

## MINUTES

November 8, 2011

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, at 7:00 PM, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina, for a regularly scheduled meeting.

### PRESENT

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

County Manager Robert Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb Hanner, County Attorney Chuck Frye, Human Resources Director Jim Tysinger, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, Veterans Director Boyd Morgan, Health Director Layton Long, Senior Services Director Thessia Everhart-Roberts, Fire Marshal Brad Needhan, Garage Supervisor David Elliott, CDBG Consultant Ray Manieri, Major Brian Grubb, Transportation Manager George Hodges, IT Director Joel Hartley, Sheriff David Grice, Libraries Director Ruth Ann Copley, Finance Director Jane Kiker, County Manager's Administrative Assistant Petra Lonard

### ABSENT

Commissioner Fred McClure

#### A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Watford called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

#### B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley

#### C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### EXCUSED

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 6-0 to excuse Commissioner Fred McClure.

#### D. RECOGNITION

Chairman Watford recognized NC House Representative Rayne Brown.

#### 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 Dunn the Board voted 6-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of I.5. Propane, and a revised resolution for I.2. Resolution Requesting Bill for Voter Identification.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Dunn the Board voted 6-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of a budget amendment for the Register of Deeds under H.2. Budget Amendments. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Barney Hill addressed the Board concerning the Resolution Requesting a Bill Requiring Voter Identification and requested copies of his address be sent to state legislators along with the resolution.

Kenneth Cupp addressed the Board concerning an event center and in support of the Resolution for Voter Identification.

Tina York spoke to the Board requesting the gas chamber be hauled away from the animal shelter.

H. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION - *CONSENT*

On a motion by Commissioner Truell and a second by Commissioner Dunn the Board voted 5-1 to approve the consent agenda; Commissioner Kepley voted “No.”

1. Minutes

The Board approved the Davidson County Board of Commissioners’ Minutes of October 25, 2011.

2. Budget Amendments by Zeb Hanner, Assistant County Manager

The Board approved budget amendments for the Library, Sheriff’s Department, and the Register of Deeds. (Exhibit 2)

3. Resolution for Amending the 2011 Board of Commissioners’ Meeting Schedule

The Board adopted the resolution amending the Commissioners’ meeting schedule for 2011 to accommodate the addition of the December 27, 2011 Christmas holiday. (Exhibit 3)

4. Appointments/Reappointments

The Board approved the appointment of Rick Harrison to the Davidson County Airport

Authority and the reappointment of Boyd Morgan to the Planning Committee for Services to the Elderly. The Board also approved the appointment of Captain Mark Sink to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and the proposed JCPC membership list. (Exhibit 4)

5. Smoke Detector Position Request for Fire Marshal's Office by Jim Tysinger, Human Resources Director

The Board approved the request for the Smoke Detector position in the Fire Marshal's Office.

(Exhibit 5)

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION - DELIBERATION

1. Seniors' Country Store Funding by Joan March

Joan March presented a financial statement for the Seniors' Country Store and requested the County pay the rent of \$900 per month for the store.

Thessia Everhart-Roberts, Senior Services Director, stated that the Country Store had been a part of Senior Services at one time and she expressed her for items made by the seniors. She then reported that there is a waiting list with a number of seniors needing home-delivered meals and other services but there are not enough funds. She stated that if a choice has to be made she would prefer that additional funding would go to provide more home-delivered meals.

Commissioner Kepley reviewed the formation and activities of the Grassroots Tourism Committee. He noted that the Country Store contributes a lot to tourism traffic. He further noted that the restaurant next door to the store has been closed due to a fire and it has affected the flow of prospective customers for the store.

Commissioner Kepley noted that he will give \$1,000 if the Board will match it. He further noted that it should get the store through the holidays and then the restaurant adjacent to the store may be open to provide that flow of customers. .

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Yates the Board voted 6-0 to appropriate \$1,000 match from Contingency for Commissioner Kepley's \$1,000 for the Country Store's rent. (Exhibit 6)

2. Resolution Requesting Bill Requiring Voter Identification by Vice Chairman Larry Potts

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 6-0

to adopt the Resolution Requesting a Bill Requiring Voter Identification. (Exhibit 7)

3. Wildlife Trapping by Commissioner Billy Joe Kepley and Darren Huffman

Darren Huffman presented *information on snaring of wildlife*. Discussion followed concerning needed legislation. County Attorney Chuck Frye quoted the North Carolina Statutes that allows snaring for beavers. Attorney Frye then noted the exceptions in other localities that have allowed other wildlife to be snared. He further noted that the action for an exception of snaring for Davidson County would require a request of legislature to request a Bill for the exception in snaring.

Discussion followed and it was determined that the other counties around Davidson County should be involved if a request for a Bill is made. There was no action taken. (Exhibit 8)

4.. Astran Drive CDBG Grant Project Revised Budget Ordinance by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

On a motion by Chairman Watford and a second by Vice Chairman Potts the Board voted 6-0 to adopt the Revised Budget Ordinance for the Astran Drive CDBG Grant Project. (Exhibit 9)

5. Propane by County Manager Robert Hyatt

County Manager Robert Hyatt reviewed the action taken on November 3, 2011. Jimmy Daley of Blossman Propane Gas addressed the Board with a statement that his company would be willing to sell the pump to the County at the end of the three years. George Hodges supplied information about the routes and the amount of gas needed for the buses on these daily routes.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted 6-0 for the three-year depreciation to be worked out among Blossman, County Manager, Assistant County Manager and the County Attorney. (Exhibit 10)

J. CLOSED SESSION – Real Property

On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Dunn the Board voted 6-0 to go into Closed Session for Real Property.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION


On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner Yates the Board voted 6-0 to return to Open Session.

County Attorney Frye reported discussion of three real property issues and direction for negotiation given to the County Attorney.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Yates and a second by Commissioner Dunn the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn.

  
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Sam L. Watford, Chairman  
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Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board  
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