

MINUTES

November 9, 2010

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 PM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, in the Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Road, Lexington, North Carolina, for a regularly scheduled meeting and two public hearings.

PRESENT

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

County Manager Robert Hyatt, County Attorney Chuck Frye, Assistant County Manager Zeb Hanner, Deputy Clerk to the Board Debbie Harris, Soil and Water Director Andy Miller, Economic Development Director Steve Googe, Tax Administrator Joe Silver, Human Resources Director Jim Tysinger, Integrated Solid Waste Director Charlie Brushwood, Public Works and Services Director Rex Buck, Commissioner-Elect Todd Yates, Tony Roberson and family, Deputy Tim Sells, Emergency Management Coordinator Larry Morgan, Planning Director Guy Cornman, Health Director Layton Long, Senior Services Employee Doug Duffey, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Major Brian Grubb with the Sheriff's Department, Public Works and Services Technician Laura Vanhoy, Public Works and Services employee Randy Mitchell, Sam Swaim, Library Employee Debra Swaim, Economic Development Director Steve Googe, Library Director Ruth Ann Copley, Katherine Cottrell, Emergency Management Services Operations Manager Larry James, Ken Bishop with Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, County Manger's Administrative Assistant Petra Leonard, Newell Clark, Dispatch Reporter David Bodenheimer, Thomasville Times Reporter Erin Witgen, High Point Enterprise Reporter Derrick Ignasiak, Winston-Salem Journal Reporter John Hinton, and Barney Hill,

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

B. INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Vice Chairman Sam Watford.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

Katherine E. Cottrell and Anthony R. Roberson were recognized and presented with plaques in honor of their dedication and years of service to Davidson County. Major Brian Grubb with the Sheriff's Department assisted in the presentation of the plaque to Mr. Roberson. Library Director Ruth Ann Copley assisted in the presentation of the plaque to Ms. Cottrell.

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Max Walser noted the need to register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

County Manager Robert Hyatt requested that the issue of a Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement between the State of North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety Division of Emergency Management and Davidson County be added to the agenda for this meeting as Item J.2., and noted that supporting information regarding this matter was in front of each Board member. Mr. Hyatt also requested that a Closed Session regarding economic development and personnel be added to the agenda. County Attorney Chuck Frye reported that item H.1., the public hearing regarding the Davidson County Farmland Protection Plan, needed to be removed from the agenda due to lack of sufficient public notice, and that this matter could be rescheduled for public hearing on either November 23, 2010 or December 14, 2010. After discussion by the Board it was determined that the public hearing regarding the Davidson County Farmland Protection Plan be rescheduled for December 14, 2010.

On a motion by Commissioner Larry Potts and a second by Commissioner Cathy Dunn the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the amended agenda to include adding the Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement between the State of North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety Division of Emergency Management and Davidson County as Item J.2.; to add a closed session regarding economic development and personnel; and to reschedule the public hearing for the Davidson County Farmland Protection Plan for December 14, 2010. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

There was one (1) individual registered to speak at public address.

Barney Hill spoke regarding his views on the proposed new Zoning Ordinance and requested an repeal of Article VIII of the new proposed Zoning Ordinance.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Davidson County Farmland Protection Plan

This matter was removed from the agenda and postponed until December 14, 2010. (Exhibit 2)

2. Project Maple Economic Development Incentive

Chairman Max Walser declared the public hearing open to receive public comment on the intent of the Board to consider entering into an Economic Development Incentive Grant Contract regarding Project Maple.

Economic Development Director Steve Googe addressed the Board and requested that an economic development incentive agreement be entered into with Project Maple, wherein Project Maple would be entitled to a grant each year for six (6) years to be paid by Davidson County, provided the Company meets the requirements of the Contract as to investment, jobs and wages. It was reported that the Company plans to invest in excess of \$20,000,000.00 in plant, machinery and equipment, and provide 350 jobs over the term of the Contract with a median average hourly wage equal to or greater than the Davidson County median average wage. Mr. Googe requested that the grant begin the January following the first full year of operation following the investment, with the calculation for payment of the grant being .0027 times the total investment each year for six (6) years, therefore, the total grant would not exceed \$54,000.00 per year for the term of the Contract. Mr. Googe reported that this grant will stimulate the local economy, increase the County tax base and revenues, result in the creation of new and permanent jobs in the County and promote the welfare of the County and its citizens.

Barney Hill spoke in support of this economic development incentive grant.

Chairman Max Walser declared the public hearing closed.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Sam Watford and a second by Commissioner Larry Potts the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the Contract entitling Project Maple to a grant each year for six (6) years to be paid by Davidson County, provided the Company meets the requirements of the Contract as to investment (\$20,000,000), jobs (350) and wages (Davidson County median or greater) to begin January following the first full year of operation following the investment with the grant to be calculated at .0027 times the total investment each year for six (6) years, not exceeding \$54,000 per year. (Exhibit 3)

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION – Consent

On a motion by Commissioner Larry Potts and a second by Commissioner Cathy Dunn the Board voted 6-1 to adopt the Consent Agenda; Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley voted “No.”

1. Minutes

The Board approved the Board of Commissioners’ Minutes for October 26, 2010 and the Planning and Zoning Public hearing Minutes for October 4, 2010. (Exhibit 4)

2. Budget Amendments by Zeb Hanner, Assistant County Manager

The Board approved budget amendments for EMS, Social Services (Domestic Violence), Humane Society (Spay/Neuter), Health, and Davidson Vision. (Exhibit 5)

3. Reappointments/Appointment

The Board approved the reappointments of Mary Ann Brown, Loretta Gilmer, Shirley Lopp, and James Wikle to the Adult Care Home, CAC; the reappointments of Carol Cartner, Joyce Floyd, and Janice Hooks to the Nursing Home CAC; and the appointment of Barbara Barnes to the Nursing Home CAC. (Exhibit 6)

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

The Board approved the Tax Report of Refunds for September 2010. (Exhibit 7)

5. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Membership

The Board approved the appointment of Mitch Kepley to serve a two-year term on the Davidson County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council as the Designee of Sheriff David Grice. (Exhibit 8)

6. Job Study for Integrated Solid Waste

In keeping with the desire of the Board of Commissioners to conduct job studies of all County positions, with a goal to review approximately one-third of all positions and classifications each year, a job study has been completed on Integrated Solid Waste by the Human Resources Department. The Board approved the departmental job study for this department wherein 72 positions were studied and out of this study it was recommended that seven positions be upgraded with salary increases; that 50 titles be changed; that one position be upgraded with no salary increase; that 46 positions be down-graded with no change in current salary; and that nine positions reflected no change in title, grade or salary. The approximate impact on the Integrated Solid Waste budget is \$19,588.36. The effective date for these recommendations will be the first day of the pay-period following this meeting. (Exhibit 9)

J. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION – *Deliberation*

1. Pilot Community Sewer Final Adjusting Change Order by Rex Buck, Public Works and Services Director

Public Works and Services Director Rex Buck and Public Works and Services employee Laura Vanhoy addressed the Board and reported on Extra Work Item 1 and Extra Work Item 2. A discussion by the Board ensued regarding the differences in the proposed amounts and the amounts being approved for payment.

On a motion by Vice Chair Sam Watford and a second by Commissioner Fred McClure the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the Pilot Community Sewer Final Adjusting Change Order. (Exhibit 10)

2. Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement Between the State of North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety Division of Emergency Management and Davidson County

County Manager Robert Hyatt addressed the Board regarding the request for this Memorandum of Understanding. This is a grant from the Division of Emergency Management to provide support and medical supplies to an 11 county region which was originally between Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center (WFUBMC) and Stokes County. The agreement between WFUBMC and Stokes County

has ended, and Thursday of this past week WFUBMC learned that they could not obtain the money directly and need a county entity to be in receipt of the funds. Should we accept this money, WFUBMC will manage the equipment and be responsible for maintenance and upkeep. Terrorism and catastrophe type situations are what this grant is designed to cover. Mr. Hyatt reported that there is already a facility on South Main Street that is storing some of this type of equipment.

Ken Bishop, of WFUBMC, reported that they have been managing this 11 county region for several years and that there are 16 hospitals in the region. Each county in the region is asked to host some type of grant program and the only thing that Davidson County would need to do is accept and manage the grant monies for this project. Mr. Bishop reported that there is no money up front for purchases; that the bills are forwarded to the State of North Carolina for payment once the equipment is purchased.

Emergency Management Coordinator Larry Morgan reported that this group was mobilized during the tornadoes in the County earlier in the year and provided invaluable services. He reported that the equipment currently owned by the County is not the same equipment that would be purchased with these grant monies. The equipment to be purchased with the grant monies is deployable hospital equipment.

On a motion by Commissioner Larry Potts and a second by Commissioner Fred McClure the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the agreements accepting grant funds to purchase equipment which include Surge Case Hospital Supplies \$238,000.00; Hospital Surge Tents (2) \$70,696.50; and a medium duty tow vehicle \$50,000.00; and entering into Memorandums of Understanding/Agreement between the State of North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety Division of Emergency Management and Davidson County. (Exhibit 11)

K. CLOSED SESSION – Economic Development

On a motion by Commissioner Don Truell and a second by Commissioner Fred McClure the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to go into Closed Session for a matter of economic development.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

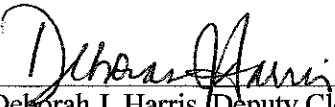
On a motion by Commissioner Larry Potts and a second by Commissioner Fred McClure the

Board voted unanimously 7-0 to return to Open Session.

County Attorney Chuck Frye reported that the Board discussed matters of economic development and personnel and that no action was taken.

L. ADJOURNMENT

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



Deborah J. Harris, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Davidson County Board of Commissioners



W. Max Walser, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners