Minutes

Board of Commissioners
October 7, 2014
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on October 7, 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 October 7, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation by Commissioner David Barlow

Commissioner Barlow introduced Rabbi Yossi Lew, the spiritual leader and director of the Chabad of Peachtree City. Commissioner Barlow spoke about how he came to meet Rabbi Lew and he spoke about his support of the nation of Israel. Commissioner Barlow then asked Rabbi Lew to offer the invocation. Rabbi Lew offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Oddo led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

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

PROCLAMATION /RECOGNITION:

1. Proclamation of October 2014 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Fayette County."

Commissioner Barlow read the proclamation of October 2014 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Fayette County." Ms. Vanessa Wilkins of Promise Place received the proclamation. Fayette County Communications Officer Rebekah Acosta spoke about her personal experience with domestic violence and how she found the help and support to escape the abuse. Mr. Albert Taylor, District Manager for seven Verizon Wireless stores located in counties in and around Fayette County, spoke about Verizon Wireless' help to those impacted by domestic violence, and he donated $10,000.00 to Promise Place on behalf of Verizon Wireless. Copies of the request and proclamation, identified as "Attachment 1," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

PUBLIC HEARING:

There were no Public Hearing items on the Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Ognio moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 2-5. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of staff's recommendation to reduce the county's participation in the Georgia Municipal Association Lease Pool Program, including the outstanding amount of Certificates of Participation and the associated interest-rate swap agreement, by the estimated amount of $271,000.00 which has been determined to be "excess funds." A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 2," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

3. Approval of the Water Committee's recommendation to award Bid #908- Annual Contract for Waterline Extensions for Fiscal Year 2015 to the low bidder, Shockley Plumbing, in an amount not to exceed $489,556.25, and approval to transfer funds from the Renewal & Extension Fund to the Water System's Capital Improvement Project Fund. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 3," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

4. Approval of the Water Committee's recommendation to allow informational material pertaining to Citizen Self Serve and a flyer from The Frederick Brown Jr. Amphitheater to be inserted in customers' water bills, and approval of staff's request for general authorization for similar material to be inserted into water bills if approved by the Water Committee including the Administrator, Chairman, and Attorney. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 4," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

5. Approval of the September 25, 2014 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

6. Consideration of the disposition of tax refunds in the amount of $543.55. This item was tabled at the September 11, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting.

County Administrator Steve Rapson and County Attorney Dennis Davenport briefed the Board on this request. Mr. Rapson explained that staff did a "revaluation" of this item between a Commercial property refund and an Office-Institutional (O-I) property refund, and that staff's recommendation was to approve a refund of $497.82. Attorney Davenport added that the recommended refund amount of $492.87 was his recommendation and not that of the Tax Assessor's Office.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve the recommendation at the O-I valuation in the amount of $497.82. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 5," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

NEW BUSINESS:

7. Consideration of Chairman Steve Brown's recommendation to adopt Ordinance 2014-13, amending the Fayette County Code of Ordinances by revising Subsection (d) in Section 10-42 of Article III of Chapter 10; removing the City of Peachtree City from a Reciprocal Agreement with Fayette County.

Chairman Brown stated that there have been several conversations with the City of Peachtree City so that both parties would recognize all jurisdictions' registrations for golf carts. He added that several Commissioners had also had discussions on the matter with the city, but that there was no agreement. Chairman Brown explained that since the County had passed a reciprocal agreement with the city then the reciprocal language between Fayette County and Peachtree City needed to be removed.

Chairman Brown moved to amend the ordinance as presented. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion.

Commissioner Ognio said there was a lot more to this matter since the City of Peachtree City was charging unincorporated Fayette County citizens but was not charging Town of Tyrone citizens. He also thought that the County needed to have a uniform registration process so that there is not a number for every municipality on a golf cart. He suggested that the other municipalities needed to be encouraged to have conversation with the county to get these matters worked out. He thought that the county should charge the citizens of Peachtree City the same rate that the city charges unincorporated Fayette County residents. He hoped that the City of Peachtree City would eventually work with the County so that there would not be a need for charges.

Commissioner Barlow said Peachtree City is the golf cart capital of the world, and that the knowledge of why they did not enter into a reciprocal agreement was on them. He said the county had reached out to the city and tried to get collaboration with the communities. He thought that the County should not have developed a program through its interns even though it was a good program. He thought the County needed to reach out to the City of Peachtree City, and that it was the big sister in the Fayette family. He thought it was up to the County to reach out to Peachtree City and take care of Peachtree City. Commissioner Barlow stated that oftentimes there is disagreement between family members, but that those members do not dissociate themselves because of the disagreement. He agreed with Commissioner

Ognio's suggestion for uniformity between the jurisdictions, and he recommended that someone reach out to the city in an effort to develop cooperation on this matter. He asked for recommendations from all of the parties. Commissioner Barlow asked if Peachtree City needed to be removed from the reciprocal agreement. County Attorney Dennis Davenport replied that the current ordinance indicates that there is a reciprocal agreement with the City of Peachtree City and that the language indicating such a reciprocal agreement needed to be removed. Commissioner Barlow agreed that the ordinance needed to be amended.

Chairman Brown stated that the County took Peachtree City's ordinance and almost inserted it into the County's ordinance verbatim so that the language would be as acceptable as possible. He added that the interns did not prepare the reciprocal agreement since that was done by the county's staff through the attorney's office.

County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that currently all that the County is charging is twelve dollars so that residents can register for a five-year period. He said staff did not have a position with regard to charging city residents with a county fee. He said the county would take care of golf cart paths similarly to other infrastructure such as sidewalks and roads.

Frank Gardner: Mr. Gardner asked the Board to delay the vote for at least one month in order in order to signal its willingness to work with the City of Peachtree City.

Commissioner Oddo stated he had reached out to Peachtree City. He said this request should have come to the Board a month earlier, but that Peachtree City had expressed concerns. He explained that this issue was not finished, and that the County has taken the step to work with the city.

The motion to amend the ordinance as presented passed unanimously. Copies of the request and Ordinance 2014-13, identified as "Attachment 6," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

8. Consideration of staff's recommendation to adopt Resolution 2014-19 to reduce the school-zone speed limit along Redwine Road to 25 miles-per-hour, and to authorize the Fayette County Sheriff's Office to seek certification from the State of Georgia to officially lower the speed limit.

Chairman Brown pointed out that the agenda item referred to Resolution 2014-19 but that there would not be a resolution considered since it had been converted to Ordinance 2014-15. Chairman Brown also informed the audience of additional documents on the dais that had been presented to the Board, and he mentioned that those documents could be obtained from the Fayette County Clerk. Those dais documents were:

- New Business 8- Exhibit C- Ordinance 2014-15
- New Business 8- Exhibit D- "Exhibit A" Red-Line Form
- New Business 8- Exhibit E- "Exhibit A" Final Form
- New Business 8- Exhibit F- Revised Map

Chairman Brown stated this was a straightforward request based on previous discussions on getting kids safely to school at the Starr's Mill school complex. He said part of the discussion was to slow traffic on Redwine Road near the school complex. He said there were discussions with the Sheriff's Office, the Fayette County Board of Education, and county staff on this recommendation. He said the general consensus was that slowing the traffic was a good idea.

County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that the first item of business was to decrease the school zone from 35 miles-per-hour to 25 miles-per-hour, but when staff reviewed this matter it discovered there was a gap in approvals for the roads in the area. He said that there is already a 35 miles-per-hour speed limit sign, but the records do not show there was approval by the Georgia Department of Transportation. He informed the Board that the proposed ordinance includes two changes in order to ensure effect is implemented.

Chairman Brown moved to adopt Ordinance 2014-15. Commissioner Oddo seconded the motion.

Commissioner Barlow asked Public Works Director Phil Mallon if there had been communication with the City of Peachtree City since the area under discussion bordered the city and since the slowed traffic would include the city. Mr. Mallon replied that he did not talk to the City of Peachtree City about this request. He said the reason he did not speak to the City of Peachtree City since the speed limit was already posted at 35 miles-per-hour so this request was essentially correcting paperwork. He added that he also did not speak to the city about this matter since, when there is a split between jurisdictions where a city has property on one side of the road and the county has property on the other side of the road, then the county has control of the road. Mr. Mallon stated that this matter was really the county's call, and that the county's opinion included input from the Sheriff's Office. He added that there were no proposed speed changes along State Route 74 since State Route 74 is a state road and under control by the State of Georgia. Commissioner Barlow asked Mr. Mallon if he recommended this request. Mr. Mallon replied that he was supportive of this request.

Mr. Davenport stated that if the Board adopted the ordinance it still would not take effect until approved by the Georgia Department of Transportation and signs were posted.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-15 passed unanimously. Copies of the request, additional dais documents, and Ordinance 2014-15, identified as "Attachment 7," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

9. Consideration of the Water Committee's recommendation of the Georgia Military College water line agreement, and authorization for the County to pay a $438,530.00 variance cost, utilizing the Water System's Renewal & Extension Fund, should the County determine that a larger diameter water line be installed for future county purposes.

Commissioner Ognio said he reviewed the numbers and consulted with staff, and he said staff thought that the costs could be better than projected. He said he would support this request with authorization to not exceed $438,500.00. He explained that he would support this request in an effort to keep things moving.

County Administrator Steve Rapson explained that the contract before the Board was similar what was done for Camp Southern Ground. He said the project required an 8" diameter line, but that the county was going to upgrade the water line to a 16" water line to complete looping the water system while giving a back

feed to Piedmont Hospital. Mr. Rapson said he wanted the Board to conceptually approve the contract, and that the dollar amount that Fayette County will fund will be based on a competitive bid once the system is completely designed. He said the worst case scenario is an expenditure of $438,530.00, but after looking at the issue earlier in the day it was projected that the county could easily cut of about $165,000.00 from the projected cost. He said when this project is put out to bid that the county would find the cost to be better than is currently estimated.

Commissioner Ognio moved to approve the Water Committee's recommendation of the Georgia Military College waterline agreement, and authorization for the County to pay a variance cost in an amount not to exceed $438,530.00, utilizing the Water System's Renewal & Extension Fund, should the County determine that a larger diameter water line be installed for future county purposes. Commissioners McCarty and Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. Copies of the request and the agreement, identified as "Attachment 8," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

10. Consideration of staff's recommendation to approve the Addendum to Agreement between Fayette County and Mallett Consulting, Inc., dated August 1, 2005, for the East Fayetteville Bypass (SPLOST Project R-8).

Public Works Director Phil Mallon had a map of the proposed East Fayetteville Bypass projected onto the screen and he addressed the Board about the East Fayetteville Bypass. He said the purpose of this request was to ask approval to move forward on the project. He said the project was initiated many years ago and it was a federal aid project that required a very deliberate process of plans and reviews. He stated that a few years ago there was question about whether there was funding for the project and as well as support for the project. Mr. Mallon reminded the Board that at the 2014 Board of Commissioners Retreat it was made clear that this was a high-priority project. He said during the summer staff worked on the new scope for the project, and he said the Board made a decision to get out of the federal aid program and to fund the project completely with SPLOST funds. He said the scope of the project changed substantially, and he thought it was appropriate to revisit the agreement with the County's Design Engineer. He said staff worked with Mr. David Jaeger with Mallett Consulting to refine the scope and to clarify details in terms of services, and to provide a new cost estimate.

Mr. Mallon stated that the East Fayetteville Bypass consists of five separate projects and he briefly explained where each of the five projects is currently projected. He said the East Fayetteville Bypass would be on the east side of the city, and that the project was shown in the "lime green color."

Mr. Mallon stated that the proposed addendum was for Mallett Consulting to do "item number one and two." He said staff intended to competitively bid out the work for the bridges and that the county would finish the curve realignment in-house. Mr. Mallon stated that, if approved, the county staff and Mallett Consulting would get together, dust of plans and agree on the East Fayetteville Bypass's alignment. He said based on the Board comments that he would like to schedule a public meeting since there are a lot of property owners who need to know the information. Mr. Mallon stated that the current proposal for the East Fayetteville Bypass has it terminating at the intersection of State Route 85 and Corinth Road.

Commissioner Barlow pointed out that the proposed bypass briefly enters into Clayton County, and he asked if Clayton County would give any push back on this proposal. Mr. Mallon replied that there are no changes or improvements being proposed to the existing road, but that staff would reach out to Clayton County because the county would like to do some shoulder-widening at the intersection.

Commissioner Ognio stated that the county needed to do everything it could to align to State Route 279. County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that staff would look at the issue. He also stated that Mallett Consulting stepped up and that this proposed contract was a brand-new kind of a contract compared to contracts Fayette County has had in the past. He added that this new contract may have saved Fayette County about $250,000.00 through the negotiations.

Commissioner Oddo moved to accept staff's recommendation to approve the Addendum to Agreement between Fayette County and Mallett Consulting, Inc., dated August 1, 2005, for the East Fayetteville Bypass (SPLOST Project R-8). Commissioners Ognio and McCarty seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. Copies of the request and the Addendum to Agreement, identified as "Attachment 9," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

11. Discussion with staff pertaining to timber harvesting in unincorporated Fayette County.

Chairman Brown informed the audience that the Board had additional documents on the dais that the County Clerk would provide the documents upon request, and he read the document titles into the record. Those additional documents included Ordinance 2014-14. Those dais documents were:

- New Business 11- Exhibit B- Timber Harvesting PowerPoint.
- New Business 11- Exhibit C- Ordinance 2014-14
- New Business 11- Exhibit D- How to tell if tree removal could be part of an ongoing forest management regime.
- New Business 11- Exhibit E- Selling Your Timber
- New Business 11- Exhibit F- What's my tree worth?
- New Business 11- Exhibit G- How to Hire a Tree Service
- New Business 11- Exhibit H- Pine Bark Beetles in Urban Areas

County Administrator Steve Rapson and County Attorney Dennis Davenport briefed the Board, via PowerPoint as referenced in New Business 11-Exhibit B. Mr. Rapson informed the Board that all the additional dais documents would be available on the County's website.

Mr. Rapson stated that much of the activity that is going on within the County and that has brought this issue to the forefront would not be categorized as timber harvesting. He stated that Georgia State law authorizes cities and counties to be notified on timber harvesting, and that the notification includes a bond that would likely remove a vast majority of bad actors from this equation. He clarified that activities not identified as tree harvesting include cutting trees on a typical residential lot, and he stated that the current Fayette County tree ordinance governs tree cutting activities. He added that there may be homeowners associations that do not allow tree cutting per their covenants. Mr. Rapson stated that with regards to limitations for tree cutting, even given the current tree ordinance, there are very few regulations for cutting trees on residential properties. He stated that generally no homeowner can take action that negatively impacts his neighbor as well as cutting trees or actual claims such as trespass and nuisance. He stated that many of the issues that have been brought to the county involve the contractor's relationship with a

resident, and that those matters that have come to the Board, which are causing problems in the neighborhood, are civilly-litigated matters between the neighbors and the contractor. He reiterated that any claims are generally resolved though the Magistrate Court.

Commissioner Barlow pointed out that there was discussion on whether the $5,000.00 bond needed to be in cash. Mr. Rapson replied that the bond could be a cash bond, and that the attorney would review whether the bond would be a cash bond. He added that there was Georgia State law determined how bonds could be issued. County Attorney Dennis Davenport clarified that the whole consideration turned on whether or not the activity considered timber harvesting. He stated that if the activity is timber harvesting then it requires a bond or a letter of credit. He stated that if the matter was only tree cutting then it becomes a local consideration. Mr. Rapson repeated that most of the matters brought to the Board would not be considered tree harvesting.

Mr. Rapson explained that Georgia forestry pertains to large scale tree removal that requires a permit from the state, and he briefly explained the Georgia Forestry laws. He stated that Code Enforcement usually gets involved in a matter after the fact once a bunch of trees have been cleared away. He stated that the Code Enforcement will issue a citation to the property owner and that the matter is then settled in court. Mr. Rapson then spoke about the state's regulations with regard to Environmental Management and erosion control. He stated that if a person is clearing trees on less than an acre and not leaving rubbish, then the County would not be involved in their actions. Mr. Rapson stated that the large rubbish piles could not be burned per Fayette County ordinance.

Mr. Rapson stated that the County has Code Enforcement, and given the permissions in the Georgia Forestry laws, the county could require notifications and bonds for tree harvesting activities.

Chairman Brown said he thought the proposed ordinance was a good start since it would help get rid of some of the fly-by-night operators who have swooped in and found out that they could do their work quickly. He said this ordinance would give some teeth to the County, allowing the County to shut down the operators.

Mr. Rapson stated that there was a notice of violation for those who do not follow this ordinance, that it included a $500.00 fine, and that the citation would be addressed in court.

Commissioner Oddo moved to accept Ordinance 2014-14 as presented. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion.

Barbara Anderson: Mrs. Anderson thanked Code Enforcement Officer Kathy Hobbs for her work pertaining to the issues of timber harvesting and logging matters in and around her neighborhood. She stated that she read Ordinance 2014-14, but she could not tell if it helped her in any way. She asked how many of the Commissioners and staff had driven to the area and looked at her neighborhood. Some Commissioners and County Administrator Steve Rapson replied they had gone to the area and looked at it. Mrs. Anderson asked the Board to help her save her neighborhood. She asked the Board to draft some kind of tree ordinance so that her neighbors cold not bring in a tree cutting crews, irrespective of how they are labeled, in order to cut down hundreds of trees. She said she could not fix this problem and she could not get into a lawsuit with every neighbor who starts cutting down trees. She asked for an ordinance to be put into place that would prevent these types of issues. Commissioner Barlow asked Mrs. Anderson if cutting was still going on today, and he spoke about the existing limitations on the government pertaining to

private property rights. Mrs. Anderson stated that an ordinance would cause the homeowners to be less inclined to cut down hundreds of trees. Commissioner Barlow said he was an unhappy camper when he saw what was happening at the properties. He pointed out that this matter was occurring in his district and he was very concerned on this matter.

Hugh Tolbert: Mr. Tolbert said it did not matter who lived next to him, if they were causing damage he would be complaining. He stated that the county ordinance was only a reinterpretation of the Georgia Forestry Laws, which was a start, but that the county had not dealt with the "R-Rated residential property with this ordinance." He stated that Gingercake Road is like a state highway and that it is the actual West Fayetteville Bypass. Mr. Tolbert reminded Commissioner Barlow of the damage that he saw when he visited the property. He stated that it was not up for him to go to court and get caught up in years of litigation. He spoke about the stress that this matter is causing him. He added that he also did not want a dog kennel next to him. Mr. Tolbert spoke about how he would take efforts to alleviate the problem, but he explained his approach could affect Whitewater Creek. He thanked staff for working on this matter, but he said he already knew what the Georgia Forestry laws required. He asked if the county was going to require those who clear-cut property to replant the trees that they have cut down. He asked the Board to protect him and to protect everybody else in the County. Chairman Brown stated that the proposed ordinance was a good start.

Keenan Anderson: Mr. Anderson said he thought that the tree harvesting ordinance was redefined. He thought the assumption was that staff was not complete with the work and that work would continue on this matter. He asked where this matter would go in the future. County Administrator Steve Rapson pointed out that staff had pooled other ordinances from various jurisdictions that have tighter ordinances than Fayette County has. He stated these decisions were a policy decision that needed to be reached by the Board, and that staff was following the policies and procedures that have already been adopted by the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Anderson asked for the Board to continue looking into those areas that are not considered tree harvesting. He said he wanted to walk out of the meeting knowing that there would be a greater examination of those areas not defined as tree harvesting that would make sense for everyone. Chairman Brown stated that the county would continue to look at this issue.

Britney Thomas: Mrs. Thomas said she wanted to talk to the Board and her neighbors. She acknowledged that cutting trees was a drastic move but that she in no way intended for this problem to occur. She said she wanted to reach out to the Tolbert family since she did not know they feel they way they do. She wished they had come to her sooner since they have had interaction in the past with her husband. Mrs. Thomas said there was no intention to making everyone upset. She said they are new homeowners, and she grew up on land with a farm and a garden, and she is not able to have that on the property at her house. Ms. Thomas stated that she had intended to cut the trees down. She said she had many encounters with the neighbors, and she stated that tree cutting had begun in January 2014. Mrs. Thomas said if she had any clue about the problems, she would have gone to her neighbors. She told about some of the encounters they have had, and the help they have given to each other. She said she did not understand why she was just hearing of this problem after watching the video of the September 25, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting. She said she was upset since this was her first home and she is dealing with this. She closed saying she had no intention to cause any of the problems.

Elizabeth Gearhart: Mrs. Gearhart stated that she drove around the neighborhood earlier in the day and obtained the license plates of those who are continuing to cut down trees. It was noted that Code Enforcement Officer Kathy Hobbs already had the license plates. Mrs. Gearhart stated that if a person wanted to move to a house without trees that there were plenty of other places to move. She said she moved to the neighborhood ten years ago and she does not want a garden. She said she was disgusted about what was going on in the neighborhood. She said the original neighbors are phenomenal. She said it seemed that all the new people who move into the neighborhood just want to chop down trees, and that their decisions make her property look weird. Mrs. Gearhart told the Board that she is thinking of moving away from the neighborhood since she does not want to be the only property in the neighborhood with trees. Mrs. Gearhart thought the ordinance was a really good start, but she thought that it needed to go further. She thought it needed to provide "a little more teeth." She asked if the County could clean up property and then charge homeowners for the cleanup.

Scott Deacon: Mr. Scott Deacon said the neighbor next to him is the type of person who went over to a pine tree, kicked it, acknowledged that the tree was leaning toward the Deacon's property, and stated that he still would not take the tree down. He said the neighbor is a very unfriendly person, and that he would bet that the pile of trees that he burned was much larger than what is permitted in Fayette County. He agreed with everything that had been said so far, stated that the homeowners needed to feel the impact of their decisions, and that the best way to do that was to hit their wallets.

Arleen Deacon: Mrs. Deacon said she read the ordinance and she applauded the Board for taking a step forward. She said the only protections in the ordinance are for the county and not for the homeowners. She saw devastation going on upon a beautiful neighborhood. She thought this was an issue stimulated by outsiders coming in and persuading people to cut down the trees, and she said she did not believe this was a problem with new people moving into the neighborhood. She asked the Board to make ordinances that would protect the homeowners and not just the county.

Tom Waller: Mr. Waller said he has timber on his property and how he sells the timber. He spoke about how the contractors are coming in and causing devastation. He asked where the real estate people were who made the money by selling the property to those who were going to cut the trees down. He said if the real estate agents sold a property to a lady who wanted to knock down property then they are a part of the problem. He then spoke about the length of time that it would take for trees to grow back and he pointed out that the neighbors would have to wait years for the trees to mature, and in the meanwhile they would have experienced property loss.

Code Enforcement Officer Kathy Hobbs spoke about how citations are issued and how the process works from the time a person gets a citation until its resolution. Mr. Rapson and the Commissioners then responded to the comments and concerns expressed by the people on tree ordinances. The Commissioners agreed that there were a lot of things to think about pertaining to regulating cutting of trees, and that the county needed to determine what is acceptable to the citizens of Fayette County. It was also stated that the county would continue working on this matter in order to address the issues brought to the Board. Chairman Brown reminded everyone that if they see anything suspicious to call the Code Enforcement Department.

The motion to accept Ordinance 2014-14 as presented passed unanimously. Copies of the request, the PowerPoint presentation, additional dais documents, and Ordinance 2014-14, identified as "Attachment 10," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one spoke under Public Comment.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

"Charge Georgia" Grant Application: County Administrator Steve Rapson informed the Board that there is a deadline to submit the grant for the electric charging stations. He stated that there is a 50% match required for the grant, and he asked for approval to utilize $20,000.00 out of the Contingency Fund since the most that can be obtained is $40,000.00. The Board consented to the request to utilize $20,000.00. A copy of the "Charge Georgia" Grant Application, identified as "Attachment 11," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

There was no Attorney's Report given.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Barlow: Commissioner Barlow thanked God for his bride.

Commissioner McCarty: Commissioner McCarty said he also thanked God for Fayette County. He said it was a fantastic place, and he encouraged the citizens to continue to get involved and to tell the Board of its problems.

Commissioner Ognio: Commissioner Ognio stated that there would be an Air Show in Peachtree City, and he hoped everyone would go to it, have a good time, and be safe. He stated that the issue with tree harvesting was not concluded with the passage of Ordinance 2014-14. County Administrator Steve Rapson agreed and explained the next steps that staff would take on this matter.

Commissioner Oddo: Commissioner Oddo thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He also thanked the people for voicing their concerns, but asked everyone to bear with the Board as it works through the process. He pointed out that his wife, who has had to stay out of country to resolve family business, was back in country and was at the meeting. He also welcomed his brother-in-law to the meeting and to the United States. Chairman Brown stated that everyone was happy to have her back and he informed the audience that comes to each meeting as possible. It was also pointed out that she watches the meeting via LiveStream out of country.

Chairman Brown: Chairman Brown asked for Board consensus so that if a Commissioner wants to put something on a Commissioner's Report, and if they want to show slides, they need to have that right to do so. He said if Commissioners want to put the slides up then the slides need to go up. Commissioner McCarty replied that in the past a decision was made that a Commissioner could talk about anything they want to talk about. There was no consensus given or further discussion on this matter. Chairman Brown added that while he did not feel he had consensus, he thought there should be a public hearing on the timber harvesting matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There were no items for Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Brown moved to adjourn the October 7, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

The October 7, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 9:15 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 23rd day of October 2014.

Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk