

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

140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

ACTION AGENDA

October 8, 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 October 8, 2026, Board of Commissioners meeting to order at approximately 5:02 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Charles Rousseau

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

Acceptance of Agenda

Chairman Hearn moved to add to New Business, a request for approval to apply under the 2026 State Homeland Security Program for a \$300,000 grant for the installation of approximately three linear miles of security fencing around the perimeter of the Fayette County Public Safety Training Center. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons and Commissioner Charles Oddo were absent.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to accept the agenda with the added item as read. Commissioner Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons and Commissioner Charles Oddo were absent.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve the Consent Agenda except for item No. 4. Commissioner Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons and Commissioner Charles Oddo were absent.

1. **Approval of Board of Assessors' recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Jack Miller, in the amount of \$2,122.08 for tax years 2024 and 2025.**
2. **Approval of Board of Assessors' recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested on behalf Topekia Powell, in the amount of \$1,240.78 for tax year 2025.**

3. **Approval to add The Oaks Phase III subdivision to Fayette County's Street Light Program.**
4. **Approval of Georgia Power's offer to purchase three "Distribution Tree Trim / Clearing Easements" from Fayette County in the amount of \$10,915.00.**

This item was removed from Consent Agenda vote for discussion.

Commissioner Maxwell moved to approve Georgia Power's offer to purchase three "Distribution Tree Trim / Clearing Easements" from Fayette County in the amount of \$10,915.00. Chairman Hearn seconded. The motion failed 2-1. Commissioner Rousseau voted in opposition. Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons and Commissioner Charles Oddo were absent.

Commissioner Maxwell requested Chairman Hearn to request that staff place this on the next available agenda. Chairman Hearn agreed.

5. **Approval of Resolution 2016-16 supporting Fayette County's grant application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GADNR) Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) for the construction of the Starr's Mill Nature Trail.**
6. **Approval of the September 24, 2026, Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

7. **Request to approve Resolution 2026-14 to amend the Fayette County Water System Standards and Specifications Manual, dated October 6, 2026, for infrastructure to be consistently and reliably installed within the system.**

Chairman Hearn moved to approve Resolution 2026-14 to amend the Fayette County Water System Standards and Specifications Manual, dated October 6, 2026, for infrastructure to be consistently and reliably installed within the system. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons and Commissioner Charles Oddo were absent.

8. **Request to approve Resolution 2026-17 to amend the County's defined benefit plan to provide a pre-retirement death benefit in the form of a lump sum death benefit equal to 50 times the estimated monthly Normal Retirement Pension based on level earnings and continued service to Normal Retirement.**

Commissioner Rousseau moved to table this item to the November 12, 2026, meeting. Chairman Hearn seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons and Commissioner Charles Oddo were absent.

9. **A request for approval to apply under the 2026 State Homeland Security Program for a \$300,000 grant for the installation of approximately three linear miles of security fencing around the perimeter of the Fayette County Public Safety Training Center.**

Chairman Hearn moved to approve applying under the 2026 State Homeland Security Program for a \$300,000 grant for the installation of approximately three linear miles of security fencing around the perimeter of the Fayette County Public Safety Training Center. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons and Commissioner Charles Oddo were absent.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

A. Contract #2605-P; Public Works Engineer of Record Task Order #11: 101 & 115 Waterfall Way Boundary & Topographic Survey Change Order #1: Starrs Mill Education Facility

Mr. Rapson stated that he provided the Board with the Hot Topics report to include the Multi-purpose Facility, Darren Drive culvert replacement, Cross Creek culvert replacement, Justice Center buildout, Crosstown generator project, Phase II livestock building, Senior Center addition, Kenwood Morning Creek Bridge project, Round Road cul-de-sac and Brandon Mill culvert replacement.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Notice of Executive Session: County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that there were four items for Executive Session: two items involving threatened litigation, one item involving real estate acquisition, and the review of the September 24, 2026 Executive Session Minutes.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Two items involving threatened litigation, one item involving Real Estate, and the review of the September 24, 2026 Executive Session Minutes.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to enter Executive Session. Commissioner Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons and Commissioner Charles Oddo were absent.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 6:05 p.m.

Return to Official Session and Approval to Sign the Executive Session Affidavit: Commissioner Rousseau moved to return to Official Session and for the Chairman to sign the Executive Session Affidavit. Chairman Hearn seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons and Commissioner Charles Oddo were absent.

Approval of the September 24, 2026 Executive Session Minutes: Chairman Hearn moved to approve the September 24, 2026 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons and Commissioner Charles Oddo were absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Rousseau moved to adjourn the October 8, 2026, Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons and Commissioner Charles Oddo were absent.

The October 8, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Vicki Orr, Administrative Records Coordinator