Workshop Minutes

Board of Commissioners
December 5 , 2007
3:30 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on December, 2007, at 3:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Commissioners Present:	Jack Smith, Chairman Herb Frady, Vice-Chairman Robert Horgan Eric Maxwell Peter Pfeifer
Staff Present:	Jack Krakeel, Interim County Administrator Don Comer, Interim County Attorney Carol Chandler, Executive Assistant Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk Floyd Jones, Deputy Clerk

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Call to Order by Chairman.

Chairman Smith called the Workshop Meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

Acceptance of Agenda.

Commissioner Horgan motioned to approve the agenda and Commissioner Pfeifer seconded the motion. The motion to approve the agenda passed with a unanimous vote.

PRESENTATION / RECOGNITION

A. Recognition of Debbie Parrish as the 2007 Georgia Recreation and Parks Association Therapeutic Professional of the Year. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 1", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Parks and Recreation Department Director Anita Godbee introduced Ms. Debbie Parrish to the Commissioners and stated she received the 2007 Georgia Recreation and Parks Association Therapeutic Professional of the Year award in November. Ms. Godbee gave a brief synopsis of the Ms. Parrish's work and praised her innovation. Chairman Smith congratulated and thanked Ms. Parrish for all her hard work and motivation on behalf of the citizens of Fayette County.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Authorization for Public Works' staff to trade two tractors with implements for two 1998 New Holland tractors with flail mower implements for two new tractors. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 2", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

2. Approval of Public Works' request to award a bid to Mason Tractor Company in the amount of $31,251.68 to replace two tractors with flair implements which are currently out of service. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 3", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

3. Authorization for staff to obtain titles for two untitled vehicles and to acquire a new vehicle by disposing of five old vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 4", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

4. Authorization for staff to dispose of one vehicle used by the Sheriff's Department and to replace it with a similar vehicle for the Sheriff's Department. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 5", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

5. Authorization for staff to process the tag, title, and other paperwork required to complete the acquisition of a 2008 Ford Explorer for the Sheriff's Department. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 6", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

6. Authorization for staff to process the tag, title, and other paperwork required to complete the acquistion of a 2008 Ford F-250 for the Sheriff's Department. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 7", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

7. Authorization for staff to process the tag, title, and other paperwork required to complete the acquisition of a 2008 Ford Expedition for the Sheriff's Department. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 8", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

8. Approval for the Water System to purchase 1,080 carp from Aquatic Environmental Services to place in Lake Peachtree with funding to come from the Lake Peachtree Dredging Account. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 9", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Commissioner Horgan motioned to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-8 and was seconded by Commissioner Frady. The motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-8 passed with a unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

B. Further discussion of the retirement study committee decision tree and critical elements for the Board's decision making process with respect to a retirement plan. This item has ben addressed at the September 5, 2007, Workshop Meeting, the October 3, 2007, Workshop Meeting and the November 7, 2007, Workshop Meeting. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 10" follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Interim County Administrator Jack Krakeel and Mr. Steve Vaughn from GEBCorp made a brief presentation to the Commissioners about the findings as requested at the November 7, 2007, Workshop Meeting. Some discussion followed. Commissioner Maxwell motioned to change the county's retirement plan from a single defined contribution plan to a hybrid plan that includes a defined benefits plan and a defined contribution plan, and to further authorize the Chairman and the County Administrator to develop a contract to be voted on by the full Board for the new retirement plan, and a committee to be formed to review this plan on a quarterly basis to determine the status with said plan becoming effective July 1, 2008, or as soon as practical. Commissioner Maxwell's motion was seconded by Commissioner Horgan. The motion passed with a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Pfeifer voting in opposition.

C. Discussion of regulations for bow hunting in Fayette County. A copy of the request and presentation material supplied by Chief Collins, identified as "Attachment 11", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

Chief Ed Collins of the Marshal's Department made a presentation to the Commissioners where he explained how bow hunting is regulated in various surrounding counties and cities. He also wanted presented a proposed ordinance that would address bow hunting in particular as well as non-hunting archery. Some discussion followed. The consensus of the Board was for Chief Collins and County Attorney Scott Bennett to write an ordinance based on the parameters presented, and for the ordinance to be sent to the Commissioners before the regularly scheduled meeting on December 13, 2007, so it can be further discussed at that time.

D. Consideration of the proposed amendments to the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance regarding Article III. Definitions (Cabana, Covered Patio or Covered Deck, detached; and Swimming Pool Screened Enclosure); Article V. General Provisions, Section 5-10. Accessory uses and structures and Section 5-11. Guest Houses as presented by the Planning and Zoning Department. This item was previously discussed on October 3, 2007, and November 7, 2007. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 12", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Mr. Pete Frisina gave an explanation of the proposed amendments to the Board, and sought the Board's permission to advertise public hearings in January. Some discussion followed. The consensus of the Board was to give permission to advertise the proposed amendments to the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance for public hearing.

E. Consideration of the proposed amendments to the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance regarding Article VII. Conditional Uses, Exceptions, and Modifications, Section 7-6. Transportation Corridor Overlay Zone, A. S.R. 54 West overlay Zone, 4. Architectural Standards; B. S.R. 85 North Overlay Zone, 4. Architectural Standards; and C. General State Route Overlay Zone, 4. Architectural Standards as presented by the Planning and Zoning Department. This item was also discussed on September 27, 2007. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 13", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Mr. Pete Frisina gave an explanation of the proposed amendments to the Board. He emphasized the sunset provision, one-time exemptions, and the maintenance of architectural standards. Some discussion followed. The consensus of the Board was for the proposed amendments to be publically advertised for public hearing.

F. Further discussion of a proposed amendment to the County's Water Restrictions Ordinance that would allow for a three-tier fine schedule for violations. The item was last discussed at the November 29, 2007, Board of Commissioners Meeting. A copy of the request and Ordinance 2007-09, identified aw "Attachment 14", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

County Attorney Scott Bennett explained Ordinance 2007-09 and answered questions by the Commissioners about how the ordinance would be worked out and enforced. Some other discussion followed. Commissioner Maxwell motioned to approve Ordinance 2007-09 as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Frady. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

G. Approval of Human Resources' recommendation for One Source Counseling and Employee Assistance Program Services as the new EAP provider. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 15", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Ms. Connie Boehnke, Director of Human Resources, made a recommendation to approve Once Source Counseling and Employee Assistance Program Service as the new EAP provider. Some light conversation followed. Commissioner Pfeifer motioned to approve Human Resources recommendation for One Source Counseling and Employee Assistance Program Services as the new EAP provider and was seconded by Commissioner Horgan. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Recruit Graduation Ceremony: Mr. Krakeel reminded the Commissioners of a recruit graduation ceremony for Fire and Emergency Services to be held on Friday, December 7, 2007, at 11:00 a.m.

Proposed H.R. 900 Tax Reform Legislation: Mr. Krakeel spoke to the Commissioners about the proposed H.R. 900 Tax Reform Legislation also referred to as the "GREAT Plan" and a resolution to oppose the "GREAT Plan". Some discussion followed, particularly about how the "GREAT Plan" is in a constant state of change and the difficulty to oppose a plan that is changing on a week-to-week basis. Chairman Smith directed staff to contact Larry Dell, Chairman of the Association of Fayette County Government, to get a feel on where other governing bodies in the county stand on the resolution and to enable everyone to "get on the same page" in relation to the resolution.

ATTORNEYS REPORT

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

None.

BOARD REPORT

Transit Planning Board Adoption of "Concept Three": Chairman Smith announced the adoption of "Concept Three" by the Transit Planning Board and explained it is the tentative plan for a transit system for metropolitan Atlanta. He said "Concept Three" was released in order to gather public input so it can be modified as required, and then it will be adopted as a final plan for transit for metropolitan Atlanta. He said the public comment period will last until May, 2008, and during that time the transit board will work on how to fund the transit plan and how the governing structure will be established to run the transit plan. He mentioned there are two items in the transit plan that have a potential impact for Fayette County, but wanted to clarify none of the plan is funded or set in concrete but is only at the "concept" stage. The first potential impact to the county would be an express bus service that would terminate in Fayetteville from downtown Atlanta and the other impact would be a light rail-line that would proceed by Peachtree City and extend into Senoia. He said the light-rail would connect into MARTA's rail-line and was designed so a person could travel from Senoia or Peachtree City to downtown Atlanta without having to change from the light-rail system to the MARTA system. He also mentioned the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has announced GRETA has agreed to and signed the tri-party agreement that ARC, GDOT, and MARTA have with regard to transportation planning for metropolitan Atlanta, and now has an authoritative stance for transportation planning for metropolitan Atlanta. He said GRETA is scheduled to address the TIP at their next meeting, and has indicated to the ARC that they will approve the TIP that was presented to them by the ARC approximately two months ago.

<u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pfeifer motioned to adjourn the Workshop Meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Horgan. The motion to adjourn passed with a unanimous vote.

The Workshop Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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Floyd L. Jones, Deputy Clerk Jack R. Smith, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 10th day of January, 2008.

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Floyd L. Jones, Deputy Clerk