

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

May 14, 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 May 14, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present. Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons was absent.

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

Commissioner Charles Oddo moved to approve the agenda as written. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons was absent.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

- 1. Recognition and certificate presentation to the Fire & Emergency Services Citizen Fire Academy graduates for successful completion of the 10-week Citizen Fire Academy.**

Fire Chief Jeff Hill presented the Fire & Emergency Services Citizen Fire Academy graduates to the Board. He gave a brief description of what the graduates learned in the 10-week program. He outlined that members of the class had the unique opportunity to experience behind the scenes operations and the training of department members. Class members received their heart saver CPR certification, were trained in First Aid, to use a fire extinguisher, and completed EMA preparedness training. CFA members observed department members performing vehicle extrication with the "Jaws of Life," toured the Fire Safety Education Bus, toured fire stations and had dinner at a fire station with the on-duty crew, toured the 911 Center and EOC, and learned firsthand about thermal imaging cameras, cardiac monitors, LUCAS devices, and self-contained breathing apparatus.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 2. Consideration of staff's recommendation to approve a new 2026 On-Premise Spirits/Beer/Wine Alcohol License (M26-03096) for Levy Premium Foodservice Limited Partnership, located at 910 Veterans Parkway, Fayetteville, GA 30214.**

Chief Marshal Lem Miller stated that this item was seeking Board approval of a new 2026 On-Premise Spirits/Beer/Wine Alcohol License (M26-03096) for Levy Premium Foodservice Limited Partnership, located at 910 Veterans Parkway, Fayetteville, GA

30214. He noted that the applicant submitted an application for consideration. Upon review the applicant met all requirements per the Fayette County Code of Ordinances. Chief Miller stated that staff recommended approval of the request.

No spoke in favor or opposition.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve a new 2026 On-Premise Spirits/Beer/Wine Alcohol License (M26-03096) for Levy Premium Foodservice Limited Partnership, located at 910 Veterans Parkway, Fayetteville, GA 30214. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

3. **Approval to reappoint Peachtree City Fire/Rescue David Winkles to Position 1 of the Region 4 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2026 and expiring June 30, 2029.**
4. **Acknowledgment of Sheriff Barry H. Babb's decision to accept one (1) vehicle from the Fayette County Sheriff's Foundation.**
5. **Approval of the Water Line Easement agreement between QTS Fayetteville I, LLC and Fayette County, Georgia to provide access to the Fayette County Water System infrastructure along Highway 54.**
6. **Approval of the Water Line Easement agreement between QTS Fayetteville I, LLC and Fayette County, Georgia to provide access to the Fayette County Water System infrastructure along Tyrone Road.**
7. **Approval to accept a State funded supplemental grant award for the DUI Accountability Court in the amount of \$11,500 with \$0 match for Law Enforcement Award.**
8. **Approval of the April 21, 2026, Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

9. **Request to accept a \$1,000,000 federal-aid grant for the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase of the Kenwood Road Path Project (R-6) and approval of the corresponding Project Framework Agreement (PFA) with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) (PI 0021592).**

Public Works Director Phil Mallon stated that this item was seeking Board approval to accept a \$1,000,000 federal-aid grant for the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase of the Kenwood Road Path Project (R-6) and approval of the corresponding Project Framework Agreement (PFA) with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve to accept a \$1,000,000 federal-aid grant for the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase of the Kenwood Road Path Project (R-6) and approval of the corresponding Project Framework Agreement (PFA) with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) (PI 0021592). Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons was absent.

Commissioner Rousseau commended staff for their efforts in looking for alternative modes of transportation for the citizens of Fayette County. He noted that he was happy to see this project moving forward and coming to fruition.

10. Request to approve Task Order 26-11 for Arcadis (Contract 2378-S: Water System Engineer of Record) to perform permitting, bidding and award, and construction management for the implementation of the chemical system upgrades at Crosstown Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$246,993.

Water System Director Vanessa Tigert stated that this request was seeking Board approval to award Task Order 26-11 for Arcadis (Contract 2378-S: Water System Engineer of Record) to perform permitting, bidding and award, and construction management for the implementation of the chemical system upgrades at Crosstown Water Treatment Plant.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve Task Order 26-11 for Arcadis (Contract 2378-S: Water System Engineer of Record) to perform permitting, bidding and award, and construction management for the implementation of the chemical system upgrades at Crosstown Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$246,993. Chairman Hearn seconded.

Chairman Hearn asked for a brief explanation of what this upgrade project would do and/or include.

Ms. Tigert stated that chemical system upgrades at Crosstown Water Treatment Plant included:

1. Conversion of chlorine disinfection system from chlorine gas to liquid sodium hypochlorite as a safety improvement.
2. Addition of a water softening process to aid in increasing the stability of the bulk hypochlorite when diluted.
3. Conversion of the fluoride feed system from bagged, powdered sodium silicofluoride to liquid hydrofluosilicic acid for improved safety.
4. Ventilation upgrades to the chemical storage area to prevent any mixing of airborne chemical residues or off-gases.
5. Plumbing upgrades for chemical handling and dosing to meet current plumbing codes.
6. Resurfacing of chemical building roofing to eliminate leaks from rainwater collection on the roof.
7. Demolition of dry fluoride system and chlorine gas system while maintaining continual plant operations.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve Task Order 26-11 for Arcadis (Contract 2378-S: Water System Engineer of Record) to perform permitting, bidding and award, and construction management for the implementation of the chemical system upgrades at Crosstown Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$246,993. Chairman Hearn seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons was absent.

11. Request to approve Resolution 2026-10 to dispose of a 6.9+/- acre parcel of land located in Land Lots 54 and 56 of the 6th District, through conveyance to the Fayette County Development Authority.

County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that this request was seeking approval of a conveyance of a 6.9+/- acre parcel of land located in Land Lots 54 and 56 of the 6th District, adjacent to the airport. He noted that Resolution 2026-10 was ready for Board approval to authorize the conveyance.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve Resolution 2026-10 to dispose of a 6.9+/- acre parcel of land located in Land Lots 54 and 56 of the 6th District, through conveyance to the Fayette County Development Authority. Chairman Hearn seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons was absent.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Mr. Rapson advised that the County hosted a successful annual Retreat on May 13th. He also proudly shared that Fire Chief Hill successfully graduated his post-certification training and was named "Top-Gun".

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Notice of Executive Session: County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that there were two items for Executive Session. One item involving threatened litigation and the review of the April 9, 2026 Executive Session Minutes.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxwell

Commissioner Maxwell stated that prior to the Board Meeting tonight he attended the new Starr's Mill Tunnel Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and it was a beautiful project and he was proud of the work that was done. He noted that he looked forward to completing more projects just like it.

Commissioner Oddo

Commissioner Oddo reiterated Commissioner Maxwell's comments about the new Starr Mill Tunnel noting how nice it was and congratulated Fire Chief Hill on his post-certification.

Commissioner Rousseau

Commissioner Rousseau extended a thank you to citizens for their engagement and participation during the voting process. He stated that regardless of your party affiliation exercising your civic duty was important. He also extended a thank you to the Elections Office for a job well done in running a smooth process. Commissioner Rousseau concluded extending a job well done to both Fire Chief Hill for his recent post-certification and Mr. Mallon for the Starr's Mill Tunnel project.

Chairman Hearn

Chairman Hearn reiterated comments regarding the Starr's Mill Tunnel project, send commendation to the Publix Works team as well as the Purchasing Department. He also issued a job well done to Piedmont Paving for their partnership and work on the project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

One item involving threatened litigation and the review of the April 9, 2026 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Oddo moved to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons was absent.

Commissioner Maxwell left the meeting.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 5:17 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 5:38 p.m.

Return to Official Session Rousseau moved to return to Official Session. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons and Commissioner Maxwell were absent.

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

Approval of the April 9, 2026 Executive Session Minutes: Commissioner Oddo moved to approve April 9, 2026 Executive Session Minutes. Chairman Hearn seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons and Commissioner Maxwell were absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Oddo moved to adjourn the May 14, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting. Chairman Hearn seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons and Commissioner Maxwell were absent.

The May 14, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Tameca P. Smith, 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 28th day of May 2026. Attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.