

Board of Commissioners February 17, 2014 4:00 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in a Special Called Meeting on February 17, 2014 at 4:00 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 Manager

Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk

Tameca P. White, Deputy County Clerk Dennis Davenport, County Attorney

## Call to Order, Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Brown called the February 17, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Barlow asked County Clerk Floyd Jones to offer the Invocation, and he did so.

Commissioner Ognio led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Acceptance of Agenda**

Chairman Brown moved to accept the Agenda as published with the following amendments: 1) to table Item New Business Item #12 to be considered at the February 27, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting, and 2) to add New Business Item #17 which is a resolution for the local state of emergency. Commissioners Barlow and McCarty seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

# PRESENTATION / RECOGNITION:

There were no Presentations or Recognitions given.

# **PUBLIC HEARING:**

There was no Public Hearing.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 1. Approval of the County Clerk's recommendation to approve the revised 2014 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule.
- 2. Approval of staff's request for the Board of Commissioners to establish the annual Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2015 which begins July 1, 2014 and ends June 30, 2015.
- 3. Approval of staff's recommendation to issue a noise permit, for the date of September 27, 2014, to Mr. John Douville at 205 New Oak Ridge Trial.
- 4. Approval of staff's recommendation to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding from the Georgia Department of Public Health District 4 in order to dispense medications to employees, family members of employees, and any contract staff in the event of a large-scale public health emergency.
- 5. Approval of staff's recommendation to appoint Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Baggett as the representative from Peachtree City's Fire and Emergency Services to the West Georgia Region IV Emergency Medical Services Council.
- 6. Approval of staff's request to enter into a Project Framework Agreement between the Georgia Department of Transportation and Fayette County for a road resurfacing project (PI No. 0012623) and to approve a \$10,000 pre-construction engineering match for Fiscal Year 2014.
- 7. Approval of speed limit postings and the subsequent enforcement thereof along Veterans Parkway between Sandy Creek Road and the new roundabout at the intersection of Lee's Mill Road and Veteran's Parkway.
- 8. Approval of staff's recommendation to accept reimbursement from the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund for groundwater monitoring expenses associated with the Monitored Natural Attenuation at the Southside Landfill and to adopt Resolution 2014-05 granting authorization to execute agreement governing expenditures for state and local government costs.
- 9. Approval of the disposition of tax refunds, as recommended by the Tax Assessor's Office, in the aggregate amount of \$290.59.
- 10. Approval of the January 23, 2014 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes and the February 4, 2014 Special Called Meeting Minutes.

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no Old Business.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

11. Consideration of the Selection Committee's nomination of Mr. Tom Waller to the Fayette County Zoning Board of Appeals with a term beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2016.

Commissioner Ognio moved to accept the Selection Committee's nomination of Mr. Tom Waller to the Fayette County Zoning Board of Appeals with a term beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2016. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion of the trend of transient / vacation lodging through short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods.

New Business Item #12 was tabled during the acceptance of the Agenda. It will be on the February 27, 2014 Board of Commissioners Agenda.

13. Consideration of Chairman Brown's recommendation to adopt Resolution 2014-08 in support of House Bill 852, providing for Transparency in Vote Counting for elections in Georgia.

Commissioner Ognio moved to approve Chairman Brown's recommendation to adopt Resolution 2014-08 in support of House Bill 852, providing for Transparency in Vote Counting for elections in Georgia. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Consideration of Chairman Brown's recommendation to adopt Resolution 2014-09 in support of Legislative Transparency in the Georgia General Assembly.

Commissioner Barlow moved to approve Chairman Brown's recommendation to adopt Resolution 2014-09 in support of Legislative Transparency in the Georgia General Assembly. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Consideration of Chairman Brown's recommendation to adopt Resolution 2014-10 in support of Permanent, Independent Funding of the Georgia Ethics Commission.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve Chairman Brown's recommendation to adopt Resolution 2014-10 in support of Permanent, Independent Funding of the Georgia Ethics Commission. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Consideration of Commissioner Allen McCarty's recommendation to adopt Resolution 2014-06 affirming Fayette County's commitment to the United States Constitution and to be declared a Constitutional County.

Commissioner McCarty moved to officially recognize the Constitution of the United States since it gives citizens rights and protections, and for Fayette County to officially proclaim that it honors the United States Constitution as the nation's guide and leading document for the citizens and residents of Fayette County. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Approval by the Board of Commissioners declaring a State of Emergency in Fayette County due to the damage sustained by the snow and ice storm that began on February 11, 2014.

Chairman Brown moved to approve the resolution, in conjunction with the State of Georgia's declaration of a State of Emergency, related to the ice storm that began on February 11, 2014. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No one spoke under Public Comment.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Clarification concerning New Business Item Numbers 13-15: County Administrator Steve Rapson asked the Board if staff was to send the resolutions to the Local Delegation or was that something the Chairman wanted to handle. Chairman Brown replied that Deputy Clerk Tameca White could mail the resolutions to the members of Fayette delegation, and he asked that the resolutions also be mailed to the Chairs of Fayette County's Republican and Democrat parties.

**Update on the Submitted Legislative Package:** County Administrator Steve Rapson informed the Board that the Legislative Package was submitted and would be made available later this week.

**Recognition of First Responders:** County Administrator Steve Rapson commented that given the recent snow and ice event, coupled with the two earthquakes in Georgia, highlighted Fayette County's response from a public safety perspective. He gave a shout out to all the agencies and shelters that were stood up and to responses that occurred. He pointed out that there would be a formal recognition at the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting in honor of all those involved.

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:**

No Attorney's Reports were given.

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

**Commissioner Barlow:** Commissioner Barlow echoed County Administrator Steve Rapson's comments about first responders. He said the Emergency Medical, Fire Department, and other first responders were tested this past week, and it is amazing how the system works. He said he was tickled with the number of people who worked as members of the community of faith. He stated that the first responders were trained in their work, and that while he wanted to be out there working as well, he thought he would be more in the way. He commended those first responders who dug in for the betterment of Fayette County.

**Commissioner McCarty:** Commissioner McCarty stated that the Fayette County staff did a fantastic job and that County Administrator Steve Rapson, the involved Commissioners, and all first responders worked together to accomplish what many others have not accomplished. He added that there was the ability to provide live broadcasts from the County Commissioners meeting room in order to provide even more timely responses to the people.

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Commissioner Oddo: Commissioner Oddo said he did not want to repeat everybody else, but that it was interesting to see plans come together. He said he saw the County personnel working hard. He pointed out that this past week included a snow storm, an ice storm, and two earthquakes, so he quipped he was looking for locusts soon. He told the Board and audience that fifty years ago today, his parents started "Oddo Publishing," where children's books were published. He said the business was moved to Fayette County six years after it started, and that Fayette County started being on people's radars in many areas including the nation of Japan. He stated that the business has been promoting Fayette County for a long time, and he joked that finally word made it to Pinewood Studios. He closed saying he wanted to give credit to his two parents.

**Commissioner Ognio:** Commissioner Ognio thanked the employees who worked throughout the storms. He said the communication was really great, and it was obvious things were going really well. He said he could not give enough thanks and support for what they did. He said the County did as well as expected given the situation it was in. He also wished everyone a belated Happy Valentine's Day.

**Commissioner McCarty:** Commissioner McCarty informed the Board that on February 24 that he and his wife would be celebrating their 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. He further told the Board that he may be at the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, but that he may also decide to take his wife out of town.

**Chairman Brown:** Chairman Brown said he did not think it was a coincidence that the County held its Faith Based Disaster Conference the Saturday before the ice storm, and that all the people were lined up and ready to go. He said many of the people staffed shelters, removed debris, and are still helping the elderly and those in need. He also gave kudos to Fayette County School Superintendent Dr. Jody Barrow since he has the kids in heart and a schedule to maintain. Chairman Brown also thanked the citizens for staying off the roads during and after the ice storm so that roads could be cleaned up much faster.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no Executive Session.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Oddo moved to adjourn the February 17, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned the February 17, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting at 4:29 p.m.

Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk