Minutes

Board of Commissioners
June 13, 2013
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on June 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Commissioners Present:	Steve Brown, Chairman Charles Oddo, Vice Chairman David Barlow Allen McCarty Randy Ognio
Staff Present:	Steve Rapson, County Administrator Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk Dennis Davenport, Interim County Attorney

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Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Brown called the June 13, 2013 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Commissioner Barlow called for a moment of reflection. Commissioner McCarty led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

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

PRESENTATION / RECOGNITION:

1. **Recognition of three Fayette County students who have been selected to represent the county in the Atlanta Regional Commission's youth leadership program, the Model Atlanta Regional Commission (MARC) for the 2013-14 school year.**

   Chairman Brown, Tyrone Mayor Eric Dial who serves as Fayette County's mayoral representative to the Atlanta Regional Commission, and Mr. Bob Reeves who serves as Fayette County's Citizen-Representative to the Atlanta Regional Commission, recognized and spoke about Harrison Gibbs, Ellie Klarl, and Amelia Traylor; all of whom will represent Fayette County in the Model Atlanta Regional Commission (MARC) Program. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 1", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

2. Presentation by Executive Director Pam McCollum concerning the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board.

Executive Director of the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board Pam McCollum made a presentation concerning McIntosh Trail Community Service Board, and its function in the state and community. Ms. McCollum also introduced Mr. Matthew Kaetterhenry, who spoke briefly to the Board and read a song that he had written. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 2", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

PUBLIC HEARING:

3. Public Hearing on the County's proposed annual budget for Fiscal Year 2014 which begins July 1, 2013 and ends June 30, 2014.

County Administrator Steve Rapson provided a brief PowerPoint presentation on the proposed annual budget for Fiscal
Year 2014.

Lee Hearn: Mr. Hearn commented on the proposed Fiscal Year 2014 budget, saying he was greatly alarmed at the fiscal cliff that looms ahead for Fayette County. Mr. Hearn's concerns involved the following items:

A) Changes to the Defined Benefits Pension Plan and the Board's decision not to fund $738,027 in pension obligations that are associated with employee services during Fiscal Year 2014. He spoke about the creation of the Defined Benefit Pension Plan, the recommendations provided by former Public Safety Director Allen McCullough and former Sheriff Wayne Hannah, employee contributions to the plan, and how the plan currently has more assets in the bank than what was projected by the actuary to pay for future pension claims.

B) Chairman Brown and County Administrator Rapson, both of whom were office holders and are residents of Peachtree City, were "stealing from the Special Tax District Funds" to balance the General Fund. He stated that $123,902 was taken from the Special Tax District Fund to balance General Fund.

C) The County is funding Peachtree City's and Tyrone's recreation services while not being able to afford lighting for parks in unincorporated Fayette County. He suggested that Chairman Brown who resides in Peachtree City and Commissioner Barlow who lives in Tyrone were doing a "little home cooking".

D) The creation of a Stormwater Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) despite the existence of the current Board with at least three members who have expressed opposition to the Stormwater Utility Fee in the past. Mr. Hearn expressed concerns that Peachtree City and Fayetteville will be double-taxed.

E) The "dismantling" of the Marshal's Department and risks of terrorism or illegal dumping due to having no Marshal's presence.

F) The lack of funding for twelve (12) Sheriff's vehicles as requested, and the lack of funding for replacement radios. Mr. Hearn suggested this would create a greater opportunity for crime in Fayette County.

G) The lack of funding for the Road Department's trucks and equipment, and concerns that grass would not be cut in portions of Fayette County.

H) Concerns about the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Budget, including:

i) The use of $2.38 million dollars that the Board did not know it had in relation to the 2000 Public Facilities Authority Bond Issue, and he wondered how the Bond Council would say the money can be spent.

ii) Information Technology needs are not funded and the ability for staff to be productive when computers and software fail.

iii) Issues involving the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the suggestion that the County could lose its $950,000 grant.

iv) Lack of funding for future CIP initiatives, and ensuing tax increases.

v) The lack of recreation funding for Kenwood Park and for lighting and field improvements.

Chairman Brown pointed out that the Board allowed Mr. Hearn to speak for seventeen minutes, and that the previous Board would not have allowed someone to speak for more than three minutes. Chairman Brown then asked County Administrator Rapson to address the issues raised by Mr. Hearn.

Steve Rapson: County Administrator Steve Rapson responded to the concerns Mr. Hearn expressed about the proposed Fiscal Year 2014 budget. Specifically, Mr. Rapson stated:

A) The Defined Benefits Pension Plan has not been changed and that anybody who is in public safety, whatever their function, can still retire at age 55 with 25 years of service. He added that the benefit had not changed for future hires in public safety.

B) The "additional fundings associated with the E-911 [Fund], Fire Fund, Street [Fund] and others actually had to do with an internal service charge back. He explained that those fund utilize services that are not intrinsically associated with them such as Finance, Information Services, and Human Resources. He explained that in the past, the County's General Fund had paid for those services, but now the budget reflected those special funds paying their cost for those services.

C) Peachtree City and Tyrone charge a discounted rate for County employees and families to use their recreational facilities, and so an allocation was arranged approximately ten years ago where Peachtree City would receive $150,000 and Tyrone would receive $24,000. He explained that over the years the allocations had been whittled down so that Peachtree City was receiving $114,000 and Tyrone was receiving $10,000. Mr. Rapson said "it has nothing to do with any

actions or anything that has been done over the last 10 ½ years, or over the last five months I've been with the County." Chairman Brown pointed out that those payments were made during the entire time Mr. Hearn served as a Fayette County Commissioner.

D) Stormwater Maintenance was moved back under the General Fund, as was communicated at the Stormwater Town Hall Meeting. He said the Stormwater Utility is not funded any more or less that it was during the previous years, at $500,000, but the primary difference is that instead of $100,000 going toward Capital Projects, $467,000 is going toward Capital Projects.

E) While the Sheriff and the Road Department requested vehicles, the Fleet Manager evaluates all vehicles and determines (independently of the Board or the Administrator) whether vehicles can remain in service for an additional year. The Fleet Manager made a decision, and the county honored the decision by not replacing the vehicles.

F) Sheriff's radios are funded with existing funds, and they never should have been funded in the Capital Funds. They were operating expenses all along, and should have been funded that way from the beginning.

G) That he had a phone call with the Bond Council who assured him that the County's use of the $2.3 million for the Justice Bond Proceed is for the same purpose those funds were actually executed. He said the funds could be used either for improvements associated with the Justice Center or the renovation of the actual jail. He said he met with the Sheriff in order for him to come up with a plan to improve the jail, and that part of the improvement would be spent on the old jail to increase the County's capacity. He said this would mean the County may not have to spend $30 or $40 million for an additional wing in the jail over the next three or four years.

H) The Information System's Department did not receive funding for the Technology Fund since the Department Head requested $400,000 when there is approximately $650,000 already in the fund.

I) The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has $50,000 budgeted for it. That amount, coupled with the $950,000 grant, is a total of $1,000,000.00. He building has been designed, and the County is bidding for construction. The EOC is project will likely be let next month, and will be complete long before April next year.

J) Kenwood Park was not renewed, but delayed, because the Board has to make a decision about the park. That said, the County actually expedited the parking lot which is the primary work the residents wanted at Kenwood Park. Chairman Brown pointed out that Kenwood Park was delayed for all the years Mr. Hearn served as a Fayette County Commissioner. Mr. Rapson said it was a $15 million dollar project, and so it was not a small project to think about.

K) The Recreation Department was not funded for the same reason the Information System's Department was not funded; namely, the request was for $86,000 while the Recreation Department has approximately $800,000 remaining that is currently funded in the Capital Plan for Research.

Chairman Brown: Chairman Brown pointed out that the $2.3 million in bond money that Fayette County has for the Justice Center existed during al four years of Mr. Hearn's tenure as a Commissioner, and he was shocked that the issue was being brought up and had become an issue after his election was lost. He agreed that the County was putting forward a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) for two years for the purpose of paying for Stormwater projects. He said this effort was needed due to forty years of deferred maintenance on Stormwater, and that during four of the forty years, Mr. Hearn served as a Fayette County Commissioner. Chairman Brown stated that the previous boards would pull money out of the General Fund to pay for emergency Stormwater issues, and that the General Fund money was also supplied by Peachtree City, Fayetteville, and Tyrone. He explained that Peachtree City and Tyrone have their "own Stormwater thing", and suggested that earlier practices created a double taxation issue. Chairman Brown commented on the Early Retirement Initiative Program (ERIP) saying it was despicable. He explained that ERIP was planned to eliminate 32 positions and was bragged that it would save $2 million. He informed the Board that he had a memo from former County Administrator Jack Krakeel written to the Finance Department saying "leave those line items in the budget; we are going to rehire all of them." Chairman Brown explained that rehiring the employees would make the savings for the ERIP come to "zero". Chairman Brown pointed out that the email and actions occurred during Mr. Hearn's tenure on the Board of Commissioners. Chairman Brown concluded his remarks by saying that he could not believe Mr. Hearn was bringing up recreation funding since Mr. Hearn funded recreation in Peachtree City and Tyrone for all four years he was in office.

Emory McHugh: Mr. McHugh spoke about his credentials and gave a few comments. During his comments, Mr. McHugh spoke disparagingly about County Administrator Rapson, Commissioner Ognio, and Chairman Brown. He was warned twice about "name calling" and was encouraged to provide civil remarks. When Mr. McHugh again called names, Chairman Brown asked the County Marshal to remove Mr. McHugh from the meeting. Mr. McHugh protested the removal and told the Chairman that he would refrain from calling names. The Chairman replied that Mr. McHugh had been warned three times, and that he would be escorted out. Mr. McHugh was then escorted from the building by the County Marshal.

Lisa Jones: Ms. Jones asked about the 2% employee incentive included in the budget, and she asked if there was anything attached to the incentive such as a requirement for an employee to pay back the incentive if they left within a certain period of time. County Administrator Rapson replied that Ms. Jones had asked an excellent question and explained that the incentive was tied to several different things such as: 1) the employee has to be in good standing, 2) it will be pro-rated based on the employee's hire date, and 3) an employee could be terminated the next day because the incentive is based on a moment of time, and that time will be determined at that point based on where the employee is at that particular day and time.

No one else spoke and Chairman Brown closed Public Hearing. A copy of the request and PowerPoint presentation, identified as "Attachment 3", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Denise Ognio: Mrs. Ognio commented on the long speeches given earlier during the meeting, saying it appeared they were given by sore losers. She stated that if someone wanted to help the Fayette community then the disparaging comments had to come to an end. She said it would be appreciated if the Board, the people in the room, and the community could build their efforts on helping and working and getting on board with a few issues. She added that no one wants to spend the night in the Public Meeting room, and that the speeches can be used for

something good instead of becoming "babble". She said she would love to be a part of making the Fayette community better, and that the Commissioners had been sworn in to do the best for the community. She concluded by saying she was married to Randy Ognio and said, "Honey, let them call you the names. I know you're doing it right."

Dennis Chase: Mr. Chase spoke on the need for more "watchfulness over the water that is coming in." He acknowledged that the Fayette County Water System is doing a pretty good job, but that the County would have to take additional steps without any probable help from other governments or agencies. He spoke about how polluted Flint River is, about the pollutants coming from Hartsfield-Jackson Airport and Clayton County, about the effect the pollution has on aquatic life in the Flint River, and how the pollution inevitably is found in Fayette's drinking water. He requested that an early warning system be installed above the water intake where water is pumped out of the Flint River. He also mentioned that these concerns should be the focus of the Stormwater Management Department; not infrastructure. He concluded that Fayette County should make sure that there is not something that is really, really serious next time.

Chairman Brown informed Mr. Rapson that this was an issue that the County could bring up on an Agenda item at a future meeting.

Frank Gardner: Mr. Gardner commented on three items: 1) his concern that the County was spending money "fighting territory for the County Commissioners", 2) his concern that he could not get an audience with the Tax Commissioner, and 3) his appreciation that the Board allows people to speak and that the Board listens to the people who do speak.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of staff's request to renew the Application Service Provider (ASP) Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for remote data hosting and management of Fayette County's MUNIS Applications, for a three-year period beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2016, at a cost of $403,470.00, and authorization for the Chairman to execute said agreement and related documents. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 4", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

5. Approval of staff's recommendation to purchase a policy for property and casualty insurance with One Beacon Insurance for Fiscal Year 2014 through Public Risk Underwriters, at the price of $599,568, and for the Chairman to sign the policy and related documents. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 5", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

6. Approval of staff's recommendation to renew a contract with Midwest Employers Casualty Company, as outlined in "Option 3", for a period of one year, beginning July 1, 2013 and expiring June 30, 2014, in the amount of $98,528.00, and authorization for the Chairman to sign the contract and related documents. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 6", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

7. Approval of Resolution 2013-13 adopting the "Fayette County 2012 Annual Report on Fire Services Impact Fees (FY2012), including Comprehensive Plan amendments for updates to the Capital Improvements Element and Short-Term Work Program (FY2013-FY2017.)" A copy of the request and Resolution 2013-13, identified as "Attachment 7", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

8. Approval of staff's request to accept a grant in the amount of $150,491.00 awarded to the Griffin Judicial Circuit Adult Felony Drug Court, and to authorize the Chairman to sign any grant related documentation. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 8", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

9. Approval of staff's recommendation to accept the 2012 Fire Act Grant in the amount of $191,373.00, to authorize the expenditure of a 20% local matching fund in the amount of $47,843.00, and to authorize the purchase of eight (8) advanced life support cardiac monitors in the amount of $239,216.00. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 9", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

10. Approval of staff's request to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Tyrone, allowing for the County to resurface nine (9) roads over a three-year period of time within the Town of Tyrone, to provide for labor and equipment at no cost to the Town of Tyrone, and to authorize the Chairman to execute said request. A copy of the request and Intergovernmental Agreement, identified as "Attachment 10", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

11. Approval of a request from the Fayette County Juvenile Court for authorization to file a grant application, on behalf of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners, with the Governor's Office for Children and Families, and authorization for the Chairman to execute said application. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 11", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

12. Approval of Sheriff Babb's decision to dispose of the Fayette County Sheriff's Office's 2007 Eurocopter S350B2 Helicopter, with proceeds from the sale or trade of this aircraft to be placed into Equitable Sharing Funds to be used for law enforcement purposes. A copy of this request, identified as "Attachment 12", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

13. Approval of Sheriff' Babb's decision to return a Fuel Truck, which was on loan to the Fayette County Sheriff's Office, to the Georgia Department of Public Safety Excess Property Program. A copy of this request, identified as "Attachment 13", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

14. Approval of Sheriff Babb's decision to dispose of numerous unusual uniforms and equipment items, and to dispose of said items in an appropriate manner. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 14", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

15. Approval of staff's recommendation to dispose of turnout gear that is no longer serviceable and to donate uniform pants and shirts to the Real Life Center. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 15", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

16. Approval of staff's recommendation to declare thirty (30) county vehicles as unserviceable, to sell the unserviceable assets by utilizing the GovDeals internet web site, and for all proceeds to be returned to the Vehicle Replacement Fund. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 16", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

17. Approval of the May 23, 2013 Budget Meeting Minutes, the May 23, 2013 Board of Commissioners' Meeting Minutes, and the May 30, 2013 Special Called Meeting Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

18. Discussion of proposed amendments to the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance concerning building height in the General-Business (G-B) Zoning District.

Community Development Director Pete Frisina and Mr. Bill Foley, the architect working with Pinewood Studios, updated the Board on some of the work that had been done by staff and the Planning Department concerning amending the zoning ordinance for the heights of movie studios in the General Business (G-B) Zoning District. He reported that the Planning Commission and staff, working in cooperation with Fayette citizens, developed two options for consideration. He said the first option was favored by the Planning Commission, and the second option was favored by staff. He added that the citizens seemed to be split on the options. Mr. Frisina said he originally wanted a 45-foot height limit, but since Fayette County had not had a movie studio before, and since a new zoning district was being created, the county set the height at a 40-foot height limit because, at the time, it was the highest limit in the county's zoning district. He added that another movie studio operator in Fayette County favored the second option since it gave him the ability to have a 50' building instead of a 45' building. Discussion followed concerning the construction of other television studios, the need for additional height, similar structures in other jurisdictions throughout Georgia and the United States, and the opportunities in Fayette County.

Mr. Frisina said he wanted to move forward in order to get the proposed amendments to Public Hearing. He anticipated their approval in July. The Board consented to allow the proposed amendments to be considered in Public Hearing. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 17", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

NEW BUSINESS:

19. Consideration of Chairman Steve Brown's nomination of Ms. Irene Cheyne to the Fayette County Region Six Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases Regional Planning Board, for a term to begin June 13, 2013 and to expire September 30, 2014.

Chairman Brown commented that it was a distinct pleasure to meet Ms. Cheyne, before reminding the audience that the Board had promised to the citizens of Fayette County that it would advertise available posts on the various boards, commissions, and authorities to the public. He explained that, previously, the complaint was that no one would apply, or that no one was interested, or similar statements. Chairman Brown informed the audience that Fayette County had the most qualified applicants for the position, that he hated to narrow down his nomination to one person out of such qualified people, and that Ms. Cheyne was the "cream of the crop". He said her resume was "something to behold" and commended her for providing

the County with her talents, her education, and her professional experiences voluntarily to the County. He thanked Ms. Cheyne for "just putting her name in the hat", and that it was a privilege to have someone with her pedigree on the Region Six Mental Health Board.

Commissioner Ognio moved to approve Chairman Steve Brown's nomination of Ms. Irene Cheyne to the Fayette County Region Six Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases Regional Planning Board, for a term to begin June 13, 2013 and to expire September 30, 2014. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 18", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

20. Consideration of the appointment of Deputy Fire Chief Tom Bartlett and Division Chief of EMS and Administration Steve Folden to the Region Four Emergency Medical Services Council for a two-year term to commence on July 1, 2013 and ending on June 30, 2015.

Chairman Brown explained that the Region Four Emergency Medical Services Council is made of professional firefighters and EMS officials. He said this council was not advertised to the public since it was made up of such professionals in various jurisdictions. Chairman Brown noted that the nominees were two of the County's best, and that he was proud to have them on the Region Four Emergency Medical Services Council.

Commissioner McCarty moved to approve the appointment of Deputy Fire Chief Tom Bartlett and Division Chief of EMS and Administration Steve Folden to the Region Four Emergency Medical Services Council for a two-year term to commence on July 1, 2013 and ending on June 30, 2015. Commissioner Oddo seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 19", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Authorization to Execute Stormwater Management Special Maintenance Agreements: County Administrator Steve Rapson asked the Board to authorize the Chairman to execute Special Maintenance Agreements for Stormwater Management controls. He explained that the Special Maintenance Agreements are a function of the Stormwater Utility Ordinance, and as "the entities comes into existence, it requires a contract to be executed on behalf of the County, and executed by the Chairman." Interim County Attorney Dennis Davenport agreed, adding that the agreements are standard documents to take care of Stormwater Management Controls, and in order to be effective and binding, they have to be signed by the Chairman. He suggested that rather than bringing each agreement to the Board as it comes up, that the Board could issue a blanket authorization authorizing the Chairman to execute the agreements. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Ognio moved to give the Chairman the authority to sign contracts relating to Stormwater. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Update on Fayette County Water: County Administrator Steve Rapson reported that the County is not really getting more phone calls in regard to the taste and odor of the water in Fayette County. He also reported that he had a very productive meeting with the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) as well as the consultants with CH2M, who were brought in to address particular items under the Emergency Purchase Provisions of the budget. Mr. Rapson said that part of the meeting dealt with "specific deliverables" that the EPD wanted the County to implement. He explained one implementation was for an alternative analysis in regards to whether the County moves forward with

the Magnetic Ion Exchange (MIEX) project or alternative type solutions. He said CH2M provided the County with an email regarding four tasks outlined "in the particular document", and he asked for guidance from the Board on whether to move forward with the alternative analysis as a further mandate to the resolution for the EPD for Task One. He also asked for the Board's preferences on regards to the assessments at each of the water treatment plants that they recommended, as well as the prioritization of a future capital plan. He concluded that the County has already reduced some of the prices, and he wanted to enter into negotiations to do a contract if that was the Board's pleasure.

Commissioner Ognio moved to implement the Item One Assessment Process through the Emergency Procedure, and that the County move forward with bidding out the other three assessment processes. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning Issues: County Administrator Rapson reminded the Board that Community Development Director Pete Frisina had emailed the Board on two items; one concerning church building height and the other concerning churches with existing structures. He asked each Board member to communicate their thoughts to him on the issues, and that he would ensure they would be forwarded to the Planning Commission for further review. Chairman Brown pointed out that the email was provided to the Commissioners and had been placed at their seats on the dais. He said the email was sent on June 12, 2013 and was addressed to each Commissioner, to Mr. Rapson, and to County Clerk Floyd Jones. Mr. Rapson said that was the email he was referring to. Mr. Frisina then spoke the Board saying the Planning Commission had already addressed the issues on Thursday, and he asked the Board if he could proceed with advertising the issues so that the issues could come back later. The Board consented to allow staff to advertise the issues and bring them back to the Board.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Three Items for Executive Session: Interim County Attorney reported that he had three items for Executive Session: two involving pending litigation and one involving a set of Executive Session minutes from prior meetings.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Barlow: Commissioner Barlow said he had no report other than he wanted to thank the people for coming to the meeting and who stay throughout the duration. He said it was wonderful to see they were interested and engaged, and that the Board appreciated their involvement.

Commissioner Oddo: Commissioner Oddo said a monumental task was accomplished with concern to the budget. He said he was new to the procedure, that he has been watching it, and that what the County Administrator did was fantastic. He said there were subjective thoughts about any kind of a budget, and they should be discussed. He said the doors were open for discussion, and it is fine how people feel. He stated that it was an enormous amount of work, and he thought there were some congratulations that should be sent that way, not just daggers.

Commissioner McCarty: Commissioner McCarty said he wanted to make it clear that a lot of the financial situation the County has, including Stormwater, was inherited. He said the County was working its best and that County Administrator Steve Rapson has done better than anyone he could imagine in helping the County work on the problems and come up with workable solutions. He pointed out that he is a taxpayer as well, and that he does not want his taxes to go up. He said the priority was to keep everybody's taxes down, every citizen of Fayette County, and to do so in the most efficient way possible. He said Mr. Rapson has fulfilled the Board's desire to help do that.

Commissioner Ognio: Commissioner Ognio said that the talk was "where's the county headed with the budget?" There were questions about what kind of perils are ahead. He stated that if the County had stayed on the track it was going, spending an extra six million dollars a year that it did not have coming in that the County would be in bad shape. He said Mr. Rapson and all of the elected officials and those who worked on the budget; he said hats off for getting to the point where the County is at. He said it was quite an accomplishment in the few months that the Board has had to do it. Commissioner Ognio reminded everyone that the next day was Flag Day, and tha he would wear his Flag Shirt for the day. He also wished all the fathers Happy Father's Day.

Chairman Brown: Chairman Brown said that when the County is told that it is going off a fiscal cliff when the County balances the budget, that he does not see the logic in that. He said that in the previous years, the County was deficit spending, it was shorting the actual expenses on health insurance, and making it up later on the back-end of the budget through budget amendments. He thought it was interesting that there were complaints about not purchasing vehicles when he had been complaining about that issue for the previous two years. He said his complaints were well-documented in the minutes, and that he had complained that the County was not cycling vehicles. He said this Board of Commissioners is trying to solve the problems, and the Board will put the money back into the cycle, and the Board will purchase the vehicles, and the Board will get things back to the way they should actually be. He said that as far as Mr. McHugh was concerned, he gave Mr. McHugh a lot of leeway at the last meeting when he was speaking. He said Mr. McHugh used some bad language, called people names, and could not speak in a civil tone. He said he let Mr. McHugh speak for about fifteen minutes at the last meeting because he had just been terminated from County employment. He said he gave Mr. McHugh the benefit of the doubt, that he knew he was angry, that he knew what had gone on, and that he let him say that. He added that the privilege was not extended the second time. He said the Board always wants a civil discussion, and that this Board will listen to anything that anyone wants to say whether on the phone or at the podium. He said that all correspondence is responded to, and he said that a staff member will be assigned to any issue that needs to be addressed. He continued the Board does it with a smile and appreciates what is being done. He said he was very happy to be serving with the Board, and that it is the best group of officials he has every worked with. He said they really care, that their hearts are in the right places, and that all that is asked is that a civil conversation occurs without throwing things, without cursing, and without name calling. He said that is all that is asked, and other than that the people can lay issues at the feet as much as they want too. Concerning the water assessment situation that the county is in, Chairman Brown thanked the people who helped with the water situation including WASA, CH2M, and others. He said they have done a wonderful job helping the County in working with Environmental Protection Division in getting the county through the regulatory hurdles and everything that has to be jumped through. He said he heard nothing but good from the citizens and that staff has done a great job. He also thanked Mr. Parrott for his work and pulling things back in line.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner McCarty moved to go into Executive Session for two pending litigation items and four sets of Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 8:51 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 9:32 p.m.

Return to Official Session and Affidavit: Commissioner Ognio moved to exit Executive Session and for the Chairman to sign the affidavit. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Executive Session Affidavit, identified as "Attachment 20", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Approval of Four Sets of Executive Session Minutes: Chairman Brown moved to approve the Executive Session Minutes for the Board of Commissioners May 9, 2013 which was held at 7:22 p.m., to approve the Executive Session Minutes for the Board of Commissioners for May 23, 2013 that was held at 10:15 p.m., to approve the Executive Session Minutes for the Special Called Meeting held on Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 4:00 p.m., and to approve the Executive Session Minutes for the Special Called Meeting Board of Commissioners held on May 30, 3013. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner McCarty moved to adjourn the June 13, 2013 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Commissioners adjourned the June 13, 2013 Board of Commissioners Meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk

Steve Brown, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 27th day of June 2013.

Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk