

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

MINUTES

May 25, 2017

7:00 p.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.*

****The Board of Commissioners new meeting time will change to 6:30 p.m. effective July 13, 2017.***

Call to Order

Chairman Eric Maxwell called the May 25, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Charles Rousseau

Commissioner Charles Rousseau offered the Invocation and led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

Vice Chairman Randy Ognio moved to accept the agenda as presented. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Chairman Maxwell stated that the Board meetings would change to 6:30 p.m. beginning July 13, 2017.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

1. Proclamation of May 2017 as "American Stroke Month."

Commissioner Charles Oddo presented members of Piedmont Fayette Hospital and the Fayette County EMS Department with a proclamation proclaiming May 2017 as "American Stroke Month" on behalf of the Board. A member from Piedmont Fayette accepted the proclamation and offered comments to the audience regarding the importance of R.T.P.; recognize the symptoms, time-sensitive response by calling 911 and know that 80% of strokes are preventable. She acknowledged that Piedmont Fayette Hospital received the 2017 American Heart Stroke Association "Get with the Guidelines with Target Stroke Honor Roll" for offering great care to patients. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 1", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

2. Proclamation of the week of May 28, 2017 as "National Learn to Row Week in Fayette County" to encourage participation in the June 3, 2017 "National Learn to Row Day" across the United States.

Commissioner Steve Brown presented students of the Peachtree City Row Club with a proclamation on behalf of the Board. Each student introduced themselves and talked about the row program. The audience was encouraged to attend

the National Learn to Row Day on June 3, 2017 in Peachtree City. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 2", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

3. Proclamation honoring graduates of the 4-H Monarch Movement.

Commissioner Brown presented representatives from the Fayette County 4-H Club with a proclamation on behalf of the Board. Each student shared what they learned from the Monarch program. Kim thanked the volunteers who help launch the program. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 3", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Community Development Director Pete Frisina read the *Introduction to Public Hearings for the Rezoning of Property*. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 4", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

4. Consideration of Petition No. 1265-17, Ingrid A. Moore-Barnes, Owner, request to rezone 19.8 acres from R-70 to A-R to develop an A-R Bed and Breakfast Inn located in Land Lot 78 of the 7th District and fronting on Sandy Creek Road with one (1) condition.

Mr. Frisina briefed the Board that both the staff and Planning Commission recommend approval with one condition related to the dedication of right-of-way. Ms. Ingrid Moore-Barnes requested a rezoning from R-70 to A-R to develop a bed and breakfast at her location and that all requirements of the County Ordinance have been met.

No one spoke in favor or opposition of this request.

Ms. Moore-Barnes stated that she understood that this was simply the request for the rezoning and not approval of the bed and breakfast.

Vice Chairman Randy Ognio moved to approve Petition No. 1265-17, Ingrid A. Moore-Barnes, Owner, request to rezone 19.8 acres from R-70 to A-R to develop an A-R Bed and Breakfast Inn located in Land Lot 78 of the 7th District and fronting on Sandy Creek Road with one (1) condition; the owner/developer should provide, at no cost to Fayette County, a quit claim deed for 50 feet of right-of-way as measured from the centerline of Sandy Creek Road to create a total 100 feet of right-of-way. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 5-0. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 5", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Charles Oddo moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- 5. Approval of staff's recommendation to renew a contract with Midwest Employers Casualty Company as outlined under Option 1 of the two year rate options for a period of one year from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$102,511, and authorization for the Chairman to sign any related documents. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 6", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.**
- 6. Approval to apply for the Major Repair and Renovation (MRR) grant from the state for the renovation of the Fayette County Library's public restrooms in the amount of \$139,000 with a \$69,500 county match. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 7", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.**

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7. **Approval to apply for the Major Repair and Renovation (MRR) grant from the state for the renovation of the Fayette County Library's roof in the amount of \$110,175 with a \$55,087.50 county match. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 8", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.**
8. **Approval of staff's recommendation to reappoint Deputy Fire Chief Thomas F. Bartlett and Division Chief Steven G. Folden to the West Georgia Region IV Emergency Medical Services Council for a two-year term. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 9", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.**
9. **Approval of the May 3, 2017 Budget Retreat Minutes.**
10. **Approval of the May 4, 2017 Budget Retreat Minutes.**
11. **Approval of the May 11, 2017 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

12. **Presentation of the final report from the county-wide branding campaign project.**

Fayette Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Carlotta Ungaro presented to the Board a PowerPoint presentation regarding the update of the county-wide branding campaign. The county contributed \$25,000 in addition to other municipalities to hire a marketing company, DCI from New York City. Ms. Ungaro shared the process to come up with the brand mark that was selected. The "Create Your Story" logo was available for the county and the municipalities to use as a co-brand on websites and printed materials. There was a style book available on the Chamber's website for the county and municipalities to update logo as desired.

Commissioner Oddo asked what involvement DCI would have from this point forward. Ms. Ungaro stated that they could be hired to possibly run a public relation campaign and they are on hand if needed.

Commissioner Rousseau wanted to know what could be done to address the weaknesses and strengths from the SWAT analysis as it pertains to the "political environment and politics and leadership". Ms. Ungaro stated that this report was completed six months to nine months ago and some of the sentiments may have been derived from the recent "nasty" presidential campaign. She was confident that if the report was done today those issues would not be at the top of the concerns. Commissioner Brown reiterated that it was good to have the municipalities and county speaking in tune with one another.

Vice Chairman Ognio wanted to know how the county would incorporate this brand with the county. He mentioned that the new branding almost look as if it was a logo for the county, but that it left out the history of the county.

County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that the new branding could be incorporated into the new county website design. He stated that in terms of the branding on letterhead and the like would be during later discussions with the Board.

Vice Chairman Ognio asked if staff would work up some ideas to bring before the Board. Mr. Rapson stated that staff would get with the Board in regards to incorporating any changes to the logo. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 10", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

13. Consideration of staff's recommendation to contract with Southeastern Site Development, Inc. for the construction of the Intersection Improvement Project (#R-5F) connecting Veterans Parkway to SR 92 at Westbridge Road in the amount of \$894,881.21.

Engineering, Buildings & Grounds Director Carlos Christian briefed the Board that this project would complete the connection of Lees Mill Road to Westbridge Road and Veterans Parkway. There were eight companies that provided competitive bids and Southern Site Development, Inc. was the lower bid. The project time line is approximately nine months from the time of the notice to proceed and there should be no large impact to traffic.

Vice Chairman Ognio moved to approve contract with Southeastern Site Development, Inc. for the construction of the Intersection Improvement Project (#R-5F) connecting Veterans Parkway to SR 92 at Westbridge Road in the amount of \$894,881.21. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 5-0. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 11", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Eric Imker of Peachtree City made comments regarding the assessment values of the fair market value in the county. He shared with the Board the process that he experienced, his concern of the cost of the procedure and the concern pertaining to who would pay if the citizen does not succeed in court.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Address Public Comments

Mr. Rapson addressed the concerns mentioned regarding court cost for assessment appeals. He informed that the process was a state mandated process. He stated that there are certain cost that are mandated and that have to be paid to conduct court affairs no matter the type case being heard. He offered a brief analysis of the number of tax assessment cases heard in Fayette County court.

County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that since 2013, the county has only had four residential tax bills to reach Superior Court and two of those were either settled or dismissed. He stated that he has handled about a dozen tax appeals in 20 years which is a very nominal amount. He also informed that citizens would not be responsible for the cost if they did not prevail in court. He shared that the Tax Assessors office does a great job handling the assessments.

Selection Committee-Public Facilities Authority

Commissioner Brown moved to appoint Commissioner Rousseau and Commissioner Oddo to the Selection Committee for the Public Facilities Authority. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Service Delivery Strategy

Mr. Rapson briefed the Board that staff would be submitting a letter for a 120-day extension for the Service Delivery Strategy. The first meeting will be held next week.

Memorial Day

The administrative offices will be closed.

1st Budget Public Hearing

The first public hearing for the fiscal year 2018 budget will be held on Tuesday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Notice of Executive Session: County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that there was two items involving pending litigation, five involving real estate acquisition and for the review of the Executive Session minutes for April 25, 2017.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Brown:

Water Guardian

Commissioner Brown stated that there was a good turnout for the Water Guardian event. He thanked Mr. J.R. Ramos for cooking the food at no cost. This was the first time that there were half volunteers who walked around cleaning and the other half on the water cleaning.

Intersections

He would like to have staff collect data regarding citizen's concerns that there are more accidents since the county has done modification to the intersections. He could not recall which intersections, but would like staff to a comparison of four years prior and four years after modifying an intersection so that he can address citizens.

Commissioner Oddo

Memorial Day holiday

Commissioner Oddo asked everyone to remember why we celebrate Memorial Day and he gave thanks to those who gave their lives.

Vice Chairman Ognio

Memorial Day holiday

Vice Chairman Ognio echoed Commissioner Oddo's comments regarding Memorial Day.

Commissioner Brown's comments

He stated that the Transportation Committee has looked at a few reports and pulled have pulled some reports periodically. He stated that most of the intersections were state routes, but the committee continues to find recommendations to bring to the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Two Items of Pending Litigation, Five Items of Real Estate Acquisition and Review of the April 25, 2017 Executive Session Minutes: Commissioner Brown moved to go into Executive Session. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 8:36 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 8:59 p.m.

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Return to Official Session and Approval to Sign the Executive Session Affidavit: Vice Chairman Ognio moved to return to Official Session and for the Chairman to sign the Executive Session Affidavit. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. A copy of the Affidavit, identified as "Attachment 12", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

Mr. Davenport briefed the Board regarding a workers' compensation claim for a formal employee, Dwight Wayne Hall. He stated that there was some issue with whether or not the injury occurred on the job and there has been resolution with Mr. Hall and his counsel. He stated that with adequate releases put in place and the sum of \$5,000 agreed upon, Mr. Hall was ready to settle the claim.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve the settlement as present by the County Attorney. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of the April 25, 2017 Executive Session Minutes: Vice Chairman Ognio moved to approve the April 25, 2017 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Chairman Maxwell was absent for that meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Brown moved to adjourn the May 25, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The May 25, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Tameca P. White, County Clerk

Eric K. Maxwell, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 6th day of June 2017. Referenced attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

Tameca P. White, County Clerk