

MINUTES

October 12, 2010

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 12, 2010, at 7:00 P.M., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina, for a regularly scheduled meeting and public hearing.

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, Human Resources Director Jim Tysinger, IT Director Joel Hartley, Health Director Layton Long, Public Works and Services Director Rex Buck, Economic Development Director Steve Googe, Tax Administrator Joe Silver, Superintendent of Davidson County Schools Dr. Fred Mock, Social Services Director Dale Moorefield, Libraries Director Ruth Ann Copley, Cooperative Extension Director Troy Coggins

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

B. INVOCATION

Vice Chairman Sam Watford

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

Chairman Walser recognized County Manager Robert Hyatt for his recognition by ICMA Crediting Advisory Board and his "Award of Excellence." Chairman Walser noted that Robert Hyatt was one of seven in the nation to receive this prestigious award.

Chairman Walser recognized the Planning Staff on their receipt of the Clean Water Management Trust Fund Grant Award in the amount of \$241,000 to be used for the Abbotts Creek Greenway.

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 Commissioner Kepley the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with addition of J.4.Wind Power to the Deliberation Agenda and Personnel in Closed Session. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Barney Hill addressed the Board concerning the organization of Medical Ministries and expressed his opposition to the involvement of Davidson County government in its finances and administration. He then stated his opposition to the construction of another school and any additional tax for that purpose.

David Spatem stated his opposition to any debt for school construction.

H. PUBLIC HEARING – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application and Adoption of Required Resolutions for Infrastructure – Astran Drive

Chairman Walser declared the opening of the public hearing to receive public comment on the intent to apply for grant funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program of the State of North Carolina to be used to provide sewer service to low and moderate income residents on Astran Drive, which is adjacent to the Denton Town limits.

Robert Hyatt presented the details of the process for the grant application.

Edith Seoul spoke in favor of the sewer system construction.

Barney Hill pointed out details that are inconsistent in the application. He opposed the application.

Commissioner Potts asked about the status of the ownership of the houses. .

Patrick Nylan noted that many of the houses have rental agreements.

County Manager Hyatt noted that the inconsistencies have already been corrected.

Chairman Walser declared the public hearing closed.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Watford and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the application for grant funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program of the State of North Carolina, to be used to provide sewer service to low and moderate income residents on Astran Drive, adjacent to the Denton Town limits. (Exhibit 2)

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION – *Consent*

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner McClure, the Board voted 6-1 to approve the consent agenda; Commissioner Kepley voted “No.”

1. Minutes

The Board approved the September 28, 2010 Minutes of the Davidson County Board of Commissioners.

2. Budget Amendments by Zeb Hanner, Assistant County Manager

The Board approved budget amendments for Finance Department for carrying funds forward for an Energy Grant, for Cooperative Extension Services, and for the Sheriff. (Exhibit 3)

3. Sale of Surplus Truck by Zeb Hanner, Assistant County Manager

The Board approved the sale of the surplus 2003 Ford Ranger Truck to the Town of Denton for \$1.00. (Exhibit 4)

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

The Board approved the Tax Report of Refunds for August 2010. (Exhibit 5)

5. Reclassification by Jim Tysinger, Human Resources Director

The Board approved the reclassification of a Sheriff Deputy II to a Sheriff Deputy Investigator, grade 66, with a salary increase to the minimum of the new pay grade (\$35,220.68). (Exhibit 6)

6. Appointment to West Lexington Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department Relief Fund by

Zeb Hanner, Assistant County Manager

The Board approved the appointments of Kenny Fleming and Scott Leonard to the West Lexington Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department Relief Fund. (Exhibit 7)

7. Proposed Social Media by Joel Hartley, IT Director

The Board approved the Social Media Policy for Davidson County. (Exhibit 8)

8. Task C of Engineering Services Contract Amendment for Extended Day School by Rex

Buck, Public Works/Services Director/Ben Palmer, Davis Martin, Powell, Engineer

The Board approved Task C of the Scope Change Authorization associated with the costs of the Extended Day Sewer Extension Project with the renegotiated amount for construction administration at \$17,502.00. (Exhibit 9)

9. Hangar Agreement by Chuck Frye, County Attorney

The Board directed that notice be given as required by law of the proposed lease to Air Methods Corporation of the hangar and office space owned by Davidson County and that the matter be placed on the October 26, 2010 agenda for consideration with public notice of the meeting to be published. (Exhibit 10)

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION – *Deliberation*

1. Increasing Access to Primary Care and Dental Services in Davidson County by Layton Long, Health Director

Layton Long presented the details of the process to pursue Increasing Access to primary Care and Dental Services in Davidson County. He noted that Gaston County has allowed October 26, 2010 as the final date for submittal of the application.

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to table the decision to October 26, 2010 for approval of pursuing the partnership with Gaston Family Health Services (GFHS), applying for Davidson Medical Ministries to become an FQHC, and the direct financial contribution of \$100,000. (Exhibit 11)

2. Middle School Financing Options and Forecast by Zeb Hanner, Assistant County Manager

The Board was assisted by Zeb Hanner in reviewing the options in the financial analysis of building a new middle school and the financial impact, based on a 5 Year Capital Plan.

(Exhibit 12)

3. Proclamation – Red Ribbon Week

On a motion by Vice Chairman Watford and a second by Commissioner McClure, the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to proclaim Davidson County **Red Ribbon Week** October 21, 2010 – October 31, 2010, and to urge all citizens to join in the week's activities to raise awareness of the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, and to encourage prevention, early intervention, and treatment services. (Exhibit 13)

4. Wind Power by Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley

Commissioner Kepley presented a report on the eligibility of using wind power in Davidson County and noted that the County has a wind of 9 mph. He stated that the location studied in Davidson

County had not produced a favorable scenario for using wind power, but he further stated that he will continue to study the possibilities for alternate sources of power.

K. CLOSED SESSION – Economic Development and Personnel

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

County Attorney Chuck Frye reported discussion of Economic Development and Personnel in Closed Session with no action taken. He stated that it would be in order for the Board to amend the agenda to schedule a public hearing for an Economic Development Incentive.

On a motion by Commissioner McClure and second by Commissioner Kepley, the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to amend the agenda to schedule a public hearing.

Steve Googe requested that a public hearing be scheduled for 7:00 PM on November 9, 2010, to receive public comment on the proposed Economic Development Incentive Grant to Project Maple. Mr. Googe stated that it would consist of a \$20,000 investment in plant, machinery, and equipment with an incentive of .0027 x investment, not to exceed \$64,000 a year. He noted a projection of 350 jobs.

On a motion by Commissioner Potts and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to schedule the public hearing for 7:00 PM, November 9, 2010, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina to receive public comment on the proposed Economic Development Grant to Project Maple.

L. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner McClure and a second by Commissioner Truell 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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