

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

ACTION AGENDA

June 11, 2026
5:00 p.m.

Welcome to the meeting of your Fayette County Board of Commissioners. Your participation in County government is appreciated. All regularly scheduled Board meetings are open to the public and are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

OFFICIAL SESSION:

Call to Order

Chairman Lee Hearn called the June 11, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Vice Chairman Commissioner Edward Gibbons

Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons gave the Invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Charles Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1. First of two Public Hearings on Fayette County's proposed annual budget for Fiscal Year 2027 which begins on July 1, 2026, and ends June 30, 2027.**

Chief Financial Officer Sheryl Weinmann presented an overview of the proposed FY2027 Budget, she noted that the full Budget presentation was held on May 21, 2026. This overview would include some of the slides outlined in the previous Budget presentations as well as incorporating a few amendments that needed to be brought before the Board.

In review of the General Fund Balance financial projections, she stated that the projected total Fund Balance would be \$30.8M. Ms. Weinmann stated that this amount included the CIP for next year, Emergencies as well as the Stabilization Fund were all included in that amount. She stated that the following amendments being proposed needed Board approval to be included in the proposed FY2027 Budget.

Discussion item #1 abolishment of Griffin Judicial Circuit positions.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to remove the seven (7) Superior Court positions, and the Juvenile Court (1) administrative assistant from Fayette County payroll. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion item #2- Griffin Judicial Circuit Budget Allocation Increase

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve the \$12,863 increase for the Griffin Judicial Circuit. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion item #3- Property and Casualty Insurance Budget Decrease

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve the \$112,819 decrease to the property and casualty insurance budget. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion item #4- Proposed 5% Increase for Elected Officials and Constitutional Officers

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve the 5% increase for outlined Elected Officials and Constitutional Officers. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion item #5- Potential compensation changes for the Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Rousseau moved to direct staff to prepare the numbers and present options for commissioners' compensation at the next public hearing. Chairman Hearn seconded. The motion passed 3-2, with Vice Chairman Gibbons and Commissioner Maxwell voting in opposition.

Discussion item #6- Planning and Zoning Staffing Request

No vote was taken

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

2. **Approval to acquire all fee simple right-of-way and easements for the proposed 2017 SPLOST; Stormwater Category II, Tier II Project 391 Grant Road (25SAC) Culvert Replacement.**
3. **Approval to acquire all fee simple right-of-way and easements for the proposed 2023 SPLOST; Stormwater Category II, Tier I Project 503 Westbridge Drive (S25AA) Culvert Replacement.**
4. **Approval to acquire all fee simple right-of-way and easements for the proposed 2017 SPLOST; Stormwater Category II, Tier I Project 517 Westbridge Drive (17SAP) Culvert Replacement.**
5. **Approval of Board of Assessors' recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Dan Fields, Agent for Canoe Club Community Association in the amount of \$6,832.10 for tax year 2025.**
6. **Approval of Board of Assessors' recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Andrew Mansen, in the amount of \$447.08 for tax years 2023 and 2024.**

7. **Approval of Board of Assessors' recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Board of Assessors on behalf of Farrell L. Pitts Estate, in the amount of \$3,682.57 for tax year 2025.**
8. **Approval of Board of Assessors' recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Brittney Turner, in the amount of \$389.12 for tax year 2025.**
9. **Approval of the May 21, 2026, Special Called Meeting Minutes.**
10. **Approval of the May 28, 2026, Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

11. **Request to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Funding for the Griffin Judicial Circuit Between Fayette County, Georgia, Pike County, Georgia, Spalding County, Georgia, Upson County, Georgia, and the Griffin Judicial Circuit.**

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve Intergovernmental Agreement for Funding for the Griffin Judicial Circuit Between Fayette County, Georgia, Pike County, Georgia, Spalding County, Georgia, Upson County, Georgia, and the Griffin Judicial Circuit. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

12. **Request to award FY 2027 Property & Casualty Insurance coverage, in the amount of \$924,008 to the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG).**

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to award FY 2027 Property & Casualty Insurance coverage, in the amount of \$924,008 to the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG). Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

13. **Request to approve the Board of Assessors' recommendation to deny a disposition of tax refund, as requested by United Spirit of America Inc. dba Warrior Win Your Battles for tax year 2025.**

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to deny a disposition of tax refund, as requested by United Spirit of America Inc. dba Warrior Win Your Battles for tax year 2025. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

14. **Consideration of an agreement with Neal W. McEwen and Patricia H. McEwen regarding the status of permitted structures on their property located at 413 Morgan Mill Road.**

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve an agreement with Neal W. McEwen and Patricia H. McEwen regarding the status of permitted structures on their property located at 413 Morgan Mill Road. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

15. **Consideration of Resolution 2026-12 to provide a homestead exemption from Fayette County ad valorem taxes.**

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve Resolution 2026-12 to provide a homestead exemption from Fayette County ad valorem taxes. Commissioner Oddo seconded.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to amend his motion to include the 10-year term. Commissioner Oddo amended his second. The motion passed 5-0.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Hot Projects

Mr. Rapson stated that he provided the Board the Hot Topics with updates to the Parks and Recreation Multi-Use Facility, multipurpose facility, Darren Drive culvert replacement, Cross Creek culvert replacement, Brandon Mill culvert replacement, Justice Center buildout, Kenwood Road, Morning Creek Bridge, and the Crosstown Generator Project.

Comprehensive Plan Analysis

He also updated the Board on efforts to coordinate a comprehensive plan analysis with the City of Fayetteville. Fayetteville was expected to consider a vendor recommendation at its June 18 meeting. If approved, Fayette County planned to approach the same vendor the following day for a separate contract so the county could piggyback and conduct a joint comprehensive plan process with Fayetteville. Staff from both governments were described as excited about the possibility.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Notice of Executive Session: County Dennis Davenport stated that there were five items for Executive Session. Three items involving threatened litigation, one item involving pending litigation, and the review of the May 28, 2026 Executive Session Minutes.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Rousseau, Commissioner Oddo, Commissioner Maxwell and Vice Chairman Gibbons made comments.

Juneteenth Holiday

Mr. Rapson also noted that next Friday was Juneteenth (June 19th), a county holiday and county offices were closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Three items involving threatened litigation, one item involving pending litigation, and the review of the May 28, 2026 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Oddo moved to go into Executive Session. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 6:16 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 6:36 p.m.

Return to Official Session and Approval to Sign the Executive Session Affidavit: Commissioner Oddo moved to return to Official Session and for the Chairman to sign the Executive Session Affidavit. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of the May 28, 2026 Executive Session Minutes: Commissioner Oddo moved to approve May 28, 2026 Executive Session Minutes. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to adjourn the June 11, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The June 11, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Marlena Edwards, Chief Deputy County Clerk

Lee Hearn, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 25th day of June 2026. Attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

Marlena Edwards, Chief Deputy County Clerk