

**MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 2, 2008**

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, October 2, 2008, at 8:00 A.M., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, Lexington North Carolina, for a regularly scheduled informational meeting.

**PRESENT**

Commissioners: Chairman Larry Potts, Vice Chairman Billy Joe Kepley, Larry Allen, Fred McClure, Don Truell, Dr. Max Walser, Sam Watford

County Manager Robert Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb M. Hanner, County Attorney Robert Hedrick, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Health Director Layton Long, Social Services Director Keith Johnson, Executive Director of TRIP Jo Ellen Edwards, Museum Curator Catherine Hoffman, Library Director Ruth Ann Copley, IT Director Joel Hartley, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, Human Resources Director Jim Tysinger, Social Services Attorney Chuck Frye

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Chairman Larry Potts called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

**B. INVOCATION**

Commissioner Larry Allen

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**D. RECOGNITION**

**E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS**

Chairman Potts noted the register for public address.

**F. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

(Exhibit 1)

**G. PUBLIC ADDRESS**

**H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION**

1. Update on Sewer Projects by Ben Palmer of Davis-Martin-Powell and Associates, Inc.

County Manager Robert Hyatt provided information on past discussion of the Southmont Elementary School. He then introduced Ben Palmer of Davis-Martin-Powell and Associates, Laura Vanhoy of Public Works and Services, and Rick Comer from the City of Lexington. He noted that when complete, the City of Lexington will have the sewer line for service.

Mr. Ben Palmer of Davis-Martin-Powell and Associates, Inc. presented an update of the Southmont Elementary Sewer Project and preliminary engineering reports for both the Extended Day School and Churchland Elementary School. Mr. Palmer's presentation was by Power Point and exhibited a map, project summary, future extensions/connections, and a drawing of the Southmont Area Sewer. He then invited questions from the Board. Vice Chairman Kepley questioned the path of the lines. Mr. Palmer and Laura Vanhoy explained the reasons for the paths and the issues.

Laura Vanhoy asked if the Board would like to consider Phase 4 of the Southmont Sewer Project at this time or at a later date. Chairman Potts replied that it would be considered at a future meeting. County Manager Hyatt stated that the question was to see if there is any further evaluation desired. Chairman Potts responded for the Board that there is no further evaluation or changes at this time and it is permissible to move forward with the project, which does include the contract with Davis-Martin-Powell and Associates.

Mr. Powell then presented the preliminary engineering report, by Power Point, for the Extended Day School, Phase I, Phase II, Phase III options, and a recommended alternative. He then invited questions from the Board. Commissioner Walser asked about service to the Stoner Thomas School. Mr. Palmer replied that their system is working well. Vice Chairman Kepley asked about the Landfill service. Mr. Palmer replied that it could be connected to this system by a forced main line. Vice Chairman Kepley asked about Davis-Townsend School. Mr. Palmer replied that it is in compliance at this time and is not in an urgent need for public sewer. Laura Vanhoy responded that the options will be presented at a future meeting. Mr. Palmer reviewed each of the phases. Discussion followed with Commissioner Wafford reviewing the phases and recommending concentration on Phase I (Extended Day School). Laura Vanhoy noted that the proposed schedules for both Churchland and Extended Day School include a 6-month

cushion of time. Due to possible delays, she suggested speeding up projects and selecting a firm to begin design. Chairman Potts directed the question to be presented on October 14, 2008.

Ben Palmer presented the Churchland Elementary School Option 1 (recommended) and Option 2, and recommended Option 1 as the most economical to meet the SOC requirements. He then invited questions. Chairman Potts noted the options presented would be considered on October 14, 2008.

(Exhibit 2)

2. Davidson County Branding Project by Newell Clark, Facilitator and Jo Ellen Edwards, Executive Director of TRIP

The Board received information from Newell Clark on the formation of partnerships and efforts of Davidson County Tourism and Recreation to build a positive image and promote the assets that are already here. He noted the need to define what Davidson County stands for and make sure it is a positive, consistent brand. He then exhibited brands from other states and cities and the assets that are present in Davidson County. He noted that he is requesting only \$1,000 and has the support of other entities in the County.

Chairman Potts noted that the request may be placed on the October 14, 2008 agenda.

(Exhibit 3)

3. Annual Report on Home Health Proceeds by Layton Long, Health Director

The Board received the annual report, from Layton Long, on the use of the interest income earned from the sale of the home health proceeds. He noted the use for individuals with no insurance for care, tests, and supplies for abnormal pap smear, primary care, dental and eye care for children, and diabetics. Commissioner Allen discussed the cost of meters and strips for diabetics and recommended more funding for those items. (Exhibit 4)

4. Work First Plan/Set Public Review and Comment Period by Keith Johnson, Director of Social Services

The Board received a report from Keith Johnson, on the changes in the State Work First Plan and a request for a public review and comment period from October 3, 2008 to October 13, 2008. He introduced Elizabeth Young, Work First Supervisor. Ms. Young reviewed the changes: mileage

reimbursement change (\$.58) to match the State's mileage reimbursement, incentive program (retention – gross incentive x 15%, then 2<sup>nd</sup> incentive 20% x gross income)

On a motion by Commissioner McClure and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to place the Work First Plan on the October 28, 2008 agenda.

The Board was agreeable to scheduling a public review and comment period on the State Work First Plan from October 3, 2008 to October 13, 2008. (Exhibit 5)

5. Review of Old Courthouse Exterior Assessment by Catherine Hoffman, Museum Curator

The Board received a report on the Old Courthouse Exterior Assessment from Catherine Hoffman. She invited the Board to visit the Old Courthouse on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., in celebration of the building's birthday, October 15, 1858. Mrs. Hoffman presented exhibits of the building and its exterior needs, as suggested by the architect, by Power Point. She noted the possibility of phasing the repairs and the budget estimates that have been made available. David Deaton, of Public Works, suggested contracting the repairs, due to the height of the building where these repairs are needed. The Board agreed that the repairs are necessary and water repairs are urgent. Discussion followed. Catherine Hoffman noted the need to preserve the integrity of the building. (Exhibit 6)

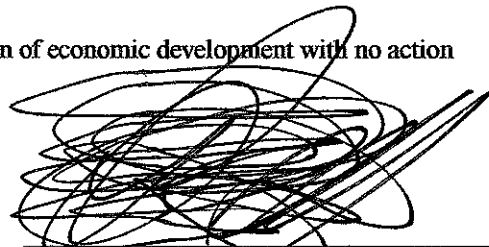
CLOSED SESSION – Economic Development

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

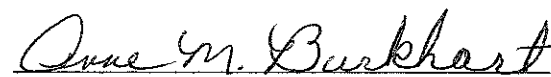
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner Truell the Board voted unanimously 7-0 to return to Open Session

County Attorney Robert Hedrick reported discussion of economic development with no action taken.



Larry W. Potts, Chairman  
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