

Board of Commissioners April 6, 2011 3:30 P.M.

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The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at 3:30 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

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 Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk

Chairman Frady called the meeting to order.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Consideration of authorization for the County staff to restore transportation priorities due to severe budget constraints, restricting spending on lower priority projects, ensuring completion of the number one priority T-SPLOST project (East Fayetteville Bypass):

Commissioner Brown discussed Fayette County transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax projects as well as budgeted funding for these projects. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment No.1", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. He reviewed a spreadsheet indicating the highlighted red portions being lower priority and suggested these be halted and the yellow highlighted portions, also indicating low priority, be frozen along with any projects dropped by the County. A copy of the spreadsheet, identified as "Attachment No. 2", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. He read the following into the record and a copy, identified as "Attachment No. 3", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Commissioner Brown stated, "The Fayette County Board of Commissioners set the 2004 SPLOST referendum priorities for the citizens to vote on. In fact, an official County memorandum dated January 15, 2004 by Fayette County Public Works Director Lee Hearn entitled 'Priority list of transportation project[s] with cost estimates' unmistakably says 'Priority #1 East Fayetteville Bypass' and calls for engineering design to occur in 2006, right-of-way acquisition in 2008 and construction in 2010. That schedule was created based on the research of the County's contracted engineering firm URS Corporation and significant input from all the governmental jurisdictions within Fayette County, officially accepted by the Board of Commissioners including Commissioner Herb Frady. The County spent \$140,000 to determine those transportation priorities. The citizen voters of Fayette County went to the voting booths in 2004 with a legitimate set of transportation priorities agreed upon in official meetings and announced in the local news media."

Commissioner Brown further stated that "The Dunn administration began the process of designing and building the East Fayetteville Bypass, as intended, directing the allocation of funds to see the project through. However, the previous Board of Commissioners with no public input, no public announcement and no public vote changed the priorities of our citizens, deciding instead to build the developer welfare project known as the West Fayetteville Bypass or the Road to Nowhere. It is especially painful since Commissioner Hearn and Commissioner Frady, who both participated in the creation of the SPLOST priorities, willfully denied the very voters who approved the SPLOST referendum of any input at all on changing their priorities. Then-Chairman Smith made the following comment on video tape at the Fayette County Local Issues Tea Party Candidates Forum: 'Now it is true that we could alter which roads got built, and, in fact, we changed the emphasis from the East to the West Bypass.' They withdrew all funding commitments from the top priority East Fayetteville Bypass and all direct action halted without a single vote."

Commissioner Brown further remarked that "In the same candidates forum, then – Commissioner Maxwell stated, 'That's just the position that Jack and I and the rest of the Board of Commissioners find ourselves in; is we're implementing a SPLOST that was passed by a different Board of Commissioners.' Truly, Truly, many of us in the County only wish the previous and current Board of Commissioners were implementing the citizen's SPLOST in the priority order they were promised. Critical SPLOST funds have been wasted on many low priority projects, not just the West Fayetteville Bypass. The previous Board of Commissioners decided to sacrifice the top priority for a project list of marginal importance which could be performed in the future. The reason the County enlisted the use of the SPLOST methodology was it gave us the only means to accumulate a significant amount of funding to actually build a large-scale project like the East Fayetteville Bypass, but most of the funding has been squandered on lesser projects."

Commissioner Brown stated that the facts were that "The East Fayetteville Bypass (S. Jeff Davis to 85), costing over \$39 million, is the total responsibility of the County Government and has had funding appropriated for engineering. This project is eligible for matching federal funds for right-of-way acquisition and construction which would be lost if the project does not move forward. The cost of this large project will never be lower than our current figures because of the depressed real estate market. Nearly three times the amount of funding needed to build this project has been collected by the additional one-percent tax, so ample funds have been available to build the citizens' top priority project. In an attempt to bring some fiscal legitimacy back to Fayette County and a sense of order, he said he would like to make a motion."

Commissioner Brown made a motion to halt any SPLOST funding directed to the lower priority red highlighted projects as indicated on the color spreadsheet and also that any spending on the lower priority yellow highlighted projects be frozen, along with any projects dropped by the County or municipalities, until the East Fayetteville Bypass, the number one priority project of the County, is completed. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion, discussion followed.

Commissioner Horgan remarked that since he had been on the Board of Commissioners he had been through several Board members including three different Chairmen, two Public Works Directors, two County Administrators and he had never seen the projects from the 2004 SPLOST been identified as East Fayetteville Bypass as the number one project. He said this had never been the case at any meeting held. He noted that in 2007 the Board of Commissioners did make a decision to not continue on with the East Fayetteville Bypass at that time. He said it was felt that the decision was to get more projects done in the County by using the SPLOST money was more productive than all of the funds going toward the East Favetteville Bypass. He said the reason this occurred was because DOT funding was lost in 2007. He he did not feel that any of the other projects were any less important than the bypass road. He said an intersection improvement could save lives just as much as carrying people down a road. He during that time with the money that was allocated, more things were available to be done and more intersections and more improvements were able to be done with the money that was allocated. He said he did not agree with Commissioner Brown on this issue. He said he would like to remark on Commissioner Brown's comment that the East Fayetteville Bypass was the number one project listed by the Association of Fayette County Governments. He pointed out that the number two project was the Highway 54 widening. He noted that Commissioner Brown was totally against that project and totally against project number three. He said this just did not make any sense. He said if the County was going to continue to keep working by what was said then, he said he just could not agree with it. He said he felt the money was not being used to the best ability that it could be for the citizens of Fayette County.

Chairman Frady said he agreed and wanted to make a comment. He said he did not feel Commissioner Brown had done a proper study on this because the East Fayetteville Bypass goes through a huge historical spot. He said the State of Georgia had already stated that it would not approve a bypass through that area. He said if this project was not approved by the State Historical Society, a bypass road would not go through there. He said the current plans were just preliminary drawings and nothing was firm.

Commissioner McCarty remarked that he was new to the Commission and could only go by the references that he could find. He said he had a memorandum dated January 16, 2004 specifically lists the East Fayetteville Bypass as priority number one. A copy of the memorandum, identified as "Attachment No. 4", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. He said priority number two was S.R. 54 East widening, priority number three was the West Fayetteville Bypass, priority number four was Sandy Creek Road, priority number five was Jimmy Mayfield project and so on down the list. He said somebody had established this list for the items and it was not him nor was it Commissioner Brown. He commented that there were a lot of constituents living on dirt roads in Fayette County and he asked why these roads were not paved first and put the bypass at the bottom of the list.

Chairman Frady interjected that there were approximately 57 miles of dirt roads in the County and the County has tried to pave them all. He said citizens just don't want to give right-of-way and the law requires 80% approval from residents living on the road. Commissioner McCarty said he could take Chairman Frady to several roads where the citizens were willing to give their right-of-way at no cost to the County. Chairman Frady asked for these citizens' names and Commissioner McCarty said he would be glad to provide him with those names.

Commissioner Hearn remarked that the roads that Commissioner Brown had listed in red were the roads that Commissioner Brown would like to be stopped immediately. He said many of these were intersection improvements and there is a bridge that is extremely important. He said the yellow section indicated those projects may or may not move forward. He said there had been a lot of planning, thought, work and discussion by staff. He noted that during the Board's budget planning retreat the Public Works Director actually submitted a list to the Board regarding the projects listed in a priority list with estimated cost. He said he would like to challenge Commissioner Brown on his comment that "most of the funding has been squandered on lesser projects." He said he would like Commissioner Brown to provide that list of projects where the County had wasted and squandered money.

Commissioner Horgan interjected that the list had not been followed from the first day and he noted that the Jimmy Mayfield project was listed as number five. He said anything done at an Association of Fayette County Governments meeting was not an official action by the Board of Commissioners regarding the list of road projects.

Commissioner McCarty remarked that the problem was that the number one priority was the only one listed on the ballot that the people could see without going and looking it up.

Commissioner Horgan said he felt when that ballot was done, there was no collusion or anything else that anyone was trying to hide. He said at that time in 2002 and 2003 he did not feel that most people were thinking of open government and really having things explained in as much detail as it was being done now. He said he had never heard that the East Fayetteville Bypass was the number one project until now.

Commissioner Brown said he would honestly say that this was not an A.F.C.G. list. He said that list came from Fayette County and this was a Fayette County memorandum from 2004. He said there was absolutely no doubt that it came from the official archives of Fayette County and has nothing to do with the Association of Fayette County Governments. He said all of the County governments did say that the East Fayetteville Bypass was the only project that they agreed on and what they wanted to be done and he was one of those people representing Peachtree City as Mayor. He said it was said that we have the means through a SPLOST to raise a substantial amount of money and we should think what would be the most project that could be obtained for the most good. He said everyone including Mayor Ken Steele, Chairman Greg Dunn, Mayor Sheryl Lee, himself and all of the representatives agreed that the East Fayetteville Bypass would have the greatest impact on the downtown traffic in Fayetteville. He said the voters were told this. He said unfortunately a lot of the "door knobs and door stoppers" could have been paid for out of the general fund during any year decided upon. He said the reason the County is in the position that it is now is because the Board changed priorities and it was done in such a way that the public was not involved, the public was not asked about anything, and was not done in the public view. He said there was no vote by the Board to say that the priorities were changed.

Commissioner Brown further remarked on the Chairman's comment regarding the historical site. He said he recalled the Board had approved the route for the East Fayetteville Bypass and the engineers were working on that bypass at this very moment. He said the historical element is no longer in play. He said the Board had approved the route and staff was working on that route and it was moving forward. He said all that was left to be done was to fund the number one priority of the citizens of Fayette County. He said this Board should give the citizens what they voted for. He said this was in The Citizen Newspaper, The Atlanta Journal and Constitution and in the Fayette Daily News weekly what the projects priorities were. He said the East Fayetteville Bypass was always touted and when the people walked into the voting booth and cast their vote, they were doing it based on the priority list in the Fayette County memorandum that Commissioner McCarty has in his hand. He said this Board should abide by what the citizens of Fayette County want this Board to do. He said there were some bridges listed on the project but those bridges could hold up. He said he had one green colored section on the list which was a bridge project. He noted that bridge was built in 1950 and was a critical project that needed to get done.

Chairman Frady remarked that the number three priority several years ago was the West Fayetteville Bypass. He noted that the West Fayetteville Bypass was ahead of the East Fayetteville Bypass which was listed at number eight. He said the Board had taken a vote on September 7, 2005 to start both of these projects (the East Fayetteville Bypass and the West Fayetteville Bypass) and this was during Commissioner Dunn's term. He said priorities had changed throughout the years and there were circumstances that cause change in priorities.

Commissioner Brown said he felt it was a shame that money was being put into the West Fayetteville Bypass that would have no immediate impact on traffic congestion. He said he could reference a whole "boat load" of quotations from

public officials who said this was for future traffic, but he felt the most damning one was made by Mayor Ken Steele who wrote a letter to the editor in the newspaper in his own words where he said "that road was clearly about new development" and it was the new development from North Fayette all the way down to Starr's Mill. He said this was the reason it got dubbed the "Developer Welfare Project" because it was about building homes and this was why there was the empty school on the lot to accommodate those children after the houses are built. He said he was talking about 8,000 cars on that road maybe ten years from now. He said there was already a couple of thousand on it right now from the traffic traveling to and from Sandy Creek High School and so forth. He said this was not "bang for the buck." He said there were more people traveling on Crosstown Road than would be traveling on the entire Bypass. He said it just made no sense.

Chairman Frady said he could not be convinced that the West Fayetteville Bypass would not take more traffic than the East Fayetteville Bypass. He said it was taking traffic from SR 92 Highway, 85 Highway, and Redwine Road. He said 8,400 cars per day was estimated by the time the road opens and in twenty years 13,000 cars per day was estimated. He said it was not a road to nowhere because it goes to a road that ditches into Highway 138 in four different places and to say that this is a road to nowhere is ridiculous.

Commissioner Brown said he had a copy of the \$140,000 URS Engineering Study that disproves what Chairman Frady just said.

Commissioner Hearn said the Board had discussed the road priorities during the February budget planning meeting and he understood that priorities still include funding for the East Fayetteville Bypass. County Administrator Jack Krakeel confirmed that there was funding allocated for the East Fayetteville Bypass. Commissioner Hearn also remarked that engineering was underway to make this happen.

Commissioner Brown asked for the amount of the funding and how much cash on hand through the SPLOST does the County have to spend on the East Fayetteville Bypass. Public Works Director Phil Mallon replied that the County currently has \$57 million currently available.

Mr. Krakeel interjected that the question was how much money was currently allocated to the East Fayetteville Bypass Phase I and then Phase II in the list that was presented to the Board during the retreat. Mr. Mallon remarked that he could not say for certain if these figures were identical to the Board retreat information. He said there was \$2 million budgeted for professional engineering for Phase I and Phase II and then for the Bypass Southside of SR 54 there was \$3.6 million for right-of-way, \$4.5 million for utilities and \$20.2 million for construction. Mr. Mallon remarked that on the Northside there was \$1.7 million for right-of-way, \$1.2 million for utilities and \$6.2 available for construction. He said it was being assumed that the County would get an 80% Federal match for construction on the Northside and currently there was \$7 million programmed for construction on the Southside and that was in the TIP.

Mr. Mallon further remarked that he also wanted to add that the numbers associated with these projects do change. A copy of an expenditure report, identified as "Attachment No. 5", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. He said some of the cost estimates that are being looked at today versus what was heard in the Fall, was that the original cost estimate was based on the four-lane 120 foot wide road. Commissioner Brown noted that the funds designated for land acquisition would remain the same.

County Administrator Jack Krakeel remarked that last year the Atlanta Regional Commission had informed counties that there had to be a realistic commitment from the counties as to which roads were going to be built. He said if there was not a commitment from the County, then the ARC would pull the money from the TIP. He said in order for the County to continue to be eligible to receive the \$7 million, there had to be a definitive agreement to move forward with the project

in order to retain the TIP funding. He said there was funding allocated in the current SPLOST to get some of this work done in order to get access to the \$7 million.

Commissioner Brown said he appreciated the fact that there was money set aside for the East Fayetteville Bypass. He said he just wanted to finish the road. He said this was the number one priority project that the people voted on and that was where the money should be. He said when that funding cycle was complete and the East Fayetteville Bypass was constructed, then the list of projects can be looked at.

Chairman Frady called for the vote on Commissioner Brown's motion.

The motion failed 2-3 with Chairman Frady, Commissioner Hearn and Commissioner Horgan voting in opposition.

# 2. <u>Discussion of the costs and impacts of various paving and widening alternatives for Snead Road West</u> of Old Greenville Road:

Road Department Director Andy Adams discussed the costs and impacts of various paving and widening alternatives for Snead Road West of Old Greenville Road. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment No. 6", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. He remarked that there was only one remaining section of Snead Road that was a dirt road. He said this was approximately 2,200 foot long section West of Old Greenville Road. He said a few years ago the Board approved a budget to do the paving of this road. He said there was a discussion at that time as to how wide the road would be paved. He said initially it was indicated that the road be paved the same width that it was currently and a budget was set up for that. He discussed several alternatives and the impacts of each alternative for paving this section of roadway. He said if the existing road was paved the project would cost approximately \$60,600.

Commissioner Hearn asked how wide was the existing roadway, and Mr. Adams replied it was between 15 feet and 16 feet. Mr. Adams remarked that a 60 foot right-of-way had been pursued and the acquisition of that right-of-way was near completion. He said there had also been discussion if the road met County specifications and it was paved to a standard 24 foot wide road with 6 feet grass shoulders, and a ditch section with certain slopes and certain widths the cost would be approximately \$88,300. He said if this alternative was chosen it would take longer to complete this project than would be otherwise. He said there was only a 60 foot right-of-way and that would be a potential problem in building a 24 foot wide road.

Commissioner Hearn said he would like the specifications to be close to the County requirements. He expressed concern with the ditches and the current gravel road. He said he would like to save as much money as possible but also wanted the road to last many years.

County Administrator Jack Krakeel recommended if the road design was modified from the original design that staff be directed to go back to the residents to give them full understanding of the project and the paving. He said these residents need to know that additional right-of-way would be needed for the paving.

Commissioner Horgan interjected that there were only two homes on this road and it was a dead end cul-de-sac.

Commissioner Brown expressed concern with funding the paving of a dirt road with only two homes on it and a flock of deer and not funding the number one priority transportation project of the County. He said absolutely without a doubt that the County specifications for this road would have to be followed. He said if these residents did not want to give the County the right-of-way, then they would have a nice gravel road to continue riding on. He said he no sense in doing this project. He said this project was approved long before he and Commissioner McCarty came on the Board. He said

he sees this as just another "door knob and another door stopper." He said the County standards should never be compromised and if this road was going to be built, then it needed to meet County specifications. He said at some point in time, property owners might sell off a large tract of land and several homes might be built on this road.

Mr. Krakeel commented that the donation of right-of-way was consistent with the County policy and sufficient right-of-way was donated to allow the road to be constructed under the County's policy for paving dirt roads. He said a small segment was acquired or is in the process of being acquired having to do with a cul-de-sac at the very end. He said the County policy does require 80% of the frontage of the roadway to be donated and that has occurred.

Commissioner Brown remarked that this paving would have to comply with County specifications and these should never be compromised.

Mr. Adams asked for the Board to provide staff with direction on this project.

Mr. Krakeel recommended that the Board direct staff to communicate with the property owners that are currently along that segment of the roadway to determine if they are willing to donate the necessary right-of-way and fully understand the impact of building a road to the full construction extent of County standards. He said this might be a moot issue.

Chairman Frady said this item would be placed on the Board's April 28th agenda for further discussion and the Board agreed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

3. <u>Discussion of proposed amendments to the Fayette County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20. Zoning</u>
Ordinance, Section 5-47. Standards for Telecommunications Antennas and Towers:

Commissioner Brown interjected that the PDF backup document for the proposed amendments was garbled and he questioned anything the Board might approve tody. Chairman Frady said this could be cleaned up and brought back to the Board later but Mr. Dutton could proceed with his presentation at this meeting.

Zoning Director Dennis Dutton discussed proposed amendments to the Fayette County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20 Zoning Ordinance, Section 5-47. Standards for Telecommunications Antennas and Towers A copy of the request and backup, identified as "Attachment No. 7", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof. He said this was coming to the Board as a result of the ordinance approved by the Board at the December 9, 2010 meeting. He said in review of the ordinance and as applications have come in for towers, staff noticed that petitioners were having difficulty in understanding this ordinance verbiage and inconsistencies was staff. He said staff was proposing was to change some of the language in order to make the ordinance more explanatory and easy to understand.

County Administrator Jack Krakeel said he had reviewed the PDF file and found it difficult to determine what the strike through markings were and he recommended in order for the Board to make an informed decision about this issue that the Board have a clean set of the proposed amendments together with explanatory material for the changes at the Board's next meeting.

There was a consensus that this item be discussed further at the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

# 4. Consideration of staff's recommendation to increase the yard waste tipping fees to meet projected yard waste operation expenditures:

Director of Utility Services Tony Parrott discussed staff's recommendation to increase the yard waste tipping fees to meet projected yard waste operation expenditures. A copy of the request and backup, identified as "Attachment No. 8", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof. He said this rate increase would cover expenses and give about 3% above that.

County Administrator Jack Krakeel said that previously when this item had been discussed there had been questions from the Board specifically with the collection of fees at the toll station and whether or not fees were being collected consistent with the schedule both for residential users and commercial haulers. He said this process had been audited and staff was confident that the fees were being collected appropriately for the yard waste that was being dumped.

After a brief discussion, there was a consensus that this item would be placed on the April14<sup>th</sup> Board agenda for consideration.

### 5. Consideration of a request from the Health Department for additional cleaning of their facility:

County Administrator Jack Krakeel discussed a request that he had received from the Health Department for additional cleaning of their facility. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment No. 9", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. A copy of the backup documentation was submitted to the Board prior to the meeting, identified as "Attachment No. 10", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. He said he had discussed County staff and their work load and what they could assist the Health Department with in respect to the issue of cleanliness. He said County staff had met with the Health Department Manager and made every effort to try to provide as much cleaning services as could be accomplished given the limited staff and schedule of staff assigned to clean not only the Administrative Complex but the Justice Center. He said in February, 2011 the Chairman had received a letter from the Chairman of the Board of Health regarding this issue and requesting additional cleaning services that they would expect the County to provide. He said the scope of those cleaning services was far above and beyond anything that the County could provide given the limited resources that the County has with responsibilities of cleaning this facility and the Justice Center. He said he had asked staff to determine the cost of having an outside cleaning service come in under a contract basis specifically for the Health Department. He said the Board has the information relative to that issue. He said the prices that were obtained ranged from \$400 per month to a high of approximately \$1,300 per month. He said Health Department staff indicated that there is no funding within their budget to accomplish this objective and they are requesting that the County provide this service. He said the Board had agreed last year to allow utilization of a portion of the space at the Health Department for a Federally funded program known as Women, Infants and Children which is coordinated through the Region IV Health District. He noted that County staff had performed all of the necessary remodeling work at no cost to the State to accomplish that objective and subsequently did enter into an agreement to provide that space and ancillary usage of other spaces for that program and there has not been a charge for that rental fee. He said it was his understanding that since this is a Federal program, expenditures such as a rental fee and utility fee can be recovered through the Federal program as an appropriate expense of the program. He said he would come back to the Board at a later date with some specific recommendations as to how the County can meet their request up to a point and at the same time make this a revenue neutral issue for the County.

Commissioner Brown said he would like to have a copy of the Health Department's infectious control standards and also an explanation from the Health Department staff as to how they are meeting these standards. He remarked that during his experience from managing some specialty practices for years, that the practice handled the infectious control was

handled by the staff at the practice. He said he would dare say that there was no one in the private sector that was not doing it that way.

Mr. Krakeel further remarked that he has had discussions with the WICK program manager who indicated that they were looking for additional space since the County would not have additional space at this facility. He said the Health Department has looked at utilizing a modular facility at a location in the County but he had not heard back from them.

Commissioner Horgan interjected that the property at the First Manassas Mile location was not acceptable to the Health Department. He questioned the obligation of the County to have WICK in the Health Department.

Mr. Krakeel replied that the County has a contract with them that was effective through June 30 2011 to provide them space and it does require the County to provide the WICK program and District IV Health a 60 day notice if there was an attempt on the part of Fayette County to modify the current agreement and/or terminate the agreement. He said there would have to be a decision prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> in order to meet the time frame of the contract requirement.

Commissioner Horgan pointed out that there were several vacant properties including medical offices and buildings including the old mental health facility that might be suitable for them. He said he just could not agree with the County going to the expense of installing sinks and a lot of other related things at their current location. He said the Health Department could certainly use the additional space and this might start that thinking process.

Mr. Krakeel remarked that the cleaning of the WICK facility would not disappear even if they relocated to another location. He said this was a Health Department issue and not a WICK issue. He said the Board would need to provide staff direction on how to deal with the issue.

Chairman Frady said the Board would wait to hear back from Mr. Krakeel for discussion at a Thursday night meeting and the Board agreed.

## **REPORTS:**

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:**

There were none.

#### **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:**

<u>COMMISSIONER BROWN</u>: Commissioner Brown asked for clarification on a fact that he had been made aware of and that was that the newly appointed Elections Board member Addison Lester is a cousin to Commissioner Lee Hearn. Commissioner Hearn confirmed that Addison Lester was a distant cousin. Commissioner Brown said he felt it would have been appropriate to have disclosed that relationship during the Board's discussion of this appointment.

**CHAIRMAN FRADY:** Chairman Frady said he would like to thank Commissioner Hearn for his article in the newspaper. He said this article was "right on target" and he felt this was a great thing for the citizens to read.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> :	Hearing no	further business	s to come before	∍ the Board, C	ommissioner	Hearn made a	ı motion to
adjourn the meeting	g at 4:45 p.m	. Commissione	r Horgan second	ded the motion	. The motion	carried 5-0.	

Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk	Herbert E. Frady, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 28th day of April, 2011.

Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk