

MINUTES

January 6, 2011

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 AM on Thursday, January 6, 2011, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina for a regularly scheduled informational meeting.

PRESENT

Commissioners: Chairman Sam Watford, Vice Chairman Larry Potts, Cathy Dunn, Billy Joe Kopley, Fred McClure, Don Truell, Todd Yates

County Manager Robert Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb Hanner, County Attorney Chuck Frye, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, Finance Director Jane Kiker, Human Resources Director Jim Tysinger, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Director of Government Relations for NCACC Kevin Leonard, Transportation Manager George Hodges, Tourism Director William Deal, Watershed Coordinator Scott Leonard, IT Director Joel Hartley, Economic Development Director Steve Googe, Social Services Director Dale Moorefield, Health Director Layton Long, Public Works and Service Director Rex Buck, Cooperative Extension Director Troy Coggins, Soil and Water Director Andy Miller and Carl McKnight

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Sam Watford called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Chairman Sam Watford

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

Vice Chairman Larry Potts recognized Brittany Michelle Murphy and presented her with a Teaching Scholarship Award. (Exhibit A)

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Watford noted the register for public address.

F. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of Closed Session for Economic Development.

(Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Jen Hames, Health Education Coordinator, spoke in support of the Abbots Creek Greenway. She noted the problem in the County with obesity and the opportunity for exercise that the greenway would provide. She further noted the support of the Health Department.

David Inabinett, Attorney, spoke in support of the greenway for health opportunities and economic development opportunities.

Dr. Leslie Kammire spoke in support of the greenway project for the opportunities it will present for tourism.

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Updated/Information from NC County Commissioners Associate by Kevin Leonard, Director of Government Relations

Kevin Leonard, NCACC, presented a legislative goals package, noting 203 goals have been submitted. He noted that "Mental Health" and "not shifting road maintenance to the counties" were at the top of the list. He shared information on the leadership and organization of the association. Mr. Leonard also thanked Commissioner Fred McClure for his valuable service on various committees. He noted that the association will monitor the state's use of the lottery fund and the upcoming reform in ABC organization. He further stated that there has been discussion of raising rates for the employer for the Employee Retirement Pension Fund. (Exhibit 2)

2. Abbots Creek Greenway Pilot Project by Guy Cornman, Planning and Zoning Director

Guy Cornman noted the award of the Clean Water Management Trust Fund Grant and its purpose for implementation for a portion of the Abbots Creek Greenway Pilot Plan. He further noted the focus at this point for a mile and a half segment at the spill-off. He stated that the Clean Water Management Trust Fund Committee is interested in this project due to the opportunity for improvement to water quality. He exhibited the 29 acres proposed for donation to the project by the City of Lexington. Mr. Cornman stated that \$822,000 is the total cost of the project. He noted the trail is set aside for horse-back riding, walkers,

and bikers. Vice Chairman Potts noted that it is not long enough to be a trail for horses. Mr. Cornman noted that the City of Lexington has agreed to partner with the County on the project. Robert Hyatt noted that the County may purchase the easements on the other 79 acres owned by the City of Lexington at a bargain price and then the City will use funds to help with construction of the greenway. Roger Spach apprised the Board on the location of the sewer lines in proximity to the walking trails. He stated that the trail is in the flood plain. The County will have a 20% match. Mr. Cornman's exhibit reflected \$241,000 for a total of Clean Water Funds and \$598,000 in matching funds. Commissioner Kepley emphasized the importance of the project for economic development. The Board acknowledged the placement of "acceptance of the grant" on the consent agenda January 11, 2011. (Exhibit 3)

3. Auditing Contract by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to allow staff to negotiate for the auditing contract. (Exhibit 4)

4. Revisions to Davidson County Substance Abuse Policy by Jim Tysinger, Human Resources Director

Jim Tysinger reviewed the revisions to the Davidson County Substance Abuse Policy, emphasizing random testing for any and all employees, education and training for employees, pill-rights, recognition of current street drugs, and training for suspicious behavior. The Board acknowledged placement of the Revisions to Davidson County Substance Abuse Policy on the January 11, 2011 agenda.

(Exhibit 5)

5. Representation on Boards and Committees

PTCOG	Don Truell
PBH	Fred McClure
Fire Com.-PTEMS	Cathy Dunn
Social Svcs.	Sam Watford, Larry Potts
Health Bd.	Don Truell
Yadkin PeeDee River Basin Com.	Fred McClure
Davidson Works	Billy Joe Kepley
Parks and Recreation	Sam Watford
Transportation Advisory Committee NCDOT	Billy Joe Kepley
Senior Services	Fred McClure
Piedmont Triad Partnership	Todd Yates
Day Reporting	Cathy Dunn
Criminal Justice Juvenile Program	Cathy Dunn
Schools	Potts, Truell, Yates
Economic Development	Sam Watford
Smart Start	Larry Potts

Advisory Council on Aging
911 Advisory Board
RTAC
Boone's Cave Park Committee
Lake Thom-A-Lex
Reservoir Committee
Tourism Partnership Board
P.A.R.T.
MPO & RPO Alternate
Winston-Salem MPO
Transportation Committee
Uptown Lexington
Sewer Committee
Stakeholders Committee

Fred McClure
Cathy Dunn, Don Truell
Billy Joe Kepley
Potts, Kepley, Yates
Sam Watford
Billy Joe Kepley
Todd Yates
Don Truell
Fred McClure
Billy Joe Kepley
Don Truell
Cathy Dunn
Potts, Watford, Yates
McClure, Yates

County Manager Robert Hyatt suggested the approval of a Stakeholders Committee for the Farmland Protection Plan: Committee members - Tim Ragan, Brad Coe, Michelle DeLapp, Sterling Wall, Thom Hege, Fred McClure, Todd Yates; come-by-request member - Steve Googe, and available staff members - Andy Miller, Carl McKnight, Guy Cornman, Scott Leonard.

On a motion by Commissioner McClure and a second by Vice Chairman Potts the Board voted to approve unanimously 7-0 the appointments of the boards and committees and the Stakeholders Committee with the addition of Commissioner Yates.

I. CLOSED SESSION – Personnel, Real Estate, Economic Development

On a motion by Commissioner McClure and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously to go into Closed Session for Personnel, Real Estate and Economic Development.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

County Attorney Chuck Frye reported discussion of personnel, real estate and economic development in Closed Session with no action taken, but direction given for negotiation and a call for a public hearing.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Kepley, the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to amend the agenda in order to call for a public hearing for an economic development incentive.

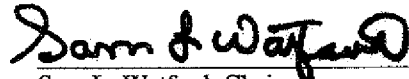
Economic Development Executive Director Googe requested the Board schedule a public hearing for January 25, 2011 for Project Pine to consider an economic development incentive at .0027 x investment

in plant, machinery and equipment of \$7.5 million, noting that the company would employ 25 people initially and 25 more after 36 months.

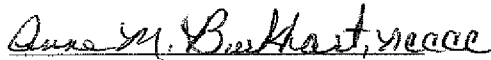
On a motion by Commissioner McClure and a second by Vice Chairman Potts, the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, January 25, 2011, 7:00 PM, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina, to receive public comment on the consideration of an economic development incentive to Project Pine at .0027 x the total investment of \$7.5 million in plant, machinery, and equipment.

J. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Yates the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.



Sam L. Watford, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners



Anne M. Burkhardt, Clerk to the Board
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