



## *Minutes*

Board of Commissioners  
March 26, 2015  
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in an Official Meeting on March 26, 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  
Steve Brown  
Randy Ognio

**Staff Present:**

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

**Staff Absent:**

Steve Rapson, County Administrator

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**Call to Order**

Chairman Oddo called the March 26, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Invocation by Commissioner Brown**

Commissioner Brown offered the Invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Oddo led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Acceptance of Agenda**

Commissioner Brown moved to accept the Agenda as published and to table New Business Items 16 and 17 to the April 9, 2015 Board of Commissioners regularly scheduled meeting. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

**PROCLAMATION /RECOGNITION:**

1. **Recognition of Fayette County's E-911 Communication Director, Cheryl Rogers, for her thirty-six years of service in public safety and for earning the E-911 Director of the Year Award for the State of Georgia.**

Chairman Charles Oddo, the Board of Commissioners, and Assistant Communications Director Peggy Glaze recognized Communications Director Cheryl Rogers for her thirty-six years of service in public safety and for earning the E-911 Director of the Year Award for the State of Georgia. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 1," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

**2. Recognition in honor of Christian City's 50th anniversary.**

Commissioner Barlow and the Board honored Christian City's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Special recognition was given to Ms. Rose Marie Harper who was the first female Fayette County Commissioner, who served as Chair to the Fayette County Board of Commissioners, and who is the founder of Christian City. Ms. Rose Marie Harper, Christian City Chairman of the Board Michael Johnston and Chief Operating Officer Phil Kouns thanked the Board for the recognition spoke about the ongoing work of Christian City. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 2," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

**3. Proclamation of Friday, March 27, 2015, as "Advo-Kids Casa Day."**

Commissioner Coston and the Board proclaimed Friday, March 27, 2015 as "Advo-Kids Casa Day" in Fayette County. Representatives of Advo-Kids Casa spoke about the work of Advo-Kids Casa. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 3," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

**4. Proclamation of April 2015 as "Safe Digging Month in Fayette County."**

Commissioner Brown and the Board proclaimed April 2015 as "Safe Digging Month in Fayette County." A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 4," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Community Development Director Pete Frisina read the *Introduction to Public Hearings* rules into the record, and he introduced the first item of Public Hearing. A copy of the Introduction to Public Hearings, identified as "Attachment 5," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

**5. Public Hearing concerning staff's recommendation to transfer an existing 2014 Retail Alcohol, Beer and Wine License (License #C14-000473) from Tushar Patel and Yijay H. Parikh to Kalpeshbhai Patel, doing business as Fayetteville Chevron Food Mart, LLC., which is located at 1488 Highway 92 North, Fayetteville, Georgia.**

Mr. Frisina stated that staff had reviewed the request to transfer an existing 2014 Retail Alcohol, Beer, and Wine License from Tushar Patel and Yijay H. Parikh to Kalpeshbhai Patel, and he said the review concluded that everything was "okay."

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to this request.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve staff's recommendation to transfer an existing 2014 Retail Alcohol, Beer and Wine License (License #C14-000473) from Tushar Patel and Yijay H. Parikh to Kalpeshbhai Patel, doing business as Fayetteville Chevron Food Mart, LLC., which is located at 1488 Highway 92 North, Fayetteville, Georgia. Commissioner Coston seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 6," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

6. **Public Hearing of Petition No. 1243-15, Fland Land, LLC., Owner, Donna Black, Agent, request to rezone 132.14 acres from R-70 to C-S to develop a Single-Family Residential Conservation Subdivision, with said property being located in Land Lot(s) 49, 79 and 80 of the 7th District and fronting on Lees Lake Road and Coastline Road. Staff recommends approval with one (1) condition.**

Community Development Director Pete Frisina introduced Public Hearing #6. He reported that earlier in the afternoon that it came to staff's attention that there was a material error in the yield plan associated with the request. He said the error was not caught by staff but it impacts the rezoning and impacts the material provided to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Frisina stated that the Planning Commission was also unaware of the material error and recommended that the petition be returned to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Ognio moved to send Petition No. 1243-15 back to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 7," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

7. **Public Hearing of Petition No. RP-055-15, Carter Rocky Fork, LLC., Owner, and Donna Black, Agent, request to approve of the Revision of the Recorded Final Plat for Rock Fork Subdivision to change Lot 15 from a building lot to a common area for a centralized mail kiosk and open space, with said property being located in Land Lot(s) 140 & 149 of the 5 District and fronting on Rocky Fork Boulevard.**

Community Development Director Pete Frisina introduced Petition No. RP-055-15. Agent Donna Black briefed the Board on this request. Ms. Black explained that this request would allow for a centralized mail kiosk as required by the post office.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to this request.

Commissioner Barlow moved to approve Petition No. RP-055-15, Carter Rocky Fork, LLC., Owner, and Donna Black, Agent, request to approve of the Revision of the Recorded Final Plat for Rock Fork Subdivision to change Lot 15 from a building lot to a common area for a centralized mail kiosk and open space, with said property being located in Land Lot(s) 140 & 149 of the 5 District and fronting on Rocky Fork Boulevard. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 8," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

8. **Public Hearing on Ordinance 2015-05 - an ordinance to amend the Fayette County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 110. Zoning Ordinance, as amended, specifically Section 110-3 Definitions, Section 110-25 A-R, Agricultural-Residential District, and Section 110-169 Conditional Use Approval.**

Community Development Director Pete Frisina briefed the Board on Ordinance 2015-05. He reminded the Board that this issue was first brought to the Board on April 24, 2014 when a citizen requested the ability to host weddings on A-R property. Mr. Frisina further reminded the Board that it had directed the Planning Commission to look into the request and to return to the Board with recommendations. He said the Planning Commission and staff have been reviewing this issue and that this issue is growing in popularity. Mr. Frisina stated that the proposed ordinance would amend the current Zoning Ordinance that would allow

Wedding and Event Facilities in Agricultural-Residential (A-R) Zoning and would provide conditional uses applied to those who want these events on their property. Mr. Frisina then elaborated on the proposed conditions for having wedding and event facilities on A-R zoned properties.

Commissioner Brown asked if an event sketch was required for each event. Mr. Frisina replied that the requestor would only have to submit one event sketch, but if there were future changes then the County would request that the requestor would notify the County.

Commissioner Ognio said staff and the Planning Commission did a good job with this request.

**Larry Mapp:** Mr. Larry Mapp, representing the North Fayette Community Association, spoke in favor of Ordinance 2015-05. He told the Board that he was impressed with the details of the proposed ordinance. He said he was a detailed oriented person and it appeared this ordinance covered all the bases.

No one else spoke in favor of or in opposition to this request.

Commissioner Brown moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-05 - an ordinance to amend the Fayette County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 110. Zoning Ordinance, as amended, specifically Section 110-3 Definitions, Section 110-25 A-R, Agricultural-Residential District, and Section 110-169 Conditional Use Approval. Commissioner Coston seconded the motion.

Chairman Oddo said he had been watching the issue develop all along and he stated that the citizens, Mr. Frisina, staff, and Commissioner Ognio had worked hard on the proposed ordinances. He said the ordinance was really well done.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-05 - an ordinance to amend the Fayette County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 110. Zoning Ordinance, as amended, specifically Section 110-3 Definitions, Section 110-25 A-R, Agricultural-Residential District, and Section 110-169 Conditional Use Approval passed unanimously. Copies of the request and Ordinance 2015-05, identified as "Attachment 9," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

**9. Public Hearing on Ordinance 2015-06 - an ordinance to amend the Fayette County Code of Ordinances Chapter 110. Zoning Ordinance, As Amended, Specifically Article VII. Zoning Board of Appeals and Article IX. Policies, Procedures, and Standards Governing Amendments.**

Community Development Director Pete Frisina briefed the Board on Ordinance 2015-06. He stated that the proposed ordinance was developed based on the Special Called Meeting held on August 19, 2014 when County Attorney Dennis Davenport spoke to the Board about procedures specifically pertaining to rezonings, the Planning Commission, and the Board of Commissioners. He said the proposed ordinance made changes recommended by Mr. Davenport at that meeting, and he briefly explained the changes to the Commissioners. Mr. Frisina then answered questions from the Board.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to this request.

Commissioner Ognio moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-06 - an ordinance to amend the Fayette County Code of Ordinances Chapter 110. Zoning Ordinance, As Amended, Specifically Article VII. Zoning Board of Appeals and Article IX. Policies, Procedures, and Standards Governing Amendments. Commissioner

Coston seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. Copies of the request and Ordinance 2015-06, identified as "Attachment 10," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

**10. Public Hearing on the proposed issuance of a permit for an Inert Landfill Facility located at 221 First Manassas Mile Road, Fayetteville, Georgia 30214.**

Environmental Management Director Vanessa Birrell briefed the Board on the proposed issuance of a permit for an Inert Landfill Facility located at 221 First Manassas Mile Road, Fayetteville, Georgia 30214. She said the public hearing was required by the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for the permitting process, and she reminded the Board that this subject had come to its attention two times in the previous three years. Mrs. Birrell stated that the county's older inert landfill was closed and this effort was to open a new inert landfill. She stated that the inert landfill would be filled in three phases over the next seventy years; making it a great asset for Fayette County.

Commissioner Brown asked what goes into an inert landfill. Mrs. Birrell replied that the Public Works Department and the Water System places building materials that they cannot recycle into the inert landfill. Commissioner Brown asked if concrete was being recycled, and Mrs. Birrell replied that certain concrete was being recycled for certain purposes.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposed issuance of a permit for an Inert Landfill Facility.

Commissioner Ognio moved to approve the proposed issuance of a permit for an Inert Landfill Facility located at 221 First Manassas Mile Road, Fayetteville, Georgia 30214. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 11," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 11. Approval of a request from Mr. Morris Lewis, owner and developer of Trustin Lake Subdivision, to approve the change of a road name from Edna Ruth Lane to Trustin Lake Drive. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 12," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.**
- 12. Approval of the March 10, 2015 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 13. Discussion and consideration of staff's recommendation of a revised conceptual design and cost estimate for the Justice Center Park. This request was last discussed at the March 10, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting.**

Public Works Director Phil Mallon reminded the Board that this issue was returning to the Board based on direction given by the Board at the March 10, 2015 meeting, and he quickly briefed the Board on the revised conceptual design and cost estimate for the Justice Center Park before he turned the briefing over to Commissioner Brown.

Commissioner Brown also briefed the Board saying the scaled-down version of the Justice Center Park was not what was conceived by the Justice Center Park by any measure. He said what was left did not meet minimum expectations and leaving the pavilion out of the park essentially left the heart out of the park. Commissioner Brown suggested that a natural path was not appropriate for the park since it would not allow easy travel for senior citizens or parents pushing children in strollers. Commissioner Brown then spoke about the needs associated with the Heritage Park Fountain and the preliminary efforts the Public Arts Committee has taken to consider renovating the fountain. Commissioner Brown suggested that the money meant for the Justice Center Park could be applied to the money for the existing fountain. He said fixing the fountain would fix a legitimate safety hazard. He also suggested that the Board would want to consider not getting a Request for Proposals (RFP) from local artists who may want to fix the fountain since the process could defeat the stated overall goal.

Commissioner Coston asked Commissioner Brown if the fountain would be operational or would it be a sculpture. Commissioner Brown replied that it would be a functional fountain. He said there was some discussion about using the water component in conjunction with some type of sculpture.

Chairman Oddo asked what would come of the traditional use of the Christmas tree at Heritage Park. Commissioner Brown suggested that the Christmas tree could be placed at the Historic County Courthouse or in the open space next to the fountain at Heritage Park.

**Mayor Greg Clifton:** City of Fayetteville Mayor Greg Clifton discussed how the City of Fayetteville anticipated using Heritage Park and the property at the Historic County Courthouse for city events such as the Lighting of the Christmas tree. He said the current plan was to hold the Christmas festivities on the southwest corner of the Historic County Courthouse. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Brown moved to take the budget for the Justice Center Park, Line Item #5110H, to be committed to the Heritage Park Fountain, and to shelve the plans for the Justice Center Park. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion.

Chairman Oddo asked for the motion to be amended so that it would include that the Board would be kept regularly updated of the Public Art Committee's meetings. Commissioner Brown stated that the minutes of the Public Art Committee Minutes could be distributed to the Board, and that other material could be supplied at the request of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Brown amended his motion to take the budget for the Justice Center Park, identified as Line Item #5110H, and commit its funds to the Heritage Park Fountain, to shelve the plans for the Justice Center Park, and to keep the Board regularly informed of any Committee activities via the minutes and other requested communication. Commissioner Barlow seconded the amended motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 13," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**14. Consideration of the City of Fayetteville's annexation of 467 Veterans Parkway and the rezoning of said property from R-70 (Single Family Residential) to R-70 (Single Family Residential.)**

Community Development Director Pete Frisina briefed the Board on the City of Fayetteville's annexation of 467 Veterans Parkway, and he answered questions from the Board. Commissioner Ognio asked why the city wanted the property, but Mr. Frisina stated he could only speculate on that answer. He speculated that this smaller property prevents the larger property from being annexed. Commissioner Ognio asked what would keep the area R-70.

Commissioner Brown said he was concerned about having an "avalanche of PCD" in the area and he suggested other uses for the area. He wanted to make sure the area was "not on the verge of falling off the cliff."

Commissioner Brown moved to not pose an objection to the City of Fayetteville's annexation of 467 Veterans Parkway and the rezoning of said property from R-70 (Single Family Residential) to R-70 (Single Family Residential). Commissioner Coston seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 14," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

**15. Consideration of the City of Fayetteville's annexation of two separate parcels located at and near 475 Veterans Parkway and the rezoning of said property from R-70 (Single Family Residential) to PCD (Planned Community Development).**

Community Development Director Pete Frisina briefed the Board on the City of Fayetteville's annexation of two separate parcels located at and near 475 Veterans Parkway, and he answered questions from the Board. He stated that the city's proposed zoning would raise the intensity and density of what is currently allowable with the County's R-70 zoning. He said the city's proposed zoning would give flexibility for mixed uses such as multi-family, mixed in commercial use, and small-scale commercial use. He said the proposed city zoning would also allow for two hotels, and it would provide for a tunnel under Veterans Parkway. Mr. Frisina stated that, in his opinion, this proposed annexation would form a core of housing that would support the nearby school and studio. Mr. Frisina recommended that the Board not object to the proposed annexation even though it raises the intensity and land use density.

Commissioner Brown suggested that the County include in its verbiage to the City of Fayetteville a request for immediate action on the tunnel beneath Veterans Parkway.

Commissioner Ognio said he had a lot of concerns with this request and that it had virtually no citizen input. He said he did not want to see the land developed that way, and he was concerned that if the City allowed a lot of businesses in the area that it would hurt the businesses currently in downtown Fayetteville along State Route 85. Commissioner Brown agreed with Commissioner Ognio's concerns, and he asked for the city to avoid creating a big retail area in the annexed property.

**Mayor Greg Clifton:** City of Fayetteville Mayor Greg Clifton spoke to the Board about this annexation request and answered questions and concerns from the Board.

Commissioner Brown moved to send correspondence to the City of Fayetteville stating the County does not oppose the annexation of two separate parcels located at and near 475 Veterans Parkway and the rezoning of said property from R-70 to PCD, and to ask the city to take considerations to put some restraints allowing the expeditious implementation of the multiuse path tunnel under Veterans Parkway and to include language in the county's response related to maximum size of the box in conjunction with retail. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Ognio voting in opposition. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 15," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

**16. Consideration of Commissioner Brown's request for the Board of Commissioners to approve all policy and procedure changes by official votes during Board of Commissioner's meetings.**

New Business #16 was tabled to the April 9, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting during the Acceptance of the Agenda. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 16," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

**17. Consideration of Commissioner Brown's request to revise the County Administrator's spending limit to \$50,000.00, with said revision to include the sum total of any multi-year contracts, contingencies and possible options that create a scenario where more than \$50,000.00 could be spent on a particular purchase or multi-year contractual arrangement.**

New Business #17 was tabled to the April 9, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting during the Acceptance of the Agenda. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 17," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Bob Sinclair:** Mr. Sinclair, representing St. Gabriel Catholic Church, reminded the Board that the church had sent a letter to each Commissioner stating its position regarding the road project to reconfigure the intersection at State Route 92 and Antioch Road. He asked if the Commissioners had received the letter, and each Commissioner replied they had received the church's letter. Mr. Sinclair asked if the letter could be entered into the public record. Chairman Oddo replied that the letter had been forwarded to the State of Georgia. The Board informed Mr. Sinclair that Public Works Director Phil Mallon could provide information on how to contact the Georgia Department of Transportation, and it stated that the Georgia Department of Transportation would hold a public hearing where it could include the letter in their record.

**Emory McHugh:** Mr. McHugh spoke for approximately 25 minutes. Mr. McHugh focused on Commissioner Brown's "admission that he had made mistakes and that he wanted to correct some of the erosion of internal controls." He stated that the Tea Party has undermined the control structure of the Fayette County government and how the control structure of Fayette County resembles DeKalb and Gwinnett Counties. Mr. McHugh then gave several examples of how he believes the control structure of Fayette County has been compromised. During his comments, Chairman Oddo asked Mr. McHugh to refrain from specifically naming staff members. Mr. McHugh also spoke about the internal controls regarding placement on the Public Facilities Authority, the purchasing policies, and the 2000 Public Facilities bonds to pay for renovations to the old jail. He spoke about what he anticipates could be



staff's wording as to why the "Operating Transfers Out" category exceeded the "Adopted Budget" by \$8 million. He pointed out that the County capitalized meters in the Water Enterprise Fund even though they did not meet its own definition of Capital Assets, and he suggested that the County did so in order to artificially meet the rate covenants on the revenue bonds. Mr. McHugh stated that the County has utilized Internal Service Funds that do not follow the generally accepted accounting principles, and he said the County is disguising deficit funding of vehicles and equipment through the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement fund. Mr. McHugh also gave several other examples of what he believes are the result of a lack of internal controls in Fayette County government. Mr. McHugh closed his comments speaking about why he does not remain at Commissioners' meetings after giving public comment, suggesting that Commissioner Coston obtain a copy of the study prepared by the Eaves Consulting Group as it relates to completing Kenwood Park, and venting about a recent Open Records Request and the responses he had received related to it. Mr. McHugh left the room after giving his public comments.

**Frank Gardner:** Mr. Gardner suggested that Mr. McHugh take all of his concerns to the Attorney General. He said if Mr. McHugh was willing to make accusations then he should have facts to back them up.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:**

There was no Administrator's Report.

#### **ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:**

There was no Attorney's Report.

#### **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

**Commissioner Barlow:** Commissioner Barlow thanked everyone for "hanging in there with us." He stated that Wednesday, March 25, 2015 was Medal of Honor Day throughout the United States, and that he had spent time reading about the soldiers, their feats, and the physical harm they endured. He said he could not say enough about what they have done, and he thought the nation was beginning to embrace how valuable veterans are. Commissioner Barlow stated that there are 22,000 veterans who live in Fayette and Coweta Counties, and how some of the veterans need support. He said he wanted to recognize the Medal of Honor winners.

**Commissioner Brown:** Commissioner Brown stated that on Saturday, March 28, 2015, the "Suds on the Square" event would take place at the Historic County Courthouse. He said all the local craft beer manufactures would be there along with food trucks and live music. He said the event was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club and the proceeds would go to charity. Commissioner Brown replied to some of Mr. McHugh's comments by saying it would be incredible if the Tea Party had as much control as Mr. McHugh gives them, and that he was fascinated with the Tea Party conspiracy theory. He stated that he does have concerns with internal controls but that Mr. McHugh has so distorted the concerns that he is not even in the same universe. He asked that no one take anything that Mr. McHugh said in relation to the actual factual arguments that can be made. Commissioner Brown stated that Mr. McHugh brings up Stormwater Maintenance all the time. He said the Public Meeting Room legally holds about 291 people and that there were a series of three town hall meetings that brought in about 1,200 people who spoke about stormwater matters. He said the people asked for a Stormwater SPLOST, the Board listened to their voices, and the SPLOST ultimately failed. Commissioner Brown stated that Pinewood Studios settled on Sandy Creek Road and it would be there if there was no West Fayetteville Bypass. Commissioner Brown replied to Mr. McHugh's comments about former County Attorney Scott Bennett and former County Administrator Jack Krakeel. Commissioner Brown stated that if anyone read the minutes they would see that he did not approve of the SCADA system mentioned by

Mr. McHugh, and he replied to the Mr. McHugh's comments about the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) consulting package which he was never allowed too see. He asked Chief Deputy Clerk Tameca White and County Clerk Floyd Jones and other staff to not "sweat" Mr. McHugh's comments saying that the Commissioners often get criticized and that he was sad that Mr. McHugh started firing arrows into the staff gallery.

**Commissioner Ognio:** Commissioner Ognio replied to Mr. McHugh's comments saying for a man to blame the Tea Party for all the problems was interesting. He pointed out that even though Mr. McHugh has problems with the County's transparency that there are few other boards that would give Mr. McHugh the amount of time that Fayette County gives for him to make his public comments. Commissioner Ognio said he did not understand where Mr. McHugh was coming from, but he agreed that he still did not like the "Stormwater Tax." Commissioner Ognio stated that the problem was that there are stormwater infrastructures that were not maintained in the past necessitating the "stormwater tax." Commissioner Ognio agreed that there are always ways to improve transparency, but that the current Board is much more transparent than previous boards. He said he was open to suggestions on how to make the County more transparent. Commissioner Ognio then thanked the County's Emergency Management Services (EMS) who assisted his cousin who, despite their best efforts, passed away from an aneurism. He said his cousin was already brain dead when help arrived, but he thanked EMS personnel for doing all they could do.

**Commissioner Coston:** Commissioner Coston expressed sympathy for Commissioner Ognio and said she would pray for his family. She noted that this meeting had gone long so she had no report to give.

**Chairman Oddo:** Chairman Oddo stated that the Fayette Senior Services would hold its first annual Spring Fling on March 28, 2015, and he encouraged everyone to attend. He expressed sympathy for Commissioner Ognio's family. Chairman Oddo also spoke about the recent passing of former Fayette County Commissioner and Chairman George Patton and of the impact he made for Fayette County. Chairman Oddo also noted that Mr. Matt Bergen's father recently passed away, and that Mr. Bergen works for the Fayette County Water System. He said Mr. Bergen was at the meeting for the "Safe Digging" Proclamation. Chairman Oddo closed stating there would be a Georgia Department of Transportation public meeting on April 28, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., and that information about the meeting would be posted to the County's website.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no Executive Session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Brown moved to adjourn the March 26, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

The March 26, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

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Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk

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Charles W. Oddo, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 23rd day of April 2015. Referenced attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

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Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk

