

## **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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## **FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA**

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140 Stonewall Avenue West  
Public Meeting Room  
Fayetteville, GA 30214

## **MINUTES**

June 12, 2025  
5:00 p.m.

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

### **OFFICIAL SESSION:**

#### **Call to Order**

Chairman Lee Hearn called the June 12, 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

#### **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons**

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

#### **Acceptance of Agenda**

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve the agenda as presented. Vice Chairman Gibbons 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 2026 which begins on July 1, 2025 and ends June 30, 2026.**

Chief Financial Officer Sheryl Weinmann presented an overview of the proposed FY2026 Budget, she noted that the full budget presentation was held on May 22, 2025. 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 \$30.2M. Ms. Weinmann stated that this amount included the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for next year, Emergencies as well as the Stabilization Fund in the amount of \$20M. The positive impact for the General Fund was \$2.3M. She stated that these amounts were highlighted in the presentation because they had been updated from what was previously presented to the Board. The change was impacted by the following amendments being proposed, that would need the Board's approval. Ms. Weinmann presented the budget amendments. Budget Discussion #1 stating that the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Budget presentation included two ambulances funded through SPLOST. This was informational and should not be included in the vehicle transfer's amount. The actual vehicle transfer was \$1,216,138. Budget Discussion #2 involved the Pay and Compensation Study. As presented in proposed FY2026 budget were adjustments based upon the most recent Pay and Compensation Study involving Building & Grounds Maintenance, Fleet Maintenance, Road Department, and Solid Waste. She stated that to date, \$125,713 was included

in the budget for those payroll adjustments. Staff requested to increase that initial amount by \$69,154 to encompass all recommended changes which would total \$194,867. Budget Discussion #3 involved Animal Control staffing to abolish the existing Assistant Animal Control Director position and establish an Animal Control Field Operations Supervisor which would create a net savings of (\$19,109). Additionally, staff proposed to promote the Senior Animal Control Officer to Animal Control Customer Service Supervisor which would require an increase of \$6,213 and would total a net savings of \$12,896. These changes would create three supervisor positions within Animal Control in the Kennel, Field Operations, and Customer Service. These three supervisor positions would report to the Animal Control Director to more efficiently manage the needs of Animal Control. Budget Discussion #4 involved Cooperative Extension Merit. Staff proposed to increase the University of Georgia (UGA) Cooperative Extension contract to include a 3.83% proposed merit, including salary, FICA/Medicare, and Retirement. If included in the proposed FY2026 budget, this would require an increase of \$6,706 for Cooperative Extension personnel.

Commissioner Rousseau asked if this was a shared salary with UGA.

County Administrator stated yes this was a shared salary.

Ms. Weinmann stated that Budget Discussion #5 involved the Public Defender Merit. Staff was requesting to increase the Public Defender's contract to include 3.75% proposed merit, including salary, FICA/Medicare, and Retirement. If included in the proposed FY2026 budget, an increase of \$17,554 would be required for Fayette County's portion of Public Defender's expenses, including merit.

Mr. Rapson noted that this request involved the Griffin Judicial Circuit and that the proposed 3.75% merit; \$17,554, was not the bulk. The Public Defender was also using some of his fund balance to shore up the difference to get to the 3.75%. Mr. Rapson stated that none of the outlined amendments were included in the budget. The amendments were before the Board for consideration and a vote, either individually or collectively. The amendments require Board approval to have them incorporated into the FY2026 Budget and presented as such in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing.

Commissioner Rousseau asked if there was an outline available of what the other jurisdictions/partners of the Griffin Judicial Circuit were paying.

Mr. Rapson stated that they would all mirror the 3.75% for the district, for the Public Defender. He noted that this was the amount the Public Defender was proposing.

Commissioner Rousseau asked if this was for the salary for a single individual or for all individuals.

Mr. Rapson stated that this requested 3.75% merit would affect all individuals.

Ms. Weinmann stated that the next item involved the Griffin Circuit Transition. This item would be presented at the upcoming June 26<sup>th</sup> public hearing. She stated that as of July 1, 2025, the accounting for the Griffin Judicial Circuit (GJC) would transition to an external audit firm. Fayette County would retain the management and tracking of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Judicial grant through the end of 2025. She noted that as of today, GJC were awaiting grant reimbursement from July and August 2024, as well as January 2025, totaling about \$625K. However, not all of those funds are Fayette County's funds. She continued that this transition would require modifications in the financial system as to where the employees in the GJC would be paid from for FY2026 and future. Fayette County would be responsible for paying 63% of the GJC budget. Of this 63%, 99% of those expenses were payroll related. This would mean that Fayette County would pay more than our allocated costs due to the GJC, which would require the GJC to reimburse Fayette County monthly for any expenses over the required allocation.

Commissioner Rousseau asked if this was easier for the County's finance department, specifically during an audit. He asked if this would create complications.

Ms. Weinmann to understand his concerns, ask if Commissioner Rousseau was asking about the grant management.

Commissioner Rousseau stated would this complicate reporting by having an outside firm handle the accounting functions.

Mr. Rapson stated that the management of the GJC budget was complex and was the being transition to the external auditing firm. However, management of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Judicial grant would continue to be managed via the County through the end of 2025.

Commissioner Oddo asked what the county's responsibility after the transition would be.

Mr. Rapson stated that once the transition was completed the County would just be one of the jurisdictions that paid their share for the GJC expenses. He noted that what makes it unique was that the County paid roughly 41% as part of the GJC allocation but we make up about 62% of the expenses because about 99% of those people were on Fayette County payroll.

Ms. Weinmann added that a portion of the allocation would have to be moved to the General Fund from the Griffin Judicial Circuit Fund. With this in mind, since the County would not be managing that fund balance any more, all of those expense, and the associated payroll for ten (10) employees, as well as the counties portion of the ARPA expenses, would be paid via the General Fund. The monthly reimbursements would be allocated back to the General Fund. Ms. Weinmann also noted that the County would be maintaining the Juvenile Judges grant of \$125K, because the county would be keeping the Juvenile Judges on County payroll.

Commissioner Rousseau asked if there had been any recent discussions of splitting the circuit.

Mr. Rapson stated that the conversation came up every few years, however he was not aware of conversations to do so this year.

Commissioner Maxwell highlighted a sentence on page 12 of the Budget amendments presentation, which outlined that "This means that Fayette County will pay more than our allocated costs due to the GJC, which will require the GJC to reimburse Fayette County monthly for any expenses over the required allocation". He noted that this entire process sounded complicated to him. He stated that his concern was that if they [GJC] made the transition there needed to be some controls and parameters in place to monitor funds. He noted that the reimbursement process created an additional layer of confusion which needed to be closely monitored and could become contentious.

Ms. Weinmann stated that she had sent out a lengthy email that outlined a step-by-step process as we entered this transition and what would be required from each agency. Included in that would be a budget adjustment that would be brought before the Board at the upcoming public hearing on June 26<sup>th</sup>. This Budget adjustment would be adding approximately \$973K worth of salary to the budget. The actual amount that should be paid was \$633K. There would be an initial reimbursement of \$125K for the Juvenile Judges, with the remaining balance being paid monthly at about \$18K.

Commissioner Maxwell stated that in theory this all worked but if this got out of balance what would happen, and that was his concern.

Mr. Rapson stated that there had been several cordial meetings with the Superior Court Judge, where similar concerns had been raised. He briefly outlined a plan that would monitor the expenses, payments, allocations, and reimbursements. Mr. Rapson noted that the County was in communication with the firm that was taking over the accounting functions. He stated that at the end of the day, the Superior Court Judge and the Griffin Judicial Circuit (GJC) decided who kept their books and currently all agencies involved were working well together during this transition. Mr. Rapson noted that staff was requesting a vote on the five previously discussed amendments. If approved, they would be incorporated into the budget. That budget would be presented to the Board on June 26, including a presentation of the Griffin Judicial Circuit (GJC) transition.

Commissioner Rousseau asked if there was administrative cost for the Griffin Judicial Circuit (GJC) bookkeeping. Mr. Rapson stated that the County charged \$2,500. That amount was going to be increased to \$5,000 prior to the decision to transition these services. He noted that the new firm was tentatively charging \$7,500, prior to gaining a complete understanding of the complexity of their accounting needs. They were still finalizing the fee amount. Mr. Rapson also noted that the other jurisdictions within the

Griffin Judicial Circuit (GJC) were unaware of this transition and were content with the County handling the books and expressed their concerns with this pending change.

Commissioner Oddo stated that we can discuss this transition at the next public hearing but essentially there was no other options for the County.

Mr. Rapson stated that there was always an option on when the transition would happen. He noted though that staff was working toward a July 1 transition date and had a plan in place to affect that.

Commissioner Oddo stated that he was referencing the transition entirely. The GJC decided they wanted their account handled externally, so there was nothing the County could do about that. He stated that the Board could not vote to not allow the transition.

Mr. Rapson stated, that was correct.

Commissioner Maxwell stated that the Superior Court Judges had a lot of leverage and if pushed, they could write a court order that would require this transition. He noted that it would not be prudent for the County to have a bad relationship with them, especially since we have a good working relationship now.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve amendments 1-5 as presented. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Weinmann stated that revenues were above expenses. The relationship between population and staffing increased. Fayette County current population was 126,684.

Ms. Weinmann concluded the presentation with the following budget highlights:

- Millage Rate Remains at 3.763
- General Fund impact from maintenance & operations was positive
- Proposed Budget increases General Fund Balance \$2,444,211
- Funds Rolling 5 Year Capital Improvement Program of \$7,132,551
- Changes in Personnel levels protect the existing outstanding service delivery to citizens
- Budget continued to maintain the commitment to balance current year revenues with current year expenses
- Maintained Employee Benefits – Medical/Dental/Vision & Retirement
- County-Wide departmental cooperation continued to yield positive results

The second public hearing and budget adoption would be held Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Hearn extended a thank you to the Finance Department, expressing his appreciation for all they did in developing the annual Budget.

No one spoke in favor or opposition.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Micheal Holt of Fayetteville** expressed his concern and frustration with the Georgia Power sub-station project. He stated that he lived off New Hope Road directly next door to this project and noted that they started work at 7:00 a.m. and did not end until 8:00 p.m. six days a week. He expressed concerns regarding the noise and the decreased to his and his family's quality of life. Mr. Holt invited the Board to his property to witness what he had been going through over the last year. He asked the Board for assistance and advocacy in reaching out to Georgia Power for a real discussion.

Commissioner Rousseau advised Mr. Holt that he was willing to meet with him. He added that he would work with the County Administrator and the Marshal's Office to determine if there were any noise ordinance violation and would reach out to him with

that information. Commissioner Rousseau stated that he reached out to Georgia Power in an effort to have questions answered regarding similar citizen concerns.

**Dean with Hopeful Baptist Church** in support of the the Holt family expressed his frustration. He noted that he witnessed what the family was going through in dealing with Georgia Power and asked for Board assistance.

**Barbara Edwards of Fayetteville** stated that as a resident of Quail Hollow, off Hunters Glen, she wanted to express her concern regarding speeding on Hunters Glen. Ms. Edwards stated that children rode their bikes in the subdivision and asked the Board to consider placing speed bumps in that area to help deter speeders.

Chairman Hearn acknowledged Representative Debra Bazemore and thanked her for coming to the Board Meeting.

Commissioner Rousseau introduced Mr. Holt to Representative Bazemore, stating that she was the state representative for that area and always made herself available to citizens needing assistance.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

2. **Approval of Board of Assessors' recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Kristin Smith, in the additional amount of \$1,239.99 for tax year 2024.**
3. **Approval to designate Fire and Emergency Services vehicles, Asset #26864 (Fleet # 13305) and Asset #24605 (Fleet #23239) as surplus and authorize the sale at auction of these units.**
4. **Approval to reallocate \$56,585.17 from SPLOST project 17TAC Paved Roads, Gravel Roads, and Bridges to SPLOST project, 21TAC Fayette County Resurfacing FY2022 (GDOT PI 0017812), to fund Task Order #3 for materials testing under EXP U.S. Services #2036-Q contract.**
5. **Approval of May 9, 2025 Board of Commissioners Retreat Minutes.**
6. **Approval of May 22, 2025 Board of Commissioners Special Called Budget Presentation Minutes.**
7. **Approval of May 22, 2025 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

8. **Request to approve the Board of Elections Selection Committee's recommendation to appoint Morris Kelly to the Board of Elections to fill an unexpired term ending January 31, 2026, and the subsequent term beginning February 1, 2026 and expiring January 31, 2030, per County Policy 100.19; Board Appointment.**

Chairman Hearn stated that the Board of Elections had an opening due to a recent resignation. The Board of Elections Selection Committee had the pleasure of interviewing three amazing candidates. He stated that from the interviews, the Board of Elections Selection Committee's recommendation was to appoint Morris Kelly to the Board of Elections, to fill an unexpired term ending January 31, 2026, and to fill the subsequent term beginning February 1, 2026 and expiring January 31, 2030. Vice Chairman Gibbons stated that he felt Mr. Kelly would do a great job but also wanted to thank the other candidates that volunteered. He noted that it was often very difficult to get citizens to serve on the various Boards and Committees, so their willingness was appreciated.

Chairman Hearn gave a brief background about Mr. Kelly and noted that he was well respected and had lived in the community for many years.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to appoint Morris Kelly to the Board of Elections to fill an unexpired term ending January 31, 2026, and the subsequent term beginning February 1, 2026 and expiring January 31, 2030, per County Policy 100.19, Board Appointment. Chairman Hearn seconded.

Commissioner Rousseau echoed Vice Chairman Gibbons comments in expressing appreciation to the citizens who reached out with a willingness to serve the community, because it was a challenge to garner participation. He noted that typically he would philosophically have reservation for the extended appointment but was willing to take this leap of faith and approve this appointment.

Commissioner Oddo stated that he looked over the resumes of Mr. Kelly and thought he looked qualified. He was deferring to judgement of his colleagues and the Elections Director with this appointment. He stated that he wanted some assurance that Mr. Kelly understood the role of being on the Board of Elections.

Chairman Hearn stated that they had gone over the role of the position, and he understood.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to appoint Morris Kelly to the Board of Elections to fill an unexpired term ending January 31, 2026, and the subsequent term beginning February 1, 2026 and expiring January 31, 2030, per County Policy 100.19, Board Appointment. Chairman Hearn seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**9. Request to award FY 2026 Property & Casualty Insurance coverage, in the amount of \$898,766 to the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG).**

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve to award FY 2026 Property & Casualty Insurance coverage, in the amount of \$898,766 to the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG). Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded.

Ms. Weinmann provided a brief overview stating that FY2024 was the first year that Fayette County used ACCG as the Property & Casualty Insurance provider. By choosing ACCG, the county no longer required the services of our Broker of Record, Apex Insurance Services. The county was able to directly communicate with ACCG for any insurance needs or questions. ACCG offered benefits not offered by other providers, including a 5% premium savings following ACCG/IRMA safety processes after the first year. The County was now entering the third year with ACCG and the safety credit this year, was \$43,088.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve to award FY 2026 Property & Casualty Insurance coverage, in the amount of \$898,766 to the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG). Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**10. Request to approve Fayette County's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning Study (25TAA). This project is a discretionary grant program with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).**

Paola Kimbell, Transportation Engineer, stated that this item was requesting approval of Fayette County's Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan. She stated that this was a federal grant that Fayette County received last year, and it included an 80/20 split with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Mrs. Kimbell stated that the Public Works consultant, Pond, would provide a brief Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan presentation. She noted that the safety action plan was completed within a tight schedule of about 12 months via Pond, in coordination with the County project management team, just in time for the implementation grant application deadline due at the end of June 2025. She stated that they would be utilizing this safety action plan during the monthly Transportation Committee meetings.

Richard Fangmann with Pond and Company thanked the Board for their partnership and the opportunity to work with the County and cities on this project. He introduced Matt Flynn to present the Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan overview.

Mr. Flynn provided the Board with a brief overview of the Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan outlining major milestones of the project, project deliverables, project challenges and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements. He outlined the public engagement efforts via community feedback and comments and highlighted the safety analysis reviewing various types of crashes, injuries, and crash density throughout the county. Mr. Flynn concluded providing their Safety Improvement Projects and Programs recommendation highlighted three major projects; South Jeff Davis/Northbridge Road at Inman Road/County Line Road, Sandy Creek at Ellison Road, and Context Based Design Upgrades.

Commissioner Oddo asked if the recommended projects list were also SPLOST projects.

Mr. Rapson stated, yes.

Chairman Hearn noted that with these type grants its usually an 80/20 split, which helped County funds stretch a lot further by applying for the grants.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve Fayette County's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning Study (25TAA). This project is a discretionary grant program with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**11. Request to submit Fayette County's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) project implementation grant application to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for a total project amount up to \$12,000,000, and approval for the Chairman to sign the accompanying resolution.**

Mrs. Kimbell stated that this item was seeking approval to submit the implementation grant application to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for a total project amount up to \$12,000,000.

Commissioner Oddo asked about the wording for the funding split where it stated, "a local match of 20% or greater", was this a new way of wording it or could the split change/increase.

Mrs. Kimbell stated that it was her understanding that it would be 80/20 split.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve to submit Fayette County's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) project implementation grant application to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for a total project amount up to \$12,000,000, and approval for the Chairman to sign the accompanying resolution. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded.

Commissioner Maxwell asked as a point of clarification what was being voted on.

Mrs. Kimball stated that this item was seeking approval to submit Fayette County's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) project implementation grant application to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for a total project amount up to \$12,000,000, and approval for the Chairman to sign the accompanying resolution.

Mr. Rapson stated that this item was just approval to submit the application. As those projects were approved and appropriately bided out, they would be brought before the Board for approval.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve to submit Fayette County's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) project implementation grant application to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for a total project amount up to \$12,000,000, and approval for the Chairman to sign the accompanying resolution. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**12. Request to approve Resolution 2025-05 for the acquisition of a 5.01-acre parcel located in Land District 5, Land Lot 129 of Fayette County (parcel number 04-24-002, 115 Waterfall Way) on the north side of State Highway 85 next to Whitewater Creek from Starr's Mill, LLC, in the amount of \$700,000.**

Water System Director, Vanessa Tigert, stated that item was requesting approval of Resolution 2025-05 for the acquisition of a 5.01-acre parcel located in Land District 5, Land Lot 129 of Fayette County (parcel number 04-24-002, 115 Waterfall Way) on the north side of State Highway 85 next to Whitewater Creek from Starr's Mill, LLC. This facility would serve as the Starr's Mill Environmental Education Center approved in the 2023 SPLOST. Ms. Tigert stated that the center would showcase water system processes, conservation efforts and water partnerships along with artifacts via the Historical Society. Public restrooms and parking facilities would be constructed to serve all the county facilities in the surrounding area. Currently, the Water System rents port-o-potties for public use. This center would tentatively include an outdoor amphitheater styled area for outdoor education.

Commissioner Maxwell stated, as a point of clarification, that this approval was only for the acquisition of the property, in the future plans would be developed for the educational facility and presented before the Board for consideration and approval.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve Resolution 2025-05 for the acquisition of a 5.01-acre parcel located in Land District 5, Land Lot 129 of Fayette County (parcel number 04-24-002, 115 Waterfall Way) on the north side of State Highway 85 next to Whitewater Creek from Starr's Mill, LLC, in the amount of \$700,000. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:**

Mr. Rapson stated, in response to public comment, that there would be a meeting on June 18, 2025, with Geogia Power to discuss various issues related to their projects in Fayette County. He noted that currently at the site, Mr. Holt mentioned there was a parking lot with a storage container that was permitted for electricity and primarily being used as a storage facility. Mr. Rapson stated that he was unaware of any plans related to a storage facility. Mr. Rapson stated in response to Ms. Edwards comments requesting speed bumps near Quail Hollow, that he had contacted the Sheriff's Office, and they would be going out to the area to conduct some speed analysis/checks. He noted that there was a policy for speed bumps/tables and would ensure Ms. Edwards received a copy.

**Hot Projects**

Mr. Rapson stated that he provided the Board the Hot Topics with updates to the Parks and Recreation Multi-Use Facility, Starrs Mill Tunnel, Coastline Bridge Improvements, Old Ivy Stormwater Replacement and the Water System AMI System.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:**

**Notice of Executive Session:** County Dennis Davenport stated that there were six items for Executive Session. Two items involving threatened litigation, one item involving pending litigation, two items involving real estate acquisition and the review of the May 22, 2025 Executive Session Minutes.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

**Commissioner Rousseau**

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he would like to know if the County had any jurisdiction over the start and stop time of the Georgia Power work near the Holt residence.

Mr. Rapson stated that the Georgia Power representation would be addressing these concerns at the upcoming meeting and would make sure crews were not disrupting neighbors.



Commissioner Rousseau stated that he had requested a meeting with Georgia Power to get abreast of the work going on in the County and invited the Board to attend. Commissioner Rousseau extended a kudos and a huge thank you to the Sheriff's Department, the Marshal's Office, and the City of Fayetteville Police for their hard work and efforts in handling disturbances and traffic congestion from a party house in the Country Lake subdivision over the past few weeks. He proposed having staff review/evaluate including sanctions and increase penalty for individuals who repeatedly and intentional violate County Ordinance. Commissioner Rousseau extended an invitation to the community to the upcoming Juneteenth celebration that will take place on at the Old Courthouse lawn on June 19, 2025.

**Commissioner Oddo**

Commissioner Oddo stated that he was excited about the Parks and Recreation Multi-Use Facility and the progress happening on site. He extended a Happy Father's Day to all in attendance as Father's Day approached.

**Vice Chairman Gibbons**

Vice Chairman Gibbons stated that June 14<sup>th</sup> was the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States Army and encouraged all in attendance to show their appreciation, thanking them for their service.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Two items involving threatened litigation, one item involving pending litigation, two items involving real estate acquisition and the review of the May 22, 2025 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.

**Sanitary Sewer Easement**

Mr. Davenport stated that the County received a request from the Henry County Water Authority for a sanitary sewer easement across some mitigation property owned by the County in Henry County. He noted that this was somewhat of a modification of an easement they had before we purchased the property. He stated that since it had been overseen by the Army Corp of Engineers and checked off by Henry County and vetted by Fayette County staff, he was requesting the Board's consideration on this matter.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve the sanitary sewer easement. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**Approval of the May 22, 2025 Executive Session Minutes:** Commissioner Oddo moved to approve May 22, 2025 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Rousseau seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Oddo moved to adjourn the June 12, 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting. Chairman Hearn seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The June 12, 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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Marlena Edwards, Deputy County Clerk

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Lee Hearn, Chairman