



Minutes

Board of Commissioners
February 11-12, 2011
8:30 A.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met for their Annual Planning Retreat on Friday, February 11, 2011 and on Saturday, February 12, 2011, beginning each day at 8:30 a.m.. The Meetings were held in the Commissioners Conference Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, Suite 100, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia, and were open to the public and members of the press.

Commissioners Present:

Herb Frady, Chairman
Robert Horgan, Vice Chairman
Steve Brown
Lee Hearn
Allen McCarty

Staff Present:

Jack Krakeel, County Administrator
Scott Bennett, County Attorney
Carol Chandler, Executive Assistant
Floyd L. Jones, Deputy Clerk (Friday)
Karen Morley, Deputy Clerk (Saturday)
Marry Holland, Chief Financial Officer
Various Department Heads

The purpose of the Annual Planning Retreat was for discussion among the Board of Commissioners and key staff members concerning critical issues facing Fayette County in the upcoming year; and to provide staff with input and direction for preparing the organization to deal with those issues.

Various department heads presented the Board with an overview and updated information concerning their areas of operation, including in some cases, recommendations on how to address particular issues. The Board reached consensus on several issues and directed staff to prepare specified items for further discussion and possible action by the Board of Commissioners at future public meetings. No official actions were taken other than to convene an Executive Session wherein the Board discussed real estate acquisition and Courthouse security. Members of the local press attended portions of the Annual Planning Retreat, excluding the brief Executive Session. No members of the public attended any portions of the Meetings.

In addition to their own staff of the County Administrator Jack Krakeel and Executive Assistant Carol Chandler, the Board met on Friday with Finance Director Mary Holland, Ted Burgess of the Finance Department, Public Works Director Phil Mallon, Andy Adams of the Road Department, Utilities Director Tony Parrott, David Jaeger of Mallett Consulting, Inc., Public Safety Director Allen McCullough, Chief Tom Bartlett, and Major Bryan Woodie of the Sheriff's Department.

The Chairman called the meeting to order on Friday morning, February 11, shortly after 8:30 a.m.

1. Commissioners Discussions: Various Commissioners

Commissioner Brown discussed the role of the Board Chairman and how to improve information given to new Commissioners.

2. Administration: County Administrator Jack Krakeel

The Board discussed and consented to the arrangement of future agendas, and how the bi-monthly and Wednesday agenda meetings will be conducted. The Board agreed to place the Administrator's Report and Commissioners' Reports section back on each agenda. The Board further agreed to keep reports as simply reports/updates, and directed that any new business requiring a Board vote that arises after an official agenda is published, be published as an addendum to the agenda with relative information be made available to the public at the entrance of the designated meeting room.

3. Finance: Finance Director Mary Holland

Finance Director Mary Holland gave an overview of the County's current financial status and projections for future financial impacts to the County. The Board directed that the budget parameters for Fiscal Year 2012 remain the same as those established for Fiscal Year 2011.

4. Oglethorpe Project: Project Manager Ted Burgess

Project Manager Ted Burgess gave a presentation regarding the County's involvement with the Oglethorpe Project. The Georgia Oglethorpe Project is something of an accreditation program intended to improve processes and results in all areas of private and public sector organizations. Fayette County is the first county in the entire State of Georgia to begin this project. Mr. Burgess described the steps required to attain the Georgia Oglethorpe Award, and informed the Board that the County is working on the first leg of the multi-year project.

5. Transportation: Director of Public Works Phil Mallon

Director of Public Works Phil Mallon, Road Department Andy Adams, Fleet Maintenance Director Bill Lackey, and Engineer Carlos Christian discussed upcoming road projects, Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs), SPLOST projects, and equipment needs with the Board.

6. Water System: Water System Director Tony Parrott

Water System Director Tony Parrott and Mr. David Jaeger spoke about process upgrades for Fayette County's water plants, methods on how to decrease the amount of total organic compounds in the water, and the on-going Lake McIntosh project. They spoke in particular of what is known as the MIEX project and the fact that the project will cost millions of dollars.

7. Constitutional Officers: Sheriff Wayne Hannah

Public Safety: Director Allen McCullough

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner McCarty moved to adjourn the open session and convene into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Real Estate Acquisition and Courthouse Security issues. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Major Bryan Woodie, who represented Sheriff Hannah who was unable to attend due to sickness, spoke to the Board in Executive Session about security issues at the Justice Center.

Public Safety Director Allen McCullough and Chief Tom Bartlett spoke to the Board about real estate acquisition related to sites suitable for the construction of a fire station in the future.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT: Commissioner Hearn moved to authorize the Chairman to sign an Executive Session Affidavit stating Real Estate Acquisition and Courthouse Security issues were discussed during Executive Session. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Safety Director Allen McCullough, Chief Tom Bartlett and Major Woodie also spoke to the Board about the feasibility of the establishing a joint training facility for both Fire and Emergency Services as well as the Sheriff's Department.

The meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, February 11.

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, February 12.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONER MCCARTY:

Prior to beginning the scheduled meetings with County staff, Commissioner McCarty said he would like to make a public announcement for the record. He said that the County wants some of his property for construction of the West Fayetteville Bypass. He said he would not be dealing with the County on this issue and the County would have to condemn it. He said this situation would be handled through the court system and his attorney would fight it in court. He noted that this was in regard to an easement for a turn lane on Lees Mill Road.

7. Technology Systems: Information Systems Director Russell Prince

Chief Information Officer Russell Prince briefed the Board of Commissioners on issues related to capital needs and expectations he has for recommendations likely to result from the strategic communications currently underway.

8. E-911 Intergovernmental Agreement: Administrator Jack Krakeel

Administrator Jack Krakeel updated the Board on the status of the discussion of the E-911 Intergovernmental Agreement between the county and all the public safety agencies within the county.

9. Stormwater Management: Stormwater Management Director Vanessa Birrell

Once again, Mrs. Birrell updated the Board on the activities of the Stormwater Management Department and the upcoming need to discuss possible funding options to pay for stormwater repairs and maintenance in the future. She spoke of the Stormwater Feasibility Study recently performed by an outside consulting firm.

Mrs. Birrell also briefed the Board on the requirements related to North Landfill Post Closure activities.

The 2011 Annual Planning Retreat adjourned at 11:55 a.m. on Saturday, February 12, 2011.

Carol Chandler, County Clerk