Consent Agenda #13-a

Minutes

Board of Commissioners
August 14, 2014
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on August 14, 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

Chairman Brown called the August 14, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Invocation by Vice Chairman Charles Oddo

Vice Chairman Oddo introduced Deacon Tony Cuomo of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, and he asked Deacon Cuomo to offer the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairman Oddo introduced Boy Scout Tollam Stephens and asked him to lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Stephens then led the Commissioners and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

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

PRESENTATION /RECOGNITION:

1. Proclamation recognizing the Cancer Wellness Walk Committee and to Proclaim the Month of September as Cancer Wellness Month.

Commissioner Barlow recognized the Cancer Wellness Walk Committee and proclaimed the month of September as Cancer Wellness Month. Copies of the request and proclamation, identified as "Attachment 1," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

2. Recognition of the Association of Village Pride, Inc. (AVPRIDE), Career Exploration / Internship Program.

Commissioner Barlow recognized the Association of Village Pride, Inc. (AVPRIDE), Career Exploration / Internship Program. Copies of the request and recognition, identified as "Attachment 2," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

3. Recognition of Ms. Jordan Fason and Ms. Cameron King for being selected to represent Fayette County in the Model Atlanta Regional Commission (MARC) program.

Chairman Brown, Tyrone Mayor Eric Dial, and Fayette County's Citizen Representative to the Atlanta Regional Commission Mr. Bob Reeves recognized Ms. Jordan Fason and Ms. Cameron King for being selected to represent Fayette County in the Model Atlanta Regional Commission (MARC) program. Copies of the request and recognition, identified as "Attachment 3," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

4. Recognition of the Sandy Creek High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club for placing in the top ten at the FBLA National Leadership Conference.

Commissioner Oddo recognized the Sandy Creek High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club for placing in the top ten at the FBLA National Leadership Conference. Copies of the request and recognition, identified as "Attachment 4," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

5. Proclamation honoring Frank and Melba Gardner who are celebrating their 58th Wedding Anniversary.

Commissioner McCarty read the proclamation honoring Mr. Frank Gardner and Mrs. Melba Gardner who recently celebrated their 58th Wedding Anniversary. The Gardners met in the first grade and attended school together for twelve years. They were married on August 10, 1956 at New Providence Baptist Church. They have two children, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Copies of the request and proclamation, identified as "Attachment 5," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

PUBLIC HEARING:

There were no items on the Agenda for Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Ognio moved to approve Consent Agenda Items six through nine. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of staff's request for a FY 2015 budget adjustment of $50,000.00 to be added to Personal Property Tax revenue and the Tax Assessor's technical services in order to contract with an outside firm that will assist with audits of Personal Property accounts. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 6," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

7. Approval of the Sheriff's request to authorize the Chairman to sign the annual Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification document, as required by the United States Department of Justice and the United States Department of the Treasury. Copies of the request and Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification document, identified as "Attachment 7," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

8. Approval of the Water System's request to award Bid #900- Water Distribution Parts to eight companies that were low bidders on items used for distribution and repair in an aggregate amount not to exceed $256,709.30. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 8," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

9. Approval of the July 24, 2014 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were no items on the Agenda for Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

10. Consideration of the Selection Committee's recommendation to reappoint John Culbreath to the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board, for a three-year term, beginning July 1, 2014 and expiring June 30, 2017.

Commissioner Oddo moved to accept the recommendation to reappoint John Culbreath to the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board, for a three-year term, beginning July 1, 2014 and expiring June 30, 2017. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 9," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

11. Consideration of the Selection Committee's recommendation to reappoint Karen Spangler to the Fayette County Department of Family and Children Services Board, for a five-year term, beginning July 1, 2014 and expiring June 30, 2019.

Commissioner McCarty moved to approve the Selection Committee's recommendation to reappoint Karen Spangler to the Fayette County Department of Family and Children Services Board, for a five-year term, beginning July 1, 2014 and expiring June 30, 2019. Commissioner Barlow 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.

12. Consideration of the Selection Committee's recommendation to appoint Briana MacDowell to Post 2 of the Fayette County Recreation Commission, for a four-year term, beginning June 1, 2014 and expiring May 31, 2018.

Commissioner Barlow moved to accept the Selection Committee's recommendation to appoint Briana MacDowell to Post 2 of the Fayette County Recreation Commission, for a four-year term, beginning June 1, 2014 and expiring May 31, 2018. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 11," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

13. Consideration of the Selection Committee's recommendation to appoint Bradley Klinger to Post 5 of the Fayette County Recreation Commission, to fill an unexpired term, beginning April 11, 2014 and expiring March 31, 2016.

Commissioner Oddo moved to accept recommendation to appoint Bradley Klinger to Post 5 of the Fayette County Recreation Commission, to fill an unexpired term, beginning April 11, 2014 and expiring March 31, 2016. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 12," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

14. Consideration of staff's request to enter into an agreement with Hopeful Community Club for the purpose of preserving the Hopeful Primitive Church.

Chairman Brown informed all present that there was additional information on the dais that included an updated PowerPoint presentation and two email documents. He stated those documents were available from the County Clerk's office.

Chairman Brown introduced the interns to the audience and spoke about their work and potential. He pointed out that all the interns are rising juniors except for Ms. Kyra Parks who is a rising senior.

Interns Kyra Parks and Vanessa Johnson gave a PowerPoint presentation on staff's request to enter into an agreement with Hopeful Community Club for the purpose of preserving the Hopeful Primitive Baptist Church.

Chairman Brown spoke about the experience the interns received working on this project.

Commissioner Oddo stated that the interns did good work. Commissioner Ognio said he was not in agreement with the "water meter situation" since he could not provide the people's money to property that was not owned or leased by the County. He added that he would be more than happy to help the church raise funds, and that he would be more than happy to contribute to the effort, but he had a problem with the county giving money to the county.

County Administrator Steve Rapson pointed out the three differences between the agreement provided to the Board in the Agenda package and the red-lined version of the agreement provided with an email on the dais.

Chairman Brown said he had no problem with providing a water meter to the church since it was a minimal cost and since there was only one chance to take care of a historical property. He also spoke about the Historic County Courthouse and Starr's Mill, both of which are supported by the county and were built in the same timeframe that the church was built in. He said he did not want to lose this historical building and its cemetery; both of which are in bad shape. He stressed that if something is not done quickly it the building

would be in real danger. Chairman Brown also spoke about how the church's early construction is still evident, and he spoke about the historical significance the church had for the community in the early days of Fayette County.

Commissioner Oddo stated that this was an issue of making decisions either with the heart or the head, and he said these decisions do not always comport with each other. He agreed with everything the Chairman stated about the church's historical significance, but he could not see how to use public funds for private use. He stated that he was willing and able to make just as Commissioner Ognio had stated earlier, but that the question was how to use public funds for private uses. Commissioner Oddo said he was not completely comfortable with the red-lined version of the agreement, and that he did not feel comfortable taking tax money and dedicating it to something that the County may not have the right to support. He said he would be willing to make a motion to approve the agreement provided by the county attorney in the agenda package with the additional agreement to control of the inside tours going to the nonprofit group. He stressed that the county should do everything it could to provide assistance, but that the Board had to consider its use of public funds.

Commissioner McCarty suggested that if the county donated a water meter to the nonprofit organization then it would owe a water meter to every other nonprofit organization in the county, and that would be unfair to the taxpayers of Fayette County.

Commissioner Barlow stated that everyone wanted to do something good for the church but that this issue was getting muddy. He pointed out that the wording from the agreement provided by the county attorney had been stricken out of the agreement with the red-lined version of the agreement, and he read the stricken portion of the agreement into the record. He concluded that he could not agree to any other proposal other than that which was provided to the Board by the county attorney in the Agenda package.

Chairman Brown respectfully disagreed with some of the conclusions from the other Board members and he spoke about the other nonprofit organizations that receive support from the Board.

Dean Breest: Mr. Breest, one of the trustees of the Hopeful Community Club, stated that the agreement as drafted by the county attorney was rejected by the club and that the club would stand by the changes in the red-lined version of the agreement. He thought the county would move in a different direction, but it was clear to him that the Board would not support this effort.

Commissioner Oddo said it was not a matter of how much money would be spent, but that he had to respect where the funds come from since it is public money. Mr. Breest relied on Chairman Brown's points that money had been spent in the past for nonprofit organizations. Commissioner Oddo replied that there were differences and nuances between different nonprofit organizations and those differences would work in determining which nonprofit could receive public support. Commissioner Barlow added that he would be glad to give personal support to this initiative.

Mr. Rapson provided clarity to some of the points that were made concerning the cost for a water meter.

The Board did not vote and did not give further direction on this matter. Copies of the request, PowerPoint presentation, and additional dais information, identified as "Attachment 13," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

15. Discussion of the Fayette County's interns' findings and options concerning a safe golf path and crossing for the Starr's Mill school complex along Redwine Road.

Chairman Brown informed all present that there were several document on the dais including an updated PowerPoint presentation and three email documents. He stated that the additional dais documents could be obtained from the County Clerk's office.

Interns Tessa Strickland and Khalil Johnson gave a PowerPoint presentation on their findings and options concerning a safe golf path and crossing for the Starr's Mill school complex along Redwine Road. The interns told the Board that they came to the following conclusions:

a) Reduce Redwine Road's school zone speed to 25 miles per hour during school zone hours.

b) 2,500 feet expansion of the path system on Redwine Road.

c) New crossing at Redwine Road near the controlled intersection where the Sheriff's Deputy is present that includes a median/safe island. We would also like to add a 3-D crosswalk.

d) New crossing location on Panther Path that includes a speed table that will slow traffic and allow for safer cart crossings.

Chairman Brown spoke about the experiences the interns had by working with the Public Works Department, the Board of Education, and the Sheriff's Office.

David Kazusko: Mr. Kazusko, President of Jefferson Wood subdivision, spoke about his appreciation with the recent changes Fayette County has passed opening access for golf carts throughout Fayette County. He mentioned that he had been patient for approximately sixteen years while working with the City of Peachtree City, Mayor Brown, and other boards and councils in an effort to expand the golf cart paths and access to them. He commended the interns for their work, and he offered alternative options for safely crossing Redwine Road.

Scott Fabricius: Mr. Fabricius, President of Whitewater Creek Homeowners Association, said he appreciated the interns' work. He stated that he spoke on behalf of Whitewater Creek and that he totally supported the findings and options given by the interns. He then told the Board why Whitewater Creek supported the presented options.

James Rubalcava: Mr. Rubalcava, a member of Whitewater Creek's Safety and Exit Control Committee and a resident of Whitewater Creek, agreed with Mr. Fabricius with one exception. He opposed having a stop sign at Whitewater Road since there could be alternatives to a stop sign that would mitigate acknowledged safety concerns in the area.

Bob Mudrinich: Mr. Mudrinich, a resident of Woodcreek Subdivision, thanked the interns for their work, and he thought they did a great job for giving a great presentation. He supported the options provided by the interns, and he spoke for approximately eight minutes about why he supported the effort. He urged the Board to forward this work to the Board of Education for its consideration as well.

Deputy Superintendent Sam Sweat: Deputy Superintendent of the Fayette County Board of Education Sam Sweat congratulated the interns for their outstanding presentation. He informed everyone that the Board of Education would hold a workshop meeting on September 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Sweat asked for the interns to give their presentation to the Board of Education at the workshop meeting. He agreed with most of Mr. Mudrinich's comments, and he offered some options and thoughts on the matter.

Lara Dial: Ms. Dial asked the Board to consider a crossing at Whitewater and Birkdale subdivisions so that those subdivisions could use the golf cart paths.

Commissioner Barlow told the interns that they did an outstanding presentation and he asked if they had worked with the county engineer in drafting the proposals. The interns replied that they had worked with the county engineer in this effort. Commissioner Barlow said it would be helpful for the presentation to read "Endorsed by Phil Mallon, County Engineer." He stated that he also did not hear any costs associated with the recommendations and that Mr. Mallon has the ability to closely estimate the cost for projects. He then asked Mr. Mallon if he wanted to provide an estimated cost. Mr. Mallon declined to do so.

Chairman Brown pointed out that this presentation was to give a semblance of an idea of what could be done to get people safely to the schools. He added that he was going to ask for the Board's consensus to have the County Engineer follow through with the suggestions and to provide costs.

Commissioner Barlow suggested informed the interns that Mr. Mallon is well respected in his field and, when they present their material to the Board of Education, the presentation would carry a little more weight if it included Mr. Mallon's name. Commissioner McCarty added that the Mr. Mallon did say that the proposals were feasible.

Chairman Brown stated that the interns received a lot of practical experience during this work and that the work also had early interaction and the "seal of approval" from the Fayette County Sheriff's Office. Chairman Brown stated that he wanted to see staff take the elements of the plan as presented, put them on paper, and work on getting the cost for getting the students to the school site.

Chairman Brown asked everyone to remember that the Board of Education is a governmental entity unto itself so it would have to approve any plans on its property even though the Board could get the proposals up to the school's property. He stated that the information provided was excellent and viable, but that it would have to include the Board of Education's approval as well. County Administrator Steve Rapson suggested that staff could get with Mr. Mike Satterfield, the Director of Facility Services for the Fayette County Board of Education, in order to get a turnkey analysis that would include costs for getting this proposal accomplished. Commissioner Oddo asked for alternatives to be considered as this initiative moves forward.

The Board directed county staff to work with Mr. Michael Satterfield and the Fayette County Board of Education by taking the elements the interns presented and to provide the Board with a cost for getting students to the school site, and to explore potential grant opportunities available for this project. The Board did not vote on this matter. Copies of the request, PowerPoint presentation, and additional dais information, identified as "Attachment 14," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

16. Discussion of the Fayette County's interns' findings and options concerning fluoride in Fayette County's water supply.

Chairman Brown notified the audience that there were additional documents on the dais including an updated PowerPoint presentation and eight email documents. He stated that the additional documents could be provided from the County Clerk's office.

Interns John Hlas and Haider Khan gave a PowerPoint presentation about findings and options concerning fluoride in Fayette County's water supply. After giving their presentation, the interns provided three options for the Board's consideration:

a) Keep fluoride in the water.

b) Solicit a petition for a referendum on the discontinuation of water fluoridation.

c) A plan to please both sides: (O.C.G.A. § 12-5-175)- allow people to get fluoride removing pumps who want fluoride out of the water and keep fluoridated water in the community.

Chairman Brown stated that the interns did mountains of research including reading several books and studies. He stated that the information was conflicting and so they had to sort the information provided. He said they had conference calls with Georgia Public Health representatives, with representatives from the Centers of Disease Control, and with the Water System's Director. He said they did a great job explaining both sides of the issue.

Commissioner Oddo asked the interns if they had formulated an opinion while going through the issue. Mr. Khan indicated that his opinion was neutral and Mr. Hlas stated that it was his opinion to allow the voters to decide on this matter. Chairman Brown asked if there was a referendum process required by the state. Mr. Hlas replied that there was a referendum process and he discussed how it would work.

Chairman Brown asked if he correctly understood that the state's law required fluoride in the water unless there was a medical problem, and, if so, then that person would have to have state permission to purchase a filter that would remove fluoride. County Attorney Dennis Davenport that he did not know of a prohibition against anyone buying a fluoride filter, but that he understood the purchase could have a tax write-off if it were purchased for medical purposes.

Commissioner Barlow asked Mr. Hlas if he would be willing to head-up the group to initiate the referendum. Mr. Hlas replied that he was not sure how to answer the question since it was a difficult one to answer. Commissioner Barlow agreed it was a difficult question and said the Board of Commissioners was not given the option of saying it did not have an opinion. Chairman Brown reminded Commissioner Barlow that Mr. Hlas was a junior in high school and that should be taken into consideration.

Dr. Barry Marcum: Dr. Marcum, a pediatric dentist, spoke in favor of not removing fluoride from the water supply, saying it was the single most effective means available to prevent tooth decay. He also answered several questions from Chairman Brown, Commissioner Barlow, and Commissioner McCarty concerning fluoride.

Leslie Edwards: Ms. Edwards spoke in favor of removing fluoride from Fayette County's water supply. She said the Harvard study clearly stated that fluoride can lower a person's IQ. She pointed out that the water supply is already full of chemicals and she questioned how drinking eight ounces of fluoridated water a day could be healthy.

Teresa Clark: Ms. Clark told about the adverse medical effects that fluoride had on her personally, and spoke in favor of removing fluoride from Fayette County's water supply. She told about how she had a thyroid condition. She attributed the medication of the water supply as the reason for her medical condition, and she told of those who are fighting to remove fluoride from the water. She mentioned that just because something has been done for thirty years does not make it right.

Andrea Lyle: Ms. Lyle spoke in favor of removing fluoride from Fayette County's water supply. She stated that former Ambassador Andrew Young and Ms. Alveda King are speaking out in adamant opposition to fluoride. She then told the Board of a homemade remedy she mixed together for tooth pain, but that it also makes her teeth and gums healthier and cleaner. She said the issue was all about the money, and if fluoride needed to be in the water then it needed to be the natural fluoride not the processed version.

Martin Smith: Mr. Smith spoke in favor of removing fluoride from Fayette County's water supply. He stated that fluoridated water has been around since the 1950s. He said he noticed that there are more dentists around, that he had failing teeth, and now he has only dentures in his mouth. He said fluoride did not do him good except for, perhaps, affecting his brain. He did not think people should be forced to drink fluoride. He did not see why people should be forced to drink fluoride, and he pointed out that people can fluoride through from other locations.

Angela Bean: Ms. Bean spoke in favor of removing fluoride from Fayette County's water supply. She stated that topical applications of fluoride may help, but ingestion does not. She pointed out the studies opposing fluoride and she asked if it was good to sacrifice mental health for dental health.

The interns returned to briefly respond to some of the comments that were made by those who spoke in favor and in opposition to keeping fluoride in Fayette County's water supply.

Dixianne Parker: Ms. Parker, from the Georgia Department of Public Health, asked the Board to consider looking much further into this issue since there is more to consider before a referendum should be considered.

Chairman Brown said the Board had been given excellent presentations and he said he appreciated the interns' hard work and dedication.

Commissioner Barlow stated that when Commissioners were sworn into office they took an oath to uphold the laws of the nation and the laws of the State of Georgia. He said his understanding was that the regulation concerning fluoride was mandated, meaning it was against the law. He said until the law changed, as an elected official, he would not go against having fluoride in the water supply.

The Board did not vote or give further direction in this matter. Copies of the request, PowerPoint presentation, and additional dais information, identified as "Attachment 15," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Alice Jones: Mrs. Jones said that during the last Board meeting when she spoke under Public Comment that she was advised by County Administrator Steve Rapson that she should take her recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding facilities at Kenwood Park. She said she gave that presentation at the last Parks and Recreation Commission and gave them information for Community Development Block Grant funds. She also told the Parks and Recreation Commission how senior citizens needed an aquatic center to maintain their health, and that she was drawing up a petition to bring to the Board on this matter. She said the Community Development Block Grant funds are distributed through the Department of Community Affairs and the funds are provided for disabled and elderly needs as well as for areas that have a low or moderate income status. She told the Board that there is more than $5 million available. She stated that the Department of Community Affairs informed her that Fayette County has never applied for those funds, so she asked the Recreation Commission to consider those funds as a possible source. She added that she received notification from Commissioner McCarty that he requested funding to be included in the 2015 budget for funding Kenwood Park. She asked if Commissioner McCarty could address this matter since it was not brought up at the meeting. She stated that an aquatic center could cost between $250,000.00 and $500,000.00, and the only dilemma presented to her by the Recreation Commission was the liability and ongoing cost. She stated that with money from the Department of Community Development, those funds could take care of the maintenance costs.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Region Six Mental Health Board: County Administrator Steve Rapson informed the Board that a Selection Committee needed to be established for one position on the Region Six Mental Health Board. Chairman Brown and Commissioner Oddo were appointed as the Selection Committee for the Region Six Mental Health Board.

GEMA/FEMA Reimbursement: County Administrator Steve Rapson informed the Board that the County had received its GEMA/FEMA Reimbursement for an amount just more than $116,000.00. He said the reimbursement was roughly 87.5% of the cost associated with the ice and snow storms in January and February 2014. He thanked Captain Pete Nelms and the department heads that were instrumental in obtaining the reimbursement.

First Lady Sandra Deal: County Administrator Steve Rapson told the Board that Georgia's First Lady, Sandra Deal, went to Juvenile Court earlier in the day and was given a presentation. He stated that the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council was present and that the council provides grants to Fayette County.

Revision of Ordinances and Policies Removing Prohibitions on Political Activities: County Administrator Steve Rapson informed the Board that he has asked County Attorney Dennis Davenport to edit the existing ordinances to eliminate prohibitions on political activities. He stated that he made the request based on feedback he had received from the Board members. He explained that this work would be brought to the Board as an amendment to the ordinance

County Administrator Signed the District Attorney's Affidavit: County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that the Board had approved an affidavit with Consent Agenda #7 from the Sheriff's Office that is for reimbursement for federal funding that the Sheriff's Office receives. He added that he had signed the affidavit for the District Attorney's Office since that affidavit is always signed by the County Administrator.

Potential Rescheduling of the September 11, 2014 Board of Commissioners Meeting Time: County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that the Firefighter's Silent Hero Award Ceremony would begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2014. He pointed out that this event would conflict with a regularly scheduled Board of

Commissioners meeting, and he stated that he would send an email to the Board in the coming days to determine if the Board would want to reschedule the September 11, 2014 meeting to begin at 2:00 p.m. instead of the typical 7:00 p.m. meeting hour.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Executive Session Notification: County Administrator Dennis Davenport notified the Board that he had several items for consideration in Executive Session. Those items included four involving pending litigation, one involving threatened litigation, and to consider the July 10, 2014 and July 24, 2014 Executive Session Minutes.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Barlow: Commissioner Barlow thanked the interns for their outstanding work. He said they took on controversial topics and they stuck with it. He said it was a joy to see the interns prosper and he hoped they would have great success in their future endeavors. He said they were young, but as they get older they will discover it is not so easy to break the law. He stated that as long as it is a law that fluoride is placed in the water then it is going to be in the water. He said he felt bad for those it may affect medically and he did not have answers for that.

Commissioner Ognio: Commissioner Ognio asked for the people to help save the Hopeful Church since it is important to the county. He thought the citizens could come out and raise the funds to save the structure. He said it was odd that most people are drinking bottled water and he wondered how much fluoride people were taking in. He said there may be bottled water companies that add fluoride to their water, but most of the companies that he was aware of did not add fluoride to their water.

Commissioner McCarty: Commissioner McCarty stated that if a person went to Wal-Mart and bought nursery distilled water it would contain fluoride. He stated that the fluoride has been taken out of that water, however, since it has been discovered how damaging fluoride is to babies. He pointed out that Gerber has taken fluoride out of its products, and that Colgate is producing toothpaste without fluoride. He questioned why these companies were removing fluoride if it was not dangerous. He further commented that the bag that contains fluoride pictures skull and crossbones, and that being put into the county's water system. He stated that he is against having fluoride in the water system and he told how fluoride damaged his teeth as a young child. He concluded that if a person wants fluoride they can get it through toothpaste and mouth wash.

Commissioner Oddo: Commissioner Oddo thanked the audience for coming to the meeting and staying. He echoed Commissioner Ognio's request to help preserve the church. He said everyone was going for the same goal, but they may be taking a different path.

Chairman Brown: Chairman Brown stated that one of the options given for fluoride was for a legal remedy, and he stressed they were not suggesting anything illegal. He commented on Hopeful Church saying there were only certain instances when a historical structure could be preserved. Chairman Brown also responded to Ms. Alice Jones' public comments. Chairman Brown pointed out that Mr. David Brill, who had been in a bad motorcycle accident several months ago, was in the audience. He said he was glad to see Mr. Brill back to the meetings and wished him well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Four Items of Pending Litigation, One Item of Threatened Litigation, One Item of Real Estate, and Review of the July 10 and July 24, 2014 Executive Session Minutes: Chairman Brown moved to recess into Executive Session. Commissioner Oddo seconded the motion.

Chairman Brown added that he had one item of Real Estate to discuss in Executive Session.

Chairman Brown amended his motion to include one item of Real Estate along with four items of Pending Litigation, one item of Threatened Litigation, and review of the July 10 and 24, 2014 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Oddo seconded the amended motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 9:52 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 10:47 p.m.

Return to Official Session and Approval of the 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 16," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Approval of the July 10, 2014 and July 24, 2014 Executive Session Minutes: Chairman Brown moved to approve the July 10, 2014 and July 24, 2014 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Claim Settlement with Mr. Robert Haydon: Chairman Brown moved to approve a claim settlement for Mr. Robert Haydon, based on an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) claim, in the amount of $20,000.00, as a general release, to reinstate Mr. Haydon as a Lieutenant, with a non-admission of liability on behalf of the County, and a confidentiality clause regarding Mr. Haydon. Commissioners Oddo and McCarty seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Brown moved to Adjourn the August 14, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Oddo seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

The August 14, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 10:47 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 August 2014.

Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk