

MINUTES

June 3, 2010

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 AM on Thursday, June 3, 2010, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina for a regularly scheduled informational meeting to include a budget work session.

PRESENT

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

County Manager Robert Hyatt, County Attorney Chuck Frye, Assistant County Manager Zeb Hanner, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, CCPT Chair Kathy Hitchcock, CFPT Chair Kim Frank, IT Director Joel Hartley, Landfill Administrative Assistant Angela Jones, Library Administrative Assistant Gail Marsh, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Soil and Water Director Andy Miller, Social Services Interim Director Dale Moorefield, 911 Director Terry Bailey, Transportation Manager George Hodges, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Capital Projects and Operations Director Rick Prevet, Sewer Technician Laura Vanhoy, EMS Director Doug Lowe, Register of Deeds David Rickard Human Resources Director Jim Tysinger, Sheriff David Grice, Inspections Director Ron Triplette, Cooperative Extension Services Director Troy Coggins, Elections Director Ruth Huneycutt, Facilities Manager Tim Phelps, Garage Manager David Elliott, Public Works and Services Director Rex Buck, Parks and Recreation Director Charles Parnell, Tax Administrator Joe Silver, Health Director Layton Long, Davidson Works Director Cindy Livengood, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Walser called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Walser noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by McClure the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Jerry Hedrick spoke on behalf of the Veterans of Davidson County. He offered a request for a Blue Star Memorial sign on the I-85 highway at mile marker 102 on the southbound side and mile marker 88 on the northbound side, which is near the Vietnam Memorial on I-85. He noted the request must come from the Commissioners to be sent to NCDOT.

Woody Bowen addressed the Board to reaffirm the request for the Blue Star Memorial sign.

Barney W. Hill addressed the Board and presented his May 26, 2009 written remarks on proposed budget and his May 25, 2010 written remarks about the budget and requested that they be inserted in the respective minutes. He expressed concerns about the franchise agreement for convalescent services by the Davidson County Rescue Squad.

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Thomasville Community General Hospital by Kathy Johnson, CEO

Commissioner Fred McClure introduced Kathy Johnson, CEO of Community General Hospital.

Kathy Johnson then presented a power point report on the activities and resources at Thomasville Community General Hospital. Ms. Johnson noted that June 12, 2010 is the 80th anniversary of Community General Hospital in Thomasville. Ms. Johnson exhibited the various units of care that are available for the different types of diseases and chronic conditions. She noted the various specialty clinics and renovations to the cafeteria, chapel and other areas of the hospital. She further noted the association with Novant Health and their investment of \$56,000,000 to the facility. (Exhibit 2)

2. Child Protection and Fatality Prevention Team Report for 2009-2010 by Kathy

Hitchcock, CCPT Chair, and Kim Frank, CFPT Chair

Kathy Hitchcock presented the 2009 Annual Report for the Community Child Protection Team and the Child Fatality Prevention Team. She apprised the Board that she has 23 years with Davidson County Social Services and that Kim Frank, who was also available for information, has 33 years with Davidson County Health. She noted the focus on investigating sleeping arrangements for babies due to the

dangers of suffocation. She further noted the volume of drug abuse in the County and the number of deaths of teenagers due to ingesting a drug not prescribed for them or by overdosing. (Exhibit 3)

3. Budget Workshop on the Davidson County Proposed 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Budget by Robert Hyatt, County Manager and Zeb Hanner, Assistant County Manager

Zeb Hanner noted the adjustments that have been made to keep appropriated fund balance where it is currently. He pointed out that the fee schedule for treatment of sewer has been adjusted due to Winston-Salem's increase in its charge to customers for wastewater treatment.

Commissioner Potts inquired about the cuts in Environmental Health. Mr. Hanner noted that one position has been cut. Commissioner Potts inquired if there is an appropriation to the "Friends of North Carolina" affiliated with Economic Development. Discussion followed with details of the appropriation.

Discussion continued concerning Davidson Vision' efforts for recruitment of industry and the decrease in funding.

Chairman Watford commented on the spending for early voting and the costs of sewer for Extended Day School and requests by property owners in the area.

Joe Silver noted the County will lose \$100,000,000 in valuation of motor vehicles (\$540,000 for County). He reported there have been no foreclosures on any families by Davidson County Tax Department. He further reported that in Real Property Taxes, the County is holding its own and this does make up for vehicle tax. Mr. Silver apprised the Board that 491 homes in Davidson County have been foreclosed on by banks since July 1, 2009. He noted that a great number of discovery letters were sent out this year, which amounted to \$100,000,000.

Chairman Walser asked how much has been spent on technology. Joel Hartley reported \$150,000 for technology, \$126,000 for new computers, \$55,000 in software in 911 Center.

Zeb Hanner answered questions from Commissioner Potts about revenue.

Commissioner McClure noted the decrease of 31 positions in the County due to not filling positions that have been vacated and emphasized there have been no lay-offs.

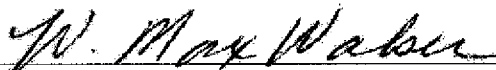
The Board noted the inclusion on the June 8, 2010 agenda of \$10,000 to Economic Development for "Friends of North Carolina."

Commissioner Keypley noted the need for use of signage to promote visits to Davidson County to promote sales tax (down \$1,500,000).

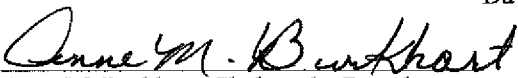
There was no further discussion of the proposed budget.

I. ADJOURNMENT

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



W. Max Walser, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners



Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board
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