

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia met in Official Session on June 10, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the public meeting room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:     Greg Dunn, Chairman  
                                      Linda Wells, Vice Chair  
                                      Herb Frady  
                                      Peter Pfeifer  
                                      A.G. VanLandingham

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:     Chris W. Cofty, County Administrator  
                                      William R. McNally, County Attorney  
                                      Carol Chandler, Executive Assistant  
                                      Peggy Butler, Chief Deputy Clerk

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Chairman Dunn called the meeting to order, gave the invocation and led the pledge to the flag.

**PRESENTATION:**

Ron Salmons, Director of Leisure Services and Development, introduced Collis Brown, State Flood Plain Management Coordinator for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Brown said he was honored to make a very special presentation to Fayette County. He said since 1977 citizens of Fayette County had been able to purchase flood insurance coverage for their homes and businesses. He said this was made possible by the voluntary actions of the County Commission by them joining the National Flood Insurance Program. He said this program was administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and was based on an agreement that if a community would practice sound flood plain management, the federal government would make flood insurance available. He said to recognize the communities who exceeded the minimum standards of the insurance program, FEMA created the rating system. From a group of predetermined activities, communities received points based on the kinds and extent of mitigation activities conducted. He said based on the point system for Fayette County, this county received a class 7 rating. He said this meant the citizens of Fayette County would receive a savings on their flood insurance of 15% for structures within a flood hazard area and 5% for structures not within the flood hazard area.

Chairman Dunn asked that Mr. Collis recognize Ron Salmons for all the work he had done in this regard.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**OVERVIEW OF THE FY2005 BUDGET TO DATE:**

Mark Pullium, Director of Business Services, said he had a brief overview of the County Budget for FY2005 as it stood today. He said they were still undergoing workshops so he expected the numbers to change. He said the General Fund \$46,020,159. He said the total for the Special Revenue Fund was \$9,980,789, Capital Project Fund was \$3,757,044 and the Enterprise Fund was \$13,130,239. He said the total for all funds was \$72,888,231.

Chairman Dunn asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to comment on the budget as presented this evening. He said the numbers would change but not drastically at this point. No one spoke.

He said the official budget would be presented June 24, 2004 at the Board of Commissioners' Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ANNEXATION REQUEST FROM FAYETTEVILLE:**

Consideration of request from Fayetteville to consider the proposed annexation of the .52-acre site of the Kwickie/Flash Foods convenience store located at the intersection of Highway 54 West and Gingercake Road.

Motion was made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Frady, not to oppose the annexation of the .52-acre site as requested by Fayetteville. A copy of the annexation application, identified as "Attachment No. 1", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Chairman Dunn said this annexation made a lot of sense. He said this annexation would have the exact same result whether it stayed in the County or the City. He said the people had asked for this so that they could get sewer and expand their operation. He said there was not a legitimate land use objection.

Motion carried 5-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 5.-0.

**AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES**

**AUTHORITY:** Approval to authorize the Chairman to execute the Authorization Agreement with the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) which would allow the County to make its loan payments electronically. A copy of the Resolution and Agreement, identified as "Attachment No. 2 ", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

**INCREASE IN REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE RECREATION**

**DEPARTMENT:** Approval to increase revenues and the associated expenditures by \$45,000 for the Self Sustaining Services offered by the Recreation Department.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL STREET RESURFACING AGREEMENT:** Approval of intergovernmental Street Resurfacing Agreement with Fayetteville for the resurfacing of specified city streets. A copy of the Agreement, identified as "Attachment No. 3", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Members of the public are allowed up to five minutes each to address the Board on issues of concern other than those items which are on this evening's agenda.

There was no public comment

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**CHRIS COFTY:** County Administrator, Chris Cofty, stated he had an item he wanted the Board to vote on this evening if possible. He said several months ago a septic tank failed at the soccer fields at McCurry Park. He said in addition there had been septic failures at the Public Works facility. He said all of the ground out there was fill dirt. He said they had to hire an engineer out of MdDonough, McElwaney and Associates to do a study of that area. He said he did locate a piece of ground up near the football fields that an adequate fill line could be installed to serve both facilities. He said it would require running approximately 5,000 feet of pipe to that area. Mr. Cofty said he was concerned about the length of pipe, but was assured that since they would only be pumping water and the line would be sufficient. He said the work was put out for bid and they received three bids. He said the low bidder was Environmental Wastewater Specialists, Inc. He said the bid amount was \$74,103 to repair the septic lines. He said the high bid received was \$179,000 and the mid bid was \$106,000. He said he was asking the Board to approve the bid this evening so that they proceed in the repairs. He said this was also a health issue. He said additionally the County was going to do the piping because we could do it at a significantly lower cost than hiring a contractor. He said the materials for that would be \$10,134.28. He said he would like to also get approval for this purchase.

Motion was made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Wells, to approve the low bidder Environmental Wastewater Specialists, to do the septic repair work, and the purchase of the piping materials for a total cost of \$84,237.28. Motion carried 5-0. A copy of the cost breakdown, identified as "Attachment No. 4", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

**ATTORNEY MCNALLY:** Attorney McNally requested an Executive Session to discuss six legal items.

**CHAIRMAN DUNN:** Chairman Dunn called attention to a typo in the *Fayette Daily News* regarding the article "Peachtree City Sells Wetlands to Fayette County". He said the article stated the County paid \$170,000 for 2.4 acres and it should have read \$170,000 for 94 acres.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss six legal items. Motion carried 5-0.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Commissioner Wells, authorizing the County Attorney to proceed in this matter. Motion carried 5-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT:** Motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham, authorizing the Chairman to execute the Executive Session Affidavit affirming that six legal items were discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried 5-0. A copy of the Affidavit, identified as "Attachment No.5," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Dunn adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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Peggy Butler, Chief Deputy Clerk

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Gregory M. Dunn, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 7th day of July, 2004.

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Peggy Butler, Chief Deputy Clerk