

MINUTES

October 7, 2010

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 AM, on Thursday, October 7, 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 Manager Robert Hyatt, County Attorney Chuck Frye, Assistant County Manager Zeb Hanner, Deputy Clerk to the Board Debbie Harris, IT Director Joel Hartley, Soil and Water Director Andy Miller, Health Director Layton Long, Planning Director Guy Comman, Public Works and Services Director Rex Buck, Social Services Director Dale Moorefield, Library Director Ruth Ann Copley, Senior Services Director Thessia Everhart-Roberts, Register of Deeds David Rickard, Cooperative Extension Director Troy Coggins, Human Resources Director Jim Tysinger, Davidson County Schools Superintendent Fred Mock, Sandy Motley, Executive Director of Davidson Medical Ministries, Jerry Foy, Philip Gottwals, George Smith, Tom Hege, Dispatch Reporter David Bodenheimer and High Point Enterprise Reporter Derrick Ignasiak.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

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

E. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

County Manager Robert Hyatt requested that if time permitted that he would like to add a

parking lot issue to the agenda as item G.6. On a motion by Commissioner Larry Potts and a second by Commissioner Don Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the amended agenda. (Exhibit 1)

F. PUBLIC ADDRESS

There was one individual signed up to speak at public address.

Jerry Foy addressed the Board of Commissioners as the Unit Commander of the Young Marine Program of Davidson County. He reported that the program has been in existence in Davidson County for approximately three years and the focus of the program is to promote a healthy, drug free lifestyle and to keep at-risk youth in school, in an attempt to make them productive young adults. Mr. Foy reported that there are 23 juveniles enrolled in the Young Marine Program of Davidson County, ages eight through high school, comprised of both boys and girls. Mr. Foy is seeking a proclamation by the Board of Commissioners proclaiming October 23, 2010 through October 31, 2010 as Red Ribbon Week in Davidson County. Mr. Foy explained that this is a program that was started after a young Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) agent was kidnapped and killed in 1985 in Mexico, and is now a nationally recognized program. Mr. Foy further requested that a member of the Board present the proclamation to the Young Marines of Davidson County at their meeting on Monday, October 25, 2010, at Amvets Post 13. The Board of Commissioners directed that the County Attorney draft a proclamation and that this matter be placed on the agenda for October 12, 2010. (Exhibit 2)

G. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Proposed Social Media Policy

IT Director Joel Hartley addressed the Board and reported on the outcome of the Social Media Committee meetings to establish the proposed Social Media Policy for County departments. He reported that the purpose of the policy is to ensure that Davidson County's social media sites are secure, appropriately managed and used for citizen interaction.

On a motion by Commissioner Larry Potts and a second by Commissioner Don Truell the board voted unanimously 7-0 to place this matter on the consent agenda for October 12, 2010. (Exhibit 3)

2. Voluntary Agricultural District Farmland Protection Plan

Soil and Water Director Andy Miller addressed the Board and reported that the Davidson County Farmland Protection Plan is designed to be used as a tool to promote the agricultural and forestry industries in Davidson County. He reported that the draft plan being presented on this date was developed by the Voluntary Agricultural District Advisory Board with input from citizens of the County and was conducted as a result of a grant from the NC Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund. Mr. Miller further reported that after review of the plan he would request that a public hearing be scheduled at the appropriate time. He then introduced Philip Gottwals, a private consultant with ACDS, LLC, to speak regarding the plan. Mr. Gottwals reported that the purpose of the plan is to address the need or desire to provide landowners with greater and/or better options for accessing the North Carolina Agriculture Development Farmland Protection Trust Fund. He reported that one benefit to landowners would be a lower match requirement for participation in the plan. Mr. Gottwals reported that this plan largely follows the State guide to be put together and involved working with landowners, the forestry industry, the ag industry, operators and other agencies for input as to all of the factors that would affect the plan. He pointed out several sections of the plan that may raise additional questions and require additional programs and education to fully implement. A discussion regarding the proposed plan ensued by the Board. Planning Director Guy Cornman spoke and recommended that the proposed plan be referred to the Planning Board for review prior to consideration and approval by the Board of Commissioners. He also recommended that a public hearing be scheduled for a date certain in the future for consideration and approval by the Board of Commissioners.

On a motion by Commissioner Larry Potts and a second by Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley the board voted unanimously 7-0 to remand the Voluntary Agricultural District Farmland Protection Plan to the Planning Board and that a public hearing regarding the Plan by the Board of Commissioners be scheduled for November 9, 2010. (Exhibit 4)

Chairman Max Walser excused himself from the meeting at this point in time and requested that Vice Chairman Watford preside over the meeting.

3. Authorization for Application of Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) Program

Assistant County Manager Zeb Hanner addressed the Board requesting permission for the Davidson County School Board to submit their application for an additional \$10,000,000.00 in school construction bonds. Pursuant to a request by the Board of Commissioners at their September 28, 2010, meeting, the Davidson County Schools have completed the application that is being considered at this meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Don Truell and a second by Commissioner Larry Potts the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to authorize the Davidson County Schools to apply for the additional \$10,000,000.00 in QSCB bonds. (Exhibit 5)

Chairman Max Walser rejoined the meeting at this point in time.

4. Increasing Access to Primary Care and Dental Services in Davidson County

Health Director Layton Long addressed the Board and reported that the goal of the group working on this issue was to increase primary care access to residents of Davidson County. He reported that a business plan had been worked out that they feel would be beneficial to the community; to convert the Medical Ministries Clinic to a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) as a satellite location of Gaston Family Health Services. This would allow Medical Ministries to provide a sliding fee scale to their patients and enable some billing. The plan is to add practitioners and additional providers to increase the number of patients that can be seen in Davidson County. Also, during this same time period, East Carolina University has contacted Mr. Long and reported that they have identified Davidson County as a county in need of dental services. Several subsequent conversations have taken place. ECU is still in the selection process; however, they are very interested in Davidson County. One of the models that they are looking at, out of several models, is working along with a FQHC; therefore, the timing seems to be good and it would be beneficial to try to make the FQHC happen. Converting the Medical Ministries Clinic into a FQHC will allow it to pull down federal dollars for funding. The application must be submitted by November 15, 2010. Part of the business model is that Gaston Family Health Services is requiring \$100,000.00 of local contribution showing that both the County and the community are committed before submitting this application. Mr. Long reported that this is a highly competitive procedure and that Gaston

Family Health has agreed to submit the application with Davidson County if the funds can be secured. Right now the planning group is looking at and negotiating with agencies in the County to come up with the necessary funds. The Health Board met on Monday, October 4, 2010, and endorsed funding to Medical Ministries in the amount of \$30,000.00 through the home health proceeds. There is a three year minimum to commit to the project, at a \$100,000.00 per year commitment for the duration. The group is in discussions with the hospitals as well. Mr. Long reported that the end result if we are unable to raise the funds is that we are unable to expand our services in Davidson County.

Sandy Motley, Executive Director of Davidson Medical Ministries spoke in favor of the business plan and reported on the expanding needs in the County as well as the fact that they know their continued financing is in jeopardy and they are looking for alternative ways to serve the County and the community. She reported that Medical Ministries has had to cut back on services provided, and with any additional cuts in financing, there will be more cuts in services provided. Ms. Motley reported that when the new health care plan goes into effect she expects that there will be more cuts in funding to entities such as Medical Ministries. She reported that there was a need to include an agency such as Gaston Family Health Services to make this project a success due to the fact that it will cost less than attempting to do it on their own, because of cost sharing in administrative costs. Ms. Motley stated that if this type of venture was taken on by Medical Ministries alone it would cost more than \$100,000.00 per year.

Ms. Motley reiterated that ECU is looking for an area that has an FQHC in place and that if we are chosen as a site, that fourth year dental residents would come to Davidson County to provide services, which would be tied into Davidson County Community College.

A discussion regarding this matter ensued by the Board wherein it was determined that this matter be placed on the October 12, 2010, agenda for an update on the status of the necessary funding for the application by Gaston Family Health Services. (Exhibit 6)

5. Lease of County Property

County Manager Robert Hyatt addressed the Board and reported that he has been approached by an individual who owns property adjacent to property the County recently acquired for the new middle


school. This adjacent property owner would like to lease the section of the property across the road that potentially will not be used for several years for farm use. Mr. Hyatt reported that the County has used property like this before and he wanted to bring this issue to the Board's attention to ascertain if any concerns existed regarding the lease of the property. He said that the Davidson County School Board will provide the dimensions of the property in question so a lease can be prepared. (Exhibit 7)

6. Use of County Parking Lot

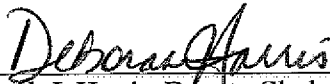
County Manager Robert Hyatt reported that a request had been received in his office about the use of the parking lot adjacent to the Board of Elections for a political rally, and the only guidance that he has is the Parking Lot Ordinance that indicates that all parking lots on County property should be used for County business. Mr. Hyatt further reported that during early voting in April of this year individuals came and sat up in the parking lot for campaign purposes and that he had employees questioning the practice. With early voting coming up again in the near future, Mr. Hyatt reported that he was looking for guidance from the Board as to their thoughts on County parking lot use. It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Hyatt needs to handle this matter by use of his executive authority with the Parking Lot Ordinance being utilized for all County owned property.

H. ADJOURNMENT

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



W. Max Walser, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners



Deborah J. Harris, Deputy Clerk to the Board
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