

Board of Commissioners February 23, 2012 7:00 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on February 23, 2012 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 Scott Bennett, County Attorney Carol Chandler, Executive Assistant Floyd Jones, Chief Deputy Clerk

Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Frady called the February 23, 2012 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Commissioner Hearn offered the Invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda.

Commissioner Brown moved to accept the agenda as published. Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION/RECOGNITION:

1. Kim Jackson and Sandy Edwards, representing the Cooperative Extension Service, will present information about their Master Gardeners program and the various volunteer projects completed over the past year.

Sheldon Hammond, Kim Jackson, Sandy Edwards and Tom Wilson presented information about their Master Gardeners program and the various volunteer projects completed over the course of the year to the Board; and then they gave the Board a ceremonial check symbolizing their contributions to the Fayette community. The Board took no action on this item.

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2. Pam Young of the Southern Conservation Trust will present information about the organization.

Pam Young, Executive Director of the Southern Conservation Trust, presented information to the Board about the organization before answering questions Board. The Board took no action on this item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Randy Ognio: Mr. Randy Ognio asked the Board to reconsider their approval to place a monopole, cellular tower at Fire Station Number 1, since he was concerned that this action would place government into competition with the private sector. He said it was the government's job to serve and protect; not compete. He then gave some examples of how this placement competed against the private sector. Mr. Ognio then addressed the appointments of several positions listed on the agenda, saying that he was concerned about unadvertised, open positions, that potential candidates did not know of available opportunities, and that there was no methodology in choosing nominees to various positions. He commended the nominees who were willing to step up and serve Fayette County, thanked them for their service, said he did not want the nominees to feel he was against them personally, but repeated that he wanted to get others involved. He closed his comments informing Commissioner Hearn that his time in office was limited since he now had competition.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Horgan moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 3 - 5. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Approval of staff's request for authorization for the Chairman to execute a contract with Message Center Management allowing for a monopole cellular tower to be placed on the site of Fire Station No. 1.
- 4. Approval of the Water Committee's recommendation to allow Main Street Fayetteville to insert an informational flyer in the April-May water bills, and then to allow Main Street Fayetteville to insert a second flyer in the June-July water bills.
- 5. Approval of the February 1, 2012 Board of Commissioners Workshop Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

6. Consideration of staff's recommendations regarding the County's employee health benefit plan, and authorization for the Chairman to sign any forthcoming contracts and related documents contingent upon the County Attorney's review.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve staff's recommendations regarding the County's employee health benefit plan, to authorize the Chairman to sign any forthcoming contracts contingent upon the County Attorney's review, and to continue to provide access to Colonial and Aflac insurance companies for county employees. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

7. Approval of staff's recommendation to approve Bid #819, awarding two separate annual contracts to Seaco, Inc. and to Blackledge Emulsions, Inc., for the purchase of CRS-2h Asphalt Emulsion, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$45,000.

Commissioner Horgan moved to approve staff's recommendation to approve Bid #819, awarding two separate annual contracts to Seaco, Inc. and to Blackledge Emulsions, Inc., for the purchase of CRS-2h Asphalt Emulsion, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$45,000. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-2 with Commissioners Brown and McCarty voting in opposition.

8. Consideration of reappointment of Randy Hayes to the Fayette County Development Authority for an additional four-year term to commence on April 10, 2012 and end on April 9, 2016.

Chairman Frady moved to reappoint Randy Hayes to the Fayette County Development Authority for an additional four-year term to commence on April 10, 2012 and to expire on April 9, 2016. Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Brown voting in opposition.

9. Approval of a request from the County Clerk for authorization to file the required Certificate of Appointment indicating that the Fayette County Democratic Party has reappointed Darryl Hicks to the Board of Elections for a four-year term to commence February 1, 2012 and expiring January 31, 2016.

Commissioner Horgan moved to approve the County Clerk's request for authorization to file the required Certificate of Appointment indicating that the Fayette County Democratic Party has reappointed Darryl Hicks to the Board of Elections for a four-year term to commence February 1, 2012 and expiring January 31, 2016. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Consideration of the appointment of Lt. Debbie Chambers, of the City of Fayetteville Police Department, to the Fayette County Department of Family and Children Services Board for a five-year term to commence on January 24, 2012 and expiring on January 23, 2017.

Commissioner Horgan moved to appoint Lt. Debbie Chambers, of the City of Fayetteville Police Department, to the Fayette County Department of Family and Children Services Board for a five-year term to commence on January 24, 2012 and expiring on January 23, 2017. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Brown voting in opposition.

11. Consideration of the reappointment of Dr. Michael Strain to another six-year term on the Fayette County Board of Health commencing on January 1, 2012 and expiring on December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Horgan moved to reappoint Dr. Michael Strain to another six-year term on the Fayette County Board of Health commencing on January 1, 2012 and expiring on December 31, 2017. Chairman Frady seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Brown voting in opposition.

12. Consideration of the reappointment of Jack Krakeel to an additional four-year term on the Fayette County Hospital Authority which will commence on June 1, 2012 and ending on May 31, 2016.

Commissioner Horgan moved to reappoint Jack Krakeel to an additional four-year term on the Fayette County Hospital Authority that will commence on June 1, 2012 and will end on May 31, 2016. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Brown voting in opposition.

13. Consideration of the reappointment of Ken Schall to the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board for a three-year term with said term commencing on July 1, 2012 and expiring on June 30, 2015.

Commissioner Horgan moved to reappoint Ken Schall to the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board for a three-year term with said term commencing on July 1, 2012 and expiring on June 30, 2015. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Brown voting in opposition.

14. Consideration of the appointment of Ms. Jackie Begg to the Region Six Mental Health Regional Planning Board for a three-year term to commence on March 1, 2012, and to end on February 28, 2015.

Commissioner Horgan moved to appoint Ms. Jackie Begg to the Region Six Mental Health Regional Planning Board for a three-year term to commence on March 1, 2012 and to end on February 28, 2015. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Brown voting in opposition.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Open House Concerning the Interstate 85 / State Route 74 Interchange: County Administrator Jack Krakeel reminded the Board that it has historically had significant discussions concerning the interchange at Interstate 85 and State Route 74. He continued that the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) was going to hold an open house and provide public information about proposed modifications to that interchange. He informed the Board that the open house would be held at the Bedford School Gymnasium located at 5665 Milam Road, Fairburn, Georgia from 4:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. He repeated that this is an open house, that the Board and members of the public would be able to attend, and that he would email the Board with further information.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Steve Brown: Commissioner Brown spoke about the interchange at Interstate 85 and State Route 74, and he said he had spoken to several groups across Fayette County and to one group in Fulton County where this subject has arisen. He wanted to reiterate that there are three different scenarios associated with the interchange. He told the Board that GDOT already has money set aside with a plan to modify the interchange. He said this money was not a part of the Transportation Investment Act (TIA). He added that there is a second plan in place which has more money in it, including TIA money, if the act passes. The continued that the third plan would be one of the "better case scenarios" and that is not in either one of the plans, regardless of TIA funding, and he said he is working on getting "those components included in the plan" and that there was an effort to get GDOT to recognize some of the components. He said the importance of having the components in the plan was because, if money for roads and bridges become available (as President Obama is actively discussing), if there is not components in the planning stages, the plan itself will not be eligible for those funds for additional components for

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the interchange. He concluded that there is constant work in enhancing the plan and getting GDOT to recognize the other components needed to make it the best-case scenario. Next, Commissioner Brown reiterated that while he did not have anything personal against the people holding appointed positions, he was holding to the principle that the County has an obligation to advertise open, public positions. He said if the people do not know positions are available, then the people would not get the positions. He added that there are a large number of people who have served for a long time whose services are great, but there are others who never have an opportunity because they are not told of open positions. He said, to that end, there is a Recreation Commission position that is open, that he has been told that the position is his responsibility for his district, and that he has sent a press release to the newspapers advertising the position publically. He said there is a questionnaire for interested and passionate candidates to complete, and that the form is available from Executive Assistant Carol Chandler.

Chairman Herb Frady: Chairman Frady addressed Commissioner Brown's comments about the Interstate 85 and State Route 74 interchange. He said he had conversations with Todd Long, who is the planner for the State of Georgia's Department of Transportation, and that Mr. Long said he attended a meeting that Commissioner Brown and others were attending, and at that meeting Mr. Long reiterated to Commissioner Brown that they [GDOT] realized they need more work and plans for the area. He continued that Mr. Long had informed Commissioner Brown that he would be glad to get some of those efforts going if Commissioner Brown would inform him where to get money. He said that Mr. Long informed him that GDOT did not have the money to do what Commissioner Brown was asking for.

County Administrator Jack Krakeel: County Administrator Jack Krakeel responded that, concerning the Interstate 85 and State Route 74 Interchange, the Board had previously instructed staff about the development of a resolution subsequent to having conversations with GDOT. He said the genesis of that discussion was a "Phase 1 / Phase 2" approach to that intersection design. He reported that staff is in the process of developing the resolution, and it will be brought before the Board at the March 8, 2012 meeting. Mr. Krakeel next reminded the Board that it had requested that the County's Director of Public Works, Phil Mallon, provide an update to the Board and public on the County's SPLOST transportation program. He reminded the Board that it had agreed that the appropriate time to provide this update was subsequent to the Workshop SPLOST meetings that are held before the second Board of Commissioners meeting of each month. He then asked Mr. Mallon to provide a brief overview and update on the current SPLOST program.

SPLOST Update: Public Works Director Phil Mallon updated the Board on SPLOST projects in both the municipalities and in unincorporated Fayette County.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Brown moved to adjourn the February 23, 2012 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Commissioners adjourned from their February 23, 2012 meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Floyd L. Jones, Chief Deputy Clerk