Minutes

Board of Commissioners
March 4, 2009
3:30 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Suite 100, 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 Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk

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Chairman Smith called the meeting to order.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:
Commissioner Horgan made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. UPDATE ON U.S. POSTAL SERVICE'S PLANS TO CHANGE TWO ZIP CODE AREAS IN NORTH FAYETTE COUNTY:

Fire Marshal David Scarbrough updated the Board on the U.S. Postal Service's plans to change two zip code areas in North Fayette County. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment No. 1", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. He said the Postal Service was expecting the street names to be renamed and sent to them by no later than April 10th. He noted that during the period of May 18th to June 1st the Postal Service would be making an official announcement by mail to all of the patrons that would be affected. He pointed out that the official date for all of this would be June 1st, 2009. He said they were set up and would guarantee their customers for one year through July 1, 2010 that they would receive their mail regardless of which zip code was attached to that person. He said after that time period, mail would go back to "return to sender". He remarked that Executive Assistant Carol Chandler had sent out a letter to the property owners on the nine affected streets that need to be renamed. A copy of that letter, identified as "Attachment No. 2", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. He remarked that suggestions for street name changes had been received from the public and a recommendation would be presented to the Board for consideration at the March 12th Board meeting.

B. UPDATE FROM THE RETIREMENT STUDY COMMITTEE:

Public Safety Director Allen McCullough updated the Board on the retirement study committee's findings regarding a recommendation for defined contribution and deferred compensation for the Fayette County retirement program. A copy of the Committee's recommendation, identified as "Attachment No. 3", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. He remarked that the committee was recommending Mass Mutual/AmRet as the preferred provider. He stated that this would be presented to the Board for consideration at the March 12th Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

C. PRESENTATION BY GLATTING JACKSON KERCHER ANGLIN, INC. REGARDING THE COUNTY'S NEW COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN:

Public Works Director Phil Mallon introduced Lead Consultant Joel Mann of Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin, Inc. who discussed project goals, public input, and county goals. Mr. Mallon said the main purpose of this plan was to help identify transportation goals, transportation needs and also to assist in prioritizing projects for the next five years as well as long term for the County. He said the consulting team would be glad to discuss this plan with any interested citizens at the public kick-off meeting/workshop beginning on March 9 - 12, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Public Meeting Room, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville. A copy of the presentation, identified as "Attachment No. 4", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

D. PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION FROM THE COUNTY'S ANIMAL CONTROL DIRECTOR CONCERNING THE TETHERING OF ANIMALS IN FAYETTE COUNTY:

Animal Control Director Miguel Abi-Hassan presented information on his research to determine if there was any interest regarding an anti-tethering ordinance for Fayette County. A copy of his presentation, identified as "Attachment No. 5", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. He noted that there had been approximately 75 follow up calls for 2008.

Commissioner Maxwell asked how many of the 75 followup calls were found to be an abuse situation or a problem that the shelter had to address. Mr. Abi-Hassan replied that he had looked at this number more as a work load indicator and nothing as far as citations that might have been issued regarding this number. He said because the County currently did not have a tethering ordinance, he could not say definitely that some of the calls were in violation of such an ordinance. He said he would be glad to check those calls individually and see what charges were drafted thereafter. Commissioner Maxwell asked if Mr. Abi-Hassan had any scope on any felony or misdemeanor cruelty cases in 2008. He said he was a City Judge in Peachtree City for approximately 15 years and he did not recall a single cruelty case every coming before him. Mr. Abi-Hassan said he receives approximately 3 - 7 misdemeanor cases every month and one felony case every month or two. Commissioner Maxwell said he would like to see the case load information from the shelter as well as tracking reports.

Chairman Smith asked the Board if there were any questions and hearing none, he thanked Mr. Abi-Hassan for his presentation.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

There was none.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

There was none.

STAFF REPORTS:

RFP FOR AIR-CONDITIONING PROJECT FOR FLINT RIVER PUMP STATION AND CROSSTOWN PLANT: Water System Director Tony Parrott asked for the Board's consideration to send out an RFP for a bid for an air-conditioning project for the Flint River Pump Station and the Crosstown Plant pump station. He said this would involve the electrical controllers for the pumps. He said the summer heat affects the controllers and causes them to cut off during the afternoon hours. He said this was estimated to cost approximately $70,000 with the cost of this project coming out of the Renewal and Extension Fund.

It was the consensus of the Board for Mr. Parrott to proceed with the RFP.

REQUEST FROM THE THOMAS WINGFIELD CHAPTER OF THE COLONIAL DAMES 17TH CENTURY: Executive Assistant Carol Chandler briefed the Board on a request she had received from the Thomas Wingfield Chapter of the Colonial Dames 17th Century to place a bronze marker on the South wall of the old Fayette County Courthouse to recognize its importance to the history of Fayette County. Tony Parrott of the Historical Society interjected that he had met with a representative of this group and they also indicated that they wanted to place a plaque at the Holliday Dorsey Fife House.

The Board took no action on this request and asked Ms. Chandler to obtain additional information.

BOARD REPORTS:

There was none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Hearn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 p.m. Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Karen Morley, Chief 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 9th day of April, 2009.

Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk