



Action Agenda

Board of Commissioners

June 11, 2015

7:00 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in an Official Meeting on June 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Commissioners Present:

Charles Oddo, Chairman
Pota Coston, Vice Chair
David Barlow
Randy Ognio

Commissioner Absent:

Steve Brown

Staff Present:

Steve Rapson, County Administrator
Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk
Tameca P. White, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Dennis Davenport, County Attorney

Call to Order

Chairman Oddo called the June 11, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

Invocation by Commissioner Steve Brown

Chairman Oddo mentioned that Commissioner Brown was not in attendance at the meeting, and he asked County Clerk Floyd Jones to offer the Invocation. Mr. Jones offered the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Oddo led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

Commissioner Barlow moved to accept the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0 with Commissioner Brown being absent.

PROCLAMATION /RECOGNITION:

There were no Proclamation / Recognition items on the Agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1. Public Hearing on the County's proposed annual budget for Fiscal Year 2016 which begins July 1, 2015 and ends June 30, 2016.**

County Administrator Steve Rapson reminded the Board that the budget presentation was first given at a Special Called Meeting on May 28, 2015, and he said that this Public Hearing was the first of two Public Hearings to be held before the budget could be adopted. Mr. Rapson then gave a twenty-nine minute PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 budget.

Chairman Oddo opened the floor to the public.

Mr. Larry Mapp, Mrs. Alice Jones, and Mr. Frank Gardner questioned portions of the proposed budget. Mr. Rapson replied to the questions that were presented. Sheriff Barry Babb also spoke about the proposed budget.

No one else spoke in Public Hearing and Chairman Oddo closed Public Hearing.

Chairman Oddo stated that this Public Hearing does not require a vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Barlow moved to approve Consent Agenda Items #2-6. Commissioner Coston seconded the motion.

Commissioner Ognio asked if the motion could be amended to include the County Administrator's comments.

Commissioner Barlow moved to approve Consent Agenda Items #2-6 and to include the County Administrator's comments. Commissioner Coston seconded the amended motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0 with Commissioner Brown being absent.

2. **Ratification of the emergency replacement by Electrical Communications, Inc., of the grounding of the communications dispatch consoles in the E-911 Communications Center, in the amount of \$4,200.00, and approval of the transfer of funds from E-911 project contingency for this purpose.**

County Administrator Steve Rapson clarified that the request concerns the E-911 Communication Center's consoles and not the Emergency Operations Center. He added that he had spoken to Commissioner Ognio and he wanted to ensure that if the expenditure is approved that it will comply with the 2014 National Electrical Code in addition to what is currently listed for Consent Agenda Item #2.

3. **Approval of staff's recommendation to execute the "Rural Fire Defense Cooperative Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding" between Georgia Forestry and Fayette County Fire Department, and authorization for the Chairman to sign the document.**
4. **Approval of staff's request to renew the contract with Midwest Employers Casualty Company in the amount of \$89,850.00, as outlined in "Option 1," for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, and authorization for the Chairman to sign the contact and any associated documents.**

County Administrator Steve Rapson stated "Option 1" was selected since increasing the deductibles, as provided in Options 2 and 3, would be cheaper from a premium perspective but would not yield significant savings due to the additional liability the County would be assuming. He added that there are only four entities that will bid on Worker's Compensation insurance for counties, and that Fayette County is fortunate and happy to have the same company willing to renew.

5. **Approval of a request from the Juvenile Court for authorization to accept a grant award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, in the amount of \$82,800.00, and authorization for the Chairman to sign grant-related documentation.**
6. **Approval of the May 28, 2015 Special Called Budget Meeting Minutes and the May 28, 2015 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

OLD BUSINESS:

There were no Old Business items on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

7. Consideration of staff's request to adopt the proposed Links Master Plan and implementation of Phase I proposed capital improvements.

County Administrator Steve Rapson briefed the Board on the proposed Links Master Plan and implementation of Phase I proposed capital improvements, and he turned the discussion over to Sheriff Barry Babb. Sheriff Babb spoke for approximately twenty minutes on the importance and on the need of a training center for Fayette County given the various challenges law enforcement agencies across the nation have faced during the past twenty-eight years and the need for a training facility. Sheriff Babb also addressed the concerns presented by neighboring residents about the proposed firing range.

Chairman Oddo open the discussion for public comment.

Mr. Clyde Laughlin, Mr. Mike Draper, Mr. Willie Times, and Mrs. Darlene Times spoke about the proposed Links Master Plan.

Chairman Oddo closed public comment and returned the discussion back to the Board.

Commissioner Ognio moved to approve staff's request to adopt the proposed Links Master Plan and implementation of Phase I proposed capital improvements with the note that the County implements the plan in a phase approach to keep the project on budget. Commissioner Coston seconded the motion. Extensive discussion followed.

The motion to approve staff's request to adopt the proposed Links Master Plan and implementation of Phase I proposed capital improvement plans with the note that the County implements the plan in a phase approach to keep the project on budget passed 4-0 with Commissioner Brown being absent.

8. Consideration of the Water Committee's recommendation to adopt Ordinance 2015-08 and in so doing amending the Fayette County Code of Ordinances pertaining to Underground Marking Standards.

County Attorney Dennis Davenport and Water System Construction Inspector Matt Bergen briefed the Board on Ordinance 2015-08.

Commissioner Barlow moved to adopt the Water Committee's recommendation to adopt Ordinance 2015-08 and in so doing amending the Fayette County Code of Ordinances pertaining to Underground Marking Standards. Commissioner Coston seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0 with Commissioner Brown being absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Greg Clifton: Fayetteville Mayor Greg Clifton apologized for missing the discussion on re-purposing the former Links Golf Course. He said he was glad the property would be used for good. He understood that the property would include a driving course and he thought that was a good idea. He stated that the City of Fayetteville just held a budget meeting and that the budget was looking good for the city. He hoped the County was having similar results and encouraged the County to "keep up the good work."

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

There were no Administrator's Reports given.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Notification of Executive Session: County Attorney Dennis Davenport informed the Board that he had one item of Pending Litigation and the review of the May 28, 2015 Executive Session Minutes for review in Executive Session.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Ognio: Commissioner Ognio stated that the County's proposed budget was looking good. He thought the County was blessed to have the staff it has too work on the budget, but that he was still on the fence with one section of the budget. County Administrator Steve Rapson asked Commissioner Ognio and the Board to present their modifications to the budget prior to the June 25, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Ognio thanked staff for its hard work. He added that he liked the approval of the training facility and he was glad Fayette County has the Sheriff it has to lead the effort.

Commissioner Coston: Commissioner Coston thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and she briefed the Board and audience on several upcoming events and activities that she would be attending. She mentioned that she would be receiving a Humanitarian Award from the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority who would be recognizing outstanding achievements in various areas. She thanked staff for all of its great work.

Commissioner Barlow: Commissioner Barlow thanked the people for coming to the meeting and making comments. He congratulated Commissioner Coston for winning the Humanitarian Award. He thanked County Administrator Steve Rapson and commended him for “delivering the goods.” He said the staff was incredible and that it was a joy to see the staff soar. He said Fayette County is soaring when it is one of three counties in Georgia that has a Aaa credit rating. He said he has gone to each department and worked with the Department Heads. Commissioner Barlow mentioned that Fayette County is having a rollback and not a tax increase, and he commended the Finance Department for its “Herculean effort” in balancing the budget with a rollback. Mr. Rapson replied that the success was with staff and the team effort by the Department Heads. Commissioner Barlow then commended Sheriff Babb and his work. He stated that the County was blessed to have Mr. Rapson and the staff it has, and that the public does not see it. He said the public benefits from the services provided, but that the services are bettered when given proper leadership.

Chairman Oddo: Chairman Oddo said he was happy to be a part in making the training facility a reality. He mentioned that actor John Wayne passed away on June 11, 1979. He stated that John Wayne was a very patriotic person who made a great speech in the movie *The Alamo* about the meaning of a Republic. Chairman Oddo mentioned that Sunday, June 14 is Flag Day, and he gave a brief history of Flag Day. He encouraged everyone to wave their flags proudly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pending Litigation and Review of the May 28, 2015 Executive Session Minutes: Commissioner Ognio moved to enter into Executive Session. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0 with Commissioner Brown being absent.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 9:27 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 9:51 p.m.

Return to Official Session and Approval of the Executive Session Affidavit: Commissioner Ognio moved to return to Official Session and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Executive Session Affidavit. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 with Commissioner Brown being absent.

May 28, 2015 Executive Session Minutes: Commissioner Ognio moved to approve the May 28, 2015 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0 with Commissioner Brown being absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Ognio moved to adjourn the June 11, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0 with Commissioner Brown being absent.

The June 11, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk