Minutes

Board of Commissioners
January 6, 2010
3:30 P.M.

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The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers in the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Commissioners Present:	Jack Smith, Chairman Herb Frady, Vice Chairman Lee Hearn Robert Horgan Eric Maxwell
Staff Present:	Jack Krakeel, County Administrator Scott Bennett, County Attorney Carol Chandler, Executive Assistant Floyd L. Jones, Deputy Clerk

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Call to Order by Chairman, Invocation, and Pledge to the Flag

Chairman Smith called the January 6, 2010 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

Acceptance of Agenda

Commissioner Horgan moved to accept the agenda as published. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION:

A. Election of Board Chairman for the year 2010.

Chairman Smith reminded those in attendance that the Board Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship is voted on by the Board of Commissioners, that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are chosen for a one-year term, and those terms expire at the beginning of each calendar year.

Commissioner Horgan moved to re-elect Chairman Jack Smith to serve as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the year 2010. Commissioner Frady seconded the motion. Chairman Smith thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve. He said the work is sometimes time-consuming but always emotionally rewarding since he could represent the Board at functions such as award presentations and proclamations and since it gives him a great feeling of warmth for the Fayette community and for the Board as a whole. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Chairman Smith abstaining from the vote.

B. Election of Board Vice-Chairman for the year 2010.

Chairman Smith moved to re-elect Vice-Chairman Herb Frady to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the year 2010. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Vice-Chairman Frady abstaining from the vote. Vice-Chairman Frady thanked the Board for its vote and said he enjoys the work and keeping his fingers on the pulse of activities in Fayette County.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Horgan moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-17. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Approval of authorization to sign checks combining any of the following two signatures for transactions exceeding $5,000: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, County Administrator.

2. Approval of authorization to sign checks for transactions $4,999 or less: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, County Administrator.

3. Approval of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to execute contracts, resolutions, agreements, and other documents approved by and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

4. Approval of proposed meeting schedule for 2010. A copy of the 2010 meeting schedule, identified as "Attachment 1", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Chairman Smith informed the Board that while the Board of Commissioners routinely meets on the first Wednesday and the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, the meeting schedule for the month of November was altered to have the meeting moved from the second week in November to the third week in November.

5. Approval of Resolution Number 2010-01 appropriating funds necessary for the annual lease payment on the Jail Expansion and Justice Center. A copy of Resolution 2010-01, identified as "Attachment 2", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

6. Approval of Resolution Number 2010-02 renewing Resolution Number 90-07 which imposes a $1.50 monthly "911" charge upon each exchange access facility subscribed to by telephone subscribers. A copy of Resolution 2010-02, identified as "Attachment 3", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

7. Approval of Resolution Number 2010-03 renewing Resolution Number 90-03A which imposes a $1.00 monthly "911" wireless enhanced charge upon each exchange access facility subscribed to by telephone subscribers. A copy of Resolution 2010-03, identified as "Attachment 4", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

8. Approval of staff's recommendation to adjust the county's travel expense reimbursement rate from $.451 cents to $.41 cents per mile effective January 1, 2010. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 5", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

9. Approval of staff's recommendation to award the county's annual Bid #723 Janitorial Services for paper supplies to various vendors. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 6", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

10. Approval of staff's recommendation to award the county's annual Bid #724 Janitorial Services for plastic products to various vendors. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 7", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

11. Approval of staff's recommendation to award the county's annual Bid #725 Janitorial Services for cleaning supplies to various vendors. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 8", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

12. Approval of staff's recommendation that the existing Subgrant Agreement with the Atlanta Regional Commission for completion of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) be extended until April 30, 2010. A copy of the request and Subgrant Agreement, identified as "Attachment 9", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

13. Approval of request from the Sheriff's office to amend the Overtime Budget for the Criminal Investigations Division by $3,339.31 for reimbursement for employees assigned to work with various Federal Agencies. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 10", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

14. Approval of staff's request to extend the county's existing annual asphalt agreement with current vendors for an additional two months. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 11", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

15. Approval of staff's recommendation to transfer $4,300.00 from Contingency Funds to fund Corrective Action Plan activities at the Public Works / Fleet Maintenance property as required by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 12", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

16. Approval of staff's recommendations to award Bid #728 Water Distribution Parts, to five companies which were low bidders on items used by the Water System, for water distribution system installation and repair. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 13", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

17. Approval of minutes for he Board of Commissioners' meeting held on December 10, 2009.

OLD BUSINESS:

C. Continued discussion of staff's recommendation concerning a proposed policy for open market purchases. This item was last discussed during the November 4, 2009 Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting.

Finance Director Mary Holland presented staff's recommendation concerning a proposed policy for open market purchases. The Board questioned and discussed the shift of the burden of responsibility for making purchases from the Purchasing Department to other departments, the issuance of purchase orders, tracking and monitoring purchases throughout the departments, the "cumbersome" procedures required to make small purchases, who would have authority to make open market purchases, the possibility that the policy could cause contention with vendors who claim unauthorized purchases are authorized, and the ability to audit the open market purchases should the policy be enacted.

The Board directed Ms. Holland to draft an open market purchases policy and ordinance change, to consult with County Attorney Scott Bennett during their draftings, and to return with the documents at a later Board meeting for action. A copy of the request and presentation material, identified as "Attachment 14", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

NEW BUSINESS:

D. The Finance Department will provide an update on the County's Purchasing Card Program for activity occurring in Fiscal Year 2009.

Finance Director Mary Holland provided the Board an update concerning Fayette County's Purchasing Card Program for activity occurring in Fiscal Year 2009. No discussion followed and no action by the Board was needed. A copy of the request and presentation material, identified as "Attachment 15", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

E. Discussion with GIS Steering Committee regarding grant opportunities for GIS aerial photography.

Fire Marshal David Scarbrough, representing the GIS Steering Committee, discussed a GIS aerial photography project promoted by the Atlanta Regional Commission, the grant opportunity associated with the project, and the Committee's three recommendations before he answered questions from the Board.

Chairman Smith requested that the GIS Steering Committee's third recommendation to adopt a schedule which would place aerial photography in a capital improvement rotation of every four years based on the identified benefits and that $40,000 remain in the 2014 capital improvement budget for aerials be addressed during the Fiscal Year 2011 budget meetings. The Board consented to the Chairman's request.

Chairman Smith moved to approve the GIS Steering Committee's recommendation to participate in the aerial photography project coordinated through the Atlanta Regional Commission by providing a letter of intent to the United States Geological Survey, the ARC, and Kucera International at a cost not to exceed $24,882.00 with funding to come from allocated funds within the CIP budget. Commissioner Frady seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Smith moved to authorize the GIS Steering Committee to apply for a 25% grant with the United States Geological Survey in the amount of $6,205.20, to be applied to the aerial photography project under discussion. Commissioner Frady seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 16", follows these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

GEBCorp Deduction Mag Media Format: County Administrator Jack Krakeel requested authorization for the Chairman to sign an agreement, known as the GEBCorp Deduction Mag Media Format, between Fayette County and Tyler Technologies in the amount of $6,000 for the purpose of modifying the County's payroll and accounting software enabling Fayette County to transmit employee retirement files to GEBCorp for each payroll processed in MUNIS that would detail employee withholdings and the employer's share pertaining to the Defined Benefits Retirement Plan. Commissioner Maxwell told the Board he was not prepared to vote for the request since he did not have enough information, since he did not originally vote for the particular vendor, and since he had concern about moving forward at this point in time. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Horgan moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the amendment to the Tyler Technologies contract at a cost of $6,000 allowing a modification to the County's payroll and accounting software in order to transmit Defined Benefits retirement data to GEBCorp. Commissioner Frady seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Maxwell voting in opposition. A copy of the agreement between Fayette County and Tyler Technologies, identified as "Attachment 17", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

2010 Board Retreat: County Administrator Jack Krakeel reported that he has been working on developing the agenda for the upcoming Board Retreat. He said the tentative dates for the Board Retreat would be Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. and all day Friday, January 29, 2010 beginning at approximately 8:00 a.m. He requested that the Board members submit items they would like added to the agenda. Discussion followed. The Board directed Mr. Krakeel to forward the preliminary agenda to them for their review so they could know if other items need to be placed on the agenda.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

There was no Attorney's Report.

STAFF REPORTS

Cancellation of January 14, 2010 Board of Commissioners Meeting: County Clerk Carol Chandler informed the Board that only one agenda item had been submitted for the January 14, 2010 Board of Commissioners Meeting and she asked the Board to consider cancelling the meeting. Commissioner Frady moved to cancel the January 14, 2010 Board of Commissioners Meeting due to a lack of agenda items. Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Groundbreaking for the Lake McIntosh Project: County Clerk Carol Chandler reminded the Board that the groundbreaking for the Lake McIntosh Project will occur on January 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. She stated invitations have been mailed to previous Commissioners, state and federal officials, and others involved in the project during the past 30 years.

BOARD REPORTS

Return of Value Forms: Commissioner Maxwell reported that Tax Commissioner George Wingo reminded him that Return of Value forms are available at the Tax Commissioner's Office. He noted that last year Fayette County did not provide a formal announcement that the Return of Value forms were available. He recognized that this discussion of the Return of Value forms would be included in the minutes which are publically available, but he asked if notification could be placed on the County's website and if local newspapers could inform citizens of the availability of the forms. Discussion followed but the Board took no action.

Potential Addition to the Reward Money for the Horse Shot in Brooks: Commissioner Maxwell commented that one of the most disturbing events has recently occurred in Fayette County since he began living here in 1972, and that is the incident which occurred in Brooks involving a horse shot with arrows. He said he read in some local papers that some groups have established an award fund for this and he asked for an update on the investigation.

Captain Steve Coker of the Fayette County Sheriff's Department reported that the investigation was ongoing and leads were being followed up.

Commissioner Maxwell continued that he was absolutely incensed that this crime occurred in the Fayette community and that it has given this community a "black eye". He mentioned that Neal Boortz has dedicated a great deal of time on his radio program to this issue and has personally dedicated some award money. He asked County Attorney Scott Bennett to see if the County Commission was legally permitted to add $1,000 to the award fund, and he emphasized that he wanted the County Commission to send a message that "this kind of stuff is not going to be tolerated in this community".

Chairman Smith noted that the Fayette County Sheriff's Department has money allocated for information retrieval and he also asked the County Attorney to look into the issue to see if there was anything the Board could do. County Attorney Bennett replied that he would make the review as requested.

Appreciation for Chairman Jack Smith: Commissioner Lee Hearn thanked Chairman Jack Smith for doing a great job as the Chairman of the Board during the past year. He stated that in his experience over the past 19 years he has worked with a number of Chairmen and that it has been a pleasure working with Chairman Smith. He added that the Chairman is doing a great job at the Atlanta Regional Commission before thanking the Chairman once again for his work on behalf of Fayette County.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business came before the Board, and Chairman Smith adjourned the January 6, 2010 Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting at 4:48 p.m. with no objection.

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Floyd L. Jones, Deputy Clerk Jack R. Smith, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 28th day of January, 2010.

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Floyd L. Jones, Deputy Clerk