

MINUTES

September 1, 2011

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, September 1, 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 Kempley, Fred McClure, Don Truell, Todd Yates

Others Present: County Manager Robert Hyatt, County Attorney Chuck Frye, Assistant County Manager Zeb Hanner, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, IT Director Joel Hartley, Watershed Coordinator Scott Leonard, TRIP Director William Deal, Health Director Layton Long, CDBG Consultant Ray Manieri, Human Resources Director Jim Tysinger, Economic Development Director Steve Googe, Social Services Director Dale Moorefield

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Billy Joe Kempley

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

L.G. Cashion, Chairman of Davidson County Airport Commission

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 unanimously 7-0 to adopt the agenda with addition of Customer Service Update from Robert Hyatt, County Manager. (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Davidson County Citizens for Improving Stream Health (DC FISH) by Joy Fields,

Stormwater Educator, DC FISH Program Manager, PTRC

Guy Cornman introduced Joy Fields, Stormwater Educator and DC FISH Program Manager with Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC). Ms. Fields presented a Power Point on Davidson County lakes and streams. Ms. Fields stated that the purpose of the DC FISH organization is to keep the waters clean and healthy for recreation and aquatic life. She further stated that High Rock Lake is on the list of impaired waters and went on to explain the reasons and activities that are causing the impairment. She stated that there are 91 miles of impaired waters in Davidson County, further stating that most of the streams in Davidson County are impaired. She noted that impaired waters are unhealthy for the fish, particularly with the quantity of sediment in the lake due to erosion.

Guy Cornman requested the placement of a resolution in support of DC FISH efforts on the consent agenda on the September 13, 2011. The Board was agreeable. (Exhibit 2)

2. Reconvening Spay/Neuter Committee by Commissioner Fred McClure

Commissioner McClure noted that the previous members previously active on the Animal Ordinance Committee have agreed to serve if the committee is reconvened. He further noted that a hunter has been contacted for representation on the committee and the hunter has agreed to serve. (Exhibit 3)

3. Airport Gas Discount Program by Zeb Hanner, Assistant County Manager

Zeb Hanner reported that from 2007 to the present the airport has been on the upstream but there are four hangars are empty at this time. He noted that the Airport Authority has been looking at ways to be competitive with the neighboring counties and attract some larger, corporate planes. He noted that there are three things that the Authority has given consideration. He stated that the gas discount program based on the volume of sales, is at the top of the list. Mr. Hanner requested permission to approach the City of Lexington and ask them to participate. Discussion followed with suggestions of a two-year trial for the program. The Board was agreeable for Mr. Hanner to approach the City of Lexington. (Exhibit 4)

4. Astran Drive Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

Mr. Hyatt introduced Ray Manieri, CDBG Consultant from the All-American Consultant group.

Ray Manieri noted that all recipients of CDBG funds are required to follow the requirements presented in the Analysis of Impediments of Fair Housing. He noted that it is the interplay of the market and not particular problems in Davidson County.

The Board agreed to place the Astran Drive Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing on the September 13, 2011 agenda for action. (Exhibit 5)

5. Customer Service Report by Robert Hyatt, County Manager

Mr. Hyatt noted that one of the key requests expressed in the Customer Service Study group is to get input on the greatest needs for improvement from the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Hyatt requested that the Board make a suggestion for meeting with the Customer Service Study Group.

On a motion by Commissioner McClure and a second Vice Chairman Potts, the Board voted to meet with the Customer Service Study Group at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, September 13, 2011.

I. CLOSED SESSION – Economic Development

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

County Attorney Chuck Frye reported discussion of an Economic Development in Closed Session with no action taken. Attorney Frye stated that the Board would like to amend the agenda.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA


On a motion by Vice Chairman Potts and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda for a request to schedule a public hearing for an economic development incentive project.

Steve Googe, Economic Development Director, requested a public hearing for September 27, 2011, 7:00 PM, to consider an economic development incentive of .0027 x the investment (\$1 million) to Project Grasshopper with an addition of 38 employees, and to consider an economic development incentive of .0027 x the investment (\$1.5 million) to Project TAR (not to exceed \$4001/yr.) for 5 years with an additional 25 employees.


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, September 27, 2011, 7:00 PM, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina.

J. ADJOURNMENT

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



Sam L. Watford, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners


Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board
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