

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

MINUTES

March 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 March 12, 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 Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons

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

Acceptance of Agenda

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

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

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 the Board of Assessors' recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Leah Sumner as agent for Anita H. Haynes, in the amount of \$5,070.99 for tax year 2025.**
- 2. Approval of the Board of Assessors' recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Thomas H. McMeekin, in the amount of \$6,076.81 for tax year(s) 2023 and 2024.**
- 3. Approval of the Board of Assessors' recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Loretta Simpson, in the amount of \$6,176.93 for tax year(s) 2023, 2024, and 2025.**

4. **Approval of the Board of Assessors' recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by the Board of Assessors for Corey Treaster, in the amount of \$253.34 for tax year 2025.**
5. **Approval to close McCurry Park North on November 14, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the TJ Thomas Jefferson Foundation 5K to raise awareness regarding Prostrate Cancer and raise funds for their foundation to continue servicing the communities of Fayette and Coweta.**
6. **Approval of the February 26, 2026, Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

7. **Request to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission allowing for the Fayette County Elections and Registration to act as Superintendent of Elections for the election of county contest for Georgia Soil and Water Commission.**

Fayette County Elections Director, Brianna Garrett, advised that historically, many counties conducted elections for the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission without a formal agreement due to older practices and less stringent documentation requirements. With modern election auditing, accounting, and intergovernmental contracting standards, the agreement was now necessary to clearly establish legal authority for the County to administer the election, and define the responsibilities between agencies.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission allowing for the Fayette County Elections and Registration to act as Superintendent of Elections for the election of county contest for Georgia Soil and Water Commission. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

8. **Request to award Contract #26089-B: Thin Lift-Flexgard Overlay System, to Blount Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$431,294.82.**

Public Works Director, Phil Mallon, stated that Thin-Lift Flexgard was a new pavement road preservation system, that combined hot-mix asphalt and polymer modified asphalt without the use of reclaimed asphalt pavement. It is expected to extend the life of the road preventing cracking and rutting long term. Mr. Mallon stated that about 1.75 miles would be treated under this contract including Hood Road south of Trilith and roads in the Bonaventure Estates Subdivision.

Chairman Hearn asked if this project performance was properly monitored for durability to ensure the County was using the best road preservation systems available.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve to award Contract #26089-B: Thin Lift-Flexgard Overlay System, to Blount Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$431,294.82. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

- A. **Contract #2018-P: Public Works engineer of Record; Task Order #54: 178 Crabapple Lane; Change Order #1: Environmental Support Servies [Revision 1]**
- B. **Contract #26076-A: 911 Fiber Extension Project**
- C. **Contract #26085-A: FY26 Crack Sealing Project**

Hot Projects

Mr. Rapson stated that he provided the Board with the Hot Topics report with updates to the Parks and Recreation Multi-Use Facility, Stars Mill School Tunnel Project, Mark Lane culvert replacement project, Darren Drive Box Culverts, and the Cross Creek culvert replacement.

Family and Children Services Board

Mr. Rapson advised that a Selection Committee was needed to fill three vacancies on the Family and Children Services Board.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to nominate himself and Commissioner Oddo to serve as the Selection Committee for the Family and Children Services Board. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Board of Assessors

Mr. Rapson advised that a Selection Committee was needed to fill one vacancy on the Board of Assessors.

Chairman Hearn moved to nominate Commissioner Oddo and Commissioner Rousseau to serve as the Selection Committee for the Board of Assessors. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Development Authority

Mr. Rapson advised that a Selection Committee was needed to fill four vacancies on the Development Authority.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to nominate himself and Chairman Hearn to serve as the Selection Committee for the Development Authority. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

In an effort to expand the applicant pool, the decision was made to extend the application deadline for the Development Authority an additional 30 days.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Notice of Executive Session: County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that there were six items for Executive Session. Two items involving pending litigation, three items involving threatened litigation, and the review of the February 26, 2026, Executive Session Minutes.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Rousseau

Commissioner Rousseau extended his appreciation to Mr. Rapson and Fire Chief Hill for their support and facilitation of the Narcan distribution to Drug Free Fayette.

Commissioner Oddo

Commissioner Oddo extended his appreciation for the recent Community Remembrance Marker Ceremony hosted by Fayette County Community Remembrance Coalition at the Courthouse Square. Commissioner Oddo concluded giving a "shout out" to his niece and nephew visiting from South America.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Two items involving pending litigation, three items involving threatened litigation, and the review of the February 26, 2026, Executive Session Minutes. Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 5:14 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 6:01 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 February 26, 2026, Executive Session Minutes: Commissioner Oddo moved to approve February 26, 2026, Executive Session Minutes. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Oddo moved to adjourn the March 12, 2026, Board of Commissioners meeting. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The March 12, 2026, Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 6:02 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 26th day of February 2026. Attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.