

MINUTES

September 4, 2008

The Davidson County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 4, 2008, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro Street, Lexington, North Carolina, for a regularly scheduled informational meeting.

PRESENT

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

County Manager Robert Hyatt, Assistant County Manager Zeb M. Hanner, County Attorney Robert Hedrick, Clerk to the Board Anne Burkhart, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Comman, Purchasing Director Dwayne Childress, Cooperative Extension Director Robert Lopp, Transportation Director Zeb F. Hanner, Director of Libraries Ruth Ann Copley, Public Works and Services Director Rex Buck, Soil and Water Director Andy Miller, Human Resources Director Jim Tysinger, Social Services Director Keith Johnson

Excused Absence

On a motion by Commissioner Allen and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted 6-0 to excuse Commissioner Max Walser as he attended another meeting.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Potts called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Don Truell

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. RECOGNITION

E. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Potts noted the register for public address

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Watford and a second by Commissioner McClure the Board voted 6-0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of Closed Session for Real Estate. . (Exhibit 1)

G. PUBLIC ADDRESS

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DECISION

1. Seamless Mobility Study by Brent McKinney, Executive Director of PART and Brian Piascik, Lead Consultant for URS Corporation

Brett McKinney reviewed the functions that PART has ongoing in its program. Mr. McKinney then introduced Brian Piascik.

Brian Piascik presented a project overview and noted all the participants. He shared the stakeholder interviews which emphasized that more funding is needed. Mr. Piascik noted the existing coordination and the long range concept plan. He noted that locally based programs and regional call centers were emphasized in the recommendations. He then reviewed the existing transit needs. Mr. Piascik noted that a \$5 license fee has been recommended to raise the needed funding. He noted that the recommendation for Davidson County is to support legislation to increase local funding, participate in coordination programs, participate in the development of the Regional Call Center, consider establishing a local authority, and establish funding mechanisms to accommodate local unmet needs and support regional transit.

Brett McKinney reported service has been running for two months (July and August) and riders have increased from 100 riders per day to 240 riders per day.

The Board acknowledged the results of the study and acknowledged that a resolution to accept the study will be presented at a future meeting. (Exhibit 2)

2. Water Supply Study by Kevin Mosteller, HDR

Kevin Mosteller reviewed the rainfall of the past several years for this area and noted the concerns for water supply. He stated that Phase I of the Water Supply Study began in late 2002 and early 2003. He noted that one of the recommendations was to move forward with a study for a new reservoir in the Reedy Creek Basin and in April 2008 to take steps to determine the feasibility of a reservoir in the Reedy Creek area. He further stated that three locations were looked at and evaluated. He reviewed the yield from each site. He further noted that the County's water supply is adequate until 2050 if assumptions remain valid involving streamflow, drought impacts, regulatory climate, upstream users, and demand projections. He recommended focus on the Site 2 location, installation of a flow monitoring gauge along Reedy Creek,

assess economic impact/water supply risks, and consider Park/Reservoir joint development opportunities.

He added a recommendation to look at the protection of Site 2.

Chairman Potts requested comments from Greg Stabler of Davidson Water.

Mr. Stabler noted that applications for another river intake have been submitted and they are looking at improving their intakes and to be able to get water out of the river in drought situations. He stated that they are involved in plant expansion and looking to get more capacity out of the plant.

Discussion followed.

(Exhibit 3)

3. Presentation on Farmland Protection Plan for Davidson County by Robert Lopp, Cooperative Extension Director and Andy, Soil and Water Director

Robert Lopp shared information from the last census and noted that Davidson County has 1,138 Farms with an average of 92 acres per farm. He noted that grant funds are available to assist with developing a farmland protection plan with a 30% match.

Andy Miller shared information on projects in the area and the grants that have been received to complete the projects. .

Sterling Wall, Chairman of the Voluntary Agricultural District Board, appealed to the Board for their support of the Farmland Protection Plan.

The Board received information on the proposed Farmland Protection Plan and grants from NCDA available in the near future and noted that it will be placed on an agenda for consideration when received.

(Exhibit 4)

4. Denton Library Building Expansion by Dwayne Childress, Purchasing

Dwayne Childress reviewed the activities of the Denton Library Expansion Committee.

Ruth Ann Copley noted that \$200,000 has been raised. She then introduced Jim Kelly and Larry Kearns, co-chairs for the committee.

Jim Kelly stated that efforts will be continuing for fund raising.

Larry Kearns shared comments on the use of the library by the schools and unemployed citizens.

The Board received the budget ordinance and information on the Denton Library building Expansion from Dwayne Childress. Mr. Childress noted that \$1.4 is needed for the project and further noted that with funds already committed, the funding still needed is \$100,000.

On a motion by Commissioner McClure and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted 6-0 to place the budget ordinance on the September 9, 2008 agenda for consideration. (Exhibit 5)

CLOSED SESSION –Real Estate

On a motion by Vice Chairman Kepley and a second by Commissioner Watford the Board voted 6-0 to go into Closed Session for Real Estate.

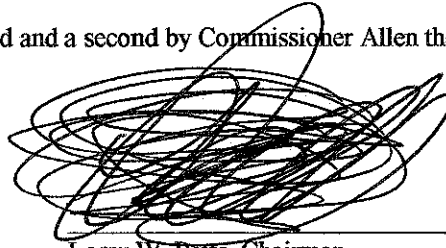
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner McClure and a second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted 6-0 to return to Open Session.


County Attorney Robert Hedrick reported discussion of a real estate matter in Closed Session with no action taken.

I. ADJOURNMENT

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



Larry W. Potts, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners



Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board
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