



Action Agenda

Special Called Meeting
Board of Commissioners
September 5, 2013
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in a Special Called Meeting on September 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Commissioners Present:

Steve Brown, Chairman
Charles Oddo, Vice Chairman
David Barlow
Jesse McCarty
Randy Ognio

Staff Present:

Steve Rapson, County Administrator
Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk
Tameca P. White, Deputy Clerk
Dennis Davenport, Interim County Attorney

Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Brown called the September 5, 2013 Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Commissioner Barlow offered the Invocation.

Commissioner Ognio led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

Commissioner Ognio moved to accept the Agenda as published. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1. Public Hearing on staff's recommendation to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Use and Distribution of Proceeds from the 2013 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for Capital Outlay Projects.**

County Administrator Steve Rapson told the Board that the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement determines the process of how funds are allocated between Fayette County and its municipalities. He said the majority of the municipalities have approved the Intergovernmental Agreement, with Peachtree City being the only remaining municipality to approve the agreement. He told the Board that once the agreement is signed, then Peachtree City will need to sign it before the SPLOST process could move forward.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to this request.

Commissioner Oddo moved to accept the item as listed, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Use and Distribution of Proceeds from the 2013 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for Capital Outlay Projects. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Hearing of Resolution 2013-18 calling for the imposition of a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax within the Special District Encompassing Fayette County, to promote public health, safety and welfare, and for other purposes.

Chairman Brown mentioned that for both Agenda items that there is documentation that was put on the dais, and he mentioned that the information was late being put onto the website. He told everyone that anyone who wanted copies of the material could obtain it from the County Clerk. He said for the first agenda item that the Board had a copy of the Intergovernmental Agreement and its accompanying Agenda Request Form. He added that for the second Agenda item, the Board was provided with an Agenda Request Form as well as several lists from the municipalities listing each and all their projects.

Chairman Brown pointed out that Peachtree City has communicated that it may have to come back and add a project or they may have to remove a project and replace it with another project. He said the city is working on issues related to Highway 54 West, and they think those issues may be of more importance than some of the projects they currently have on the list. He acknowledged that there may be a chance that the County would have to revisit this information in the event Peachtree City brings something back. He said the time for this initiative is limited since information needs to be provided to the State of Georgia by a set time. He further mentioned that the cities have verified the lists that the County has and that the Board will be voting on.

Chairman Brown gave a brief recap of how the county arrived at the position of considering a SPLOST by providing a PowerPoint presentation before he opened the floor for public comments.

Dennis Chase: Mr. Chase read the following statement into the record:

I've been coming to this podium since 1994, commenting on a variety of project proposals. Each time, I evaluated both the plan, visited the site, provided Commissioner comments or recommendations to protect or reduce environmental impacts. Sometimes the results are positive, other times not so much. For the last three and a half years, I've been trying to obtain such a plan from Fayette County that supports these 181 projects; no such plan exists. Since I cannot evaluate the impacts, I cannot support voting for a SPLOST to pay for this list. I do not pay for anything with a blank check, and I believe that is what you will be asking the taxpayers to do come November. Also, I object to raising more taxes than we need to pay for the proposed list. The extra five million dollars given to the cities should be considered an insult. This looks very much like purchasing support from the cities, and might even look like buying votes. Managers of the cities, and especially their

voters, know how to manage their affairs without our help. Beware of free money; it isn't always free. If there was ever a time for a city to turn down a gift, this is it. I would vote no just on fact, aspect, of this proposal alone. Thank you.

No one else spoke in favor of or in opposition to this request.

Commissioner Oddo moved to accept Agenda Item 2, adoption of Resolution 2013-18 calling for the imposition of a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax within the Special District Encompassing Fayette County, to promote public health, safety and welfare, and for other purposes. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

No Administrator's Report was given.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Threatened Litigation: Interim County Attorney Dennis Davenport informed the Board that he had one item for Executive Session concerning threatened litigation.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Ognio: Commissioner Ognio said that today was his father's birthday. He wished his father a Happy Birthday.

Commissioner McCarty: Commissioner McCarty thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and he asked them to understand that they do not like having to collect money, but there are things that have to be done and no way to do them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Threatened Litigation: Chairman Brown moved to recess into Executive Session. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 8:29 p.m.

Executive Session Affidavit: Commissioner Ognio moved to exit Executive Session and for the Chairman to sign the Executive Session Affidavit. Commissioner McCarty and others seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Oddo moved to adjourn the September 5, 2013 Special Called Meeting. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned the September 5, 2013 Special Called Meeting at 8:29 p.m.