

## **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Lee Hearn, Chairman  
Edward Gibbons, Vice Chairman  
Eric K. Maxwell  
Charles D. Rousseau  
Charles W. Oddo

## **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**

April 9, 2026  
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 April 9, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present. Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons was absent.

#### **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**

Chairman Hearn moved to approve the agenda removing item #2 from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons was absent.

### **PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:**

- 1. Proclamation recognizing April as Safe Digging Month in Fayette County and promoting safe excavation practices.**

Chairman Hearn, on behalf of the Board, presented a Safe Digging Month proclamation, recognizing April as Safe Digging Month in Fayette County encouraging citizens to call 811 before digging.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 2. Approval of the Water Committee's recommendation to close Lake McIntosh Park on June 5 - 7, 2026 for the Collegiate Paddlesports Association National Championships.**

Parks and Recreation Director Anita Godbee stated that she received a special events application from the Colligate Paddle Sports Association, requesting to host a paddle sports tournament at Lake McIntosh, June 5- 7, 2026.

Chairman Hearn asked if the park needed to be closed all day on Friday and Sunday. He stated that he understood undisrupted time needed to set up and clean up after the event. He asked if the park could remain open until 12- noon on Friday and reopen to the public Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Chairman Hearn noted that this was a popular venue and he did not want to close the lake the entire day unnecessarily.

Ms. Godbee stated that she would reach out to the Colligate Paddle Sports Association and ask if those time adjustments would work. She noted that in case of lightning the tournament would have to be delayed, which would affect the reopening time on Sunday.

Chairman Hearn asked for appropriate patrol via the Marshal's Office during the event to ensure safety. He also asked for an analysis of the event including participant count, spectator count, and how many pontoon boats access the lake.

Chairman Hearn moved to table to April 21, 2026, Board of Commissioners Meeting. The motion passed 4-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons was absent.

### **3. Approval of the March 26, 2026, Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **4. Request to approve the Parks and Recreation Selection Committee's recommendation to re-appoint Shirelle Hicks to the Recreation Commission for a term beginning June 1, 2026, and expiring May 31, 2030.**

Ms. Godbee stated that this item was seeking approval to re-appoint Shirelle Hicks to the Recreation Commission for a term beginning June 1, 2026, and expiring May 31, 2030. The Fayette County Recreation Commission was a citizen committee comprised of five volunteers who were appointed by the Fayette County Board of Commissioners to four-year terms. The Recreation Commission reviews and evaluates programs, facilities, policies, and other matters and makes recommendations to the Recreation Department, the County Administrator, and the Board of Commissioners concerning capital and operational needs. She stated that the Recreation Commission vacancy was advertised for 60 days with only one applicant applying for the position. The Selection Committee voted unanimously to recommend reappointment of the position to Shirelle Hicks who previously held the position.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Ms. Hicks for her willingness to serve.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve to re-appoint Shirelle Hicks to the Recreation Commission for a term beginning June 1, 2026, and expiring May 31, 2030. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons was absent.

### **5. Request to award Bid #26108-B: 2017/2023 SPLOST; Stormwater Category II, Tier II 25SAG/S26AF 140 Brandon Mill Circle Culvert Replacement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, The Corbett Group, LLC, in the amount of \$260,621.25.**

Environmental Management Assistant Director Courtney Hassenzahl stated that this request was seeking Board approval to award Bid #26108-B: 2017/2023 SPLOST; Stormwater Category II, Tier II 25SAG/S26AF 140 Brandon Mill Circle Culvert Replacement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, The Corbett Group, LLC, in the amount of \$260,621.25.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve to award Bid #26108-B: 2017/2023 SPLOST; Stormwater Category II, Tier II 25SAG/S26AF 140 Brandon Mill Circle Culvert Replacement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, The Corbett Group, LLC, in the amount of \$260,621.25. Commissioner Oddo seconded.

Commissioner Rousseau encouraged staff to continue in their efforts to complete these projects efficiently, yet expeditiously. Noting that residents were anxiously waiting for this replacement.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve to award Bid #26108-B: 2017/2023 SPLOST; Stormwater Category II, Tier II 25SAG/S26AF 140 Brandon Mill Circle Culvert Replacement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, The Corbett Group, LLC, in the amount of \$260,621.25. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons was absent.

**6. Request to approve the revised Georgia Department of Transportation's Contract for Acquisition of Right-of-Way for the SR 85/SR279/Corinth Road project (GDOT PI 0017813) reflecting updated funding amounts.**

Ms. Hassenzahl stated that this request was seeking approval of the revised Georgia Department of Transportation's Contract for Acquisition of Right-of-Way for the SR 85/SR279/Corinth Road project (GDOT PI 0017813) reflecting updated funding amounts. She noted that the updated agreement adjusted these amounts to a federal reimbursement of \$3,891,200 and a local match of \$1,158,800. As the Right-of-Way phase progresses and additional information becomes available, these funding amounts may be further refined to reflect actual costs. Ms. Hassenzahl stated that once a final cost estimate was received, if there was additional funding that could be requested for aid, staff would seek additional funds to cover any additional costs.

Chairman Hearn thanked Georgia Department of Transportation for the continued partnership.

Chairman Hearn moved to approve the revised Georgia Department of Transportation's Contract for Acquisition of Right-of-Way for the SR 85/SR279/Corinth Road project (GDOT PI 0017813) reflecting updated funding amounts. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons was absent.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:**

- A. Contract 26066-B: Dredging – Crosstown Water Treatment Plant Lagoon**
- B. Contract 2018-P; Public Works Engineer of Record; Task Order #4: 205 Oak Street Storm Conveyance Design; Change Order #1: Engineering and Environmental Permitting Services**

**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, Starrs Mill School Tunnel, Mark Lane culvert replacement project, Darren Drive culvert replacement, and Cross Creek culvert replacement, Justice Center buildout, the Purchasing Department expansion, and Kenwood Road at Morning Creek Bridge project.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:**

**Notice of Executive Session:** County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that there were five items for Executive Session. Three items involving threatened litigation, one item involving real estate acquisition, and the review of the March 26, 2026, Executive Session Minutes.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

**Commissioner Oddo**

Commissioner Oddo reminded citizens that the next Board meeting would be April 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. which was a Tuesday.

**Chairman Hearn**

Chairman Hearn advised that he recently toured the Justice Center looking over the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor buildout. He noted that it was taking shape and progressing well.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Three items involving threatened litigation, one item involving real estate acquisition, and the review of the March 26, 2026 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Oddo moved to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 5:22 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 5:44 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. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons was absent.

**Approval of March 26, 2026 Executive Session Minutes:** Commissioner Oddo moved to approve March 26, 2026, Executive Session Minutes. Chairman Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons was absent.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Oddo moved to adjourn the April 9, 2026, Board of Commissioners meeting. Chairman Hearn seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons was absent.

The April 9, 2026, Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

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Marlena Edwards, Chief Deputy County Clerk

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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 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026. Attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.