

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Steve Brown  
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Charles D. Rousseau



## FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

Steve Rapson, County Administrator  
Dennis A. Davenport, County Attorney  
Tameca P. White, County Clerk  
Marlena Edwards, Deputy County Clerk

140 Stonewall Avenue West  
Public Meeting Room  
Fayetteville, GA 30214

## ACTION AGENDA

June 6, 2017

7:00 p.m.

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 June 6, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

### Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Steve Brown

Commissioner Steve Brown offered the Invocation and led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Acceptance of Agenda

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

### PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

1. **Presentation of Government Finance Officers Association Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fayette County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.**

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Mary Parrott reported to the Board that the Finance Department received notification from the Government Finance Officers Association that the Finance Department had been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the twenty-fourth year in a row. She commended her staff for doing an awesome job. The department also received a perfect score from the state office as well. Assistant CFO Sheryl Weinmann accepted the award on behalf of the staff.

2. **Presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Award for Fayette County's annual budget document for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.**

CFO Mary Parrott reported that the Finance Department also received the Distinguished Budget Award for the county's annual budget document. Budget Officer Sergio Acevedo and Finance Analyst Amanda Schoonover accepted the award on behalf of the staff. County Administrator Steve Rapson expressed that the finance department was doing a great job.

### PUBLIC HEARING:

**3. First of Two Public Hearings on Fayette County's recommended annual budget for Fiscal Year 2018 which begins on July 1, 2017 and ends June 30, 2018.**

CFO Mary Parrott briefed the Board regarding the fiscal year 2018 annual budget. This was the first of two public hearings regarding the budget. She stated that the General Fund revenues included \$656,897, the 911 services was \$675,704, Fire services was \$1,538,640 and Emergency Medical was \$518,830 in fund balance. Ms. Parrott reported that the expenditure overage for Juvenile Supervision was (\$3,750) and to-date the fund balance was \$95,000 so there was ample money to cover that shortage. The Solid Waste fund also included an overage of (\$134,390) and to-date that fund balance was \$492,000 to cover that shortage. There was a recommendation of \$5,919,315 for capital projects, \$2,791,000 for the enterprise fund (Water System) and for vehicle and equipment the recommendation was \$1,501,169 included in the proposed budget.

The proposed budget included a rollback of the millage rate, three months of stabilization fund (\$12,401,233), assigned emergency (\$2,000,000), Stormwater loan (\$3,913,956) and unassigned fund (\$3,888,425).

County Administrator Steve Rapson presented to the Board the results from University of Georgia regarding compensation comparison for Clayton, Coweta, Henry and Spalding Solicitor and State Court Judges. He stated that this was one of the items that remain for the Board to decide how to proceed. The proposed increases were \$3,600 for a \$40,000 supplement; \$6,300 increase for a \$43,000 supplement and \$12,600 increase for a \$50,000 supplement. The State Court Judges' salary was 90% of the supplement for the Superior Court Judge. The supplements are paid from the Griffin Circuit total. The associated increase to the General Fund would be providing the 2.4% increase for the remaining Constitutional officers that receive supplements. Staff's recommendation was to increase all six Constitutional officers to one of the three options presented.

The Board made comments about the Memorandum of Understanding in place between the judges and the county regarding not hiring court reporters (transcriptionist). Discussions included an increase scheduled for the Superior Court judge in January 2018 given by the state.

Vice Chairman Ognio moved to approve the 2.4% increase for all six Constitutional officers. Commissioner Charles Oddo seconded. Discussion followed.

Mr. Ted Toles stated that when there are loyal dedicated employees it is a good incentive for a job well done to receive an increase and it is impactful over time on how the employee performs.

The Board continued discussion.

Vice Chairman Ognio moved to approve the 2.4% increase for all six Constitutional officers. Commissioner Charles Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-1. Commissioner Rousseau voted in opposition noting that he was not against the motion, however he wanted to wait to see how the Board would vote regarding increases for the employees which was an important issue for him.

The second item for consideration before the Board involved a request from Fayette FACTOR for \$7,000 to cover the increase in rent.

Commissioner Oddo recused himself from any discussion regarding this item, due to a potential conflict of interest because his family has keen interest and relationship with FACTOR.

The third item for consideration before the Board involved a request from Fayette Care Clinic for \$14,000 to also cover the increase in rent. There was also conversation regarding a facility for the Health Department.

There was discussion regarding the organizations applying for the Community Development Block Grant.

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There were no comments from the public.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he was open to exploring opportunities to assist.

After further discussion the following motion was made.

Commissioner Brown moved to include the request for \$7,000 as a contribution for Fayette FACTOR and not necessarily for rent, but as a contribution for their services and that they are a state chartered organization and the county has consistency provided space for FACTOR in the past which does have a monetary value that far exceeds the \$7,000. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that he knows FACTOR shares the space with someone else and he does not know who or how this payment would benefit the "someone else". He stated that he would like to know who that is.

Ms. Parrott gave a budget highlight and concluded the presentation by reminding the Board and audience that the second public hearing was scheduled for June 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Brown made a request for consideration of the Board to fund a launch boat for the rowing program due to concerns for safety on the lake.

There was further discussion regarding this item and compensation for employees. No action was taken.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Consent Agenda as written. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

4. **Approval of staff's recommendation to award 2018 Property & Casualty Insurance coverage at \$525,055 to OneBeacon, and Sheriff's Office AD&D at \$2,035 and Commissioners' Travel Accident at \$750 to The Hartford, for a total award of \$527,840.**
5. **Approval of staff's recommendation to add Canoe Club at Waterlace A3 subdivision to Fayette County's Street Light Program.**
6. **Approval of the May 15, 2017 Departmental Overview Minutes.**
7. **Approval of the May 25, 2017 Budget Workshop Minutes.**
8. **Approval of the May 25, 2017 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairman Maxwell announced that the Board of Commissioners approved to move the meeting time to 6:30 p.m. and that this would begin on July 13, 2017.

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**9. Consideration to adopt Resolution 2017-08 to approve the revision of the schedule of the Board of Commissioners regular meetings to reflect a start time of 6:30 p.m.**

County Attorney Dennis Davenport briefed the Board that the approval of this Resolution would move the meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 2017-08 to approve the revision of the schedule of the Board of Commissioners regular meetings to reflect a start time of 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Rousseau stepped out the meeting.

**10. Consideration of the approval of the County Clerk's recommendation to re-adopt the 2017 County Commissioner Meeting Schedule to reflect the meeting time change to 6:30 p.m.**

This item was to re-adopt the originally approved calendar for the Board of Commissioner meeting to reflect the change of meeting time to 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve to re-adopt the 2017 County Commissioner Meeting Schedule to reflect the meeting time change to 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Rousseau stepped out the meeting.

**11. Consideration of Ordinance 2017-09 to amend the time to set forth for notice given to the public pertaining to the hearings conducted by the Board of Commissioners for consideration alcoholic beverage permits.**

Mr. Davenport stated that the this was a part of the code that references the meeting time regarding public hearings for the consideration of alcoholic beverage licenses. He stated that the document in the meeting package states that the new meeting time would be advertised at 6:30 p.m. He stated that during the pre-agenda meeting Commissioner Oddo suggested that it should instead read that the hearings would be at the meeting time and place of the Board of Commissioners.

Vice Chairman Ognio moved to approve Ordinance 2017-09 to amend the time to set forth for notice given to the public pertaining to the hearings conducted by the Board of Commissioners for consideration alcoholic beverage permits with the generic meeting time. Commissioner Oddo seconded.

Commissioner Oddo asked were there any other meetings that follow this same situation. Mr. Davenport responded that the zoning code also followed the same situation and was scheduled to come before the Board at a later meeting. Vice Chairman Ognio requested that the language be changed to reflect the generic meeting time.

Vice Chairman Ognio moved to approve Ordinance 2017-09 to amend the time to set forth for notice given to the public pertaining to the hearings conducted by the Board of Commissioners for consideration alcoholic beverage permits with the generic meeting time. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**12. Consideration to adopt Ordinance 2017-10 to amend the terms of the remaining offices and reduce the number of members necessary to achieve a quorum of the Public Arts Committee.**

Mr. Davenport briefed the Board that at the retreat the Board requested that this committee be reduced from an eleven-member committee to a seven-member committee. He stated that Table 2 of the Ordinance shows the staggering of the seats. That was accomplished by extending Donna Thompson's seat to expire 2019 instead of 2018. He stated that Mrs. Thompson agreed to serve that term. He continued that there were changes to be addressed to Table 2 that included:

1. Robert Sibaja should read Roger Sibaja
2. Table 2 was renumbered to show 1-7
3. Table 1 was revised to remove the word "vacant"

Commissioner Brown moved to adopt Ordinance 2017-10 to amend the terms of the remaining offices and reduce the number of members necessary to achieve a quorum of the Public Arts Committee and to include the changes as presented. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**13. Consideration of the County Attorney's recommendation to approve the disposition of tax refunds, as requested by Debbie Hollis for tax years 2014, 2015 and 2016 in the amount of \$254.28.**

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the disposition of tax refunds, as requested by Debbie Hollis for tax years 2014, 2015 and 2016 in the amount of \$254.28. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:**

**Balloons Over Fayette:** Mr. Rapson announced that the Balloons Over Fayette will be held on June 17 and that volunteers are needed to work the ticket booth and to work the parking lot.

**NASA Astronaut:** Monday, June 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. we will Skype with a NASA Astronaut. Library Director Chris Snell and Librarian Gina Martin are spearheading the efforts.

**New Board meeting time:** Reiterated that the Board of Commissioners' new meeting time is 6:30 p.m. starting July 13.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:**

**Notice of Executive Session:** County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that there was one item of pending litigation and for the review of the Executive Session minutes for May 25, 2017.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

**Vice Chairman Ognio:**

**Antique Truck Show:** Vice Chairman Ognio stated that on June 18, 2017 it is the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique Truck Show at Inman.

**D-Day:** June 6 was the anniversary of D-Day.

**Commissioner Oddo:**

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**D-Day:** Commissioner Oddo also reminded that June 6 marked the anniversary of D-Day.

**Fayetteville Fire Marshal:** Extended condolences on behalf of the County to the family of the City of Fayetteville Fire Marshal Marty Mundok and to the City of Fayetteville.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**One item of Pending Litigation and Review of the May 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 9:11 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 9:42 p.m.

**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.

**Approval of the May 25, 2017 Executive Session Minutes:** Vice Chairman Ognio moved to approve the May 25, 2017 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Brown moved to adjourn the June 6, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Rousseau seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The June 6, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

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Tameca P. White, County Clerk