Minutes

Board of Commissioners
February 11, 2010
7:00 P.M.

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The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on Thursday, February 11, 2010, at 7:00 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 February 11, 2010 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
Commissioner Hearn offered the invocation.
Chairman Smith led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Acceptance of Agenda.

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

PRESENTATION / RECOGNITION:

A. Representatives from Cherry, Bekaert, and Holland, LLP, the County's auditing firm, will present the results of the Fiscal Year 2009 Audit to the Board.

Ms. Patricia Pryor, a representative of Cherry, Bekaert, and Holland, presented the results of the Fiscal Year 2009 Audit to the Board. She stated that the firm's opinions concerning the results were "unqualified"– which is the highest and best type of opinion that can be issued and which means the audit identified no material misstatements, no material weakness, or any other problems. She then explained the findings and results of the audit.

After Ms. Pryor gave her report Chairman Smith asked her about the previous audits Cherry, Bekaert, and Holland had conducted for Fayette County and it constitutional officers, namely, if any problems were discovered in the previous audits. Ms. Pryor informed the Board that her firm has conducted audits for Fayette County and its constitutional officers for the previous five years and that no problems have been discovered. A copy of the agenda request and audit presentation, identified as "Attachment 1", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

B. Presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fayette County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2008.

Chairman Smith commented on the standards required and scrutinized in order to receive the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fayette County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, known as CAFR. He noted that Fayette County has received this coveted award for 16 consecutive years and that success is directly attributable to Fayette County's Finance staff, and he presented the certificate to Finance Director Mary Holland and the Finance staff. Ms. Holland then presented the award to Assistant Finance Director Toni Jo Howard saying she is "giving credit where it is due". A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 2", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Board Recognition of Assistant Finance Director Toni Jo Howard: Chairman Smith announced that he wanted to "make a big deal out of something only because it is a big deal". He pointed out to Toni Jo that her family had quietly entered the meeting to see her recognized, and that her recognition was purposefully left off of the agenda because he wanted it to be a surprise. He asked Toni Jo to step to the podium, showed her her diploma that was "thieved" from her office a few moments earlier, spoke about her prior work at Cherry, Bekaert, and Holland, and about her work towards an advanced degree in Professional Accountancy. As a Certified Public Accountant himself, he commented on the hard work Toni Jo had endured to achieve such a degree and he publically congratulated her for receiving the Master of Professional Accounting degree. He thanked her for her work in achieving the degree and for keeping Fayette County "straight". The audience, county staff, and the Board applauded her.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Horgan moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-5. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Approval of Resolution 2010-09 adopting the Fayette County 2009 Annual Report on Fire Services Impact Fees, including the Comprehensive Plan Amendments for updates to the Capital Improvements Element and Short-Term Work Program fro FY 2010- FY 2014. A copy of the request and Resolution 2010-09, identified as "Attachment 3", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

2. Approval of request from the Sheriff's Office to amend the Overtime Budget for the Criminal Investigations Division by $248.80 for reimbursement for employees assigned to work with various Federal Agencies. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 4", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

3. Approval of request from the Sheriff's Office to amend the Overtime Budget for the Criminal Investigations Division by $528.70 for reimbursement for employees assigned to work with various Federal Agencies. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 5", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

4. Approval of a recommendation from the Water Committee that the Memorandum of Agreement between the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District and the County be amended to allow the continuation of the Toilet Rebate Program until all the committed funds have been expended. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 6", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

5. Approval of January 28, 2010 Board of Commissioners minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

C. Consideration of amendments to the Fire and Emergency Services Reimbursement Training Agreement and a request that a similar agreement be authorized for the new 911 Communications employees. This item was last discussed at the February 4, 2010 Workshop Meeting.

Fire Chief Allen McCullough reported that the Department of Fire and Emergency Services has been using a Memorandum of Understanding agreement, known as a Reimbursement Training Agreement, with newly hired employees for the past 15 years, and that the document has been recently updated to provide greater specificity. He continued that the updates and additions were accomplished with the assistance of the County Attorney and that he would like to broaden its usage to be applicable to all newly hired 911 Communications employees. He explained that this memorandum is a "strong tool that will help with retention" of employees. He explained that new hires in the Department of Fire and Emergency Services are considered for employment only after they have EMT certification but they may still require Fire Training certification which generally lasts 12 to 14 weeks. Similarly, 911 Communications cadet training lasts approximately 12 weeks. He explained the $3,000 reimbursement amount, as provided in the documents, is recommended since it is consistent with other types of public safety training programs in other counties. He reported that new employees who are certified by the state's regulatory agencies at Fayette County's expense would be required to serve for three years, and he concluded that the agreements required new public safety employees who do not complete three years of service with Fayette County to reimburse the County for their training on a prorated monthly schedule. Chief McCullough ended his presentation answering questions from the Board.

Commissioner Horgan moved to approve the recommended amendments to the Fire and Emergency Services Reimbursement Training Agreement and to institute the similar employment agreement as submitted for all newly hired 911 Communications employees. Commissioner Frady seconded the motion.

County Attorney Scott Bennett advised the Board to amend the motion by authorizing Chief McCullough to sign the agreements on behalf of Fayette County.

Commissioner Horgan amended his previous motion by moving to approve the recommended amendments to the Fire and Emergency Services Reimbursement Training Agreement, to institute the similar employment agreement as submitted for all newly hired 911 Communications employees, and to authorize Chief Allen McCullough to sign any such agreements on behalf of Fayette County. Commissioner Frady seconded the amended motion. No discussion followed and the motion passed unanimously. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 7", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Consideration of Water Committee and staff recommendation to allow Eco-South, Inc. to perform Lake McIntosh wetlands mitigation on a site known as the Flint River site, at a cost of $416,840.

Water System Director Tony Parrott presented this request to the Board. He explained that this site is the second of the planned wetland mitigation sites. He reported that Eco-South has created the work plan for the site, has worked with the Army Corps of Engineers to approve the work plan, and is currently working on schedule at the Johnson tract which was approved in February 2009. He said the Water Committee and staff are recommending that Eco-South's services be extended to perform the work under consideration at the Flint River site. He concluded his presentation by answering questions from the Board.

Commissioner Horgan moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Contractor Agreement between Fayette County and Eco-South, Inc. to perform Lake McIntosh wetlands mitigation work at a site known as the Flint River site at a cost of $416,840. Commissioner Frady seconded the motion. No discussion followed and the motion passed unanimously. A copy of the request and the Contractor Agreement, identified as "Attachment 8", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Update on Tomorrow's Impending Snowfall and Possible Effect on County Operations: County Administrator Jack Krakeel reported that the County would continue to monitor the predicted snowfall and that the latest reports indicated it would not begin until the afternoon hours. He informed the Board that the weather may force a decision to close county offices prematurely tomorrow afternoon depending on the road conditions and amount of frozen precipitation that is received. He added that a number of school districts south of the county have already notified media that they will be closed on February 12, 2010.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

There was no Attorney's Report.

STAFF REPORT

There was no Staff Report.

BOARD REPORT

There was no Board Report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business came before the Board and Chairman Smith adjourned the February 11, 2010 Board of Commissioner's meeting at 7:28 p.m.

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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 25th day of February, 2010.

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Floyd L. Jones, Deputy Clerk