

MINUTES

November 4, 2010

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 AM on Thursday, November 4, 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 Kopley, 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, Health Director Layton Long, Human Resources Director Jim Tysinger, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, IT Director Joel Hartley, Watershed Coordinator Scott Leonard, Commissioner-Elect Todd Yates, County Attorney Chris Watford, Public Works and Services Director Rex Buck, Board of Elections Director Ruth Huneycutt, Board of Elections Deputy Director Darren Whitson, Elections Board Members Randall Lanier and Jon Myers, Integrated Solid Waste Director Charlie Brushwood, Zoning Officer Lee Crook, Personnel Technician Elaine Ratcliff, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Max Walser called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Larry Potts

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION – Special Recognition

Layton Long gave special recognition to Kim Frank, Director of Nursing, on her recent award for Outstanding Leadership in Public Health Nursing and announced that she is planning to retire in 2011.

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Walser noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Larry Potts and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted

unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of H.O. Board of Elections Update. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

0. Board of Elections Update by Commissioner Potts

Commissioner Potts expressed his concerns with the lack of availability of machines and the long lines for early voting. He further questioned the slow results communicated from the recent election on November 2, 2010.

Randall Lanier, Chairman of the Board of Elections, stated that the printer problems added to the lag of results. He further stated that the polls close at 7:30 PM. and under the best case situation, voting results would not be available from the precincts to the Board of Elections Office to release until 8:30 PM. Due to printer problems, all Board of Elections technicians had to go to several polling places to make repairs and were not available back at the Board of Elections Office to submit voting records to the State until after 9:30 PM. In retrospect, Mr. Lanier stated they should have released early voting results earlier in the evening. He further stated the need for more employees. Deputy Director Darren Whitson explained the work that had to be completed on the printers and equipment. Attorney Jon Myers noted the storage problems involving leaks and moisture that may have affected the equipment. Director Ruth Huneycutt responded to concerns about the number of voting machines in Wallburg, stating that the number of machines was the same as the year before. She answered questions about the ballot and noted that she is willing to hire more employees if the Board is agreeable to the extra cost.

1. Zoning Ordinance Update by Guy Cornman, Planning and Zoning Director

Guy Cornman reviewed the update on the Zoning Ordinance and noted changes to the *mixed use residential zoning district* section. Hannah Cockeran, PTCOG, reviewed the *mixed use zoning*. Scott Leonard noted that any modifications that arise, will be coming before the Planning Board. Ms. Cockeran described the arrangement of the information in the Zoning Ordinance. Barney W. Hill presented questions about the ordinance including *acreage, criteria* and the *reviewing authority*. Mr. Hill continued through the ordinance with concerns. Chairman Walser commended Guy Cornman and the Planning and Zoning Staff for their work and their professionalism. (Exhibit 2)

2. Resolution Supporting the Merger of Piedmont Triad Council of Governments and Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments by Commissioner Don Truell

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Dunn the Board voted 6-1 to adopt the Resolution Supporting the Merger of Piedmont Triad Council of Governments and Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments; Commissioner Kepley voted "No." (Exhibit 3)

3. Suggested Revisions to the Board of Commissioners Rules of Procedure by Chuck Frye, County Attorney

County Attorney Chuck Frye reviewed the Suggested Revisions to the Board of Commissioners Rules of Procedure and noted the changes in Rule 3, Rule 4, Rule 6, Rule 9.c., Rule 10, Rule 11, Rule 17, Rule 23, and Rule 32. (Exhibit 4)

4. Review of Job Study Conducted for Integrated Solid Waste Department by Jim Tysinger, Human Resources Director

Jim Tysinger presented the Review of the Job Study Conducted for Integrated Solid Waste Department. Mr. Tysinger noted that 72 positions were studied, 7 upgraded, and \$19,588 will be the impact on the budget.

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to place the item on the consent agenda. (Exhibit 5)

I. CLOSED SESSION – Real Estate

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

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 Real Estate in Closed Session with no action taken.

J. ADJOURNMENT

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

Anne M. Burkhart
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W. Max Walser
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