, providing food and water to locations, providing lights and power have been a part of services extended to the affected citizens. He informed the Board that on Monday he brought in County Partners and then a State assessment team arrived also. Mr. Lowe apprised the Board that the tornado was an EF 2 status on Clark Road, an EF 1 tornado in the northeastern part of County, and it was EF3 when it touched down in High Point. Mr. Lowe told the Board that the Transportation Department sent buses to help evacuate people to the shelters with the North Davidson High School designated as the emergency site, being the largest and most accommodating. Mr. Lowe further stated that on Tuesday, United Way, American

Red Cross, Social Services, Inspections, Tax Department were at the affected area and they informed people of the services that are available. He noted to the Board that this is a short term assistance program. He apprised the Board that 30 families are misplaced from homes, and 4 of these families have no other family or place to go.

Mr. Lowe stated that the Methodist Men's and Baptist Men's organizations have been assisting on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. He noted that the monetary receipts will go to the American Red Cross, and the food and dry goods go to the Salvation Army. He further shared information that the area churches are providing food for misplaced families and for those folks who are providing services. Mr. Lowe stated that this will be ongoing for the next two weeks.

Robert Hyatt noted the request for large waste disposal boxes with a county attendant placed on site for receipt of the debris, and the request for waiver of tipping fees at the landfill

Charlie Brushwood noted that he can disburse three boxes and an attendant to the site. He further noted that a code can be entered as disaster debris. He stated that noted if County Boxes are placed on site, there would be no tipping fee anyway.

1. Preservation NC – Colonial Drive, Cecil School, Post Office by Mike Stout, Director of the Northwest Regional Office of Preservation North Carolina

Mike Stout presented outlines on how the process would work if the County chooses to partner with Preservation North Carolina in disposing of the Colonial Drive, Cecil School and old Post Office properties. Mr. Stout shared information on his findings and assessments of the old school buildings and the old Post Office building. He noted that the properties are marketable and can be disposed of if the County chooses. He

noted that the schools end up being used for housing. He noted that the Post Office should be the easiest to adapt for offices. The Board directed that the matter be placed on a future agenda. (Exhibit 2)

2. Davidson Works – NC Local Workforce Development Area Plan for Program Year 2010 by Catherine Lambeth, Interim Director

Catherine Lambeth noted the annual process to put a plan in place for Davidson Works.

Cindy Livengood addressed the Board with information on Job Link services. She explained the partnering of agencies to make the program work and noted that the program serves 1,200 customers per month.

The Board received information from Pam Walton on services provided by the employees of Davidson Works. She noted the planned expansion of services to reach more of the County and to expand the training to be suitable for more of the population.

Catherine Lambeth recognized Dina Collins for her work and clerical expertise in putting the plan together.

The Board was agreeable to the submittal of the NC Local Workforce Development Area Plan for Program year 2010 to the State. (Exhibit 3)

3. PM2.5 Air Quality Redesignation by Guy Cornman, Planning and Zoning Director

The Board received notification from Guy Cornman that there would be an indefinite delay on the decision from the EPA to redesignate Davidson County to attainment status with regard to PM2.5 matter. Mr. Cornman noted the joint efforts in process with other affected regions and staff at Piedmont Triad COG, Hickory, and

Catawba County Urban Area MPO to get the non-attainment status removed. Guy noted that Davidson County is in compliance but the EPA wants to put the redesignation “on hold.”

The Board agreed that a letter can be sent to address the losses that Davidson County is experiencing due to the “hold” on redesignation. The Board also directed that a resolution be drafted. (Exhibit 4)

4. Renewal of Employee Health Insurance/Voluntary Health Related Benefits by Jim Tysinger, Human Resources Director

The Board received information on the proposed Employee Benefit Summary 2010-2011 Plan and a review of the achievements in attaining goals over the last four years from Jim Tysinger, Human Resources Director. He noted the move away from high dollar plans to a base plan and a buy-up plan. He further noted increased enrollment in the base plan and also the flexible benefits plan. He noted 80% participation in the Wellness Plan for this past year. The Board acknowledge that the item will be on the April 13, 2010 agenda. (Exhibit 5)

5. Proposed Early Retirement by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

The Board received a report on the survey of interest in proposed early retirement incentives that were sent out to eligible employees from Robert Hyatt. Mr. Hyatt noted there is not a great interest by most of those employees (only 7 out of the 65 eligible).

(Exhibit 6)

I. CLOSED SESSION – Personnel

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to go into Closed Session for Personnel.

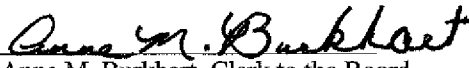
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

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

J. ADJOURNMENT

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

  
Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board  
Davidson County Board of Commissioners

  
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W. Max Walser, Chairman  
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