



Action Agenda

Board of Commissioners
April 14, 2011
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on Thursday, April 14, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Commissioners Present:

Herb Frady, Chairman
Robert Horgan, Vice Chairman
Steve Brown
Lee Hearn
Allen McCarty

Staff Present:

Jack Krakeel, County Administrator
Carol Chandler, Executive Assistant
Scott Bennett, County Attorney
Floyd L. Jones, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Frady called the April 14, 2011 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Commissioner Hearn gave the Invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda.

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

PRESENTATION/RECOGNITION:

1. Presentation of a Proclamation for "National Telecommunicators Week", April 10-16, 2011.

County Administrator Jack Krakeel made a few comments and presented the Proclamation for "National Telecommunications Week" to Director of Communications Cheryl Rogers and other Telecommunication Officers and Practitioners who were present.

2. Recognition of Floyd Jones who has received designation as a Certified County Clerk.

The Board of Commissioners recognized Floyd Jones as a Certified County Clerk. County Clerk and Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners Carol Chandler spoke about Deputy Clerk Floyd Jones' designation as a Certified County Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Smithfield: Mr. Steve Smithfield spoke against the reprioritization of the West Fayetteville Bypass from the East Fayetteville Bypass. He also spoke against the appointment of Mr. Addison Lester to the Board of Elections due to nepotism and a conflict of interest.

Ray Watt: Mr. Ray Watt spoke about [the lack of] “transparency, honesty, and high-ethical office holders” in relation to Fayette County.

David Hall: Mr. David Hall spoke against the West Fayetteville Bypass, its financial burden, and the need for better leaders in Fayette County.

Gail Onesi: Mrs. Gail Onesi spoke about the sacredness of her vote, her displeasure with removing Marilyn Watts from the Board of Elections, and about her disappointment with Commissioner Hearn’s appointment of his cousin to the Board of Elections.

Dolly Watt: Mrs. Dolly Watt addressed Chairman Frady and Commissioners Hearn and Horgan, and she expressed her opposition to the West Fayetteville Bypass.

Randy Ognio: Mr. Randy Ognio spoke about the events that occurred at the last Board of Commissioners meeting, and his opposition to various decisions. He also stated that Chairman Frady had mentioned that “GRTA had no power”, and he spoke about a document he obtained from Georgia State University Law Review that challenged the Chairman’s supposed statements.

Tom Waller: Mr. Tom Waller spoke in opposition to the West Fayetteville Bypass, and how a Street Smarts study did not provide enough information to justify its construction.

Denise Ognio: Mrs. Denise Ognio presented a copy of the Georgia State University Law Review, as referenced earlier by her husband, to the Board and staff. She also spoke of her displeasure with respect to removing Marilyn Watts from the Board of Elections and replacing her with Addison Lester.

Tom Halpin: Mr. Tom Halpin spoke about the lack of transparency in county government, and about the West Fayetteville Bypass becoming the county’s number one transportation priority.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Brown asked to remove Consent Agenda Items 4 and 6. Commissioner Horgan moved to remove Consent Agenda Items 4 and 6 from the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Horgan moved to approve Consent Agenda items 3-12 excluding Consent Agenda Items 4 and 6. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Approval of staff’s recommendation to award Bid #783 to Bennett Fire Products, Fisher Scientific Company, North American Fire Equipment Company, FireLine, Inc., and Ten 8 Fire & Safety Equipment of Georgia for the purchase of protective clothing for the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.**

4. **Approval of staff's recommendation to award annual Bid #784 to MAR Trucking, Inc. as primary vendor and C&J Carriers, LLC. as secondary vendor for dump truck hauling services, for calendar year 2011, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.**

Commissioner Brown stated he would not vote in favor of Consent Agenda Item 4 since part of the hauling services could be utilized in conjunction with the West Fayetteville Bypass.

Commissioner Horgan moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 4. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 3-2 with Commissioners Brown and McCarty voting in opposition.

5. **Approval of staff's request to accept an FY 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$31,200 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Homeland Security; and authorization to use \$3,600 of the undesignated Fire Fund and \$4,200 of the undesignated EMS Fund to meet the County's 20% grant obligation.**

6. **Approval of staff's recommendation to award Bid #785 to Traffic Markings, Inc. as primary vendor and to Peek Pavement Markings, LLC. as secondary vendor for an annual contract for roadway striping and pavement marking services to be used on various construction and road maintenance projects, in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.**

Commissioner Brown stated he would not vote in favor of Consent Agenda Item 6 since part of the striping and related services could be utilized in conjunction with the West Fayetteville Bypass.

Commissioner Horgan moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 6. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed 3-2 with Commissioners Brown and McCarty voting in opposition.

7. **Approval of the Sheriff's Office request to amend the Overtime Budget for the Fayette County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division by \$7,888.37 for reimbursement for employees assigned to work with various Federal Agencies.**
8. **Approval of the Sheriff's Office request to increase the Criminal Investigations Division's Gasoline Vendors account by \$1,068.93 to account for a reimbursement from the U.S. Marshals Service for gasoline expenditures incurred for the purchase of a vehicle for Fayette County.**
9. **Approval of the Sheriff's Office request to increase the Criminal Investigations Division's Vehicle Repair Services account by \$9.96 to account for a reimbursement from the U.S. Marshals Service for expenses incurred for the maintenance of the vehicle that was purchased for Fayette County.**
10. **Approval of the Sheriff's Office request to authorize the replacement of two totaled patrol vehicles, with funding for the vehicles and their ancillary equipment, in an amount of \$50,290.00, to be provided from the Vehicle Replacement Fund.**
11. **Approval of staff's recommendation to increase the yard-waste tipping fees at the County's landfill to meet projected yard-waste operation expenses.**
12. **Approval of the March 24, 2011 Board of Commissioners Minutes.**

OLD BUSINESS:

13. **Discussion of proposed amendments to the Fayette County Code of Ordinance, Chapter 20. Zoning Ordinances, Sec. 5-47. Standards for Telecommunications Antennas and Towers.**

Zoning Administrator Dennis Dutton explained the proposed amendments to the Fayette County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20. Zoning Ordinance, Sec. 5-47. Standards for Telecommunications Antennas and Towers to the Board.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the proposed amendments to the Fayette County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20. Zoning Ordinance, Sec. 5-47. Standards for Telecommunications Antennas and Towers. Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

14. **Consideration of the Sheriff's request for additional funding, in the amount of \$31,654.74 for the remainder of the current 2011 Fiscal Year, in order to increase medical staffing by 1.47 persons per week for inmate healthcare due to a 16% increase in the inmate population for Calendar Year 2010.**

Major Charlie Coward gave his presentation and request to the Board.

The Board unanimously consented to table the Sheriff's request until the upcoming Fiscal Year 2012 budget hearings where a broader discussion could be held about the specific request to increase the contract.

REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

There were no Administrator's Reports.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Allen McCarty: Commissioner McCarty reported on three items: 1) the inability of some constituents to retrieve their money from the Court; 2) his opposition to the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Lee's Mill Road and the West Fayetteville Bypass; and 3) trivia about ants.

Commissioner Steve Brown: Commissioner Steve Brown said he was grateful to live in Fayette County, complemented the constituents for their active involvement in County politics, and thanked Mr. Randy Ognio for providing his thoughts to the Board concerning GRTA.

Chairman Frady: Chairman Herb Frady responded to Mr. Randy Ognio's remarks, that he attributed to Chairman Frady, that "GRTA has no power." Chairman Frady corrected Mr. Ognio by saying he had said "GRTA has no power over our zoning." He acknowledged that GRTA can do a lot, but that they cannot touch zoning.

Commissioner Lee Hearn: Commissioner Hearn commented on his non disclosure of his relationship to Addison Lester, who was recently appointed to the Board of Elections. He apologized for the lack of disclosure and he reemphasized Mr. Lester's credentials for the Board of Elections.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner McCarty moved to adjourn the April 14, 2011 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Commissioners Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Floyd L. Jones, Deputy Clerk