



Action Agenda

Board of Commissioners
March 12, 2009
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on March 12, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Commissioners Present:

Jack Smith, Chairman
Herb Frady, Vice-Chairman
Lee Hearn
Robert Horgan
Eric Maxwell

Staff Present:

Jack Krakeel, County Administrator
Scott Bennett, County Attorney
Carol Chandler, Executive Assistant
Floyd Jones, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Smith called the March 12, 2009 Board of Commissioners Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Commissioner Hearn gave the invocation.

Chairman Smith led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance before acknowledging that Boy Scout Troop 74 was in the audience and thanking them for their attendance.

Acceptance of Agenda

Commissioner Horgan moved to accept the agenda as published. Commissioner Frady seconded the motion. Chairman Smith asked that Consent Agenda Item 1 be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under Old Business as Item B-2. Commissioner Horgan amended his motion to accept the agenda as published and to move Consent Agenda Item 1 to Old Business as Item B-2. Commissioner Frady seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION/RECOGNITION:

- A. **Craig Gross, Cooperative Extension Coordinator for the Fayette County Extension Service, will present information about their Master Gardeners Program and various volunteer projects completed over the past year.**

Fayette County Extension Service Coordinator Craig Gross and Master Gardener Liaison Sandy Edwards introduced Master Gardener President Anne Foley to the Board and spoke about the training required to become a Master Gardener, the projects involving Master Gardeners throughout Fayette County, and about the Master Gardeners' contributions to Fayette County.

Master Gardener President Anne Foley introduced other Fayette County Master Gardeners before presenting a reproduction of a "check" in the amount of \$195,425.71 to the Board representing the value of the benefit provided to Fayette County by the Master Gardeners.

Chairman Smith thanked the Fayette County Master Gardeners for all their efforts on behalf of Fayette County, said their contribution was very significant as well as the sense of community that "comes from associating from each other and the beautification that happens in the County as a whole". He said that their efforts were "not unnoticed" by anyone, spoke about the redesign of Fayette County's Historical Courthouse lawn project which includes input from the Master Gardeners, and said their efforts would be showcased at the Courthouse as well as throughout the rest of the County. On behalf of the citizens of Fayette County, he thanked all of Fayette County's Master Gardeners for all their contributions and future efforts.

PRESS RELEASE

Tax Appeal Information: Chairman Smith announced that during this time of year and with the economy in the state it is in, Fayette County is receiving many questions about the assessment of property or the market value of property as it applies to property tax bills and the calculation of property taxes this year. He said the Assessors Department, which is responsible for assessing or establishing the fair market value of real and personal property in Fayette County, has written a one-page summary of the process that is used to assess property and how to lodge an appeal if there is disagreement with the amount at which the property is assessed. He added that the summary will be posted to the County's website on Friday, March 13, 2009 and will be distributed to newspapers in Fayette County to be printed as a public service announcement in order to provide information to the citizens.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Alex Chandler: Mr. Alex Chandler, a resident of Fayette County, inquired whether or not the current meeting was the same as the public hearings advertised on road signs throughout Fayette County for the Comprehensive Transportation Plan Workshop. Public Works Director Phil Mallon informed Mr. Chandler that the Workshop had concluded at 6:00 p.m., but he added that he would be happy to speak to Mr. Chandler about the issue after the meeting.

Angela Hinton Fonda: Ms. Angela Hinton Fonda, a resident of Fayette County, thanked Fire Marshal David Scarbrough for all of his work pertaining to a pending zip code change in portions of North Fayette County. She asked the Board that if "any more zip codes could be brought into the fold" to let her know how the citizens could help in that effort.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman Smith reminded the Board that Consent Agenda Item 1 was removed from the Consent Agenda and moved to Old Business. Commissioner Horgan moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 2-8. Commissioner Frady seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. **Approval of staff's recommendation for the renaming of specified streets in North Fayette County as a result of a request from the US Postal Service. This item was last discussed at the March 4, 2009 Board of Commissioners Workshop.**
2. **Approval of staff's recommendation to renew the County's contract with Ceridian, the third party administrator for its Flexible Spending Plan employee benefit.**
3. **Approval of a request from the Sheriff's Department to amend the Overtime Budget Account for the Criminal Investigations Department by \$8,003.39 for reimbursement of employees assigned to work with various Federal agencies.**
4. **Approval of staff's request for authorization to accept a Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Grant from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.**
5. **Approval of staff's request that the radio tower located on county-owned property at 1464 Highway 92 North be declared surplus property and that staff be authorized to sell the tower, which would be dismantled and removed from the site.**
6. **Approval of staff's recommendation to award a bid to Mill Creek Environmental Services for preparation of a Corrective Action Plan for the Public Works fueling facility at a cost of \$5,700.**
7. **Approval of staff's recommendation to accept the proposal from Eco-South, Inc. for Biological and Habitat Monitoring for the Lake McIntosh Reservoir Project for 2009, in an amount not to exceed \$28,098.**
8. **Approval of February 26, 2009 Board of Commissioners minutes.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- B-1. Consideration of a recommendation from the Retirement Study Committee to award the bid for managing the County's employee deferred compensation plan and the defined contribution plan to Mass Mutual/ Am. Ret. This item was last discussed during the March 4, 2009 Board of Commissioners Workshop meeting.**

Commissioner Maxwell moved to approve the recommendation from the Retirement Study Committee to award the bid for managing the County's employee deferred compensation plan and the defined contribution retirement plan to Mass Mutual/ Am. Ret to become effective on July 1, 2009. Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B-2. Approval of staff's recommendation for the renaming of specified streets in North Fayette County as a result of a request from the US Postal Service. This item was last discussed at the March 4, 2009 Board of Commissioners Workshop.**

Fire Marshal David Scarbrough informed the Board that the list of recommended streets had changed from the list published. Commissioner Horgan moved to change the existing street names to the proposed street names as recommended, and for the changes to become effective on May 22, 2009. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- C. Consideration of the Water Committee's recommendation to award the bid for fencing at three mitigation sites to the low bidder Trammell-Horton Contracting, Inc. at a combined cost of \$176,434.90.**

Commissioner Horgan moved to approve the Water Committee's recommendation to award the bid for fencing at three mitigation sites to the low bidder Trammell-Horton Contracting, Inc., at a combined cost of \$176,434.90. Commissioner Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

There was no Administrator's Report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Whitworth Construction Company, Inc. Contract: Commissioner Maxwell moved to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Whitworth Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$611,037, for the renovation and modification of the 911 Center. Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORT

First Manassas Mile Landfill Resolution: Commissioner Frady moved to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2009-07 giving the County approval to apply for reimbursement of funds expended for testing at First Manassas Mile Landfill, as recommended. Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Paving of Sims Road: Public Works Director Phil Mallon stated that Public Works has received a request to pave Sims Road, that the information has been processed, and that the citizens who submitted the request represent more than 80% of the road's length. He added that in accordance with the adopted policy, the Engineering Department will conduct a preliminary layout and cost estimate to bring to the Board for consideration in order to determine whether or not to proceed with the project.

Comprehensive Transportation Plan Workshop: Public Works Director Phil Mallon announced that the County has completed the four-day Comprehensive Transportation Plan Workshop. He stated that the workshop "went very well", that the citizens gave good input on the subject, and that he appreciated the time the Board members gave as well as elected municipal leaders and their key staff from Peachtree City, Fayetteville, and Tyrone. He said a memo would be drafted detailing some of the key components or issues facing the Comprehensive Transportation Plan for the Board's consideration. He also added that the Consultant Team would be requested to come to the April 1, 2009 Board of Commissioners Workshop to provide further updates and discussion on the issue. He concluded that this is one more public meeting that will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 in Peachtree City, and asked for citizens to visit the Comprehensive Transportation Plan website to take the on-line survey.

Cancellation of the March 26, 2009 Board of Commissioners Meeting: Executive Assistant Carol Chandler announced that the next scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting was March 26, 2009, but the deadline had expired for submitting items for the agenda, and there were no agenda items submitted for the meeting. She suggested that the Board may wish to cancel the March 26, 2009 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Hearn moved to cancel the March 26, 2009 Board of Commissioners meeting for lack of agenda items. Commissioner Frady seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD REPORT

There was no Board Report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hearn moved to adjourn the March 12, 2009 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Smith adjourned the March 12, 2009 Board of Commissioners Meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Floyd L. Jones, Deputy Clerk