

**Minutes of the
Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting
Davidson County, North Carolina**

Tuesday, January 28, 2020
6:00 PM

Commissioners' Meeting Room
County of Davidson

PRESENT

Commissioners: Chair Karen Watford, Vice-Chair Don Truell, Zak Crotts, Chris Elliott, Fred McClure, Steve Shell and Todd Yates.

OTHERS PRESENT

County Manager Casey Smith, County Attorney Chuck Frye, Assistant County Manager Jason Martin, Clerk to the Board Debbie Harris, IT Director Joel Hartley, Planning and Zoning Director Guy Cornman, DSS Director Trish Baker, Cooperative Extension Director Troy Coggins, Library Director Sheila Killebrew, Support Services Director Dwayne Childress, Tax Administrator Jerry Ward, Transportation Director Richard Jones, Sheriff Richie Simmons, 911 Communications Director Rob Wilson, Budget Analyst Tim Maness, Deputy DSS Director Scott Craver, Purchasing and Contract Coordinator Robert James, Lexington City School Superintendent Dr. Anitra Wells, Graham Lewis [Schneider Electric], Jerry Hailey, Mandy Kiser, Lauren Rickard, Amy Jones, Mike Christofferson, Christie Zedrick, Carl Zedrick, Kirk Thacker, Cheri Milano, Barney W. Hill and Lexington Dispatch Reporter Sharon Myers.

<u>1. CALL TO ORDER</u>

Chair Watford called the Meeting to order.
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<u>2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>
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The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Commissioner Elliott.

<u>3. RECOGNITION</u>

A. Recognition

The Chair recognized Mike Christofferson of the Lexington Chamber, who was at the Meeting representing the Council of Chambers. Dr. Anitra Wells, Superintendent of the Lexington City Schools, was also recognized.
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After Agenda Item 8.F., Chair Watford recognized new DSS Director Trish Baker.
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B. Recognition & Award of Teaching Scholarships
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Chair Watford reported it was her privilege and honor to announce that two \$5,000 Davidson County Teaching Scholarships were awarded out of the spring application period. The first was to Ms. Amy F. Jones, a graduate of Ledford High School and Sophomore at Gardner-Webb University. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. Her first check was for \$2,250,

with a second check of \$1,250 in January 2021 and a final check for \$2,500 in January of 2022. The second was to Ms. Lauren A. Rickard, a graduate of Ledford High School and Junior at Appalachian State University. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education, with the possibility of entering the M+5 Program for an accelerated Master's Degree. Her first check was for \$3,750, with her final check being for \$1,250 in either January of 2022 or January of 2021, depending on the outcome of her application into the M+5 Program. The Davidson County Teaching Scholarship is intended to encourage residents of Davidson County who attend or will attend college to teach students in schools in Davidson County by offering and funding scholarships for qualified students to help pay for tuition and other expenses. The program started in 2000 and over 130 scholarships have been awarded to date. Two of the requirements are that you must have a GPA of at least 2.8, and agree to teach for at least 3 years at one of our 3 school systems, or an approved private school in Davidson County. These individuals had exceeded the requisite GPA for consideration of the scholarship.

The scholarship checks were presented and pictures were taken.

4. REGISTER FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS

The Chair noted the need to register if interested in speaking at Public Address.

5 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

There were no amendments to the Agenda.

By a vote of 7-0 as follows, the Agenda was adopted as presented.

VOTING

Motion by: Truell, Don W.

Second by: Elliott, Chris

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Karen Watford	X			
Don W. Truell	X			
Zak Crotts	X			
Chris Elliott	X			
Fred McClure	X			
Steve Shell	X			
Todd Yates	X			

6. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Christie Zedrick spoke regarding hunters in the Davidson County area of Badin Lake; more specifically about two hunters she had found on her property, noting it had happened on two occasions. Wildlife and the Sheriff's Office had indicated there was nothing they could do. Ms. Zedrick spoke about Wildlife regulations, lead shot being banned and the velocity of shells. She left information with Mr. Martin to be included with the Minutes (included with the original minutes).

Carl Zedrick reported he was not against guns or hunters, but was against hunting in residential areas. The cove is approximately 70 yards wide where their house is located. He spoke regarding

the distance travelled by shot. He wanted hunters to use some common sense, and noted it was his understanding there were similar problems on High Rock Lake. He felt there should be some restrictions on where hunting could occur, and asked that the Board set some restrictions on hunting in residential areas.

Barney W. Hill asked that the Board deny numbers 2 and 4 in Agenda Item 7.B., reported on his thoughts on the request by the Recreation Department, and asked that the Board not approve Agenda Items 7.F., 7.G., 8.A., 8.B. and 8.C. He spoke against transportation, and felt the County's bus service should stop. A copy of Mr. Hill's remarks is included with the original Minutes.

Kirk Thacker spoke regarding no kill shelters, knowing it would take additional funding. He spoke regarding the benefits of animals, the anxiety levels of animals in the shelter, and some contents of the State's Animal Welfare Act. He felt veterinarian scholarships could be given, similar to the teaching scholarships, where the veterinarians could give services back to the County as a condition of the scholarship. Mr. Thacker also spoke about no tethering laws.

Cheri Milano addressed concerns raised earlier about hunting on Badin Lake, and spoke about conversations she had previously had with Wildlife officials. She felt the Board should adopt an ordinance regarding the feeding of ducks on private property, which would keep the ducks off of these properties. She spoke about the laws in existence and incidents investigated in the area. Ms. Milano spoke about the incident reported on by Ms. Zedrick, and noted an email had been sent to the Board before the meeting which included additional information (included with the original Minutes).

8. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION - CONSENT

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

Commissioner Crofts asked that Agenda Item 7.F. be pulled for discussion.

By a vote of 7-0 as follows, the remainder of the Consent Agenda was approved as presented. Agenda Item 7.F. was discussed and voted on separately.

VOTING

Motion by: Yates, Todd
 Second by: Elliott, Chris

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Karen Watford	X			
Don W. Truell	X			
Zak Crofts	X			
Chris Elliott	X			
Fred McClure	X			
Steve Shell	X			
Todd Yates	X			

B. Budget Amendments - Assistant County Manager

C. Approval of Minutes - January 14, 2020 Board of Commissioners' Meeting

D. Declare Books as Surplus and Donate Items to Davidson County Community College

E. Item to Set for Public Hearing - Text Amendments - Article 6, Section 6.02(A) "Accessory Residence to a Commercial Use within a Single Structure" to read "Accessory Residence to a Non-Residential Use within a Single Structure"; and to Amend Article 3, Section 3.08 Table of Permitted Uses, to Allow "Accessory Residence to a Non-Residential Use within a Single Structure" in the RC, CS, HC, LI, HI, MX-R, MX-C, and PEC Zoning Districts with the Associated Development Standards

G. Approval of Agreement with Drake Maynard for Services at the Department of Social Services

H. Final Adjusting Change Order for Highway 64/I-85 Sewer Project

F. Resolution Supporting Lexington City Schools' Facility Improvement Project

Commissioner Crotts understood that the Facilities Committee had previously considered this request. He had done research, and felt once the School System had paid the money back for the Project, that the County could decrease the utility payments. It was acknowledged that this Board could not bind a future Board to do something. Mr. Smith reported the School System intended to take the savings and put those monies toward capital projects that need to be done. It is estimated that there will be approximately \$190,000 annually in energy savings used to replace \$2.5 Million +/- in HVAC equipment, LED lights, boilers, etc. over the course of the energy savings program.

By a vote of 7-0 as follows, the Board adopted the Resolution.

VOTING

Motion by: Crotts, Zak
 Second by: Truell, Don W.

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Karen Watford	X			
Don W. Truell	X			
Zak Crotts	X			
Chris Elliott	X			
Fred McClure	X			
Steve Shell	X			
Todd Yates	X			

8. ITEMS FOR DECISION/INFORMATION - DELIBERATION

A. Transportation Bus Shelter Grant Opportunity - Lexington Area

Mr. Smith reported that Transportation had brought this request forward for the Lexington Bus Route that is funded through the Winston-Salem MPO. The City of Lexington has wanted bus shelters for quite some time, and this was a grant opportunity to fund 9 full shelters and 42 semi-seat style stops. The City had agreed to pay 50% of the 20% match. The County provided in-kind services for a match for bus shelters in Thomasville in the past. Mr. Smith was asking for permission to apply for the grant. We have finally gotten the Winston-Salem MPO to start giving money back to Davidson County. The City has agreed to maintain the shelters. Mr. Smith felt this was a fair request, as we had helped Thomasville build their shelters.

By a vote of 7-0 as follows, the Board authorized the submission of the grant application as requested.

VOTING

Motion by: Yates, Todd
 Second by: Shell, Steve

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Karen Watford	X			
Don W. Truell	X			
Zak Crotts	X			
Chris Elliott	X			
Fred McClure	X			
Steve Shell	X			
Todd Yates	X			

B. Security RFP for Colonial Drive

Mr. Smith reported there were estimates attached to the Agenda Item of what the total amount of the request may look like. There had been some recent incidents at Colonial Drive, and it has been determined that we have too many entrances into the building. Mr. Smith felt a few more cameras also needed to be installed. Security issues in the building were noted. Rather than bringing a deputy into the building, research had been conducted on the feasibility of company police. Mr. Smith was asking for approval to put out an RFP so he could see what was available. Funding would be included in the DSS budget. What company police were was explained. Commissioner Shell felt there may be issues on how the officers were sworn and liability. Mr. Smith felt it would be easier to run the company police through DSS for reimbursement.

By a vote of 7-0 as follows, the Board authorized an RFP for security at Colonial Drive.

VOTING

Motion by: McClure, Fred
 Second by: Elliott, Chris

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Karen Watford	X			
Don W. Truell	X			
Zak Crotts	X			
Chris Elliott	X			
Fred McClure	X			
Steve Shell	X			
Todd Yates	X			

C. 911 Emergency Communications Recorder Replacement

Mr. Smith reported that a major piece of the radio project was the on-site recorder which catches all of the recordings that come in. What was purchased through the Radio Project will not catch two core calls at the same time, and we get calls from Guilford 911 as well as Davidson County calls, so the current recorder will not work effectively. Figures for an adequate recorder were at each member's place (included with the original Minutes). Mr. Smith was asking for the ability to sign the change order and use funds left in the project balance to pay the difference. Motorola will take the current recorder back, and give the County a credit. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Shell as to whether the current recorder would work at the Back-Up 911 Center, Mr. Smith reported it would not, and the Board was scheduled to talk about the Back-Up 911 Center at the Budget Workshop. This recorder request would finish up the current Radio Project.

By a vote of 7-0 as follows, the Board approved the purchase of the new recorder as requested; authorized Mr. Smith to sign the change order; and allowed Mr. Smith to utilize funds from the current Project to pay the difference in the billing, which would be the transfer of \$45,000 from the Capital

Projects/Site Development account (327-7552-423.77-10) to the Capital Projects/Equipment-Radios/Mobiles account (327-7552-423.78-16).

VOTING

Motion by: Truell, Don W.

Second by: McClure, Fred

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Karen Watford	X			
Don W. Truell	X			
Zak Crotts	X			
Chris Elliott	X			
Fred McClure	X			
Steve Shell	X			
Todd Yates	X			

9. ADJOURNMENT

By a vote of 7-0 as follows, the Meeting was adjourned.

VOTING

Motion by: Shell, Steve

Second by: Yates, Todd

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Karen Watford	X			
Don W. Truell	X			
Zak Crotts	X			
Chris Elliott	X			
Fred McClure	X			
Steve Shell	X			
Todd Yates	X			

Deborah J. Harris
Clerk to the Board

Karen Watford, Chair
Davidson County
Board of Commissioners