Minutes

STORMWATER TOWN HALL MEETING

Board of Commissioners
February 13, 2013
7:00 P.M.

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The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in an Official Town Hall Meeting on February 13, 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 Allen McCarty Randy Ognio
Staff Present:	Steve Rapson, County Administrator Floyd Jones, County Clerk Vanessa Birrell, Director of Stormwater Management Bryan Keller

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Call to Order, Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order by noting the time was 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Barlow introduced President John Harding of the Church of Latter-Day Saints and asked him to offer the Invocation. President Harding gave the Invocation.

Chairman Brown led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

A. Opening Remarks by Chairman Steve Brown

Chairman Brown gave opening remarks concerning the problems associated with the Stormwater initiative.

B. Stormwater Presentation by County Administrator Steve Rapson

County Administrator Steve Rapson gave a PowerPoint presentation concerning Fayette County's Stormwater Management. He and Chairman Brown also answered various questions posed to them during this presentation. A copy of Mr. Rapson's PowerPoint presentation, identified as "Attachment 1", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

C. Citizen Comments on the Stormwater Presentation by Mr. Dennis Chase.

Mr. Dennis Chase gave a PowerPoint presentation concerning the Clean Water Act and stormwater issues facing Fayette County. He also answered various questions asked of him during his presentation. A copy of Mr. Chase's PowerPoint presentation, identified as "Attachment 2", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

D. Public Comments and Input

The following people commented and provided input during the Town Hall Meeting.

1) Richard Maxwell (did not provide an address)
2) Jere L. Key, 277 Nelms Road, Fayetteville
3) Michael Farmer, 150 Crabapple Road, Fayetteville
4) Will Charity, 195 Zelkova Drive, Fayetteville
5) Mary Cordova, 105 North Fayette Drive, Fayetteville
6) Jerry Mayfield, 855 Sandy Creek Road, Fayetteville
7) William Cordon, 571 Weldon Road, Fayetteville
8) Ron Sykos, 400 Harris Road, Fayetteville
9) Mark Loyd, 1115 and 1119 Hwy 54 East, Fayetteville
10) Joe Black, 100 Sandy Lake Circle, Fayetteville
11) Amessa Croft, 321 Brogdon Road, Fayetteville
12) Tim Thoms, 625 McBride Road, Fayetteville
13) Richard Jolly, 556 Ellison Road, Fayetteville
14) Steve Lindsey, 105 Clearbrook Way, Fayetteville
15) Walter Ivey, 506 McBride Road, Fayetteville
16) Johnnie Jones, 110 Lawson Lane, Fayetteville
17) Commissioner Allen McCarty, Fayette County
18) Danny Murdaugh, 150 Huntcliff Court, Fayetteville
19) Larry Wright, Stanley Road, Fayetteville
20) Laura Maxwell, Price Road, Brooks
21) Denise Ognio, Grooms Circle, Fayetteville
22) Alice Jones, 110 Lawson Lane, Fayetteville
23) Cindy Lou Clancy, 1238 Highway 85 Connector, Brooks
24) Donald Fowler, 1096 Hood Road, Fayetteville
25) Gene Key, 1068 Hood Road, Fayetteville
26) Dave Hannum, Martha's Cove, Fayetteville
27) Beth Holton, 275 Malone Road and 139 Grant Road, Fayetteville
28) Duane Oswald, 1078 Sandy Creek Road, Fayetteville

29) Mickey Harp, 1692 Highway 92 South, Fayetteville
30) Roger Greuel, 438 Price Road, Brooks
31) Gene Lacey, 162 Ellison Road, Tyrone
32) Mike Gaddy, 683 Sandy Creek Road, Fayetteville
33) Bill Poole, 611 Highway 279, Fayetteville
34) Larry Cordigan (not clear on audio recording; no address given)
35) Junior Monk, 178 Milam Road, Fayetteville
36) Rick Medder, 283 Hillsberry Road (not clear on audio recording)
37) Irma Najera, 439 Westbridge Road, Fayetteville
38) Laurie Klonoski, 295 Merrydale Drive, Fayetteville
39) Frank Gardner, 459 Lester Road, Fayetteville
40) Don, Lucy's Place, Fayetteville (not clear on audio recording.)
41) Arnold Geiger, 117 Willie Adams Road, Tyrone
42) Gene Adams, 150 Bridger Point Road, Fayetteville
43) Bill Wheeler, Sourwood Trail at Antioch Road, Fayetteville
44) Lester Monk, 178 Milam Road, Fayetteville

The following suggestions were provided by those who spoke:

1) "Do everything in your [Board of Commissioners] power to have Fayette County live within its means."
2) Instead of a fee, attach "the same dollar amount" to the tax bill where it can be deducted from state and federal income taxes.
3) Establish a 1% dedicated Stormwater SPLOST for three of five years.
4) Stormwater assessments should not be based on impervious areas, but instead should be based on how many people live in the County, the size of the problem, and how to fix it.
5) Rethink the approach to stormwater, place a "cap" on the stormwater issue, and get everybody involved.
6) Provide information on where exactly the money is going.
7) Provide a better system of collecting the money "from everybody else".
8) All people who reside in the county, both in incorporated and unincorporated areas, need to pay to fix the problems since everyone drives on county roads and since this is a county problem.
9) A request for transparency on the status and amount of money collected, and to put the information on the County's website.
10) Proposal of a type of sales tax to cover the $15 million expense. Once the cost is covered the sales tax could be cancelled.
11) Utilize prison labor to perform stormwater repairs.
12) Do a better job educating the public on this issue.
13) Private property needs to be paid attention to in the same manner as roads are.
14) Explore issuing a bond and to tax the people in the county to maintain the stormwater system. Explore financing.
15) Make the bill a tax and delineate it on the tax bill; even if it means raising the millage rates.

Adjournment

After further discussion, the February 13, 2013 Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk

Steve Brown, 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 February 2013.

Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk