Minutes

Board of Commissioners
September 1, 2010
3:30 P.M.

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The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room, Suite 100 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 L. Jones, Deputy Clerk

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Call to Order by Chairman.

Chairman Smith called the September 1, 2010 Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting to Order at 3:34 p.m.

Acceptance of Agenda.

Commissioner Horgan moved to accept the agenda as printed. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT:

A. Kathryn Lawler, External Affairs Manager for the Atlanta Regional Commission, will provide an overview of Georgia House Bill 277 which was passed in this year's General Assembly and signed by the Governor on June 2, 2010.

Mr. Tad Leithead, Chairman of the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), and External Affairs Manager for the ARC, Kathryn Lawler, gave a presentation about future traffic concerns in the Atlanta Region. They discussed how House Bill 277, in an attempt to mitigate those concerns, would affect Fayette County, the Atlanta Region as a whole, and the State of Georgia in the coming years. They closed their presentation and discussion by answering questions from the Board.

The Board took no action and gave no direction after this discussion. A copy of the request and presentation notes, identified as "Attachment 1", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

B. Representatives of Merchant Capital will discuss the feasibility of refinancing some of Fayette County's bonds in the current bond market.

Mr. James R. Wilson, Executive Vice-President of Merchant Capital, LLC., updated the Board about the feasibility of refinancing some of Fayette County's bonds in the current bond market. Mr. Wilson ended his discussion by answering questions from the Board.

County Administrator Jack Krakeel informed the Board that staff intended to bring this issue back to the Board at an upcoming Thursday night Board meeting for formal action, if desired, since this presentation was intended only to provide information and to give the Commissioners time to "delve into" the issue.

The Board took no action and gave no direction based on this update. More information that will possibly require Board action will be forthcoming at a subsequent meeting. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 2", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

C. Presentation of the monthly update on the County's 2010 Transportation Work Plan by Public Works Director Phil Mallon.

Public Works Director Phil Mallon provided his monthly update on the County's 2010 Transportation Work Plan, and he discussed various aspects of his report with the Board.

The Board took no action but gave some direction based on this update. A copy of the request and presentation notes, identified as "Attachment 3", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

<u>OLD BUSINESS:</u>

D. Continued discussion of proposed amendments which update the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance in its entirety and which would add it to the Fayette County Code of Ordinances. This item was last discussed during the August 4, 2010 Workshop Meeting.

Director of Community Development Pete Frisina gave a brief review of the previous discussions and suggested that this discussion be continued at the October Workshop in order to provide the Board more time to review the proposed amendments.

Commissioner Maxwell expressed concern about the amount of time and effort requried to adequately review and discuss the proposed amendments.

The Board directed that this discussion of proposed amendments be continued at the October 6, 2010 Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 4", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

E. Continued discussion of the International Property Maintenance Code and property maintenance issues. This item was last discussed at the June 2, 2010 Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting.

Interim Director of Buildings Permits and Inspections Joe Scarborough and County Attorney Scott Bennett updated the Board on the progress of four properties that were authorized to be condemned by the Board on June 2, 2010.

The Board took no action and gave no direction on this issue other than to encourage staff to continue working on this issue expeditiously. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 5", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Discussion Concerning the Possibility of Creating a Separate County-WideTax District for E-911 Funding: County Administrator Jack Krakeel discussed the issue of creating a separate county-wide tax district for E-911 funding. This discussion was prompted by discussions he had held with the city managers of municipalities within Fayette County. The Emergency Communications Center is governed by a "911 Communications Board", established in 1995 when the various entities in the County who use emergency radio systems consolidated into one agency. Mr. Krakeel told the Board of the cities' concerns, provided extensive background information and explanation on this issue, spoke of the benefits and problems associated with the creation of this tax district, and answered questions from the Board. During the discussion, he told the Board that, in principle, the city managers for both Fayetteville and Peachtree City "have agreed with a proposal that I presented them with, and that was that we continue with the current level of contribution from each of the municipalities for the next four years, and utilize those contributions in addition to the County's contributions to retire the debt on the 911 Center." He summarized that what was essentially under consideration was an amendment to the County's current Intergovernmental Agreement between Fayette County and its municipalities concerning the consolidated Communications Center, which is due for renewal on October 1, 2010. It was noted that staff is recommending that the Board of Commissioners consider establishing the special Tax District to support E-911 Center funding.

The Board directed County Administrator Jack Krakeel to return to the cities with the proposition of creating a separate tax district, as well as to secure their commitment to continue at the current funding level in the future, in order to reduce outstanding debt related to the 911 Center.

Mr. Krakeel concluded his report stating this issue would be formally placed on an agenda to be heard in September. A copy of a letter, identified as "Attachment 6", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

RECESS

The Administrator's Report went past the 5:00 p.m. hour; the time publically advertised for a Public Hearing Meeting regarding the establishment of 2010 millage rates. Chairman Smith interrupted the County Administrator's report and he asked the County Administrator to resume his report as soon as the Public Hearing meeting concluded. He then asked the Board to recess the Workshop Meeting in order to call the Public Hearing meeting to order.

Commissioner Frady moved to recess the Workshop Meeting in order to conduct the advertised Public Hearing meeting. Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously, and the Board recessed its meeting at 5:07 p.m.

After the Public Hearing Meeting was concluded, Chairman Smith called the September 1, 2010 Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting Back to Order from recess at 5:18 p.m. The County Administrator's report continued at that time.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

There was no Attorney's Report given.

STAFF REPORTS

Update Concerning the Request for Proposals for a new CAD System: Communications Director Cheryl Rogers reminded the Board that during its May 27, 2010 meeting it authorized 911 Communications to issue a request for proposals (RFP) in order to obtain the services of a technology specialist to assist in the selection and acquisition of a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System. She reported that although RFPs had been issued, there was a wide cost disparity from the respondents, that five of the respondents did not even meet County standards, and that the Communications Board rejected all of the remaining proposals during its August 19, 2010 meeting. She informed the Board that the Communications Board has asked her to write a new RFP and will also provide her with additional guidance. She closed informing the Board that once the process was underway she would return to the Board of Commissioners seeking permission to issue the new RFP for a consultant.

Commissioner Hearn offered to provide his assistance in preparing a new RFP.

BOARD REPORTS

There was no Board Report given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

When no further business came before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the September 1, 2010 Workshop Meeting at 5:49 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 23th day of September 2010.

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Floyd L. Jones, Deputy Clerk