Consent Agenda #14

Minutes

Board of Commissioners
June 12, 2014
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on June 12, 2014 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, County Attorney

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Call to Order, Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Brown called the June 12, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Commissioner Barlow gave a brief PowerPoint presentation in recognition of fathers for Father's Day, and he offered the Invocation. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation, identified as "Attachment 1," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Commissioner Oddo led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

Chairman Brown moved to accept the Agenda as written. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION /RECOGNITION:

1. Recognition of Ms. Katie Wilson, of Starr's Mill High School, who has been named Girls Athlete of the Year by the *Fayette Daily News*.

Mr. Christopher Dunn of the *Fayette Daily News* and the Board of Commissioners recognized Ms. Katie Wilson of Starr's Mill High School for being named Girls Athlete of the Year. It was mentioned that Mr. Andrew Johnson was named the Boys Athlete of the Year, but that he was unable to attend the meeting. 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 transfer an existing 2014 Retail Alcohol, Beer and Wine License (License #13-000299) from Gregory Scott St. John to Karim Dodhia of Marvel Group, LLC, doing business as DJ's One Stop Shop, which is located at 1850 South Highway 85, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Code Enforcement Officer Kathy Hobbs spoke briefly to the Board about this request, and she informed the Board that this request to transfer the license had met all requirements.

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

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve staff's recommendation to transfer an existing 2014 Retail Alcohol, Beer and Wine License (License #13-000299) from Gregory Scott St. John to Karim Dodhia of Marvel Group, LLC, doing business as DJ's One Stop Shop, which is located at 1850 South Highway 85, Fayetteville, Georgia. Commissioner Barlow 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.

3. Public Hearing on the County's proposed annual budget for Fiscal Year 2015 which begins July 1, 2014 and ends June 30, 2015.

County Administrator Steve Rapson gave a fifteen minute PowerPoint presentation on the County's proposed annual budget for Fiscal Year 2015 which begins July 1, 2014 and ends June 30, 2015. Mr. Rapson also answered a few questions from the Board on this matter.

Mr. Rapson also informed the Board that both he and Chief Financial Officer Mary Parrott had been diligently working with Standard and Poor's since they have a "Rate and Reevaluation" where the agency looks at the current bonds and reevaluates the County's bond rating. He said Mrs. Parrott and her Finance staff have jumped through many hoops and that earlier today the County was notified that Standard and Poor's was going to raise the County's rating from AA+ to AAA. He mentioned that this raise meant that Fayette County would be one of only four counties in the State of Georgia with AAA rating, and that it is the crown jewel of bond rating. The Board congratulated Mr. Rapson, Mrs. Parrott, and the county's staff for this good news. Mr. Rapson credited staff, Constitutional Officers, the Finance Department, the county's long-term strategy, and the Board of Commissioners for working together in reaching the goal.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposed annual budget for Fiscal Year 2015.

The Board took no action on this matter since this was the first of two required public hearings for the budget. The second public hearing will be held on June 26, 2014. Copies of the request, PowerPoint presentation, and the Press Release on the AAA Bond Rating, identified as "Attachment 4," follow these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Brown moved to table Consent Agenda #8 until the June 26, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ognio moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Consent Agenda Item #8. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of a request to provide a $5,000.00 local salary supplement for the Sheriff consistent with local salary supplements provided to other Constitutional Officers. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 5," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

5. Approval of staff's request 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 for a two-year term that will begin on July 1, 2014 and will expire on June 30, 2016. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 6," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

6. Approval of staff's recommendation to award annual Bid #904 as a split bid to Martin Marietta Aggregates for the purchase of surge stone and rip rap types 1 & 3, and to Hanson's Aggregates for the purchase of GAB #4, #5, #57, #89 and #810 stone, and to Stephens Road & Dirt for the purchase of #34, #357 and M-10 screenings, for Fiscal Year 2015, in an amount not to exceed $250,672.00. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 7," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

7. Approval of the Water Committee's recommendation to allow the exchange of meters between Mr. Newhart's old property at 600 Janice Drive and the current property he owns at 115 Gingercake Drive at no cost to Mr. Newhart. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 8," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Mr. Frank Gardner commented on Consent Agenda Item #7. He stated that the background did not provide information and he asked if he would be eligible for an exchange of meters if he changed addresses. He summarized saying that it looked like the County was "opening up a bag of worms." Chairman Brown replied that there was a special exception since Mr. Newhart's property was condemned for one of the County's road projects. He said Mr. Newhart did not take the condemnation to court and was willing to work with the county through the condemnation of his property, and as part of that the County was looking at moving the water meter from the old site to the new site. The Chairman concluded that was the exception in this matter.

8. Approval of Chairman Steve Brown's recommendation to amend Ordinance 2014-02 by revising White Lining standards to those reflected in Georgia Senate Bill 117 to include reducing the "Tolerance Zone" from 24 inches to 18 inches and other minor modifications.

This item was tabled to the June 26, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 9," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

9. Approval of the May 22, 2014 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes and the June 4, 2014 Board of Commissioners Special Called Budget Meeting Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were no Old Business items for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS:

10. Consideration of the Water System's recommendation to approve the Professional Services Task Order (Task 1) from CH2M Hill, in the amount of $370,000.00, for design services of capital improvements at the Crosstown Water Treatment Plant.

County Administrator Steve Rapson said this proposal was for the design of the vast majority of the improvements associated with optimization of the Crosstown and South Fayette Water Plants. He stated that the lion's share of the $5.6 million Water System's budget was purposed for these projects. Mr. Rapson informed the Board that it will take a while before all the projects come online.

Commissioner Ognio moved to approve the Water System's recommendation to approve the Professional Services Task Order (Task 1) from CH2M Hill, in the amount of $370,000.00, for design services of capital improvements at the Crosstown Water Treatment Plant. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 10," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank Gardner: Mr. Frank Gardner spoke about Lake Peachtree. He said the current administration is blaming the previous administration for the problems surrounding the lake. He said he called to get information on this matter and learned that in January 31% of the County's usage came from Lake Peachtree and in February the County's usage of Lake Peachtree dropped to 8%. He stated that since March, the County has not used Lake Peachtree. He thought this issue needed to be looked at closer and that a vote should be held in the county to amend the contract Fayette County has pertaining to Lake Peachtree. He suggested that the County should not dredge Lake Peachtree in order to provide Peachtree City residents with a nice fishing place that he, as a county resident, cannot use. He did not think it was right for the County to spend money for the city to have a good fishing hole, and he insisted that the County needed to revisit the contract. He reminded the Board that about a year ago he asked the Board to consider installing a dock at Lake Horton and Lake McIntosh so disabled people could get in and out of a boat. He thought it was a shame that there was so much talk about spending money for the people of Peachtree City to have a place to fish when he does not have a place to fish.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

McIntosh Trail Community Service Board: County Administrator Steve Rapson and County Clerk Floyd Jones spoke to the Board about changes to the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board. They informed the Board that state law gives three members to the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board: two of whom need to be citizen appointees and one of whom is an elected official. The Board was informed that currently there are three members of whom one had suddenly resigned and another's term was expiring soon. The Board of Commissioners established a Selection Committee consisting of Chairman Brown and Commissioner McCarty to review applications for the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board for the position whose term is soon to expire. The Board also appointed Commissioner David Barlow to serve on the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board; filling the immediate vacancy created by the resignation.

Lisbon Baptist Church: County Administrator Steve Rapson reminded the Board that part of the County's responsibility is for indigent burial. He informed the Board that Lisbon Baptist Church recently voted to donate eight indigent burial plots to Fayette County.

Report on Lake Peachtree: County Administrator Steve Rapson said the County was in the process of expediting the dredging for Lake Peachtree. He said he would send notification to the Peachtree City Council as well as to the Board later in the evening. He said the County had to submit for a new permit, and that he approved the Change Order earlier in the day to expedite the process. He said the County had already received approval through Permit 404 for wet dredging, but now that the lake cannot be refilled the County has to get another permit for dry dredging. He informed the Board that he was unsure how long the process would take to get a permit for dry dredging. Next, Mr. Rapson stated that he sent out a detailed time analysis with regards to the spillway and refilling of Lake Peachtree. He said the time lines were detailed and were still in effect. Mr. Rapson then spoke about a letter received from the Peachtree City Council in regards to things the city wanted the county to do in regards to Lake Peachtree and its dredging. He said the attorney had drafted a letter in response to the city's letter, and he asked the Board to review the drafted letter before it was sent to the city.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Threatened Litigation: County Attorney Dennis Davenport informed the Board that he had one item of threatened litigation to discuss with the Board in Executive Session.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Barlow: Commissioner Barlow thanked the Finance Department for their hard work in preparing for the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget and for its efforts in moving Fayette County to AAA Bond Rating. He spoke about how he came to Board meetings for two years prior to becoming an elected official, and as a videographer who filmed the meetings and uploaded them to YouTube; he was able to watch the interaction between the former administration and Mrs. Parrott. He said if they looked to Mrs. Parrott and she was nodding her head they would vote "yes," but if she were indicating disagreement, they would vote "no." He said he learned quickly who was running the County and who was running the finances of the County. He said Mrs. Parrott and her staff were precious and were doing a good job. He acknowledged that County Administrator Steve Rapson gets a lot of credit because he was able to unleash Mrs. Parrott. Commissioner Barlow mentioned that Mr. David Studdard is the prime candidate to replace Ronnie Chance as the next State Senator and that he was supporting Mr. Studdard for the position.

Commissioner Oddo: Commissioner Oddo congratulated the County for obtaining the AAA Bond Rating. He said his dad use to tell a story about his grandmother; an immigrant from Italy, who would look at an excellent report card and quip "Is that the best you can do?" He said obtaining the AAA Bond Rating reflected the good work and cooperation everyone had in the county. Commissioner Oddo spoke about his brother recently becoming a father, and he spoke about the example his own father set before he wished his dad and all fathers a "Happy Father's Day."

Commissioner McCarty: Commissioner McCarty thanked everyone for coming, asked the people to communicate with the Board on their issues. He stated that there are two documents in the country that makes it what it is. He said the first document that was used to found the nation was the Holy Bible. He said the second document that is still being used by the nation is the United States Constitution, and he offered two copies of the United States Constitution to fathers in the audience. He also wished all fathers a Happy Father's Day.

Commissioner Ognio: Commissioner Ognio wished everyone a Happy Father's Day and asked them to stay safe.

Chairman Brown: Chairman Brown congratulated staff on obtaining the AAA Bond Rating. He pointed out that obtaining the AAA Bond Rating was done in a way that the County can give incentive pay increases to employees, by taking care of critical needs, by fixing the historical structure across the street, and that these items were not cut

out of the budget. He said it was done in a way that was professional and appropriate, and that the budget was not hacked away with a meat-cleaver in order to put money in some fund somewhere. He said the County obtained the AAA Bond Rating while rewarding the employees for a great effort. He said the county hit its marks, and there are rewards for hitting marks. He said it was done in a way that everyone could be very proud. He added that the County has a great line-up for interns including seven high school interns. He stated that Ms. Kyra Parks would be one of the interns. He said she was an intern last year and will be the lead intern this year. He said she would be put in a leadership position, that great projects are set up for them, and that they will give presentations to the Board for a vote. He said there were some college interns coming to the county, and that there would be a youthful, energetic summer with all the incoming interns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 8:05 p.m.

Executive Session Affidavit: Commissioner Ognio moved to return to Official Session and for the Chairman to sign the Executive Session Affidavit. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Executive Session Affidavit, identified as "Attachment 11," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner McCarty moved to adjourn the June 12, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioners Ognio and Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

The June 12, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 8:05 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 26th day of June 2014.

Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk