Minutes

Board of Commissioners
February 10, 2011
7:00 P.M.

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The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on Thursday, February 10, 2011, at 7:00 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

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Chairman Frady called the meeting to order.
Commissioner Hearn offered the Invocation.
Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PRESENTATION/RECOGNITION:

1. Recognition of Gene Godfrey who retired from the Fayette County Road Department after 38 years of public service:

The Board congratulated Gene Godfrey on his 38 years of public service with the Fayette County Road Department and presented him with a rocking chair. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment No. 1", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. Commissioner Hearn, who is a former Public Works Director for Fayette County, commented on the great job and dedication that Mr. Godfrey had for the County during his employment.

2. Proclamation Recognizing Severe Weather Awareness Week as February 7-11, 2011:

Public Safety Director Allen McCullough read a Proclamation Recognizing Severe Weather Awareness Week as February 7-11, 2011 and the Board presented a Proclamation to Emergency Management Coordinator Pete Nelms as well as the Director of Operations for the State Office of Emergency Management Charlie Dawson and Chief Meteorologist Lans Rothfusz with the National Weather Service. A copy of the request and the Proclamation, identified as "Attachment No. 2", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

Emergency Management Coordinator Pete Nelms thanked the Board for the support it provided for Emergency Management as well as Public Safety. He briefed the Board on some of the activities that had occurred during the last several years in preparation for possible severe weather. He said staff had developed and implemented an early warning siren system consisting of 23 weather warning sirens to provide advanced warnings particularly for tornadoes. He said approximately 1,000 weather radios had been distributed through a Hazard Mitigation Grant over the last seven years to all public facilities including churches, daycare centers, assisted living facilities and manufactured housing communities. He said weather safety press releases have been distributed to the local media, County websites and held numerous weather preparedness talks for seminars and civic organizations as well as homeowners' associations. He said they have also conducted storm spotter training and coordinated the local amateur radio group to assist with weather reports of the National Weather Service in Peachtree City to better determine the weather conditions in the community. He said staff had recently re-certified and met the National Weather Services criteria as a Storm Ready Community for the third time. He said staff had assisted many churches and other organizations in the development of a weather preparedness plan. He said they have also participated in the annual Statewide tornado exercise every year that includes all County schools as well as administration.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tim Powers: Tim Powers commented on the Building Department and the issuance of almost two to one stop work orders and condemnations issued during the last year. He remarked there were seven employees in this department and the figures posted on line indicating 50 permits per year equated to one permit issued per week per employee. He said Building Department personnel had come onto his private property and said they had the right to do so. He said he told them to leave and he had to go to jail because he told them no. He felt the County had created another police department who had personnel out hunting taxpaying citizens to find violations.

Marilyn Watts: Marilyn Watts remarked that she has been one of the members of the three member Board of Elections since 1998 and during that time there had never been any complaints filed with the Secretary of State's Office or the Department of Justice. She remarked that the Board of Elections was charged with training and selecting poll workers and hiring a staff what was paid for by County money. She said there were three separate members and each was appointed by three different entities. She reminded Chairman Frady that he was the person who had nominated her to the Board of Elections in 1998 and she appreciated that very much. She said she would like to continue as a member of the Board of Elections and asked for the Board's consideration to nominate her to continue her service.

Steve Smithfield: Steve Smithfield commented that he had appeared before this Board two weeks ago at which time he commented about an e-mail he had sent to Chairman Frady ten days prior and had not received an answer. He said in that e-mail he had requested information relating to how the West Fayetteville Bypass received funding that had been transferred from funds attached to the East Fayetteville Bypass. He said he had received information from County staff indicating that a Notice to Proceed for the West Fayetteville Bypass was issued by the County on September 7, 2005 but he found no documentation indicating that the West Fayetteville Bypass had ever been officially declared as a third priority item. He remarked that in the minutes of a special called meeting held on October 28, 2003 consisting of officials of the County and the Cities to discuss the transportation plan update. He said this document indicated that the East

Fayetteville Bypass and the widening of S.R. 54 East were the #1 and #2 priorities respectfully but the #3 priority was never determined. He felt this indicated that the priority of the West Fayetteville Bypass might have been approved without any official public notification. He said there had been no support from the citizens for the West Fayetteville Bypass and he asked the Board to adhere to the will of the citizens which is to stop the West Fayetteville Bypass and resume activity on the East Bypass. A copy of his comment sheet, identified as "Attachment No. 3", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Paul Parchert: Paul Parchert said he was addressing the three Commissioners who have been on the Board previously and their continuance to have a 3-2 vote on every issue. He felt this Board of Commissioners was by definition in his opinion a totalitarian state. He asked this Board not to underestimate the ability and determination of the citizens of Fayette County. He said he has not forgotten the "slap on the hand" that Commissioner Horgan received for his arrest for possession of illegal drugs. He also commented on the West Fayetteville Bypass and its impact on the area. A copy of his comment sheet, identified as "Attachment No. 4", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Mrs. Stuart Barnes: Mrs. Stuart Barnes expressed concern with property within subdivisions being taken and used for commercial. She also stated that she was against the West Fayetteville Bypass and did not want to hear anymore about bypassing businesses located in the City of Fayetteville. She said she when she leaves her business during the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. she has no problem getting through Fayetteville whatsoever. She felt the Bypass should be stopped now.

Andrea Lyle: Andrea Lyle remarked that she is against the West Fayetteville Bypass and the East Fayetteville Bypass. She also commented on a Congressional Report regarding climate geoengineering or as some call it Chemtrails. She said this was currently occurring over Fayette County and she asked for the Board's help with looking into this spraying of chemicals over cities.

Tom Halpin: Tom Halpin said he had appeared before this Board two weeks ago and talked about the importance of transparency. He noted that there was no map of the proposed phase 3 of the West Fayetteville Bypass on the County's website. He said staff had provided a map to the public at one of the meetings indicating phase 3 but there was still nothing on the website. He remarked that it was very important that the citizens of Fayette County be told the truth and not political mumbo jumbo. He said after a few years, of being told that the West Fayetteville Bypass had to be built, it was determined that it did not have to be built and the County was going to spend all of the money until it ran out. He said citizens were also told that the County would not buy property until the alignment was made for phase 2 but citizens found out later that the County had purchased property. He said the Commissioners told citizens to come to the Board meetings to keep up to date on what was going on in the County. He said from the looks of the turnout tonight, the citizens were doing just that and would keep coming.

David Hall: David Hall said he felt the West Fayetteville Bypass was similar to a stimulus package. He said the needs of this County were not being funded sufficiently and the money was coming off the backs of taxpayers. He said if this continues, Commissioners would be voted out in the next election.

Edwin Lee, Jr.: Edwin Lee, Jr. said he felt there was no transparency on what goes on here. He said the citizens of Fayette County deserve more. He said he was reading in the newspaper the other day and saw information indicating that the homeowners and landowners were notified of what was going on as far as acquisition of land was concerned. He said he had not been notified at all about anything. He said most of the things he had heard about the Bypass came from a friend. He said from the indication on the map, his property had a mark on it and he would be totally thrown out in the streets.

Randy Ognio: Randy Ognio commented on some known facts including that the East Fayetteville Bypass was the #1 project and there was funding for it; the East Fayetteville Bypass was a true bypass; it was voted on and passed to do the East Fayetteville Bypass; somewhere behind closed doors the East Fayetteville Bypass was moved to the last position and the West Fayetteville Bypass was moved to the first; the County already has a West Fayetteville Bypass and it is called Highway 74; the East Fayetteville Bypass qualified for Federal and State funds; looking at the funding requirements on the County website regarding the Fayette Forward Plan recommendation the local share expected for the West Fayetteville Bypass Phase 2 was $11.5 million for Phase 3 it was $11.725 million and the local share expected for the East Fayetteville Bypass for Phase 1 was $5.7 million and Phase 2 was $6.6 million. He also commented on the two school zones that would affect traffic during peak times. He said the two new Commissioners were doing what the citizens elected them to do.

Ellen Morley: Ellen Morley said it was heartbreaking hearing all of the citizen comments tonight regarding the impact of the West Fayetteville Bypass. She said as a result of the Bypass, she has no driveway and there was no way of getting out of her property. She remarked that she was meeting with County officials tomorrow and they are supposed to tell her how she will get out of her property. She said the County would also be taking her well, and she would have no water. She said she has a small business at her home and she had no idea of what was going to happen. She said regardless of the mechanical drawings of the West Fayetteville Bypass, there were tremendous mistakes and drawings were not correct.

Commissioner McCarty interjected that he had a question for Ms. Morley and Chairman Frady said Commissioners cannot ask questions under public comment and only under a regular item on the agenda. Commissioner McCarty said this was not the way he read the rules but he would yield to Chairman Frady this time.

Ray Wyatt: Ray Wyatt commented on the transparency of the Board and said he wished the Commissioners would get out from behind their desk and answer questions.

Gordon Furr: Gordon Furr said he was against the East Fayetteville Bypass and the West Fayetteville Bypass . He said when he saw the gentleman in the audience whose farm had been in his family since 1823 and was being split in two by the Bypass, he wondered what was going on with the “three amigos”.

Calvin Appling: Calvin Appling said he was a neighbor to the family whose farm was being split in two by the Bypass. He said the County was not rolling in money and he felt the West Fayetteville Bypass was a terrible idea.

CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Brown made a motion to remove items 6 and 7 on the consent agenda for discussion. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Commissioner Horgan made a motion to approve consent agenda items 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11 as presented. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Sheriff’s office - Vehicle Budgeting Category for Criminal Investigations:

3. Approval of the Sheriff’s Office request to amend the Vehicle Budgeting Category for the Criminal Investigations Division by $4,912.69 for reimbursement received from U.S. Marshals Service for expenses incurred for the retrofit of emergency equipment for the vehicle which was purchased for Fayette County. A copy of the request, identified as “Attachment No. 5", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Sheriff's Office - Overtime Budget Amended:

4. Approval of the Sheriff's Office request to amend the Overtime Budget for the Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division by $732.14 for reimbursement for employees assigned to work with various Federal Agencies. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment No. 6", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Tax Assessor's Office - Transfer Funds:

5. Approval of staff's recommendation to transfer the Fiscal Year 2011 balance of $26,488.85 from the Tax Assessor's Office to the Clerk of Superior Court for support of the Boards of Equalization, in compliance with State legislation. A copy of the request and backup, identified as "Attachment No. 7", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

Public Works - Award Bid #780 CRS-2H:

6. Approval of staff's recommendation to award Bid #780 CRS-2h to Blacklidge Emulsions, Inc. as the secondary supplier for CRS-2h Liquid Asphalt Emulsion to be used in roadway resurfacing projects for the remainder of calendar year 2011 at a cost not to exceed $45,000. A copy of the request and backup, identified as "Attachment No. 8", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

Commissioner Brown asked staff if any of the items awarded in Bid #780 CRS-2h would go toward the West Fayetteville Bypass project. Public Works Director Phil Mallon replied that yes, there was a chance that they would. Commissioner Brown said he would vote against it.

Chairman Frady called for a vote to approve staff's recommendation to award Bid #780 CRS-2h to Blacklidge Emulsions, Inc. as the secondary supplier for CRS-2h Liquid Asphalt Emulsion to be used in roadway resurfacing projects for the remainder of calendar year 2011 at a cost not to exceed $45,000. The motion carried 3-2 with Commissioner Brown and Commissioner McCarty voting in opposition.

Road Department - Funding of Two Temporary Seasonal Employee Positions:

7. Approval of staff's recommendation to provide $14,882 from the County Contingency Fund for two (2) temporary seasonal employee positions for the Road Department to assist with roadside mowing operations to begin no sooner than March 10,2011 and terminating June 30, 2011. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment No. 9", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Commissioner Brown asked staff if this was in the budget for FY 2011. He said he had determined that the Board did the exact same thing the year prior. County Administrator Jack Krakeel replied that those positions were budgeted through the Fall mowing schedule and did not include them for the Spring mowing schedule. Commissioner Brown felt like a lot of money was continually being pulled out of the contingency fund, and he would like this type of thing included in the budget process for next year.

Commissioner McCarty asked if any employees working on the West Fayetteville Bypass could be pulled off that project and put on the mowing schedule and County Administrator Jack Krakeel replied no there were none available.

Commissioner Horgan made a motion to approve staff's recommendation to provide $14,882 from the County Contingency Fund for two (2) temporary seasonal employee positions for the Road Department to assist with roadside mowing operations to begin no sooner than March 10, 2011 and terminating June 30, 2011. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Water Committee's 2011 Meeting Schedule:

8. Approval of the Water Committee's 2011 meeting schedule. A copy of the request and backup, identified as "Attachment No. 10", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

Ordinance no. 2011-02 - Chapter 3 Alcoholic Beverages Amended:

9. Approval of Ordinance No. 2011-02 amending the Fayette County Code of Ordinances regarding Chapter 3 Alcoholic Beverages, which enacts distance requirements as related to child care facilities. A copy of the request and backup, identified as "Attachment No. 11", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

Commissioner McCarty to Replace Chairman Frady on the Retirement Committee:

10. Approval of request from Chairman Frady that Commissioner McCarty replace him on the Retirement Committee. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment No. 12", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Water System - Munis and Tyler Content Manager Software Upgrade:

11. Approval of staff's request to purchase additional computer hardware to accommodate the planned upgrade of the County's Munis and Tyler Content Manager Software in an amount not to exceed $11,100 with the cost being divided equally between the Water System and the General Fund. A copy of the request and backup, identified as "Attachment No. 13", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

OLD BUSINESS:

12. Further Discussion of an Appointment to the Board of Elections:

Commissioner Hearn thanked Marilyn Watts for her dedicated years of service on the Board of Elections but he felt changes needed to be made. He said he would like to nominate Addison Lester to this position on the Elections Board. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment No. 14", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Chairman Frady asked if there were any more nominations.

Commissioner Brown remarked that he had made a nomination and this had been done in advance via e-mail to the County Clerk Carol Chandler and that nomination was Ms. Marilyn Watts.

Chairman Frady asked if there were any more nominations. Hearing no further nominations, he said the Board would vote on these nominations separately and in the order they were made.

Commissioner Hearn made a motion to nominate Addison Lester to the Elections Board. Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion, discussion followed.

Commissioner Brown asked if Addison Lester was present tonight and no one responded. He said there was a process that he would assume would include the background materials on these two nominees. He said the only thing that he had on Mr. Lester was his name that was introduced today. He remarked that the Board of Elections was very important and there were a lot of legal ramifications that could involve the Department of Justice. He expressed concern with the Board voting on this position when there was no biographical sketch, no application stating why the person wanted to be part of the Board of Elections, nothing to indicate what attracted the individual to the position, and nothing indicating if the individual had ever attended a Board of Elections meeting. He noted that he knew for a fact that Addison Lester had never attended a Board of Elections meeting. He pointed out that, from a legal standpoint, the ramifications from

this were immense. He pointed out that the County had lost the Democratic member of the Board of Elections because of a family illness and there was a chance that the County would lose the Republican member who was David Studdard. He said if the County loses Marilyn Watts there would be zero people who have any experience related to the Board of Elections and he felt this was absolutely critical. He interjected that staff had provided him with background information for Marilyn Watts regarding her training. He noted there were six pages listing elections training that Ms. Watts had attended. He said Marilyn Watts was the most competent person in the County with elections knowledge. He said he had no information on Addison Lester and he could not vote for him for that reason.

Commissioner Horgan said he wasn't sure if Commissioner McCarty had the information either and he suggested that Commissioner Brown and Commissioner McCarty be allowed to receive the information from the other candidates in order to review it before making a decision.

Chairman Frady remarked that this information had actually been here for eight months and Commissioner Brown replied that he had not seen it and Commissioner McCarty said he had only been on the Commission for one month and had not seen it.

Commissioner Hearn said he would be in favor of that and he would withdraw his motion and Commissioner Horgan said he would withdraw his second.

Chairman Frady remarked that this item would go on the February 24th Board of Commissioners Agenda for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS:

13. Consideration of Staff's Recommendation to Adopt Resolution No. 2011-04 "Partner with the Georgia Department of Revenue in an Effort to Ensure Proper Payment of Sales Tax":

Chief Financial Officer Mary Holland discussed this item with the Board. She asked for the Board's consideration to adopt Resolution No. 2011-04 entitled "Partner with the Georgia Department of Revenue in an Effort to Ensure Proper Payment of Sales Tax". She said the Department of Revenue had initiated a program whereby counties can provide information regarding business license and occupational tax certificates. She said this information is provided to the State and they will compare that information to their data base showing the vendors paying sales tax to the State. She said the State will also verify if they have any businesses that are assigned with them yet they have not elected in Fayette County to pursue the occupational tax certificate. She said with the Board's adoption of this Resolution, her staff will be ready to work with the Georgia Department of Revenue in this process moving forward.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-04 "Partner with the Georgia Department of Revenue in an Effort to Ensure Proper Payment of Sales Tax". Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. A copy of the request, backup and Resolution No. 2011-04, identified as "Attachment No. 15", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

REPORTS:

Commissioner Brown to Speak on Matters Related to the West Fayetteville Bypass, a Project of Legitimate County Business and Discussed in Many Prior Meetings:

Commissioner Brown remarked that three issues that had come to his attention including (1) Acquisition of property for the West Fayetteville Bypass. He said numerous citizens have approached him with the position that they are being harassed or intimidated and feel like they are being treated unfairly. He said he had one case where the person said

they had received four to five phone calls every day relentlessly. He said numerous citizens have informed him that numerous people have been on their property without permission and this was evidenced by the survey stakes put on their property. He said there have also been a couple of statements that were given to certain potential land acquisition owners that people are giving up their land voluntarily and they should join in as well. He said he would like to have copies of the correspondence that the County's agent was sending out to these individuals.

Commissioner Brown remarked that (2) item involved Open Record Requests. He said several citizens have angrily come up to him and said they are not getting their Open Records Requests returned in the allotted time allowed by law. He said the particular request that always comes up was when the decision was made to abandon the East Fayetteville Bypass and go to the West Fayetteville Bypass for funding and so forth. He said he wanted to make it very clear that this was not the staff's fault. He said there was no documentation on that issue. He said this was done outside of a public meeting and he would give a reference if anyone wanted it. He noted that in the Tea Party Forum held for the County Commission both former Commissioner Smith and former Commissioner Maxwell gave an explanation of how that transaction went through. He said they had explained the rationale behind those decisions. He said this was on videotape and Robert Ross has copies of this tape. He said he would strongly suggest and request that Mr. Ross put these video clips on his website, then he could refer people to Mr. Ross' site so citizens could see these for themselves.

Commissioner Brown stated that (3) item referred to a quote in one of the local newspapers and he had a couple of people approach him and reference that quote. He said when he and Commissioner McCarty ran for the positions on this Board, they had made some statements relating to the West Fayetteville Bypass. He said they had stated that they were never in favor of the West Fayetteville Bypass and felt it was an unwarranted project with little impact on day to day traffic. He stated he had some people tell him he was a hypocrite because when he was in the Mayor's Office he was in favor of the West Fayetteville Bypass. He quoted the newspaper article from the Fayette Chronicle or the Fayette Daily News dated October 2, 2010 where it said two Commissioners "argue Brown, who will join them in office, agreed the bypass would be one of the 'priority' countywide transportation projects back in 2003 when he was mayor of Peachtree City." He said there were several meetings where these projects were discussed in the early stages. He referred to page 5 of the March 3, 2004 where it stated "Mayor Brown replied that the City wanted some other projects. He said at the transportation meeting the City of Peachtree City had presented its projects and they had similarly been dismissed." He then referred to the Commission meetings for the Special Called Meeting on SPLOST held on March 3, 2004 on pages 9-10 it stated "He (Chairman Dunn) said the county had a plan with projects, estimated costs and people have seen it and everyone in this room had been supportive of it. Peachtree City Mayor Brown said he would like to take exception to that remark. Chairman Dunn commented that Mayor Brown was supportive of the projects but maybe not the order in which they were being recommended. Mayor Brown remarked that Peachtree City was not in agreement with the way the projects went down." He referred to page 13 of the Special Called Meeting on SPLOST minutes held March 3, 2004 it stated "Chairman Dunn asked Mayor Brown if he did agree generally with the county's transportation plan. Mayor Brown responded that he felt the projects were vital. He said he did not agree with all of the projects but he felt the major plan was absolutely vital. He said he did not agree with the county's implementation schedule." He then referred to the minutes from the October 28, 2003 joint meeting on the Transportation Plan Update and referred to page 16 where it stated "Chairman Dunn asked if there was a consensus on the West Fayetteville Bypass or the central bypass as the group wished it to be called as the number three priority with the exception of Mayor Brown who felt there were other priorities." He said it also stated to summarize, Mayor Steve Brown **did not agree** with (1) the projects; (2) the implementation schedule and; (3) the funding distribution.

Commissioner Brown said the reason this information was important was because he knew there were a lot of people in this county counting on him. He said he did not want to come off as being a hypocrite–somebody who supported this project and then turncoat to win an election. He said he had always been opposed to the West Fayetteville Bypass and he just wanted to make that absolutely clear. He said the citizens have his 100% full support that he would keep working

toward that and noted that this was not something that he had done just to win an election. A copy of his report, identified as "Attachment No. 16", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Commissioner McCarty: Commissioner McCarty interjected that he would also like to make a personal Commissioner report at this time and it would only take about four or five minutes. He said this was County business and was not on the agenda because it was not an agenda item. After a brief discussion, Chairman Frady said Commissioner McCarty could proceed.

Commissioner McCarty said he had come into possession of some documents today that had greatly affected him. He said he had copies of letters from Joe Beckum, Agent to one of the citizens. He said he was not sure who Joe Beckum worked for but he prepared letters on Fayette County Letterhead stationery. He questioned who had authorized Fayette County stationery to be used by a consultant, contractor or anyone else who was not an employee or direct representative of Fayette County. He said this disturbed him greatly. He also remarked that in his interpretation that this was a letter of intimidation. He said he would also like to state that he was against the West Fayetteville Bypass as it is currently structured. He said he wholeheartedly supported the East Fayetteville Bypass he would do everything in his power to cease the West Fayetteville Bypass. He said he realizes the Board cannot actually stop the project but it can be altered and moved. He said he wanted to finish the East Fayetteville Bypass which was the first priority.

ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hearn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Commissioner Horgan seconded 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 10th day of March, 2011.

Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk