

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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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



MINUTES

September 10, 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 September 10, 2026, Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Charles Oddo

Commissioner Charles Oddo 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:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speakers will be given a five (5) minute maximum time limit to speak before the Board of Commissioners about various topics, issues, and concerns. Speakers must direct comments to the Board. Responses are reserved at the discretion of the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. **Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Fayetteville allowing the Fayette County Board of Elections to host the City's homestead election in conjunction with the county election to be held on November 3, 2026.**
2. **Approval of the updated lease term acceptance information/exhibit for a tower site at Porter Rd for Public Safety Radio System (#1428-P), as outlined in the terms and conditions.**
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4. **Approval of the updated lease term acceptance information/exhibit for a tower site at Swanson Rd for Public Safety Radio System (#1428-P), as outlined in the terms and conditions.**
5. **Approval of the updated lease term acceptance to change the monthly fees for a tower site at Downtown Tyrone for Public Safety Radio System (#1428-P), as outlined in the terms and conditions.**
6. **Approval for Fire & Emergency Services to adjust EMS Billing rates to align with the amended Georgia House Bill 506: Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act, by amending minimum reimbursement rates to auto adjust to 325% of Medicare (rates adjust annually) from 150% of Medicare and cancel the reimbursement contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield.**
7. **Approval to accept a grant award from The Georgia Bar Foundation for live streaming People's Law School in the amount of \$20,000; no matching funds required.**
8. **Approval of the August 27, 2026, Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

9. **Request to submit a Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) grant application for up to \$4,000,000 to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for the construction of the Starr's Mill Nature Trail with 75% grant funding (up to \$3,000,000) and a 25% local match (up to \$1,000,000).**

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve to submit a Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) grant application for up to \$4,000,000 to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for the construction of the Starr's Mill Nature Trail with 75% grant funding (up to \$3,000,000) and a 25% local match (up to \$1,000,000). Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

10. **Request to award Bid #27020-B Micro Surfacing to Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$956,024.25.**

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve to award Bid #27020-B Micro Surfacing to Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$956,024.25. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

11. **Request to award Bid #27017-B Hot-In-Place Asphalt Recycling to Gallagher Asphalt Co., Inc. in the amount of \$527,212.80.**

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve to award Bid #27017-B Hot-In-Place Asphalt Recycling to Gallagher Asphalt Co., Inc. in the amount of \$527,212.80. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

12. **Request to approve delegation of authority to the County Administrator to amend the Fayette County Policy and Procedure Manual of Fayette County.**

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve delegation of authority to the County Administrator to amend the Fayette County Policy and Procedure Manual of Fayette County. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

- A. **Contract 27001-B: Kenwood Park Erosion Stabilization**
- B. **Contract 27008-S: Body Cameras – Marshal & Animal Control**
- C. **Contract 27013-A: Asphalt Milling**

Starr's Mill Ribbon Cutting

Mr. Rapson reported that a Starr's Mill Ribbon Cutting event had been held earlier in the day at Starr's Mill and had gone well. He announced that Starr's Mill had been recognized by citizens as the most photographed location in Fayette County and that a representative would attend the award presentation on the County's behalf.

Hot Projects

Mr. Rapson stated that he provided the Board with the Hot Topics updates for the Parks and Recreation Multi-Purpose Facility, Darren Drive culvert replacement, Cross Creek culvert replacement, Justice Center buildout, the Crosstown Generator Project, Animal Shelter Phase II – Livestock Building project, and the Senior Center Project.

Braveheart Award

Mr. Rapson recognized the Fayette County Clerk, Tameca Smith, for receiving the **Braveheart Award for Public Service**, noting that the recognition was related in part to the County's citizen workshops. The first session of the citizen workshop was conducted earlier that week and discussed Administration and the Board of Commissioners, with **approximately** 35 residents participating.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Notice of Executive Session: County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that there were two items for Executive Session: One item involving real estate acquisition and the review of the August 27, 2026 Executive Session Minutes.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxwell, Commissioner Rousseau, Commissioner Oddo, and Chairman Hearn made comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

One item involving real estate acquisition and the review of the August 27, 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 5:28 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 6:09 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 August 27, 2026 Executive Session Minutes: Commissioner Oddo moved to approve the August 27, 2026 Executive Session Minutes. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to adjourn the September 10, 2026, Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The September 10, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 6:10 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 24th day of September 2026. Attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

Marlena Edwards, Chief Deputy County Clerk