Minutes

Board of Commissioners
October 10, 2013
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on October 10, 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 L. Jones, County Clerk Tameca P. White, Deputy Clerk Dennis Davenport, Interim County Attorney

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Call to Order, Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Brown called the October 10, 2013 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Commissioner Barlow gave a PowerPoint presentation and spoke about Second Principal of the United States Constitution. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation, identified as “Attachment 1", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Commissioner Barlow then asked Rabbi Yossi Lew, of Chabad of Peachtree City, to offer the Invocation. Rabbi Lew then offered the Invocation.

Commissioner Oddo led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

Chairman Brown moved to approve the Agenda as presented and to move the Public Comment section to the end of the meeting just prior to the Administrator’s Report. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Brown explained that the reason Public Comment was moved toward the end of the meeting was due to the Board of Commissioners asking for audience members to ask Stormwater SPLOST questions. He told the audience that the questions would be recorded in the record and that a response would be prepared by staff, and that the response would be available by press time for the newspapers. He clarified that all the questions along with all the answers would be provided to the news media for countywide distribution. He asked the Board members

write their SPLOST questions, and that index cards and pens would be provided to anyone who had questions. One person from the audience took an index card and an ink pen, and that audience member provided their question to staff.

PRESENTATION / RECOGNITION:

1. Recognition of the Fayette County Forestry Commission.

Chairman Brown introduced Chief Ranger Harold Quigley to the Board and audience. Commissioner McCarty read the recognition of the Fayette County Forestry Commission into the record. Ranger Quigley thanked the Board, spoke about the services provided, and accepted the recognition on behalf of the Fayette County Forestry Commission. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 2", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2. Consideration of staff's recommendation to approve the transfer of a 2013 Retail Beer and Wine Sales License from Michael Simpson, doing business as Simpson Grocery, to Green Oil Company, doing business as South Fayette Chevron, with Edward C. Wyatt as licensee, and to renew the Retail Beer and Wine Sales License for 2014.

Mr. Jim Pleasants represented Green Oil Company in their request, and he thanked the Board for considering the request.

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

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve the consideration of staff's recommendation to approve the transfer of a 2013 Retail Beer and Wine Sales License from Michael Simpson, doing business as Simpson Grocery, to Green Oil Company, doing business as South Fayette Chevron, with Edward C. Wyatt as licensee, and to renew the Retail Beer and Wine Sales License for 2014. Commissioners Barlow and McCarty seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 3", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Ognio asked to remove Consent Agenda Item #4.

Commissioner Ognio moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Consent Agenda Item #4. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. Discussion was held about Consent Agenda Item #5. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Consent Agenda Item #4 passed unanimously.

3. Approval of staff's request to authorize a one-year contract extension with Tag Grinding Services for short-term debris removal during times of extreme weather or declared county disaster and authorization for the Chairman to sign the contract or related documents. This is the final renewal of a three-year contract. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 4", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

4. Approval of staff's recommendation to adopt Ordinance 2013-14 amending the Fayette County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5, International Property Maintenance Code, Section 302.4 Weeds, to include an allowable height of twelve (12) inches for weeds.

Commissioner Ognio stated there were several issues that were brought to his attention including the fact that it is an "International" Code. He questioned how the ordinance would be enforced for fields that are growing hay and he asked if there were exceptions to this ordinance.

Code Enforcement Officer Kathy Hobbs replied that the International Property Maintenance Code was adopted by the Fayette County Board of Commissioners in 2003. She said staff has been using an operating procedure of the 12-inch standards for the past seven years that she has been with Fayette County. She informed the Board that recently the County had a case where someone questioned where the standard was written, but nothing could be produced that indicated where the County had adopted a standard establishing the actual inches. She added that the court has upheld that twelve inches is a reasonable standard for the last seven years as it is not extreme and it is not too short. Officer Hobbs added that there are exemptions available for those who are growing grass for feed or hay. Commissioner Ognio asked if that exemption was written. Officer Hobbs replied that the exemption is located in the Agriculture-Residential (A-R) section of the Fayette County Code of Ordinances.

Commissioner McCarty asked to table Consent Agenda Item #4 until the November 14, 2013 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Oddo seconded the motion. The Board asked Interim County Attorney Dennis Davenport to provide guidance on how to handle the motion to table.

Commissioner Barlow said he understood that the proposed amendment would allow staff to interact with a resident or some other adjoining property owner who is not maintaining their property and could be visually degrading the neighborhood. He pointed out that he has seen grass three feet high that appeared to be very unkempt, and he suggested that the proposed amendment would give Code Enforcement the authority to have the home owner or a property owner mow their property. He asked Officer Hobbs if that was the intention of the proposed amendments. Officer Hobbs replied that was the basic intention of the proposed amendments, and she reminded Commissioner Barlow that the County had recently passed the Vacant Property Registration Ordinance and this proposed amendment would allow Code Enforcement to show the banks and citizens the written requirement. Officer Hobbs also informed the Board that there were reasons for a height of twelve inches, and she explained that during this year alone the County had received 115 complaints. She said 68 of those complaints have been received since June 15, 2013. Commissioner Barlow replied that the County had received a lot of moisture, and he asked how did the proposed amendments affect County and city right-of-ways, and he asked if they would be in violation of the same ordinance. Officer Hobbs replied that the County and cities would be in violation, and that she works with Road Department Director Andy Adams to resolve those issues for the County. Commissioner Barlow asked if she had interacted with staff at Public Works and if they had any objections. Officer Hobbs replied that Public Works staff does not have problems with the proposed amendments.

Mr. Davenport reported that he was looking at Ordinance 2011-06, and he said the Ordinance read that a motion to table did not require a second, but that it shall require discussion, a restating of the motion, and a call to question. He interpreted the Ordinance that there could be a motion to table, that the motion could be discussed, and once discussion is over the question is called. He reminded everyone that after a question is called, the next thing that follows is a vote. He acknowledged that the Ordinance does not specify the need for a vote, but that it would be the next logical step.

Commissioner Oddo said he was in agreement with the point of what was trying to be obtained by the proposed amendments, but that he was not ready to vote for the proposals at the time. He explained that he had some philosophical reasons that could easily be voted down, and he asked for the item to be tabled so that he could delve more into the issue. He told the Board that he would rather be able to support something, but that he could not do it at the moment.

Ginger Smithfield: Mrs. Smithfield said she had a problem with Consent Agenda Item #4, and she asked if the County was actually going to police the height of somebody's weeds. She suggested that this was just another form of government control. She asked about elderly people on fixed incomes, and about those who are sick and are unable to keep their weeds below twelve inches. She then asked about the County's weeds, like those behind her house at the West Fayetteville Bypass, are more than twelve inches. She asked if the County was really going to fine sick and elderly people, and she asked if the County would fine itself. Mrs. Smithfield added that she was in favor of Consent Agenda Item #6.

Commissioner McCarty pointed out that Fayette County is an elderly county, and that means that many of the people are getting older and that the younger people have not moved back into the County. He suggested that this proposed amendment was just another burden that the County would be placing on its elderly people. He understood that the County's current staff will work with elderly people and would give them a chance to correct the problem, but that their help would still not pay for maintaining lawns. He also asked what would happen if staff were changed and the new staff would not help out the elderly or anyone else who is in a bind. He summarized that those were some of the reasons he opposed the proposed amendments, not to mention that he did not like this issue being referred to as an "International" code. He stressed that the ordinance was a local ordinance, and that it should not be referred to as "International," since there are international events Fayette County does not want to be a part of. Commissioner McCarty concluded his concerns by asking the County to see what it would do with its own weeds before imposing more on the elderly.

The motion to table Consent Agenda Item #4 until the November 14, 2013 Board of Commissioners meeting passed unanimously. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 5", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

5. Approval of staff's recommendation to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Fayetteville for the Use of County Property, including the sale or serving of Malt Beverages and Wine for the City of Fayetteville Main Street events.

County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Fayetteville would authorize the following Fayette Main Street events: 1) The Fine Arts Show on the Old Courthouse Lawn, 2) Taste of Fayette, 3) Chili Fest; 4) Pumpkin Festival / Trick or Treat on Main Street, 5) Downtown Christmas Parade/ Tree Lighting, 6) Lunch on the Lawn / Dinner on the Lawn; and 7) Fayette Market Days. He informed the Board that most of those events were flagged with an asterisk so that the City would not be permitted to sell malt liquor at those events. He explained that the County would not want alcohol consumption at the Pumpkin Festival as well as at the Christmas Parade or at Fayette Market Days.

Chairman Brown asked if the excluded events were denoted in the Intergovernmental Agreement, and Mr. Rapson replied that those excluded events were denoted in the agreement. Copies of the request and Intergovernmental Agreement, identified as "Attachment 6", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

6. Approval of staff's recommendation to utilize $3,500.00 from project fund contingency to pay for additional components and labor required for the installation and upgrade of the audio / visual equipment in the public meeting room.

Ginger Smithfield: Mrs. Smithfield, during her comments about Consent Agenda Item #4, told the Board that she was in favor of Consent Agenda Item #6. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 7", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

7. Approval of the September 26, 2013 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were no Old Business Items.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were no New Business Items.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman Brown asked those who came to speak on something other than the Stormwater SPLOST issue to speak first.

Ray Watt: Mr. Watt said he was coming to complain about the sound system, but that it sounded much better tonight than in the past. He pointed out that he watched the September 24, 2013 meeting on television, and that it was hard to hear the County Administrator and the County Attorney. Secondly, Mr. Watt commented on Commissioner Barlow's presentations on the principles and values of the United States, and he said that with what is going on in Washington, D.C. that everyone needed to learn more about those principles and values. He said he agreed with Commissioner Barlow's comments about the military as well. For his third point, Mr. Watt told the Board that his wife received a notice from Blue Cross / Blue Shield informing her that her insurance rate, due to the Affordable Care Act, went up 139%. He suggested that most people would get a similar notice. He told the Board that she has no preconditions and that she does not smoke. He reminded the Board that the County is self-insured, and he wondered how ObamaCare would impact the county's health insurance costs for its employees, retired employees, and those incarcerated in the Fayette County jail. He thought this could be a big part of the County budget on a go-forward basis. He suggested that industries still provide insurance to their retirees, but in many cases it does not provide insurance for their spouses. He pointed out that health insurance would be a "big-ticket item," and he wanted to bring it to the Board's attention. Mr. Watt closed saying he had comments about Stormwater SPLOST, but that he would not provide them since "the cast is kind of set on this thing," and he wished the Board luck in November.

Mindy Fryman: Ms. Fryman spoke about her concerns about the increased fees for obtaining alcohol permit for Fayette County's citizens who are employed to sell alcohol. She stated that her employer informed her that it will cost her $44.00 to obtain a permit, and that the permit needs to be issued by November 1, 2013, even though her personal permit does not expire until December 1, 2013. She said she needed the permit in order to keep her job. She asked why the fee needed to be $44.00 to give her permission to sell alcohol at her job, when last year it only cost ten dollars. She informed the Board that she checked with the City of Fayetteville and the City of Peachtree City, and they charge only $25.00 for the service. She asked for the reason why the fee was almost double the cost

for surrounding cities located within the same county, and she asked what the surrounding cities were doing to keep their costs lower. She understood that budgets were being stretched to their limits, but she asked the Board to look at the budget of someone who makes minimum wage. Ms. Fryman then supplied the Board with a copy of her budget, and went line by line over her budget while asking the Board to help her determine where she needs to cut her budget in order to afford the increased alcohol permit fee. She concluded that while the County's budget may be stretched, her budget has nowhere to go. She suggested that there are probably many other people who have budgets similar to hers, and she asked the Board to remember that a $44.00 fee is taking a day's worth of work from her pay. She added that if the fees go up, those fees should not be any higher than the cities located in the same county. She also asked the Board to provide adequate notification to those "who are already in your system" who are expected to pay the higher costs.

County Administrator Steve Rapson obtained Ms. Fryman's phone number and promised that he would call her about the issues she brought up.

After no one else spoke on subjects other than Stormwater SPLOST, Chairman Brown turned the Public Comment to those who wanted to talk about Stormwater SPLOST.

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

The response to the public notice regarding questions related to the County SPLOST list. I have the following comments. Beginning in December of 2012, I started communicating with the new Commission regarding my concerns of the Stormwater issue in Fayette County. Somewhere, around fifty to sixty messages were exchanged between you, your staff, and myself on a number of points, including questions I had. At several of the Tea Party meetings, I engaged each of you in face to face conversations on these same questions and issues. These conversations took place, most of them, over the first six months of this year. I have presented comments, questions, and concerns at this podium several times leading up to the late August Public Hearing, all of which are already on the public record. At the Public Hearing, I made an additional presentation related to a small watershed just north of Lake Horton. That presentation included questions and concerns where I where I had tried to show the significance of taking on these issues through watershed analysis. During my presentation, I also suggested a set of projects, from your list, which could be done as an alternative to improving the entire list. This would have given time to get the remainder studied about with its stormwater drainage plan. There was one occasion when I did get answers. I called Mr. Davenport regarding the legal obligations this County has to repair the three dams, and he replied with me a clear, concise explanation. It's a bit ironic that the one understandable answer I get from the County comes from the attorney. At the early September meeting, where you voted on that list, I again objected and explained that the lack of answers to my questions is difficult to understand. As a scientist, I can only deal with what I can review, what I can see, and draw my conclusions. No answers equals no support from me. We are now twenty-six days away from voting on the list, so there is no useful purpose in me presenting the same questions to you again. If you think answering my questions already in the public record will accomplish anything useful to you, be my guest. I put in several hundred hours trying to provide useful comments and recommendations. You have chosen to reject this input, so I plan to continue objecting as I have in the past. My intent is to provide the public with what I learned, what I didn't learn, and what I recommend. More editorials, more emails, and more presentations to groups if they ask me [to show up here]. I continue to believe that a vote for this list will be a mistake.

Chairman Brown asked Mr. Chase to verify that he would not ask questions as requested. Mr. Chase indicated that he would not ask any further questions. Chairman Brown acknowledged that Mr. Chase had asked questions and that the questions and answers had been sent to the newspapers and are available on the County's website. He wished that Mr. Chase had put his questions on the record since one of the goals that the Board was trying to

accomplish was going to the step that no other elected body in Fayette County has done before where questions are taken, recorded in the official record, and answered in the official record and in the news media. He said the Board was going into this effort with its eyes wide open, and that the Board did not want anybody believing that the County was not answering their questions. He acknowledged that the answers may not be the ones that the questioner wants to hear, but that the County would give a genuine answer to every question asked.

John Munford: Mr. Munford asked several questions about the Stormwater SPLOST, and he said he would email the questions to County Clerk Floyd Jones on Friday. The questions Mr. Munford read into the record are as follows:

1) As of April, we had about $28 million left over, I think, from the 2003 Transportation SPLOST passed for road projects. If a culvert under a road, and if the stormwater collections for facilities beside a road cannot be paid for with these SPLOST funds, and we already have plenty, please explain why? Please cite the legal references and opinions for your reasoning.

2) Instead of a SPLOST, could a similar amount of money be raised by creating a special tax district for the unincorporated county? Sure it would probably take a few years to build up those funds, but with the steady income you could issue bonds to do the emergency projects right off the bat. Please remember the cities are already paying their own stormwater fees through separate fees based on their impervious surfaces. I realize there was tremendous political pressure put on the Commission to fund Stormwater fees in ways other than the fee or tax, but you, gentlemen, all represent the entire County, not just the folks in the unincorporated county. So, that includes the people in the cities who will be subject to the new tax if approved. If you could justify that as well?

3) It is my understanding that Pinewood Studios and the productions that come there will also be subject to sales tax. Do you think that this is a great way for us to welcome a brand-new business for our community that is going to be rescuing our economy?

Reading of Submitted Stormwater SPLOST Questions: Chairman Brown and Commissioner Barlow tag-teamed in reading submitted Stormwater SPLOST questions that were submitted to the Board. One question was provided by one unidentified audience member, fifty-eight questions were provided by Mr. Paul Lentz, and five questions were provided by Mr. Terrence K. Williamson. Chairman Brown reminded everyone that each of the questions would receive a proper answer and that the answers would be provided to the news media and posted to the County's website for review. Copies of the questions, identified as Attachment 8", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Response to Ms. Fryman's Public Comments: County Administrator Steve Rapson told the Board that he was concerned with Ms. Fryman's comments, so he looked into the situation. He stated that the County did not increase the permit fee, and that it is still $30.00. He told the Board that there is a fingerprinting fee that is $44.25, which is what Ms. Fryman thought she was being charged. He told the Board that he was going to pull Ms. Fryman's record, and if she has already been fingerprinted then it would not be required again. He stated that he would confer with Code Enforcement Officer Kathy Hobbs on Friday, and that he would call Ms. Fryman and let her know the results. He explained that the jurisdictions determine how they do fingerprinting, and that Fayette County has determined to do fingerprinting only one time. He explained that the $44.25 is not a "marked up charge" since that is the cost that is charged by the federal government.

Appointment of a Board Member to review applications for the Fayette County Zoning Board of Appeals: County Administrator Rapson asked the Chairman to appoint a Board member to the selection team for the Fayette County Zoning Board of Appeals. He reported that the County has already advertised the position and that two applicants have submitted their applications.

Chairman Brown appointed himself and Commissioner Barlow to review the applications for the Fayette County Zoning Board of Appeals.

Meeting with Mr. Paul Lentz: County Administrator Steve Rapson reported that he was going to meet with Mr. Paul Lentz on Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Response to Mr. Dennis Chase's Public Comments: County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that the County had questions and answers that are already posted on the website, many of which came from Mr. Chase. He said he would have County Clerk Floyd Jones go back through the minutes to see if there are any questions that need to be answered, and that those questions would be added based on the public record that he referenced when he had a conversation. He said that he would tell the Board what he tells his daughter when she does not like the answer that he gives her, "it doesn't necessarily mean that I didn't give you an answer, it just means you didn't like what you heard." He encouraged people to submit their questions and affirmed that the questions and answers would be posted to the County's website and would be provided to the press by their deadline.

Update on the Environmental Protection Division and the Sanitary Survey: County Administrator Steve Rapson reported that staff has completed 55.3% of the deficiencies noted in the Sanitary Survey related to the Fayette County Water System. He explained that he would provide the Board with an update with regard to the Environmental Protection Division's positions in regards to the Notice of Violations, and that the County would be releasing a press release tomorrow as well as the County's final position with EPD based on the Friday, October 11, 2013.

CH2M Hill Hired as Engineer of Record: Chairman Brown pointed out that the County hired a brand new engineering firm, CH2M Hill, and that the firm is probably the finest such engineering firm in water work in the nation. He explained that CH2M Hill has won national awards both for their water professionalism and engineering and designs, and he said they have also won several awards for business ethics. He told everyone that Mr. Frank Destadio was in the audience, and he suggested that the people could talk to him about their questions.

Recognition of Mr. Phil Frieder: County Administrator Steve Rapson introduced Mr. Phil Frieder to the Board, and he told the Board that Mr. Frieder was the new Information Technology Director. He said he was glad to have Mr. Frieder on site, and that he looked forward to Mr. Frieder "moving us forward."

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Three Items for Executive Session: Interim County Attorney Dennis Davenport reported that he had one item of pending litigation, one item of threatened litigation, and the review of the September 26, 2013 Executive Session Minutes to be considered in Executive Session.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Barlow: Commissioner Barlow thanked Ms. Fryman for coming to the meeting and sharing her testimony with the Board. He said she went to quite an effort to tell her situation, and he said it indicated that she is an outstanding employee. He hoped that things would work out for her. Commissioner Barlow informed everyone that was invited to attend a two-hour prayer session with Operation Mobilization earlier in the day. He told the audience that Operation Mobilization is based in Tyrone, and that it supports 6,800 missionaries throughout the nation and the world. He stated that it was very humbling to be in the presence of individuals who put their lives on the line and who go out to represent the Gospel. He told the Board that several of the stories that he heard were of incarceration, and he heard of how they were able to survive. He stated that it was an honor to be in the presence of such mighty people, and he recommended that everyone read a book that was given to him many years ago entitled *Martyred for Christ.* He told the audience that, as much as they think things are difficult, the testimonies in that book and the stories of people put to death who had been called to go overseas for the benefit of the Gospel. He thanked God that he was given the opportunity to go to the Operation Mobilization prayer meeting. Commissioner Barlow reminded everyone that he would continue to speak on the twenty-eight Principles of Liberty that the Founding Fathers used to author the United States Constitution. He said he had found his research to be very compelling, and he found that the nation has moved away from the Constitution. He suggested that the United States has gone into some illegal activities by not abiding by the Constitution. He suggested that the Constitution was rather simple once someone began to read and understand the Constitution of the United States.

Commissioner Oddo: Commissioner Oddo said he knew it was difficult to take someone in a pink shirt seriously, but that he was wearing the pink shirt for a good cause. He said he went to the Fayette Youth Protection Home, and he complimented those who run the home. He said the staff was doing a wonderful job with the kids who need attention. Secondly, Commissioner Oddo said he had a chance to go to the new Piedmont Cancer Center, and he said it was fantastic. Commissioner Oddo reminded everyone that he opposed the Transportation SPLOST, and one of the reasons he opposed it was because it did not have anything in it for maintenance. He explained that the SPLOST that the Board of Commissioners was proposing is for specific projects, and it is specifically for maintenance that has not been previously performed for the last thirty or forty years. He said it does not mean everything has to be done, but that it means that the County is setting the projects up with the money to take care of them as needed. He reminded everyone that the problems would be with the County whether or not SPLOST passes, and this effort to pass a Stormwater SPLOST was the most economical way to take care of existing problems. He emphasized that the Board needs to take action on these matters, and he thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner McCarty: Commissioner McCarty agreed that weeds are obnoxious and unsightly, but so is the American economy. He suggested that for the County to place another burden on its citizens is another form of government control. He said imposing fines on someone due to the height of their weeds was not a fair or reasonable way to do things, and that it would add more burdens on the County's taxpayers. He said he did not want to see things happen that cause people to spend money in an economy that is not good, and in a county that is more elderly. He suggested that it was not a good idea to keep increasing expenses, like Ms. Fryman experiencing. He asked where did the burdens end, and he asked when government control of what goes in a person's yard will end. He asked if weeds would be made illegal next, said he had a problem with that, and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Ognio: Commissioner Ognio said that he had several people question him about how the county plans for future upkeep after the SPLOST comes to an end. He replied that he thought the County was doing a really good job of creating an asset management plan, like what was brought up at the September 24, 2013 meeting.

He said that knowing what assets the County has, and then planning how to replace those assets when the time comes is part of that plan. He said the County is doing exactly what should have been done many years ago, and so the County is planning for the future, but it still has to deal with the problems it has now. He reminded everyone that there was a collapse on the interstate a couple of days ago that resulted in shutting down part of the interstate. He said he did not want the roads to be like that, and that the roads should be fixed before they collapse. Commissioner Ognio stated that he had heard there was a motorcycle ride this weekend, called Lisa's Ride, and he hoped they would have a safe and prosperous ride.

Chairman Brown: Chairman Brown stated that a couple of the Commissioners were able to go to the Fayette County Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting, and he announced that they have won several awards during this past year. He said part of it included doing a program with the County and getting some of the recognition. He said he was glad the County was working with agencies and non-profits and groups in the Fayette community. He stated that he was extremely proud of the Board, saying the Board made a promise in the newspaper saying a Commissioner would attend homeowners association meetings, would attend Boy Scout meetings, Girl Scout meetings, church groups, or whatever could be offered. He acknowledged that not every Commissioner could make it to every event, but that the Board would always try to get a member to go, and to answer as many questions as could be thrown at them. He emphasized that the Board has held up on this promise, and that somebody has attended every meeting that they have been invited to. He added that the citizens are responding that they are getting a lot of information that they normally would not receive, and that they like having dialog with Commissioners. He thanked the Board for their work, and said the citizens approve of it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pending Litigation, Threatened Litigation, and Review of the September 26, 2013 Executive Session Minutes: Chairman Brown moved to recess into Executive Session for one item of pending litigation, one item of threatened litigation, and review of the September 26, 2013 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 8:16 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 8:42 p.m.

Return to Official Session and Approval of the Executive Session Affidavit: Commissioner Ognio moved to exit Executive Session and for the Chairman to sign the affidavit. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Executive Session Affidavit, identified as "Attachment 9", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Approval of the September 26, 2013 Executive Session Minutes: Chairman Brown moved to approve the September 26, 2013 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Barlow moved to adjourn the October 10, 2013 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned its October 10, 2013 Board of Commissioners Meeting at 8:42 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 24th day of October 2013.

Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk