

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Tameca P. White, County Clerk



140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

Minutes Special Called

March 29, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Welcome to the meeting of your Fayette County Board of Commissioners. Your participation in County government is appreciated. All regularly scheduled Board meetings are open to the public and are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Randy Ognio called the March 29, 2017 Special Called Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 10:04 a.m. Chairman Eric Maxwell and Commissioner Charles Rousseau were absent.

Acceptance of Agenda

Commissioner Steve Brown moved to accept the agenda as presented. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 3-0-2 with Chairman Maxwell and Commissioner Rousseau absent.

SPECIAL CALLED:

1. Consideration of the Georgia Department of Transportation's candidate project to replace the Coastline Road Bridge over the CSX Railroad.

Public Works Director Phil Mallon stated that there was a bit of urgency with this agenda item based on the date of the letter received from Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). He stated that by discussing this the County would, hopefully, increase the chance of having the project funded in fiscal year 2018 instead of year 2019. He gave a brief PowerPoint presentation with background information on the bridge. He stated that project location was at the northwest corner of the County and Coastline Road goes from Sandy Creek Road with a section that transitions to gravel and ends at Lees Lake Road. He stated that there was subdivision that utilizes Coastline Road. He stated that GDOT sent a letter and under the program, GDOT would manage the project to include design, permitting, right-of-way acquisition and construction. He stated that GDOT was asking that the County agree to pay half of the right-of-way acquisition cost. He stated that currently he did not have an estimate of cost at this time. He continued that he was not aware of the schedule of scope of the project and the GDOT acknowledges that the CSX Railroad owns the bridge and not Fayette County. He stated that GDOT also acknowledges that the railroad would likely require the bridge to be longer to accommodate a future track and possibly higher to accommodate other rail plans. He stated that the next step was for the Board to respond with a letter stating that the County was committed to providing local funds and we can also identify any concerns such as this is not committing Fayette County to paving or improving a road beyond the approaches which would be part of the bridge replacement project. He stated that the County would receive a Memorandum of Understanding regarding this project possibly in the fall.

County Administrator Steve Rapson asked if the County would be under the right-of-way acquisition by the federal standard through GDOT. Mr. Mallon stated yes, we would be under state rule. He gave some details about the bridge.

Mr. Mallon stated that GDOT has done evaluation of the bridge and this bridge was rated a 15 among a rating of 100 for the best conditions and zero as the worst. He stated that this project was included in the 2003 transportation plan and was eligible using the 2004 Transportation SPLOST.

Commissioner Brown asked would CSX own the bridge after the project was complete. Mr. Mallon stated he was not sure. County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that he was sure CSX would still own the bridge. He stated that GDOT was trying to elevate a safety issue and not wait for CSX to do so. He stated that they are doing it with CSX permission.

Commissioner Oddo confirmed that the county was not involved in any of the negotiating for the right-of-way. Mr. Mallon stated that was his understanding.

Commissioner Brown confirmed that GDOT oversees the project. Mr. Mallon stated that was correct.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve that the submittal to the Georgia Department of Transportation to replace the Coastline Road Bridge over the CSX railroad. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 3-0-2 with Chairman Maxwell and Commissioner Rousseau absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 1," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

2. One Item of Real Estate Acquisition.

One Item of Real Estate Acquisition: Commissioner Brown moved to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 3-0-2 with Chairman Maxwell and Commissioner Rousseau absent.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 10:15 a.m. and returned to Official Session at 10:37 a.m.

Return to Official Session and Approval to Sign the Executive Session Affidavit: Commissioner Brown moved to return to Official Session and for the Chairman to sign the Executive Session Affidavit. Commissioner Oddo seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-2 with Chairman Maxwell and Commissioner Rousseau absent. A copy of the Affidavit, identified as "Attachment 2," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Brown moved to adjourn the March 29, 2017 Special Called Meeting. Commissioner Oddo seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-2 with Chairman Maxwell and Commissioner Rousseau absent.

The March 29, 2017 Special Called meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Tameca P. White, County Clerk

Randy Ognio, Vice Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 13th day of April 2017. Referenced attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.