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140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

ACTIONAGENDA

June 14, 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 June 14, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
All members of the Board were present.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Steve Brown

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

Acceptance of Agenda

Vice- Chairman Ognio moved to approve the agenda with modification to item #9 to update the dollar amount to \$65,274, and also to pull item #20 off the Agenda for discussion at an alternate Board of Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

1. Recognition of Balloons Over Fayette T-Shirt Design Contest Winner Mya Jarosz.

Anita Godbee Parks and Recreation Director recognized Mya Jarozas the 2018 Balloons over Fayette T-shirt Design Contest Winner, acknowledging her artistic acumen and creativity.

Director Godbee also took this opportunity to commend and publicly acknowledge Blaze Jeffery Fayette County Special Events Coordinator, who worked tirelessly to make the Balloons Over Fayette eve a success.

2. Acceptance of Public Safety Donation from Kinder Morgan for \$10,000.00 to purchase extrication equipment for use on accident scenes.

Chief Scarbrough recognized Kinder Morgan for \$10,000 donation to purchase extrication equipment for use on accident scenes. Stephanie Kindregan, with Kinder Morgan, Project Manager Michael Walls and Area Manager Tom Tolver was present to make the presentation.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 3. First of two Public Hearings on Fayette County's proposed annual budget for Fiscal Year 2019 which begins on July 1, 2018 and ends June 30, 2019.**

Chief Financial Officer Mary Parrott made a presentation to the Board. She stated that in the current year, staff was anticipating adding \$633,000 to the General Fund balance. She stated that there were two grants in the judicial system. The county was not awarded as much as requested, so the recommendation was to adjust the proposed budget to compensate for the differences. The first grant was for DUI Court and the impact was a \$25,000 reduction to the fund balance, as opposed to \$55,000. She stated that upon receiving the notifications, staff met with the DUI and Drug Court to establish a more reasonable revenue and expenditure for the fiscal year 2019 budget. She stated there was a fund balance of \$215,000 for DUI Court. She stated that it was the same issue for Drug Court; fund balance \$650,000. The participant levels are increasing in both DUI and Drug Court. Staff recommended to make the adjustments to the proposed budget to be adopted on June 28. She stated that they have 72 participants and that it would increase to 80. Staff believed it was justified to add an additional case manager to go from one to two case managers.

Commissioner Charles Rousseau asked if the reduction in the grant would affect personnel. Mrs. Parrott stated no because there was significant fund balance to cover that. She stated that the finance department would continue to monitor this and make sure the fund balance stayed strong. There was an increase of revenue being brought in through the DUI and Drug Court.

Mrs. Parrott stated that the county had rolled back the millage rate for several years. She stated that the proposed budget included 758 positions. She stated that there was 1.88% included in the proposed budget for merit pay. She stated that the total was \$780,000, but the recommendation was to use the 15-35-35-15 bell-curve ranking, as opposed to the three-level bell-curve that was used last year.

County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that the steps would be a 1.5% (15-35-35-15) instead of 2.5% (10-70-20).

Mrs. Parrott stated that the General Fund impact was positive with an increase of \$540,250, no property increase, maintain superior customer service, millage rate rollback with a savings of \$600,000 this year, included the rolling 5-year capital improvement program for \$6,358,858. Staff ensures that the county has not been using one-time revenues for recurring expenses. She continued that the benefits are strong for the employees and are incorporated in the budget. She thanked the department heads who worked with them on the budget.

Mr. Rapson stated that this was the sixth consecutive year of rolling back the property taxes. He continued that if the county had the same millage rate from 2013, that tax would be \$21 million higher. That was \$21 million that were rolled back to the tax payers that was seen as a tax benefit. In addition, the \$6.3 million for capital improvement projects was fulfilling funding an entire five-year plan for all departments, which was unheard of in regard to how other counties are functioning. This is the sixth consecutive year that the rates have not been increased for employees. He stated that other things have been done to modify the plan, but that was an anomaly as well. He stated that the county was still reaping the benefits of the retirement plan. He stated that the county made huge

changes in 2013 that still ripple to benefits today. He stated that Fayette County was the only county in Georgia that was overfunded in retirement. He stated that it was one of the reasons that the county was AAA rated. "Just because it looks easy, doesn't mean that it is easy." He stated that there are a lot of things that could not be controlled and other elected officials was one of those. He continued that the county had great relationships with the other constitutional officers and the Board was seeing the benefit of that over the last six years.

Mr. Rapson stated that staff was requesting Board ratification of three items: two modifications to the DUI and Drug Court grant and to ratify the use of the 15-35-35-15 bell-curve.

The Board opted to ask questions and provide any changes prior to public comments.

Commissioner Brown stated that he had mentioned at the past budget meetings that there was a request for personnel in the Magistrate Court for legitimate reasons and he thought it was necessary to address the request in order for that judicial agency to function legally. He did not want to put them in a situation and have it come back to the Board, where they are not performing their duties in a lawful manner when looking at the judicial system.

Mr. Rapson stated that it was one of the items that was not funded in the budget for a full-time position at \$63,325 or a part-time law clerk at \$20,293. Mr. Rapson summarized the items not included in the budget. He asked the Board to let him know if they would like it included. The additional items not included in the budget:

Full-time Superior Court Deputy Clerk I - \$46,617
Superior Court Judges Supplement - \$7,000 (Max \$50,000)
State Court Judge DUI Supplement - \$6,000
State Court Judge Stipend - \$3,600
Senior Services/Saturday Hours - \$32,000
Non-Profit Funding - \$100,000; including the \$19,743 that would originally be approved for Bloom

Chairman Maxwell opened the floor to the public to discuss each item. He called each item.

There were no public comments regarding the DUI Court grant modification.
There were no public comments regarding the Drug Court grant modification.
There were no public comments regarding the 15-35-35-15 bell-curve merit pay.

Commissioner Oddo made a motion to approve the 15-35-35-15 bell-curve merit pay.

Mr. Rapson stated that staff needed direction on which method the Board preferred. Mr. Rapson stated that this was a discussion on how to implement a pay-for-performance plan. The first step would be to take the 18 steps and stretch it out to 36 steps and instead of each step being worth 2.5% it would be worth 1.25%. He stated that there were 32 total departments, but only about 18 that had more than 20 employees. They would stratify their rankings were only 15% of the total population of that department would receive 3.75% increase and that would ratchet it down to a 35%, 35% and a 15%. When it was stratified that way, it meant a 3.75% merit performance plan to be funded at 1.88% which was included in the proposed budget.

He continued that last year the Board approved a 10-70-20 bell-curve. Last year it was a 5% merit performance plan, but there was not the same stratification in the steps and the changes in the steps. It was 2.5%. He stated that 10% of the employees received 0%, 70% received 2.5%, and 20% received 5% merit pay. He stated that the 15-35-35-15 was ratcheting it back to more of a true bell-curve. He stated that the county had an elaborate performance

merit system where the employees are ranked on all the performance duties associated with their job and that evaluation gives a score and based on that score was how the pay-for-performance merit was determined. Commissioner Brown stated that financially it was almost the same cost as the previous year, but that it was just the stratification of the funds.

Mr. Rapson stated that last year the county funded higher than the 2.5%, so it was funded at roughly 2.75% last year. He stated that this year's proposal was actually a cheaper plan because now the maximum was 3.75% at 1.88% funded. He continued that this was not a COLA; cost of living increase. He stated that a merit-performance plan kept the county marketable for its top performers.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that it could be incorporated, but that he was not prepared to vote on this item. He stated that he was prepared to include it and have a side-by-side chart and as the Board moved toward final approval of the budget, then the Board could make a decision at that time.

Mr. Rapson stated that Mrs. Parrott's slide showed the comparison side-by-side. He stated that the recommendation was more conservative than last year.

Commissioner Rousseau asked if it was included. Mr. Rapson stated that it was included in the PowerPoint, he stated that he would bring it back on June 28, because staff needed to know what plan to implement. Commissioner Rousseau stated that the numbers were already in the budget.

Commissioner Brown stated that he liked the 15-35-35-15.

Chairman Maxwell called the discussion for the change of equipment.

Road Department Director Steve Hoffman stated that he was asking for a change from a 242D skid steer loader to a 279D with tracks, skid steer loader. He stated that it was a larger piece of equipment.

Commissioner Brown asked if staff preferred to buy the equipment rather than lease the equipment. Mr. Hoffman stated yes. He continued that he had not leased any equipment in the past or pursued any type lease option on any equipment.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that this equipment would be on a trailer and dedicate for clearing road debris and would not go out on any other projects so it was sitting there ready. He stated that the other advantage with the 279D over the 242D was that the 242D was a wheel loader which was a little less stable than the track loader when moving logs.

Mr. Rapson stated that this would be funded out of Fund 610 which was the vehicle and equipment renewal so it had no impact to the overall General Fund.

Mr. Hoffman responded to Commissioner Brown and stated that he would guess that the Road Department would use this equipment about 15 times over the course of the year. He stated that staff currently used the Gradall to do some of the work and he was trying to limit the Gradall from going out on some of these jobs.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that he would like to see it included in the budget. He stated that without the larger piece of equipment and they have to use the smaller one, they are not going to be able to move the tree. He stated

that they would use the Gradall and if we could extend the life of the Gradall by not using it for this type thing, it would pay off for the county in the long run.

Commissioner Brown stated that he did not have a problem with the equipment. He stated that he would like to see what it would cost to lease the equipment, just as a comparison. He stated that he would like to see what the numbers are as a comparison.

Mr. Rapson stated that staff did look at the lease program to have things on stand-by, it was not economical. He stated that the county had never leased any vehicle or equipment.

He stated that he would like for the Board to vote. He stated that if the Board wanted to vote on some of the items staff could take them off the table.

Commissioner Brown stated that Mr. Rapson was gathering consensus and include it in the budget and the Board would vote on it at the budget meeting.

Mr. Rapson stated that the problem was that the county had to advertise the final budget. He stated that if he had sixteen different moving targets then he had sixteen different versions of that. He stated that it did not sound like there was any controversy for the grant adjustment for the DUI and Drug Court. He stated that it would be helpful if staff could incorporate those.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that if the Board liked it, then the Board should move forward with it. Commissioner Oddo stated that he did not have an issue doing that either.

Chairman Maxwell called the discussion for the Magistrate Court clerk position.

Commissioner Brown stated that most of the decision made for the budget and this was a functional thing. He continued that there were a lot of judicial things that are discussed. He stated that this was a very functional part of how Magistrate Court conducted business and what was required by law in order for them to conduct business.

Chief Magistrate Judge Robert "Bob" Ruppenthal stated that he made a presentation at the retreat. He stated that he would move forward with the division on July 1 as required and so the staffing would be changed. He stated that as opposed to the judges being assisted by four clerks, they would only be assisted by one staff person who would be reassigned from one of the four clerks to be designated to the judges. He stated that one clerk would probably be insufficient and not adequate for the judges. He stated that the Magistrate Judges could not continue to use the clerks to meet the shortfall. He stated that he wanted to make that clear and that one of the main reasons for doing the division as of July 1 was because of the legal guidance that they have received that the clerks should not be performing that dual task. He stated that he had new information sent to him while waiting in the audience. He stated that he would get that information to the Board to review prior to the final vote of the budget. He stated that he knew the proposed budget did not include the position and if that became the Board's position they would work around it and survive and make the request again. He stated that if it was in the Board's ability to grant that position, they would appreciate it.

There were no public comments regarding the Magistrate Court Law Clerk.

Commissioner Brown stated that for clarity, the Magistrate Court would have to conduct the same activity with fewer people. Judge Ruppenthal stated that was correct. He stated that since 1983 the clerks had been acting in a dual

role which was just the way it had always been. He stated that as of July 1 the clerks would not be acting as judicial assistants. Commissioner Brown stated that if the Board did not approve this, there would be less people doing the same job and doing it in a manner that was not the legal way to do it. Judge Ruppenthal stated that as of July 1, they would be doing it the correct way, with less resources. He continued that they would come into compliance and do it the right way regardless. He concluded that he would get supplement with further documents for the Board's consideration. He asked the Board to hold until the next meeting.

Chairman Maxwell called the discussion for the Superior Court Deputy Clerk I position. There were no public comments regarding the Superior Court Deputy Clerk I position.

Chairman Maxwell called the discussion for Salary/Supplements for Court Judges. There were no public comments regarding the Salary/Supplement or Court Judges.

Mr. Rapson stated that the judges' request was to increase this to the maximum \$7,000. He stated that it would be an impact to the Griffin Judicial Circuit of \$30,142 and the General Fund increase would be \$46,306. He stated that an increase in supplement would ripple to the State Court Judge, State Court Solicitor, Clerk of Superior Court, Tax Commissioner, Sheriff and Probate Court Judge.

Chairman Maxwell stated that last year the Board approved half of the increase. Mr. Rapson stated that it was about 2.4% for them. Chairman Maxwell asked what the other counties (Spalding, Upson and Pike counties) were doing.

Mr. Rapson stated that the other counties were waiting on the decision of Fayette County and last year the other counties approved increasing it last year and he assumed that if Fayette County moved forward, so would the other counties and it would "ripple" the entire Griffin Judicial Circuit.

Commissioner Brown stated that the State had done some things to clean up the judicial salaries. He stated that the disparity in pay for judges doing the exact same job, in the exact same position, in different circuits was "incredible". He stated that he was almost inclined to take them to the maximum and then it wouldn't have to come back again.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated the problem was that was not the case. He stated that they would lobby the representative to raise the maximum, which was what happened. The maximum was raised.

Commissioner Brown stated that it could go up again, he would not deny that.

Commissioner Rousseau suggested taking this to ACCG (Association of County Commissioners of Georgia) since it effects the state of Georgia. He stated that it was something that the Board should consider for the legislative package as well as for ACCG.

Chairman Maxwell called the discussion for State Court Judge.

Mr. Rapson stated that currently the Superior Court Judges that are in the Griffin Circuit receive the \$6,000 supplement because the county has a DUI Court. He stated that the State Court Judge currently does not receive that supplement. He stated that it was based on state law. He stated that the State Court Judge was asking to receive that supplement. The State Court Solicitor was tied to any supplement that the State Court Judge would receive. He stated that this supplement increase would a total of \$11,304 because of both positions.

Commissioner Rousseau asked if this was included in the numbers that was presented.

Mr. Rapson stated that no. He stated that he and Mrs. Parrott recommend merit increases for the employees of the county, but that supplements and stipends were Board action items. He stated that he supported the supplement and the stipend. He stated that if the Board was leaning toward doing the DUI and the stipend, then he would caution the Board that there was impact associated with the Superior Court Judge. He stated that the DUI supplement would be \$11,304 and or the Board could decide if they just wanted to do the \$3,600 stipend, which was a \$300 expense reimbursement that they would receive. He stated that the other constitutional officers receive this with the exception of the State Court Judge and the State Court Solicitor per state law. He stated that if the Board agreed to do the \$3,600 it would be equivalent to \$7,751 and if the Board did both the supplement and stipend it would be \$19,055 and all would be General Fund impacts against the \$540,000 surplus that we currently have.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that if the Board did the Superior Court at \$7,000 and the other two, the State Court Judge would end up with \$25,000 more.

Mr. Rapson stated that if the Board did the \$43,000 to \$50,000 for Superior Court Judge and let it ripple to the others, the State Court Judge's salary would go up \$6,300 and the Solicitor would go up \$4,725 and it would be "couched" with the supplement and the stipend if the Board did a combination of the three. He stated that if the Board wanted until June 28 to make these decision, we would not be adopting a budget because there was so many variations, he was not sure how staff could pull it together and have the advertisements in time to adopt the budget on June 28.

Commissioner Oddo stated that the Board did not do this last year. He stated that he would recommend including these in the budget for the next meeting. The impact was \$19,055 to have the DUI supplement and stipend.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that if these items were included and excluded these items, the Board would still meet the challenging of a final vote on whichever one the Board adopted because both would be before the Board.

Mr. Rapson stated that his recommendation was to vote on the supplement and then vote on the stipend so that it would be two different actions and whatever was approved would be incorporated in the budget. He stated that the Board could still make modifications to the budget on June 28, but then it would be a budget that was fairly accurate. He stated that, for example, with the DUI Court grant, he would not like having a budget that he knew was overstated by \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Chairman Maxwell called the discussion for the Senior Services Saturday hours.

Mr. Rapson stated that the county funded the increases that were needed for operations and the other item needed, but did not fund the expansion of the Saturday hours at \$32,000.

Commissioner Rousseau asked was it in addition to the transportation enhancements.

Mr. Rapson stated the transportation and the operations are included in the budget. The \$32,000 was in addition to the transportation and operations that are included. He stated that currently we funded \$74,000 more, but not the additional \$32,000.

There were no public comments regarding the Senior Services Saturday hours.

Chairman Maxwell called the discussion for the Non-Profit agencies.

Mr. Rapson stated that there was a lot of discussion at the retreat and at the meeting, but since there was not a consensus or vote taken by the Board, then the recommendation for \$100,000 for non-profits and for FACTOR to manage that on behalf of the Board was not included in the budget. He stated that the only non-profit that the Board had funded before was Bloom at \$19,743 and that had been removed from the budget until the Board made a decision on how to move forward.

FACTOR Executive Director Becky Smith stated that the major thing that FACTOR did was advocate for non-profits and one of the biggest issues was funding. She stated that was one of the reasons that the proposal for FACTOR to establish a non-profit grant program that would be administered the way other grants are administered. She stated that there were great non-profits in the community doing great work that work with and support the vulnerable in the community. The proposal was to set aside \$100,000 from the General Fund to do the work that the government agencies are not necessarily doing and if they are the non-profits are assisting and making a huge difference. Ted Kirk stated that he had worked with FACTOR for about four or five years. He stated that some of the things he had seen with FACTOR in Fayette County was amazing. He stated that the Board had appointed him to the Region Six Advisory Council and he had been elected to the State Leadership Board and by being a part of that he had heard of FACTORS in various counties. He stated that Fayette County FACTOR was very active and the request should be considered. He stated that Fayette County was the leader in a lot of areas and what was done in Fayette County, the other counties are watching and following.

Pastor Mike Stachura, the pastor of Community Life at Grace Church. He stated that it was in his privilege to work with non-profit community for the last 15 years as a resident of Fayette County. He stated that as a church they tried to identify partners, rather than create, as a church, their efforts to help in the community, they wanted to identify valuable non-profits to work with. He stated FACTOR was an advocacy group for the non-profits to fill the gaps that, as a county would prefer not to fund with public money. He stated that groups like AVPride, Fayette Care Clinic and those for the economic disadvantage like the Midwest Food Bank, The RealLife Center and Fayette Samaritans. He stated that he could go on. He stated that there were many small non-profits in Fayette County that are being led by very dedicated, underfunded executive directors. He stated that the request was to have a place where those groups could go to request additional funds. He stated that they were not asking for a hand out, but a hand up. He stated that he was most concerned about the lack of care apart from the non-profits for mental health, the medically fragile and particularly for the veterans. He stated that FACTOR could provide the clearing house to allocate for those with the greatest needs.

Executive Director for AVPride Pam Reid stated that she was also a partner of FACTOR. She stated that there was no doubt in her mind that FACTOR was the right organization to be administrators of this process. She stated that she was feeling disheartened. She stated that AVPride had been preparing to apply for the 21st Century Grant in the 2019-2020 process. She stated that the \$2 billion reserved for that had been cut to \$100 million which meant many programs would not receive the same level of funding and many organizations like AVPride would not receive funding at all. She stated that it was a big blow as AVPride was looking at sustainability and looking to extend services to other Title I schools. She stated that she liked to think of this opportunity as one she called "OWN". "This is our OWN local government with its OWN accumulated resources to support its OWN local non-profits that supports its OWN at-risk students and their families." She stated that she hoped the Board would consider the approval of this grant process and approving FACTOR being the administrator of this process.

Commissioner Brown stated that the one issue he had with the proposal was creating a pool of funds to be ran by another independent party. He stated that he always looked at the Board's charge being, if there was something that was directly related to government function, a service that government had to provide, and the non-profit was taking part of that service load off the county and doing something that the county was mandated to do, then he was

always willing to look at funding that proposal to some degree. He stated that was why he was in favor of funding FACTOR, because they are a governmental entity, funded through a legislative process. He stated that he never had a real problem writing a check to FACTOR to allow them to facilitate what they do. He stated that when including others that do not meet the mandates for government, he had issues. He stated that he believed it was important to get the community to fund more of these needs. He stated that when it was the tax payer's dollar he had to be mindful if there was a legitimate government connection related to that fund.

Mrs. Smith stated that if the Board would consider seed money as something that would start a community fund, that would be something that would be helpful as well. She stated that the plan was to build on whatever they were able to get approved.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that most government agencies in Georgia have a Human Services Department, the county does not. He stated that in addition to that other counties fill some of the voids and look at program and services that are essential to the quality of life in the neighborhood. Fayette County does not do that. He stated that Fayette County relied on partners to fill the void. He stated that it was strange territory to have an outside entity, but just like with any board or committee that was established by the Board of Commissioners, the final approval would come from the Board. He stated that if the Board did adopt this request he would not be in favor of anyone taken the final approval from the Board. He stated that as a matter of perspective, when discussing the DUI Court and Drug Court; the courts have gotten into a role in addition to what the non-profits do. He stated that the non-profits work on the preventive side and can avoid the increase of numbers in these courts. He stated that if the numbers are increasing and there are agencies that do preventive care, that can stop, prevent or assist those individuals before getting to the courts, then maybe there would not be a need for a DUI and Drug Court, possibly. He stated that senior services are coordinated through Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and give a supplement for the services. He stated that was simply the request for the non-profit. He stated that he would strongly encourage and ask the Board to think futuristically. He stated that the Board had to look beyond and be visionary. He stated that the county was "aging in place" and the infrastructure was "aging in place" so the county did a SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax). He continued that the facilities are aging and the county needed to create a blueprint for the future of the county. He stated that he mentioned at the last meeting regarding not having a recreation amenity- physical structure. He stated that he would like to see a recreation structure funded and additional funding to look at big boxes being abandoned to assist non-profits and recreation. He stated that the biggest issue was that the county did not provide that service and give money to human services. He stated that if it did not work, the Board did not have to continue to do it. He stated that the Board started the arts council and gave \$50,000 seed money, spent millions of dollars to purchase the Links Golf Course for the public safety. He stated that what the county was willing to invest in spoke volumes about where are the county's emphasis. He asked the Board to give more thought thinking outside what had traditionally been done and consider give it favorable consideration.

Commissioner Brown stated that Commissioner Rousseau made a good point about giving thought to coming up with a future plan and if the Board had something like that then there would not be groups coming every year asking for various things. He stated that the Board should not lose sight of all the money invested in human services. He stated that there were hundreds of thousands of dollars serving individuals that are not even Fayette County residents. He stated that Clayton County residents use the county's Health Department. He stated that his way of doing it was to always tie it to a government mandate that was within a government channel. He stated that there was so many groups and the Board would have to pick the winners and the losers and that bothered him.

E. Dollie Pollard stated that she was a newly invested resident, tax payer, business owner and gently aging in place in Fayette County, Fayetteville, Georgia. She stated that her decision to move to the county was based on quality of life, ability to continue working as aging in place. She stated that she had a global background on building

businesses around the world and her focus was on social justice and social good. She stated that she was very invested in supporting not-for-profits and non-profits, whether government mandated or citizen supported. She stated that there had to be a cohesiveness and a collective conscience about the impacts of not serving the higher goods of the most vulnerable citizenry and at the same time growing the political and government base to be a health government that supports all citizens. She stated that she was a tax payer and she had no problem with portions of her taxes going toward support an organization that chooses to be used as a clearing house to identify the best way, using best practices and excellent data to make sure the most vulnerable are taken care of. She stated that the county can have measures such as DUI and Drug Court in place, but there could be prevention on the front end to create programs and assessments to address it through good health and excellent non-profits.

Alice Jones stated that she and Commissioner Brown have gone back and forth over the years discussing a community facility to accommodate recreational activities and summer programs for children and seniors and to accommodate aquatics. She stated that young people do not have the ability to go to a facility to learn how to swim. She stated that the citizens go to surrounding counties to make that happen. She stated that Kedron was allowable for accommodation for a few select people. She stated that she would like to work with the Board to look at future visioning and work on something to allow the millennials to become employed in the summer months. She stated that in regard to Fayette Care Clinic, the people who are being served by that facility are people who sit beside you in church on Sunday and people who are working in the grocery stores with no coverage. She stated that they are working and paying taxes, but he health insurance was missing. She stated that we have insurance on cars and houses, so why not have something in place to provide for those who are vulnerable and don't have the money to buy insurance for themselves and their families.

Chairman Maxwell asked County Attorney Dennis Davenport if it was appropriate to call each item again and ask if there was a motion.

Mr. Rapson stated that there had to be a vote. He stated that the grants were not a part of the official budget until the Board took action.

Commissioner Brown stated that for clarification, staff was trying to narrow down a dollar figure for the ad that had to be placed in the newspapers that would give the citizens a general understanding of what the budget would be.

Mr. Rapson stated that it was not so much the ad, but the budget resolution that had to be adopted on June 28 to put the budget in place. He stated that there were a lot of moving parts that had to happen before June 28 and staff was trying to get ahead of that curve.

Commissioner Brown stated that on June 28 the Board would not be presented with a "love it or leave it" budget. Mr. Rapson stated no. Commissioner Brown stated that he would not want to pre-vote something in or out until the Board had the final information.

Mr. Rapson stated that if the budget was approved June 28, there could be a budget amendment on July 12. He stated that the option to change the budget was a continual option at each Board meeting.

Mrs. Parrott stated that the Board would need to adopt a resolution on June 28, and if the Board did not then it would mean that there was not an adopted budget because July 1 was the beginning of the fiscal year. She stated that it would be very helpful to have direction on what the Board would like to include, but she would like to reiterate that the Board could adopt the budget and ask staff to amend it the next week. She stated that there was nothing to

prevent that. She stated that staff also would publish the resolution as part of the agenda item to give citizens the opportunity to look at it before the meeting.

Mr. Rapson stated that if the Board did not approve a budget on June 28, then staff would continue conducting business, but not hiring the 14 new positions or initiate any new contracts that are part of that new budget.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that the Board needed to decide. He stated that we had a retreat, had discussion and it was time to make some decisions one way or another.

Mr. Davenport stated that an individual motion for each item would be in order because the variations and combinations are complex.

Commissioner Oddo moved to lower the DUI Court, Fund 214 by \$79,753 based on the grant. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Vice Chairman Ognio moved to lower the Drug Court by \$179,250 based on the grant. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Vice Chairman Ognio moved to approve the 15-35-35-15 plan. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-1. Commissioner Rousseau abstained to get more information.

Vice Chairman Ognio moved to upgrade the equipment to a 279D Skid Steer Loader for \$22,522. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-1. Commissioner Brown abstained in the hopes to discuss it again on June 28.

No motion was made for the Magistrate Court.

No motion was made for the Superior Court Deputy Clerk I.

No motion was made for the salary/supplements for the Superior Court Judges.

Chairman Maxwell asked for clarification on the stipend.

Mr. Rapson stated that the stipend was a \$300 allowance which was \$3,600 each for the State Court Judge and State Solicitor and the total impact to the General Fund would be \$7,751.

Commissioner Oddo moved to add the stipend to the budget. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 4-1. Commissioner Brown abstained.

Mr. Rapson stated that the supplement would be a \$6,000 supplement to run the DUI Court with a total impact of \$11,304. It would affect the State Court Judge (\$6,000) and State Solicitor (\$5,304).

Commissioner Oddo moved to add the supplement. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 3-2. Commissioner Rousseau and Commissioner Brown abstained.

No motion was made to increase the funding for Senior Services Saturday hours.

Commissioner moved to add the non-profit request. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he would like to have a comprehensive blueprint that included a recreation facility.

Mr. Rapson stated that the \$45,000 was budgeted for the master recreation plan, but Commissioner Rousseau mentioned the big box retrofit and that was the first he had heard of that request.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he would like for staff to determine what it would cost to do a survey or assessment.

Commissioner Brown if we could get a taxable entity in that space then we should. He stated that some of the facility may not be in the county's jurisdiction.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he agreed. He stated that it would require partnerships such as with Peachtree City and Tyrone, the county could partner in this way as well.

Mr. Rapson stated that when staff presented the revisions on June 28, they would also have the items that were approved by the Board and then have the items that require further action.

The Board recessed at 8:17 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 8:31 p.m.

4. **Consideration of Petition No. 1273-18, Travis and Sabrina Williamson, Owners, request to rezone 1.721 acres from R-45 Conditional to R-45 Conditional to amend a condition of rezoning to reduce a 75-foot front yard setback from Eastin Road to 60 feet with four (4) recommended conditions. This property is located in land lot 21 of the 7th District.**

Vice-Chairman Ognio motioned to approve Petition No. 1273-18, Travis and Sabrina Williamson, Owners, request to rezone 1.721 acres from R-45 Conditional to R-45 Conditional to amend a condition of rezoning to reduce a 75-foot front yard setback from Eastin Road to 60 feet with four (4) recommended conditions. This property is located in land lot 21 of the 7th District. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Item #9, amount was changed from \$67,510 to \$65,274. Vice Chairman Ognio requested to remove item #11. Commissioner Oddo moved to accept the agenda with the change to item #9 in the amount of \$65,274 and to remove item #11 for discussion. The motion passed 5-0.

5. **Approval of staff's recommendation to award 2019 Property & Casualty Insurance coverage at \$542,078 to Nova, Amguard, Liberty Mutual and Sheriff's Office AD&D at \$1,707 and Commissioners' Travel Accident at \$750 to the Hartford, for a total award of \$544,535.**
6. **Approval of staff's recommended Budget Amendments to the FY 2018 budget and approval to close completed projects.**

7. Consideration to accept a Maintenance Repair Renovation (MRR) grant for \$137,500.00 from the GA Public Library System which will fund 50% of the cost to upgrade the restrooms and replace the roof at Fayette County's Library.
8. Approval to authorize staff to acquire all fee simple right-of-way and easements for the 330 Oak Street culvert replacement project (2017 SPLOST No. 5509H).
9. Approval of the Peachtree City and Fayette County Intergovernmental Agreement for the Lake Peachtree pipe grouting of Lake Peachtree Pumpouse for an amount not to exceed \$65,274.
10. Approval of the May 24, 2018 Special Called Budget Workshop Minutes.
11. Approval of the May 24, 2018 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that the motion for item #9 of the May 24, 2018 minutes had the term to end on June 30, 2019. He stated that was not the motion that was made.

After further discussion.

Vice Chairman Ognio moved to have "an initial term to end June 30, 2019" be removed from the motion each time stated. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-1. Commissioner Rousseau abstained because he did not have anything to compare to the requested change.

OLD BUSINESS:

12. Consideration of Commissioner Steve Brown's request for approval of Resolution 2018-07 concerning the road widening project for McDonough Road. This item was tabled at the May 10, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Brown stated that this was on the agenda regarding a resolution related to a Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) project for doing extensive changes to McDonough Road. He stated that there were years of discussion regarding the potential negative impacts to various parts of the county's infrastructure and traffic implications. He stated that the Board voted to take the resolution and give to the Transportation Committee (TC) and have them either agree with the language or offer alternative language.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that the TC members did not want the county to keep maintaining the road and did not want to send "negative light" to GDOT regarding the project. He stated that the problem was that no one knew why the project was pushed back. He stated that the letter that was received from GDOT was sent to Clayton County and Fayette County and if the Board wanted to move forward, the county would need to send a resolution supporting the project and to committed funding to the project

Further discussion ensued.

Commissioner Rousseau motioned to have staff collect Commissioners input to draft a letter expressing Boards concerns with no funding commitments but a desire to continue an open dialogue. Commissioner Brown seconded. 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

13. **Consideration of a recommendation from the Selection Committee, comprised of Chairman Eric Maxwell and Commissioner Charles D. Rousseau, to re-appoint Lisa Mahaffey to the Fayette County Recreation Commission for a term beginning June 1, 2018 and expiring May 31, 2022.**

Commissioner Rousseau motioned to approve recommendation to re-appoint Lisa Mahaffey to the Fayette County Recreation Commission for a term beginning June 1, 2018 and expiring May 31, 2022. Chairman Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

14. **Consideration of a recommendation of the Selection Committee, composed of Commissioner Steve Brown and Commissioner Charles Rousseau, to re-appoint Irene Cheyne to the Region Six Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases Regional Advisory Council for a term beginning October 1, 2017 and expiring September 30, 2020.**

Commissioner Rousseau motioned to approve recommendation, to re-appoint Irene Cheyne to the Region Six Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases Regional Advisory Council for a term beginning October 1, 2017 and expiring September 30, 2020. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

15. **Consideration of a recommendation from the Selection Committee, comprised of Vice Chairman Randy Ognio and Commissioner Steve Brown, to re-appoint Darryl Hicks to the Fayette County Development Authority to fulfill a term beginning April 10, 2018 and expiring April 9, 2022.**

Commissioner Brown motioned to approve recommendation from the Selection Committee, to re-appoint Darryl Hicks to the Fayette County Development Authority to fulfill a term beginning April 10, 2018 and expiring April 9, 2022. Vice-Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

16. **Consideration of a recommendation from the Selection Committee, comprised of Vice Chairman Randy Ognio and Commissioner Steve Brown, to re-appoint Pat Hinchey to the Fayette County Development Authority to fulfill a term beginning April 10, 2018 and expiring April 9, 2022.**

Vice-Chairman Ognio motioned to approve recommendation from the Selection Committee, to re-appoint Pat Hinchey to the Fayette County Development Authority to fulfill a term beginning April 10, 2018 and expiring April 9, 2022. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

17. **Consideration of a recommendation from the Selection Committee, comprised of Vice Chairman Randy Ognio and Commissioner Steve Brown, to re-appoint Dr. Luis Matta to the Fayette County Development Authority to fulfill a term beginning April 10, 2018 and expiring April 9, 2022.**

Vice-Chairman Ognio motioned to approve recommendation from the Selection Committee, to re-appoint Dr. Luis Matta to the Fayette County Development Authority to fulfill a term beginning April 10, 2018 and expiring April 9, 2022. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

18. **Consideration of a recommendation from the Selection Committee, comprised of Vice Chairman Randy Ognio and Commissioner Steve Brown, to appoint Sameera Tillman to the Fayette County Development Authority to fulfill a term beginning April 10, 2018 and expiring April 9, 2022.**

Commissioner Brown motioned to approve recommendation from the Selection Committee, to appoint Sameera Tillman to the Fayette County Development Authority to fulfill a term beginning April 10, 2018 and expiring April 9, 2022. Vice-Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

19. **Consideration of staff's recommendation to adopt Policy 280.03; Animal Shelter Management-Day Foster to implement a day fostering program and approval of the supporting unnumbered Ordinance.**

Commissioner Brown moved to approve staff's recommendation to adopt Policy 280.03; Animal Shelter Management-Day Foster to implement a day fostering program and approval of the supporting unnumbered Ordinance. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

20. **Consideration of staff's recommendation of project delivery changes for the Redwine Road Multi-Use Path project (Fayette County SPLOST 17TAH, GDOT PI No. 0012624, ARC FA-352) and approval of Heath & Lineback Engineering, Inc.'s proposal of \$70,080.00 for "Final Plans, Specifications & Estimates for Local Let."**

Item #20 should be pulled from the agenda.

21. **Consideration of staff's recommendation to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between Fayette County and the City of Fayetteville to enter into an agreement for completion of a 2004 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) transportation improvement project designated as Project R-13.**

Commissioner Brown motioned to able this item until the June 28, 2018 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Vice-Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

22. **Consideration of staff's recommendation to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between Fayette County and Peachtree City to enter into an agreement for completion of a 2004 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) transportation improvement project designated as Project I-16.**

Commissioner Brown motioned to able this item until the June 28, 2018 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Vice-Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Givey made public comments.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Balloon Festival: Estimated attendance about 7000 people.

Ribbon Cutting: Emerald Lake Dam June 28, 2018 4:00pm

Kenwood Park Track Grand: Opening July 12, 2018 4:00

Public Arts Committee: Currently there are have 5 open position and Board direction is needed on how to proceed to assist in having this committee operational.

Commissioner Brown suggested to re- advertise open positions.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Notice of Executive Session: County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that there were one item of pending litigation, one item of personnel and for review of the Executive Session minutes for May 24, 2018.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS: Commissioners Oddo, Commissioner Brown, and Vice Chairman Ognio made comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

One item of pending litigation, one item of personnel and for review of the Executive Session minutes for May 24, 2018
Commissioner Brown moved to go into Executive Session. Vice Chairman-Ognio seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 10:29 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 10:43 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 Oddo seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Oddo moved to extend County Administrator 2.4% pay raise to the end of term. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Brown voting in opposition.

Approval of the February 23, 2017 Executive Session Minutes: Vice Chairman Ognio moved to approve the May 24, 2018 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-Chairman Ognio moved to adjourn the June 14, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The June 14, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

Marlena Edwards, Deputy County Clerk