Minutes

Board of Commissioners
February 3, 2010
3:30 P.M.

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The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Suite 100 of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Commissioners Present:	Jack Smith, Chairman Herb Frady, Vice Chairman Lee Hearn - arrived 4:11 p.m. Robert Horgan Eric Maxwell
Staff Present:	Jack Krakeel, County Administrator Scott Bennett, County Attorney Carol Chandler, Executive Assistant Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk

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Call to Order by Chairman Smith.

Chairman Smith stated for the record that Commissioner Hearn was absent from the meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: On motion made by Commissioner Horgan, seconded by Commissioner Frady to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Hearn was absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FAYETTE COUNTY SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS AND THE FAYETTE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS:

Director of Community Development Pete Frisina briefed the Board on this matter. A copy of the agenda request, identified as "Attachment No. 1", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. He noted that staff had previously discussed this with the Board at its November 4th meeting. Chairman Smith said his concerns were lengthy and he would prefer to meet with Mr. Frisina one on one later to go over these. He suggested this be placed on the Board's workshop agenda on March 3rd for further discussion and the Board agreed.

NEW BUSINESS:

B. DISCUSSION OF ACTIVITIES IN PREPARATION OF THE 2010 CENSUS:

Director of Community Development Pete Frisina updated the Board on the activities in preparation of the 2010 census. A copy of the agenda request, identified as "Attachment No. 2", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. He remarked that his department heads up the complete count committee and its purpose was to get the word out and educate the public on the upcoming census. He noted that Fayette County had a return rate of 79% and this was the highest return rate for any County in the State of Georgia during the last census ten years ago. He remarked that the Census Bureau would be setting up census assistance centers and this would occur between March 19th through April 19th. He said the Bureau would supply people who would be at these centers approximately fifteen hours per week to assist people filling out their census forms. He noted he had been calling polling places and putting them in touch with the Census Bureau to see if they would be willing to allow this activity. He said the people assisting at these centers would become paid employees of the Bureau and he felt this was a good time to create employment opportunities.

C. DISCUSSION BY PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT FOR ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR DEMOLITION PERMITS AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION PERMITS:

Director of Permits and Inspections Joe Scarborough discussed this item with the Board. A copy of the agenda request, identified as "Attachment No. 3", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. He remarked that currently there was no revenue generated for these inspections and there were a lot of site visits involved with these. He noted that last year the County had 46 notice of violations. After further discussion, the Board directed Mr. Scarborough to look into what surrounding counties were doing in regard to this fee schedule and bring that information back to the Board at a later date.

D. DISCUSSION OF DEVELOPING AN ALTERNATE FEE SCHEDULE FOR BUILDING PERMITS FOR STRUCTURES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE A FULL RANGE OF INSPECTIONS:

Director of Permits and Inspections Joe Scarborough discussed this item with the Board. A copy of the agenda request, identified as "Attachment No. 4", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. He noted that a County resident had requested to add a couple new greenhouses on their property. He said this would be an engineered metal structure and ten inspections would be involved for this type structure. Chairman Smith said he would have no problem with Mr. Scarborough looking into what other jurisdictions were doing but would be reluctant to change the code for one citizen.

Commissioner Hearn entered the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

Chairman Smith pointed out that some of these structures were also glass covered structures and a lot more sophisticated than the plastic covered structures. Mr. Krakeel felt the amount of time for the inspection should be the focus. After further discussion, the Board directed staff to develop an alternate fee schedule and bring a recommendation to the Board at a future meeting.

E. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT TRAINING AGREEMENT AND A REQUEST THAT A SIMILAR AGREEMENT BE AUTHORIZED FOR NEW EMPLOYEES OF THE 911 COMMUNICATIONS:

Deputy Chief Tom Bartlett discussed this matter with the Board. A copy of the agenda request, identified as "Attachment No. 5", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. He remarked that currently there was an agreement

that employees of Fire and Emergency Services are required to sign upon employment with the County that if they leave the County within a certain amount of time that they would reimburse the County for equipment and/or training cost. County Attorney Scott Bennett interjected that he was drafting an agreement for the 911 center employees and also pointed out that the agreement for Fire and EMS employees needed to be updated because repayment schedules were not clear. After further discussion of the proposed agreements, it was determined that this item would be listed under the consent agenda at the February 11th Board meeting for the Board's approval.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:
None.

STAFF REPORTS:
None.

BOARD REPORTS: Commissioner Maxwell asked for clarification on the S.P.L.O.S.T. and the projects that are on the list but have not been started specifically the Peachtree City/Fayetteville projects. After a brief discussion, there was consensus that this matter would come back to the Board at their March 3rd workshop meeting for further discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
None.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

Karen Morley, Chief 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 25th day of February, 2010.

Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk