BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

ACTION AGENDA

November 12, 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 November 12, 2026, Board of Commissioners meeting to order at approximately 2:05 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Lee Hearn

Chairman Lee Hearn gave the Invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

Commissioner Charles Oddo moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Charles Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons and Commissioner Eric Maxwell were absent.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

1. **Recognition of the winning seniors of the five high schools that participated in the Fayette County Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Alumnae Chapter "Why I Vote" Digital Competition.**

Representatives from Fayette County Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Alumnae Chapter explained the "Why I Vote" Digital Competition and played the winning video.

2. **Recognition of the graduates of the 2nd Annual Fayette County Citizen Workshop Series.**

County Clerk Tameca Smith explained Fayette County Citizen Workshop and presented the participants with certificates of participation.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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.

The Board called a recess.

The Board reconvened.

Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons arrived at 2:34 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:
Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.

3. **Approval to authorize staff to acquire all fee simple right-of-way and easements for the 2017 SPLOST Stormwater Category II, Tier II Project: 178 Crabapple Lane Culvert Replacement (21SAT).**

4. **Approval to award Bid #27038-B: 2017/2023 Stormwater SPLOST Project; 24SAD/S27AD Greenfield Circle (250) Culvert Replacement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, The Corbett Group, LLC, in the amount of $237,713.40 and to transfer $31,822.00 from 2023 Stormwater SPLOST CAT II, Tier II S27AI to S27AD.**

5. **Approval for Fayette County Fire and Emergency Services to accept the FY2027 Trauma Equipment Reimbursement Grant from the Georgia Trauma Commission in the amount of $15,661.04.**

6. **Acceptance of American Public Works Association (APWA) Chapter Internship Program matching grant funds in the amount not-to-exceed $5,000 for two 2026 summer internship with the Road Department.**

7. **Approval of the October 15, 2026, Special Called Millage Rate Final Hearing Minutes.**

8. **Approval of the October 22, 2026, Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

OLD BUSINESS:

9. **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. This item was tabled at the October 8, 2026, Board of Commissioner Meeting.**

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved 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 Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.

10. **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 tabled at the October 8, 2026, Board of Commissioners meeting.**

Vice Chairman Gibbons 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. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 3-1. Commissioner Rousseau voted in opposition. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

11. **Request to accept Georgia Power's offer to purchase a permanent easement from Fayette County for construction of the Ashley Park - Wansley 500KV Transmission Line.**

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve Request to accept Georgia Power's offer to purchase a permanent easement from Fayette County for construction of the Ashley Park - Wansley 500KV Transmission Line. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 3-1. Commissioner Rousseau voted in opposition. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.

12. **Request approval of Task Order 27-14 under Water Distribution and Stormwater Infrastructure Annual On-Call Contract 2563-B, Renewal 1, for an amount not to exceed $626,917.50 for water system improvements, and to transfer $326,918 from CIP Project 25WSE (Lake Horton Trail Rebuild) and $300,000 from 2017 SPLOST Project 17SAS (Category IV Stormwater) to a newly created project.**

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve Task Order 27-14 under Water Distribution and Stormwater Infrastructure Annual On-Call Contract 2563-B, Renewal 1, for an amount not to exceed $626,917.50 for water system improvements, and to transfer $326,918 from CIP Project 25WSE (Lake Horton Trail Rebuild) and $300,000 from 2017 SPLOST Project 17SAS (Category IV Stormwater) to a newly created project. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.

13. **Request to award Contract #27003-B for removal of solids from two lagoons at the Crosstown Water Treatment Plant to Synagro in the amount of $554,564.00.**

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve to award Contract #27003-B for removal of solids from two lagoons at the Crosstown Water Treatment Plant to Synagro in the amount of $554,564.00. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.

Water System Director, Vanessa Tigert, introduced the new Water System Assistant Director, Drew Meacham.

14. **Request to approve the 2027 County Commissioner Meeting schedule.**

Chairman Hearn asked that the January 14 meeting be moved to an earlier time. Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve the 2027 County Commissioner Meeting schedule with the January 14th meeting time moved to 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.

15. **Consideration of Chairman Lee Hearn's request to approve additional paid time off for County employees during the week of December 21, 2026 - December 25, 2026, in observation of the Christmas holiday.**

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve Chairman Lee Hearn's request to approve additional paid time off for County employees during the week of December 21, 2026 - December 25, 2026, in observation of the Christmas holiday. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.

16. **Consideration of the approval of Resolution 2026-24 replacing Resolution 2026-20 (approved October 22, 2026) to request that the Georgia General Assembly, during its upcoming session, consider and enact local legislation amending the Magistrate Court to establish staggered terms.**

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve Resolution 2026-24 replacing Resolution 2026-20 (approved October 22, 2026) to request that the Georgia General Assembly, during its upcoming session, consider and enact local legislation amending the Magistrate Court to establish staggered terms. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Notice of Executive Session: Assistant County Attorney Ali Cox stated that there were two items for Executive Session: one item involving real estate and one to review the October 22, 2026, Executive Session Minutes.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Rousseau, Commissioner Oddo, Vice Chairman Gibbons and Chairman Hearn made comments

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

One item involving real estate and the review the October 22, 2026, Executive Session Minutes.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to enter Executive Session. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 3:00 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 3:08 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 4-0. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.

Approval of October 22, 2026, Executive Session Minutes: Commissioner Oddo moved to approve October 22, 2026, Executive Session Minutes. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to adjourn the November 12, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.

The November 12, 2026 Board of Commissioner meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

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Vicki L. Orr, Chief Deputy County Clerk