

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

MINUTES

March 8, 2018
6:30 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 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Chairman Eric Maxwell called the March 8, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

All members of the Board were present. Chairman Maxwell announced that he was still under doctor's orders and at 9:30 p.m. he would have to leave the meeting.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Charles Rousseau

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

Acceptance of Agenda

Commissioner Steve Brown moved to accept the agenda with a change in the order to Items #17, #21, #22 and #18. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **Consideration of staff's recommendation to approve new ownership for the 2018 Retail Alcohol, Beer and Wine License (License #C17-00602 for Alnoor Somani, doing business as County Line Country Store, which is located at 2708 Highway 92S, Fayetteville, Georgia.**

Chief Marshal Harold Myers read the *Introduction to Public Hearings* into the record. He briefed the Board that this request was for new ownership of the store and that the owner was requesting approval of the retail alcohol, beer and wine license. He stated that staff recommended approval.

No one spoke in favor or opposition.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Oddo requested that item #4 be removed for discussion. Commissioner Rousseau requested that item #15 be removed for discussion.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of items #4 and #15 for discussion. Commissioner Oddo seconded.

Commissioner Brown stated that there were some nice recreation projects at Kenwood and McCurry Park. He stated that he didn't want to let that "skirt by" because the citizen's money was being invested in these projects. He commended the Recreation Commission and the Park and Recreation Department.

Parks and Recreation Director Anita Godbee gave a brief update of the need for the projects.

Tim King gave comments regarding the Relay for Life and thanked the Board for allowing its participation in Fayette County.

Tom Waller stated that he would like to confirm that the Sheriff's Office had adequate staffing to provide security to prevent vandalism for the additional facilities that were being put in. Mr. Rapson stated yes and so do the Marshals.

Terrance Williamson stated, on behalf of the Recreation Commission, that it was great to see the county investing money on facilities. He stated that they were sorely needed and will be well used. He stated that in addition to the security there were also cameras at the parks.

Frank Gardner stated that he wanted to thank the citizens of Fayette County for applying money to these projects.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he "tipped his hat" to staff for the foresight, in terms of establishing a capital campaign to address these issues. He thanked the Recreation Commission. He stated that the upgrades would accommodate the use at the park. He stated that there will need to be collaboration in terms of the types of uses at Kenwood. He stated that he was asking the elders in the community to "see something, say something" because there was not always staff out there.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of items #4 and #15 for discussion. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- 2. Approval of staff's recommended Mid-Year Budget Amendments to the FY 2018 budget and approval to close projects that have been completed.**
- 3. Approval for the Board of Commissioners to authorize staff to acquire all fee simple right-of-way, easements and appraisal for the 120 Mercedes Trail culvert replacement project (2017 SPLOST No. 17SAI).**
- 4. Approval for the Board of Commissioners to authorize staff to acquire all fee simple right-of-way, easements and appraisals for the 130 Morning Dove Drive culvert replacement project (2017 SPLOST No. 17SAJ).**

Commissioner Oddo stated that this was a SPLOST project that borders a piece of property that he owned in the area and he wanted to make that public before voting.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve to authorize staff to acquire all fee simple right-of-way, easements and appraisals for the 130 Morning Dove Drive culvert replacement project (2017 SPLOST No. 17SAJ). Vice Chairman Randy Ognio seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

5. **Approval for the Board of Commissioners to authorize staff to acquire all fee simple right-of-way, easements and appraisals for the Old Senoia Road culvert replacement project (2017 SPLOST No. 6509H).**
6. **Approval of staff's recommendation to contract with Gene Barber Contracting, Inc. to construct a new restroom facility at Kenwood Park (Bid #1329-B) in the amount of \$168,781.00 per the approved CIP project #5110I.**
7. **Approval of staff's recommendation to contract with Buildline, Inc. to construct a new pavilion facility at Kenwood Park (Bid #1435-B) in the amount of \$96,000.00 and allocate \$17,500.00 for tables, benches and trash cans for the Kenwood Park Phase II CIP project #5110I.**
8. **Approval of staff's recommendation to contract with Dynamic sports Construction, Inc. to install a rubberized membrane over the existing asphalt track at Kenwood Park (Bid #1447-A) in the amount of \$113,067.00 per the approved CIP project #186AJ.**
9. **Approval of staff's recommendation to contract with Earth 1st Construction, LLC to construct new restroom facility at McCurry Park Softball fields in the amount of \$187,888.48 per the approved CIP project #6110N.**
10. **Approval of staff's recommendation of the extension of the McCurry Park football complex hours on May 11, 2018 to facilitate the annual Fayette County Relay for Life Event.**
11. **Approval of staff's recommendation to make a budget adjustment to the FY2018 budget to account for the hiring of Temporary Seasonal Employees for the Traditional Day Camps for the Summer of 2018.**
12. **Approval of Water Committee recommendation to participate in the MNGWPD Regional Multi-Family Toilet Rebate Program, to allocate funding of \$100,000.00 starting July 1, 2018 and approval for the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Agreement.**
13. **Approval of the Water Committee recommendation to close the Lake McIntosh Park on March 17, 2018 from 6:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for the Peachtree City Rowing Club RowRun Biathlon Challenge Special Event.**
14. **Approval to amend existing striping quote #1400-A with Mid-State Striping, Inc. from \$49,989.90 to \$73,599.90 to take advantage of \$17,000 in additional GDOT LIMG7 Off-system funding.**
15. **Approval of the February 22, 2018 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

Commissioner Rousseau stated that the corrected minutes was on the dais. He stated that on page 13, second paragraph from the end, the corrections were the word "when" was changed to "where" and the word "avocate" changed to "abdicate".

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve the February 22, 2018 minutes with the noted changes. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

16. Discussion of the proposed GDOT roundabouts on SR 92 (PI 009971 and 009972) and reconsideration of the associated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Agreements.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he asked that this item be brought back to the Board for favorable consideration in light of the potential fiscal cost that might be incurred by the county. He stated that he voted against this item in the hopes of achieving a different goal, but in that vote, it may lead to costing the county more money. He stated that without the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) would get a vendor without the county's input and the cost could be sustainably more than the quote from the county. He stated that it was in GDOT's right-of-way and he knew that the county would have to move the utilities and we have received additional assurances that they would proceed with the project.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve the proposed GDOT roundabouts on SR 92 (PI 009971 and 009972) and reconsideration of the approval of the associated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Agreements. Chairman Maxwell seconded.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that he had always voted against the project. He thanked GDOT for the funding, but he did not believe in the project from the beginning and that he was not going to change now.

Commissioner Brown stated that in January 2014, he voted in favor of some conditional support for this project. He stated that the Board did that thinking that the cost would be marginal. He stated that he acknowledged that there was a geometrical problem on the road and that something needed to be done because it was dangerous. He stated that if Mr. Mallon wanted to assure him that GDOT was going to do the roundabout and there was no sense in looking at other projects then he was willing to take a different view from his last vote. He stated that he would like to have seen the options and cost of other options.

Public Works Director Phil Mallon stated that as part of the GDOT process, the staff and GDOT did a lot of work on alternative analysis. He stated that one of the issues with the traffic signal was that it did not meet the "warrants". He stated that the alignment that would be needed would be more impactful to the surrounding properties. He stated that there was not a detailed cost estimate done for the signals, but that it was in the same order of magnitude for the roundabout. He stated that the biggest factor was that this was a safety project and the data showed that roundabouts were the safest. He stated that he spoke with GDOT and they are too far along to make any changes.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that the alignment of the intersection was odd. He stated that from 2015 to 2017 there have been eleven accidents at that intersection. He stated that it was like 24th on the list of state routes in terms of accidents. He stated that the Seay Road intersection had 16 accidents. He continued that when looking at the severity of the accidents, Porter Road and SR85, there have been some fatalities at that intersection. He stated that GDOT had no way of knowing this data before starting the project. He stated that he felt that Antioch and SR92 were the same as Antioch and Goza Roads. He stated that if they are aligned, it might cause more issues. He stated that the previous approval was to move ahead and not to investigate the need for it.

Chairman Maxwell stated that this item was for \$779,510 and when it was before the Board in February it was \$881,185. He asked what was the explanation for the smaller amount difference.

County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that the request was for the \$779,510 amount. He stated that the county would likely beat that with the county's contractor. He stated that the \$881,185 was a bad number. He stated that staff would report back to the Board with a final cost for moving the lines. He stated that the county would not manage the project because it was a GDOT project.

Water System Utility Services Manager Matt Bergen stated that the county would not use the internal contractor. He stated that the MOU was for GDOT to competitively bid with the entire package so that the county would end up with a better price. He stated that staff used the internal contractor to come up with a baseline for an estimate.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he appreciated staff's input on this item. He stated that he discovered that on projects of this nature, the county needed to get out in front of it in terms of the capital planning. He stated that staff needed to coordinate to set dollars aside because the cost may not have been budgeted. He stated that this was an unexpected cost where staff agreed that they were doing more long-term planning that could have some impact on the bottom line. He stated that it was his attempt to be fiscally responsible and save the county money.

Commissioner Oddo stated that GDOT was still willing to work with the county despite the Board's last vote. He stated that he appreciated GDOT continuing to work with the county.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that the Transportation Committee, without his vote, voted to move forward with the project.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve the proposed GDOT roundabouts on SR 92 (PI 009971 and 009972) and reconsideration of the approval of the associated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Agreements. Chairman Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 4-1 with Vice Chairman Ognio voting in opposition.

17. Consideration of staff's request to accept RFQ #1457-A for Scott Safety SCBA Products for Scott X3 Pro Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and associated accessory parts and safety devices from Fisher Scientific for a total cost of \$733,490.82 and accept a trade-in allowance for the departments existing used SCBA in the amount of \$18,000.00 for a net cost of \$715,490.82.

Fire Chief David Scarbrough stated that this request was to move forward with the purchase of breathing apparatus and associated accessory parts and safety devices. He stated that this was "dovetailing" off the Board's approval of the cylinders last year. He stated that this would complete the project.

Commissioner Brown stated that this was a newer standard and the county started investing in it last year and this was the next phase. Chief Scarbrough stated yes.

Mr. Rapson stated the county received a grant that replaced all the bottles the year before and this was the next phase that completed the project.

Vice Chairman Ognio moved to approve RFQ #1457-A for Scott Safety SCBA Products for Scott X3 Pro Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and associated accessory parts and safety devices from Fisher Scientific for a total cost of \$733,490.82 and accept a trade-in allowance for the departments existing used SCBA in the amount of \$18,000.00 for a net cost of \$715,490.82. Commissioner Oddo seconded.

Chief Scarbrough thanked Purchasing Director Ted Burgess for a well written memo.

Frank Gardner stated that he would like to hear a statement regarding what upgrading the equipment would improve. How much better would this be over the old system and how many times have the old system been used?

Deputy Fire Chief Tom Bartlett explained that the National Fire Protection Association had standards that are upgraded every five years. He stated that the current breathing apparatus were purchased in 2003. He stated that there had been multiple changes

since that time for the standards. He stated that there had been a lot of uptick in maintenance and that there were also a lot of electronics incorporated. He stated that the units are used at every fire call, IDLA atmospheric...immediate danger to life and health. It is used in areas of low oxygens, carbon monoxide investigations or anywhere there could be containments. He continued that there was a big push for cancer reduction in fire fighters and the current breathing apparatus did not have an effective way to completely decontaminate the apparatus; specifically, the harness. The new model allowed the harness to come off and be decontaminated. He continued to show aspects of the apparatus. He stated that over the last two-year period, between the maintenance and upkeep, the fire department was at \$33,000. He stated that they received a grant for the compressor to recharge the cylinders. He stated that they have reached the point of repair parts not being available on the current equipment. He stated that it was the number one safety protection equipment for the fire fighters. He continued to share the features of the breathing apparatus.

Vice Chairman Ognio asked if the larger tanks were purchased. Deputy Chief Bartlett stated that it was the same size as what they already had. Vice Chairman Ognio stated that this system would allow them to go to the smaller tanks. Deputy Chief Bartlett stated that it would. Vice Chairman Ognio stated that as we purchase tanks in the future, maybe they could purchase the smaller tanks.

Rob Scott stated that there was a new standard change that required a minimum capacity on cylinders for fire fighters. He stated that what the fire department purchased two years ago followed that standard. He stated that with that change in standard, it took away the option to use the smaller cylinders. Vice Chairman Ognio stated that he felt the smaller cylinder would help with mobility.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that this purchase was just as important as the roads and he thanked staff for making sure the county had the proper equipment for the fire fighters.

Mr. Gardner made comments from the audience. (inaudible)

Mr. Rapson stated that this was a public safety piece of equipment that was necessary to run fire services.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that Mr. Gardner raised the issue of dollars. He stated that thanks to Mr. Burgess using the state-wide contract and the vendor being on that contract, it gave the county a larger latitude of buying power which reduced the county's cost. He thanked Mr. Burgess and Chief Scarbrough for using that to keep the cost down.

Vice Chairman Ognio moved to approve RFQ #1457-A for Scott Safety SCBA Products for Scott X3 Pro Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and associated accessory parts and safety devices from Fisher Scientific for a total cost of \$733,490.82 and accept a trade-in allowance for the departments existing used SCBA in the amount of \$18,000.00 for a net cost of \$715,490.82. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

18. Consideration of suggested programming of unallocated 2004 Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sale Tax (SPLOST) money.

Mr. Mallon stated that there was a SPLOST that collected money from 2005 to 2010 with a total revenue, to-date of \$74,360,000. He noted that this number changes with interest. He stated that over \$43,000,000 of that money had been spent. He continued that there were projects in process that included the McIntosh Road bridge, a study for SR74, the intersection at Veterans Parkway and Westbridge, the path over Sandy Creek along Veterans Parkway and the East Fayetteville Bypass. He stated that there was \$14,205,000 that was not program. He stated that he was bringing a recommendation from the Transportation Committee on how the money could be programed to complete projects. He stated that the money collected under the 2004

SPLOST, the 321 Funds, can only be used for projects that were identified in the 2003 Transportation Plan. He continued that there are 66 projects in the 2003 plan, 29 are complete, 12 in construction, 5 have been studied and 20 with no further action.

Commissioner Brown asked what was the process for dwindling the number down. Mr. Mallon stated that when this was first submitted to the Transportation Committee, staff wanted to give them an order of magnitude of how big or small of the project would be. He stated that the order in some cases was based on a defined number that was already set and others were rough guesses; some based on the cost estimates in the 2003 Transportation Plan.

Commissioner Brown asked what funding source the money approved for the Antioch and Goza project came from. Mr. Mallon stated that the money for that was being funded from the 2017 SPLOST. He stated that there was money in both.

Commissioner Brown raised concerns about the lighting on the roads at the north part of the county.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he shared the concern of using money in the "hopes" that the county would receive money for the 2017 SPLOST because it was already allocated.

Commissioner Brown stated that he felt the East Fayetteville Bypass project would be over budgeted and the SR279 would be the same issue.

Mr. Mallon stated that the money set aside for the East Fayetteville Bypass was not to say that there was \$4,750,000 to realign SR279. He stated that it was a starting point and if approved, staff would work to make that a local match against federal funds.

Commissioner Oddo stated that the Transportation Committee was made up of representatives from all over the county and they reviewed the list and tried to portion it. He stated that everyone was looking at what was best for the entire county.

Commissioner Brown stated that he would suggest taking the East Fayetteville Bypass project (R8) and taking it to \$5 million and take the entire sum for Antioch and Goza out of the 2004 SPLOST.

Commissioner Rousseau asked for the cost of the pipe work at Kenwood. Mr. Rapson stated that the CIP project was \$246,000. Commissioner Rousseau stated that his concern was that there was not enough money raised in 2004 than expected and that could happen for the 2017 SPLOST.

Mr. Rapson stated that the Antioch and Goza Road project was funded at \$1,070,000 and there was an additional half million that was flagged as intersection safety improvements. He stated that the 2017 SPLOST was estimated at 1.65% and we are experiencing 5% and 6% currently. He stated that there could be some bad years coming up and he still did not think that the county would be short with the 2017 SPLOST.

Mr. Mallon stated that the Board could remove the Sandy Creek, Sams Drive and Easton Road (I2) completely and that would allow the Board to fully fund Antioch and Goza Road (I13) and put the surplus toward the East Fayetteville Bypass.

Commissioner Brown stated that he would take Antioch and Goza completely out and if Mr. Mallon wanted to drop \$875,000 from project I2, that was fine.

The recommendation was to take the Sandy Creek, Sams Drive and Easton Road (I2) project to \$0, take Antioch and Goza (I13) to \$1,100,000 and add the difference of \$221,000 to the East Fayetteville Bypass (R8) project.

Mr. Mallon stated that in the description for R8 he would remove "the funding is for work beyond (and independent of) existing project scope".

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that he did not agree with dropping the \$875,000 because there might be some safety improvements that need to be done now.

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Commissioner Oddo stated that this could be taken back to the Transportation Committee for discussion.

Mr. Rapson restated the recommendation. The recommendation was that I2 would be lowered from \$875,000, with a residual balance of \$221,500 and I13 would increase to \$1,100,000.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve an allocation of \$9,455,000; with Sandy Creek, Sams Drive and Eastin Road (I2) at \$221,500 and Goza Road and Antioch Road (I13) would have an allocation of \$1,100,000 excluding the allocation for East Fayetteville Bypass (R8). Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the allocation for East Fayetteville Bypass (R8) at \$4,750,000. Commissioner Oddo seconded.

Commissioner Brown amended the motion to approve the allocation for East Fayetteville Bypass (R8) at \$4,750,000 and to strike the language "the funding is for work beyond (and independent of) existing project scope". Commissioner Oddo amended the second. The motion passed 4-1. Chairman Maxwell voted in opposition.

19. Discussion of citizen's requests for multi-use path access to the Starrs Mill School Complex from the Millpond Manor subdivision.

Mr. Mallon stated that this project was driven by a group of property owners in Millpond Manor who wanted a legal connection to the school. He stated that Mr. Donnie Walker had led the effort and was now working in Puerto Rico with the recovery efforts and he asked if the Board would take no action until he returned home.

Commissioner Brown stated that best route was to go along the right-of-way of SR74 because we could tie everything in. He stated that he would personally go to GDOT and work with them to try and make it work.

Mr. Mallon stated that he had one other option. He stated that Fayette County owned the land east of the subdivisions. He stated that the Water System had plans to enhance the area. He stated that staff had Tetra Tech to do a concept for a one-mile trail to the school. He stated that the cost was estimated at \$750,000. He stated that there may be some grant opportunities.

Commissioner Brown stated that he would vote for that if that was the last option.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that the Transportation Committee discussed this with GDOT and they already agreed to let the county put the path on their right-of-way, but the problem was that no one could drive on it unless you had a driver's license. He stated that he was amazed that they came back so quickly with the offer, but that would not help the school kids.

Mr. Mallon stated that he would bring this back at another meeting.

No action was taken.

20. Update from Public Works on multiple path projects for Veterans Parkway over Sandy Creek, Redwine Road and Starrs Mill Tunnel & Path and a Master Path Plan, at the request of Commissioner Steve Brown.

Chairman Maxwell left the meeting for medical reasons.

Vice Chairman Ognio chaired the meeting.

Mr. Mallon stated that the Master Path Plan was happening and its goal was to determine where paths are needed. He stated that there were two open houses held and there were 141 people in attendance and 282 comments. He stated that there was a In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, accommodations are available for those who are hearing impaired and/or in need of a wheelchair. The Board of Commissioners Agenda and supporting material for each item is available on-line through the County's website at www.fayettecountyga.gov. This meeting will be telecast on Comcast Cable Channel 23 and on the internet at www.livestream.com.

survey still active. He stated that as part of the annexation agreement between Fayette County and the City of Fayetteville, we are committed to providing a multi-use path over Sandy Creek (the water body, not the road) along Veterans Parkway. He stated that the Board authorized staff to do a concept study last fall that was now complete. He stated that the study showed that there were similar shoulders on both sides. He stated that the recommendation was that the path could be put on the existing shoulder and add a section of guardrails for safety and move forward. He stated that he did not have official feedback from the City of Fayetteville, but he heard, indirectly, that they were in favor of this. He stated that it was the same thing with Pinewood Forest. He asked the Board if he should take it to design or wait until further development.

Commissioner Rousseau asked for a recommendation from Mr. Mallon.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that the county should get with Pinewood Forest to see if they were willing to tie into it. He stated that he thought the county's position was to put a bridge over the creek and now there was a bridge there. He stated that the county could furnish the guardrail and pave that section, but that it would be up to the city to do everything else. He stated that the county only agreed to the bridge and anything else would be additional.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to instruct staff to get with all the vested parties and bring recommendations back to the Board for review. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Chairman Maxwell left the meeting.

Mr. Mallon stated that the second project was the Redwine Road path project. He stated that this was the building of approximately 1.5 miles of new path to fill in existing gaps along Redwine Road. He continued that the project was behind schedule and underfunded. He stated that he and GDOT thought it was a good decision to make this a design built project to accelerate the project and bring it in cheaper. It did not work that way. He stated that GDOT had tried to make it work. He stated that it had gone out to bid three times and that the current low bid was \$2 million. He stated that the maximum that GDOT would entertain was \$1.8 million, so they had to reject this bid as well. He stated that GDOT would explore internal options and suggested that the county do the same. He stated that the options are to abandon the project, take the design work and provide a cost estimate for the Road Department to build over the next two winters or make it a traditional design and put it out to bid like any other project. He stated that the last one had some appeal because the county would stay in the federal aid program and both GDOT and Atlanta Region Commission stated that the funding had already been raised once. He stated that they may be willing to give the county what was needed to make it whole. He stated that it was delayed and the county was looking at \$80,000 to \$100,000 to take it from its current state to a design package. He stated that he would appreciate any suggestions.

Mr. Mallon stated that the last project was an update on the Starrs Mill school tunnel. He stated that this was a 2017 SPLOST project that was about 60% in design. He stated that it was to provide a tunnel from Redwine Road into the school complex. He stated that staff was pushing to hit construction this summer and that it became apparent that it would not happen about two months ago.

Commissioner Rousseau asked how far away was the project from being 60 to 100 percent complete. Mr. Mallon stated about two months from getting it to 100% design.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that the county was going to face another nightmare with the "small cell tower" bill. He stated that once they move the small cell towers in, the county would have no more authority on the road. He urged citizens to call the local delegation regarding the small cell towers because they are about to proliferate the right-of-way. He stated that the county was about to be impacted.

Commissioner Brown stated that he understood the school's internal traffic, but that they could make that work.

Mr. Mallon stated that he wanted to give it an honest effort and now he just needed to document it.

Commissioner Brown asked would the Board see this next summer. Mr. Mallon stated that it would be next summer.

21. Presentation for approval of the completed preliminary design plan prepared by the consultant prior to proceeding with preparation of final construction plans & specifications for the proposed roundabout project at the intersection of Countyline Road, Inman Road, South Jeff Davis Drive and Northridge Road (R-8A).

The Board recessed at 8:19 p.m. The Board reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Engineering, Building and Grounds Director Carlos Christian briefed the Board regarding this item. He stated that the \$15.2 million that was previously mentioned would include everything for the East Fayetteville Bypass. He stated that there was no coordination or impact with Clayton County. He stated that staff was asking the Board to approve this recommendation because it was the best option for that intersection to provide a measure of safety, minimize impacts to the surrounding properties and provides the best free-flow of traffic. He continued that the intersection was located adjacent to Clayton County. He stated that because there was one leg of the intersection on the Northridge Road side, there would need to be an intergovernmental agreement with Clayton County and some right-of-way that would need to be purchased. He stated that the Transportation Committee reviewed the project and discussed getting participation from Clayton County and paying for portions of the sidewalk improvement and road improvement that would be in Clayton County. He stated that staff would pursue that.

Mallet Consultant David Jaeger gave an update on the design and schedule of the project. Mr. Jaeger stated that the existing intersection was a four-way stop control and had a mal-alignment. He stated that it has a skew angle and there was a substantial centerline offset. He stated gave statistics for that intersection. He stated that the study conducted recommended a single lane roundabout as a solution to both the malalignment issue and the skew and offset would be corrected by having the roundabout. He stated that it would provide an improved level of service throughout the peak time. He stated that the single lane roundabout would provide improved safety. He stated that he concurred with the traffic study that the roundabout was an optimum solution for the intersection. He stated there was only four parcels to deal with for this project.

Mr. Christian stated that if Countyline Road did go to a four-lane and the county wanted to put in a two-lane roundabout, then staff would need to increase the amount of right-of-way to acquire. He stated that the lighting cost would be an additional \$100 a month. He stated that the landscape in the middle of the roundabouts would take staff time to maintain the areas. He stated that staff spent approximately 10 hours of staff time to maintain these areas.

Chairman Maxwell asked why was there one roundabout that would have lighting and others that do not have lighting. Mr. Christian stated that from a safety stand point it was better to have it lit. Mr. Mallon made comments from the audience. (inaudible).

Mr. Jaeger stated that the current volumes entering the roundabout on Northbridge was 302 vehicles for the a.m. peak, 160 vehicles for the p.m. peak and the projections for 2037 was 338 and 180 respectively.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve the completed preliminary design plan prepared by the consultant prior to proceeding with preparation of final construction plans & specifications for the proposed roundabout project at the intersection of Countyline Road, Inman Road, South Jeff Davis Drive and Northridge Road (R-8A) with the caveat that the county would make futuristic plans for the four-lane and acquire the additional right-of-way. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

22. Project update of environmental documents, roadway alignment, typical section and schedule for the East Fayetteville Bypass (R-8B) roadway project between State Route 54 to County Line Road at County Line Court and Ravens Landing.

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Mr. Mallon stated that this was an informational agenda item. He stated that based on the scope of work set by the Board in 2014, staff needed to come before the Board on the preliminary alignment that had a list of other things associated with it. He gave a PowerPoint presentation. He stated that some of the key things to point out was that the road was being designed with all the new road construction within a 120-foot right-of-way. He stated that it was a larger foot print than normally used for a two-lane road. He stated that it was being used to allow, if needed in the future, turn lanes or even expand to a four-lane road. He stated that there was no paths or sidewalks included in the budget for this project. He stated that with the 120-foot right-of-way and some of the proposed grading, if in the future, the Board wanted to put along the entire length or a portion, it would be relatively easy to accommodate. He stated that Mallet Consultant David Jaeger had to coordinate with possible McDonough Road widening with GDOT and the existing GDOT widening on SR54 East. He stated that he envisioned that the intersection would be controlled by a traffic signal. He stated that there was less certainty about the intersection at McDonough Road, but he expected it to be a two-way stop control with traffic on the East Bypass stopping on McDonough to remain free-flow. He stated that was under the assumption that the county completes its project before the McDonough Road project. He continued that the GDOT design team would study that intersection and it would likely be a roundabout or traffic signal. He stated that the project included a large bridge construction which was not part of Mallet's scope of work and would be one of the first task orders under the Transportation Engineer of Record. He stated that this was one of the 2017 SPLOST projects that looked to expand in the future and realign with SR279 and possibly extend SR279 into the East Fayetteville Bypass. He stated that on the southside there was money program to see what improvements could be made or needed on Inman Road to possibly increase the posted speed limit, address safety issues and straighten curbs. He stated that an Open House held last May for this project. He stated that there were 74 people in attendance, 43 comment cards and 42% of the comments were opposed to the project, 7% were uncommitted and 51% either supported the project or were supporting it with a range of conditions. He stated that the importance of the project and its long-term value to the county would depend on how well the county could control access. He stated that he was asking the Board to give directive to develop any measures needed in terms of, overlay districts or policies.

Mr. Jaeger stated that the proposed date for the McDonough Road project was 2022. He stated that if this project stayed on schedule it would begin before that project and any realignment would be a part of their project and not the county's. He stated that he did support centering the road. He stated that the traffic data did not support a four-lane road. He provided the Board with a summary of some project milestones. He stated that final construction plan and specification would be done by the end of 2018 and construction would start the spring or summer of 2019. He stated that some of the dates were depending on the time to acquire right-of-way and the time to accomplish the permitting process.

Commissioner Brown stated that this project was much less a project if the connection with SR279 was not made. Mr. Mallon stated that although it would be ultimately a part of a continuous alignment, from a permitting stand point, it needed to be a separate job, otherwise all the work done would bring the project back to square one. He stated that money was available in the 2017 SPLOST to do this type study. Commissioner Brown stated that there was no additional right-of-way programmed for funding for the Corinth section. He asked if the county would just repave or re-mill the road.

Mr. Mallon stated that the only right-of-way or improvement would be in the sharp curb area.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that the Transportation Committee mentioned the realignment of SR279 to GDOT and they were going to consider it. He stated that in the 2004 SPLOST allocation, there was \$4,750,000 for SR279.

Commissioner Brown stated that if the county had the opportunity to fortify some of the roads...we should eliminate as many curb cuts as possible. He stated that he would like to look at taking some of the money and using it to purchase vital pieces of right-of-way on Corinth Road.

Commissioner Rousseau asked if the county was committed to connectivity with respect to paths within the county. He stated that it would be best to do it now, so that the county would not have to go back later to acquire right-of-way.

Mr. Mallon stated that as proposed the project would not have sidewalk, bike lanes or paths. He stated that it would be easy to put in a sidewalk or multi-use path after the fact.

Commissioner Rousseau asked if staff could show the paths on the design ahead of time. Mr. Mallon stated that we were safe with the paths. He stated that from his experience, federal aid money was not a good fit for path projects. Mr. Mallon acknowledged the difference in the completion dates. He stated that staff pushed it out a year because of right-of-way.

Vice Chairman Ognio asked what was the cost difference in putting the roadbed to one side rather than the middle. He asked what was the benefit of placing it in the center.

Mr. Jaeger stated that by having it in the center it would maintain the ability to handle anything on either side of the road, such as future lane widenings, turn radius and slopes. He stated that it was his belief that if it became a four lane, the county would have already achieved the life span of the pavement that was put down.

Mr. Mallon stated that he wanted to share some concerns of a citizen that had been very involved, but that was unable to attend the meeting. He stated that Mr. Gary McBride spoke to his neighbors and wanted the county to consider making the intersection at Countyline Road a "right-in/right-out only". This would force people to take the East Bypass because they would not be able to make a left. He stated that staff did not support that. He stated that this was a mobility project. He stated that the mobility would go into having connectivity and alternatives.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that the opinion of the Transportation Committee was that a two-lane should be allowed, but if it were to become a four-lane, it might need to be an R-cut.

Frank Gardner stated that a "sticky" point for him was bicycles. He stated that it had become a major project for him. He stated that staff should start considering putting in a bicycle lane when these type improvements are being made or not to allow the bicycles.

Chairman Maxwell stated that he was involved in the West Fayetteville Bypass. He stated that he picked the Veterans Parkway because he thought it was a better road than the East Fayetteville Bypass. He stated that the East Fayetteville Bypass had been in the plans for a number of years. He stated that the West Fayetteville Bypass was continuing. He stated that he did not support the East Fayetteville Bypass. He stated that part of the reason was because he did not know how the road would finish up at the north part...Corinth curb. He stated that he went there and looked at the neighborhood and business. He stated that he saw no way of putting a four-lane road through the businesses without knocking the buildings down. He stated that he could not understand why we would build the bypass without tying in SR279. He was concerned with who would be using the road. He stated that he felt it would mainly be for out-of-county residence that would use this road. He stated that no one from the east part of the county had contacted him and said that they did not want the bypass and that was going to be important to him. He stated that he did not have enough information to say that he thought it was a great project because he did not know how it would finish at Corinth Road.

Commissioner Oddo stated that the population statistics show that even though Fayette County was slow growing, the surrounding counties are also growing. He stated that Chairman Maxwell was right that it would be for other counties to use, but they would use the roads the county had anyway, so this would help with congestion and hopefully prevent it from becoming like the middle of Peachtree City was currently. He stated that the county could look ahead and plan for what would be. He stated that if nothing was done, it would be worse. He stated that we should minimize the curb cut to move traffic from the south to the

north and it should not be a commercial corridor. He stated that this was the best time to do this. He stated that we do not want to stop this project. He stated that the county had received assistance to conduct studies. He stated that GDOT needed to know that the county had an interest in the project.

No action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

GCIP Internship:

Mr. Rapson advised the Board that the county had been awarded two internships through ACCG's internship program for both the Finance Department and the State Court.

Selection Committees:

Development Authority: Commissioner Brown moved to appoint Commissioner Brown and Vice Chairman Ognio as the Selection Committee for the Development Authority. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Chairman Maxwell left the meeting.

Hospital Authority: Commissioner Brown moved to appoint Commissioner Oddo and Commissioner Brown as the Selection Committee for the Hospital Authority. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Chairman Maxwell left the meeting.

Public Arts Committee: Commissioner Rousseau moved to appoint Commissioner Brown and Vice Chairman Ognio as the Selection Committee for the Public Arts Committee. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Chairman Maxwell left the meeting.

McIntosh Trail: Commissioner Rousseau moved to appoint Commissioner Oddo and Commissioner Brown as the Selection Committee for the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Chairman Maxwell left the meeting.

Transportation Committee: Letters had been mailed out to the Transportation Committee's municipality representatives for appointment because their terms will end.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Notice of Executive Session: County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that there was one item of pending litigation and the review of the Executive Session minutes February 22, 2018.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Brown:

Commissioner Brown stated that Dekalb had a 48" water main blow out. He stated that schools had to be canceled and restaurants closed. He stated that the Watershed Director resigned and sent out a letter that said he was instructed to violate state and federal law by his superiors. He stated that from his perspective it was too late to offer a letter of resignation and now

say someone told him to do the wrong thing. He stated that this had cost their county millions and millions of dollars. He stated that the time to say something was not after the calamity happened.

Commissioner Rousseau:

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he wanted to take the opportunity to commend the Transportation Committee. He stated that he attended the open house and that he was proud that the community was responding.

He continued that he had gotten a lot of emails regarding school safety. He stated that the school board was responding considering the issues happening around the country.

He stated that he wanted to reemphasize the issue of small cell towers. He stated that the county was about to be hit and that they were dealing with a bully in the telecommunication industry.

He stated that he had conversations with staff regarding Antioch and SR92 and he made some overtures to them with the previous vote that he made. He stated that they have an agreement to not let it get to that point before having more in-depth conversations. He extended his apologies and thanked staff for working with him on that issue.

He concluded with recognition of International Women's Day.

Commissioner Oddo:

Commissioner Oddo stated that his wife was back from handling family situations in Columbia and he was very happy to have her back.

Vice Chairman Ognio:

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that he agreed with Commissioner Rousseau regarding the small cell tower issue. He stated that the state took away any control the county would have within the county. He stated that it was interesting that they took out the ability to put the small cell towers on state right-of-way, but they can put it anywhere in the county. He stated that it was crazy that the legislative would do this to the county because it would affect the appearance of the right-of-way, but it would overall affect the cell tower ordinance in the county and that the Board would have to address that.

He stated that St. Patrick's Day was coming up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Notice of Executive Session: County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that there was one item of pending litigation and the review of the Executive Session minutes February 22, 2018.

One Item of Pending Litigation and review of the February 22, 2018 Executive Session Minutes: Commissioner Rousseau moved to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Chairman Maxwell had to leave the meeting.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 10:03 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 10:08 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 passed 4-0. Chairman Maxwell had to leave the meeting.

Approval of the February 22, 2018 Executive Session Minutes: Vice Chairman Ognio moved to approve the February 22, 2018 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Chairman Maxwell had to leave the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Brown moved to adjourn the March 8, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Chairman Maxwell had to leave the meeting.

The March 8, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Tameca P. White, County Clerk

Eric K. Maxwell, Chairman

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 22nd day of March 2018. Referenced attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

Tameca P. White, County Clerk