

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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**FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA**

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140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

AGENDA

September 14, 2017
6:30 p.m.

Welcome to the meeting of your Fayette County Board of Commissioners. Your participation in County government is appreciated. All regularly scheduled Board meetings are open to the public and are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Eric Maxwell

Acceptance of Agenda

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

1. Proclamation to recognize the 20th anniversary of Piedmont Fayette Hospital. (page 3)

PUBLIC HEARING:**CONSENT AGENDA:**

2. Approval of staff's request to accept the proposal from the Howell Group Inc. for architectural and engineering services for the design and specifications for Fire Station 4 in the amount of \$186,130.00. (pages 4-9)
3. Approval of staff's request to increase the 2018, \$100,000 project budget, by \$6,000 for Audio-Visual Upgrades to four Courtrooms in Fayette County's Justice Center based on the proposed contract submitted by The Show Business, Sound & Lightning, Inc., approval of the contract for \$105,912.52 and authorization for the County Administrator to execute required documents. (pages 10-18)
4. Approval of the July 13, 2017 Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes. This item was tabled at the August 24, 2017 meeting. (pages 19-179)
5. Approval of the August 24, 2017 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes. (pages 180-194)

OLD BUSINESS:**NEW BUSINESS:**

6. Consideration of a recommendation from the Selection Committee, comprised of Vice-Chairman Randy Ognio and Commissioner Oddo to appoint Mark Lethbridge to the Joint Development Authority of Coweta, Fayette and Meriwether County to serve a term beginning immediately and ending December 8, 2018. (pages 195-229)
7. Consideration of staff's recommendation to award Contract No.1285-P to Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. to serve as Engineer of Record for Solid Waste for the period ending June 30, 2018 with provisions for two one-year renewals, in amounts to be determined by each task order as assigned. (pages 230-233)
8. Consideration of staff's recommendation to fund the design and installation of a new gravity sewer line in the amount of \$130,000, to connect the Fayette County Animal Shelter's building to the Peachtree City Water & Sewer Authority's sewer system network. (pages 234-240)
9. Consideration of staff's recommendation to revise Euthanasia & Shelter Management Policy 280.01 to increase the operational capacity threshold from 75% to 85%. (pages 241-243)
10. Consideration to authorize the County Attorney and staff to amend the county code related to spay and neutering of animals. (pages 244-246)
11. Consideration of staff's request to allocate up to \$500,000 of 2004 SPLOST funds (Project R-5G) for the design and construction of a multi-use path along Veterans Parkway over Sandy Creek, and approval of a \$7,500 professional services contract with Rochester & Associates, Inc. to develop a concept for the project. (pages 247-272)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

- A. Contract #940-P: Engineer of Record for Public Works: Task Order 29- Dogwood Trail Culvert Replacement (pages 273-275)
- B. Contract #P782, Amendment 1: CAD Server Migration (pages 276-277)
- C. Contract #1339-S: AT&T Internet & DDoS Services (pages 278-280)

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

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Department: Commissioners

Presenter(s): Chairman Eric Maxwell

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017

Type of Request: Proclamation/Recognition #1

Wording for the Agenda:

Proclamation to recognize the 20th Anniversary of Piedmont Fayette Hospital.

Background/History/Details:

The Piedmont Fayette Hospital will celebrate its 20th anniversary on September 17, 2017.

The 221-bed community hospital is located in Fayetteville, Georgia and is staffed with more than 1,600 employees and has a medical staff of over 500 physicians. Piedmont Fayette provides 24-hour emergency services and performs major medical, surgical and diagnostic care. As one of America's 50 Best Hospitals, it is also one of the most highly-ranked and awarded hospitals in the Southeast.

The Board of Commissioners would like to congratulate Piedmont Fayette Hospital for 20 years of service.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Proclamation to recognize the 20th Anniversary of Piedmont Fayette Hospital.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Has this request been considered within the past two years? No

If so, when?

Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request? No

Backup Provided with Request? Yes

*** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.**

Approved by Finance Not Applicable

Reviewed by Legal

Approved by Purchasing Not Applicable

County Clerk's Approval Yes

Administrator's Approval

Staff Notes:

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Department:

Presenter(s):

Meeting Date:

Type of Request:

Wording for the Agenda:

Approval of staff's request to accept the proposal from the Howell Group Inc. for architectural and engineering services for the design and specifications for Fire Station 4 in the amount of \$186,130.00.

Background/History/Details:

Through the Purchasing Department, proposals were solicited for the architectural and engineering services for the design and specifications for the Fire Station 4 project. Twelve proposals were received for the project. One firm was disqualified for failure to meet and include all the elements within the RFP. Members from the department evaluated the proposals based on the experience and expertise of the firm and project team, understanding and approach to the project, their ability to propose a schedule to minimize the overall construction time and the quality of the firm's written proposal.

Once this phase was complete the evaluations were forwarded to Purchasing. Purchasing then factored in the final cost to complete the evaluation process.

This project is for the re-location and construction of Fire Station 4 on McElroy Road in the area of McDonough Road on property currently owned by the County.

The Howell Group is recommended based on the scoring of their proposal and pricing structure as submitted for this current project.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of staff's request to accept the proposal from the Howell Group Inc. for architectural and engineering services for the design and specifications for Fire Station 4 in the amount of \$186,130.00.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

SPLOST funding for Fire Station 4 construction.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?

If so, when?

Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*

Backup Provided with Request?

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Approved by Finance

Reviewed by Legal

Approved by Purchasing

County Clerk's Approval

Administrator's Approval

Staff Notes:

This will be designated as Contract #1301-P.



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To: Steve Rapson

From: Ted L. Burgess

Date: September 14, 2017

Subject: RFP#1301-P Design & Specifications for Fire Station 4

On March 21, 2017 Fayette County voters approved a one-cent Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) to be collected from 7/1/2017 through 6/30/2023. The list of approved projects to be funded by the SPLOST includes a new Fire Station #4.

The current fire station is located at 175 Johnson Avenue in Fayetteville. The proposed new station will be located on county property at McElroy Road near the McDonough Road intersection.

The Purchasing Department issued Request for Proposals (RFP) #1301-P to seek an architectural & engineering firm to design the fire station and develop specifications for construction. The Department emailed notices to 53 companies already established as vendors with the county. Invitations were extended via the Fayette News, the county website, Greater Georgia Black Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Local Government Access Marketplace (www.glga.org), and Channel 23. An additional 765 firms were notified through the Internet-based Georgia Procurement Registry, using the Commodity Codes 90607 (Architectural Services, Professional, Including Consulting), 90610 (Buildings, Architectural Design Services, and 90630 (Fire Protection, Architectural Services).

Twenty one firms attended a pre-proposal conference that was held on May 12, 2017. Of this number, twelve companies submitted proposals. It was determined that one proposal must be disqualified because it did not provide a significant amount of the requested information, so that it was not possible to evaluate their qualifications as compared to the other companies that submitted proposals.

The Evaluation Committee, composed of members from Fire / EMS, scored the proposals using the evaluation criteria in the RFP (Attachment 1). Evaluation criteria included the following:

- a) *Understanding and approach:* E.g. how the firm can add value, cost control methods, knowledge of local building codes, and problem resolution and avoidance.
- b) *Firm's expertise & experience:* Age of the firm, services offered, specialization or unique capabilities.
- c) *Project team:* Included resumes for each key team member, org. charts, and other pertinent information to demonstrate the project team's expertise.
- d) *Project schedule:* To include critical dates, schedule control, and current workload.

- e) *Quality of the written proposal*: Considers items such as effectiveness of communication, relevance of information, and other indicators that help to demonstrate the firm's professionalism.

Since the RFP had been released on April 25, 2017 – prior to the recent change in proposal submission and evaluation methods – the price component of the evaluation scores comprised 30% of the total evaluation score.

The Fire/EMS Evaluation Committee recommends The Howell Group, Inc. for award of the contract. It should be noted that Addendum 1 to the RFP says “the county intends to use the same successful firm, depending on mutually agreeable terms, to design the replacement for Fire Station #2 in approximately one year.” The main purpose of this provision was to obtain “quantity” pricing.

The Howell Group's initial proposal was priced at \$189,130.00. However, they have provided a best and final of a reduction of \$3,000.00 for a contract price of \$186,130.00.

The Howell Group provided architectural services for Fire Station #3 in 2012. Attachment #2 is the Contractor Performance Evaluation for that project.

Specifics of the proposed contract are as follows:

Contract Name	1301-P: Design & Specifications for Fire Station #4
Contractor	The Howell Group, Inc.
Amount of Contract	\$186,130.00 Best and final offer

Budget:

Fund	322	2017 SPLOST
Org. Code	32230550	Fire SPLOST
Object	541210	Other Improvements
Project	17FAA	Fire Station #4
Available Balance	\$2,405,150	Recognizes \$10.00 spent for an ad

PROPOSAL #1301-P: DESIGN & SPECIFICATIONS FOR FIRE STATION 4
EVALUATION SCORING

		Max Points	ALAN BELL ARCHITECT, INC	BOYE ARCHITEC- TURE, INC.	BROWN DESIGN GROUP, INC.	K A OLDHAM DESIGN, INC.	LYMAN DAVIDSON DOOLEY, INC.	PATTERN RESEARCH & DESIGN, LLC	PGAL	PIEPER O'BRIEN HERR ARCHITECTS	POND & COMPANY	ROBERT & COMPANY	THE HOWELL GROUP, INC.	WILEY WILSON
1	Understanding & Approach	30	Disqualified	11.0	12.3	22.0	20.0	14.3	17.3	22.0	21.7	22.3	24.7	19.7
2	Firm's Expertise & Experience	25		11.0	12.7	16.7	16.7	15.0	18.0	17.7	18.7	18.7	23.7	18.3
3	Project Team	20		7.0	12.3	13.7	12.7	13.0	15.3	17.7	17.3	16.3	18.0	15.3
4	Project Schedule	15		4.3	5.7	7.7	9.7	6.0	4.7	9.3	11.3	6.3	11.0	6.7
5	Quality of Written Proposal	10		4.3	5.3	8.0	6.3	5.7	6.7	7.7	7.3	8.3	7.0	6.3
	Total Technical Score	100		37.7	48.3	68.0	65.3	54.0	62.0	74.3	76.3	72.0	84.3	66.3
	Weighted Tech Merit	70%		26.4	33.8	47.6	45.7	37.8	43.4	52.0	53.4	50.4	59.0	46.4

	Price			\$209,175	\$182,560	\$156,805	\$191,800	\$138,285	\$323,700	\$348,150	\$311,000	\$265,181	\$189,130	\$234,000
	Technical Merit	70%		26.4	33.8	47.6	45.7	37.8	43.4	52.0	53.4	50.4	59.0	46.4
	Price	30%		19.8	22.7	26.5	21.6	30.0	12.8	11.9	13.3	15.6	21.9	17.7
				46.2	56.6	74.1	67.4	67.8	56.2	63.9	66.8	66.0	81.0	64.2

FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

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1. Use this form to record contractor performance for any contract of \$50,000 or above.
2. The person who serves as project manager or account manager is the designated party to complete the evaluation.
3. This form is to be completed and forwarded to the Purchasing Department not later than 30 days after completion or expiration of a contract. Past performance is considered on future contracts.

VENDOR INFORMATION	COMPLETE ALL APPLICABLE INFORMATION
Company Name: The Howell Group, Inc.	Contract Number: P817
Mailing Address: 965 Piedmont Road, NE Suite 100	Contract Description or Title: Fire Station Architectural Design (Fire Station #3 in Tyrone)
City, St, Zip Code: Marietta, GA 30066-5493	Contract Term (Dates) From: 5/22/1012 To: Completion of construction
Phone Number: (678) 354-5611	Task Order Number: N/A
Cell Number: (404) 702-1948	Other Reference: N/A
E-Mail Address: bhowell@thehowellgroup.net	

DEFINITIONS

OUTSTANDING – Vendor considerably exceeded minimum contractual requirements or performance expectations of the products/services; The vendor demonstrated the highest level of quality workmanship/professionalism in execution of contract.

EXCELLENT (Exc) - Vendor exceeded minimum contractual requirements or performance expectations of the products/services.

SATISFACTORY (Sat) - Vendor met minimum contractual requirements or performance expectations of the products/services.

UNSATISFACTORY (UnSat) - Vendor did not meet the minimum contractual requirements or performance expectations of the products and/or services; Performed below minimum requirements

EVALUATIONS (Place “X” in appropriate box for each criterion.)

Criteria (includes change orders / amendments)	Out-standing	Exc	Sat	Un-Sat	Not Apply
1. Work or other deliverables performed on schedule		X			
2. Condition of delivered products		X			
3. Quality of work		X			
4. Adherence to specifications or scope of work		X			
5. Timely, appropriate, & satisfactory problem or complaint resolution		X			
6. Timeliness and accuracy of invoicing			X		
7. Working relationship / interfacing with county staff and citizens	X				
8. Service Call (On-Call) response time		X			
9. Adherence to contract budget and schedule		X			
10. Other (specify):					X
11. Overall evaluation of contractor performance		X			

EVALUATED BY

Signature:	Date of Evaluation: 8/18/2017
Print Name: Thomas Bartlett	Department/Division: Fire & E/S
Title: Deputy Chief	Telephone No: 770-305-5165

The Howell Group honored all offers, and submitted documents in a timely manner. They were helpful and provided information as requested.

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Department:

Presenter(s):

Meeting Date:

Type of Request:

Wording for the Agenda:

Approval of staff's request to increase the 2018, \$100,000 project budget, by \$6,000 for Audio-Visual Upgrades to four Courtrooms in Fayette County's Justice Center based on the proposed contract submitted by The Show Business, Sound & Lightning, Inc., approval of the contract for \$105,912.52 and authorization for the County Administrator to execute required documents.

Background/History/Details:

The Honorable Judge Jason Thompson submitted a project request in the 2018 budget to improve technology by upgrading State Court's audio and visual for a cost of \$30,000. Staff recommendation was to add the Superior Court Judges' Courtrooms and the Magistrate Judges' Courtroom for a total of four (4) Courtrooms at Fayette County's Criminal Justice Center for a total funding of \$100,000, realizing savings from a multi room discount. Project was approved and funded the \$100,000 with the adoption of the 2018 budget.

Original cost of \$30,000 * 4 = \$120,000. Project budget was approved for \$100,000. The Contract amount totals \$105,912.52. The additional \$6,000 needed will be funded by a transfer from the general fund project contingency.

In addition, this technology enhancement in the County's Courtrooms will allow the opportunity to effectively create an electronic search warrant system for Fayette County. Sheila Studdard, Clerk of Court, is coordinating this effort.

The vendor, The Show Business, is being recommended to maintain consistency throughout the County. Similar work was done by this vendor in another existing courtroom in 2016. This same vendor also completed the lighting projects for the Historic Courthouse and Heritage Park Fountain.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

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If this item requires funding, please describe:

Requesting \$6,000 2018 budget transfer from project contingency 37510599 to 37510535 project 181AK.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?

If so, when?

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Staff Notes:

As of Aug 24, 2017, the balance in the general fund project contingency is \$256,694.



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PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
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FAYETTEVILLE, GEORGIA 30214
PHONE: 770-305-5420
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To: Steve Rapson

From: Ted L. Burgess

Date: September 14, 2017

Subject: Contract #1370-S: AV for Court Rooms

The audio-visual (AV) system in four of the Judicial Center court rooms is in need of improvement. The rooms are 1B (Magistrate Court), 2B (Superior Court), 2C (Superior Court), and 2D (State Court).

In 2013, the county issued Request for Proposals #P877 for a company to design, install, and support an audio and video system for the Commissioners' public meeting chamber. Twenty-two companies attended a mandatory pre-proposal conference, and nine submitted proposals. The county awarded the resulting contract to Sound Principle.

Since that time, there have been needs for audio, video, sound, and lighting system upgrades or installation in other county facilities. It is not economically or operationally effective to have multiple technologies installed by multiple vendors, and supported by a number of maintenance agreements. For these reasons, it was decided to continue our business relationship with Sound Principles for related installations and service. In addition to the public meeting chamber, they have installed sound and lighting at the Historic Court House. They also installed the AV system in Court Room 2A of the Justice Center.

The Fiscal Year budget includes \$100,000.00 for Justice Center AV improvements. It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners transfer \$6,000.00 from the Project Contingency fund, and award a contract to Sound Principle in the amount of \$105,912.52 to install an upgraded AV system in the four court rooms listed above. The Department of Information Technology has completed a Contractor Performance Evaluation, which is attached.

Specifics of the contract are as follows:

Contract Name	1370-S: AV for Court Rooms	
Vendor	Sound Principles	
Contract Amount	\$105,912.52	
Budget:		
Fund	375	CIP
Org. Code	37510535	CIP Information Systems
Object	542530	Business Machines
Project	181AK	Justice Center – Audio Visual
Available Balance:		
Current Budget	\$100,000.00	
Requested Transfer	<u>6,000.00</u>	
Total	\$106,000.00	

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VENDOR INFORMATION**COMPLETE ALL APPLICABLE INFORMATION**

Company Name: Show Business Sound and Lighting Inc.	Contract Number: 1033-N
Mailing Address:403A McDonough, Pwy	Contract Description or Title: New Sound System for Historic County Courthouse
City, St, Zip Code:McDonough GA 30253	Contract Term (Dates) From: 11/23/2015 To:Completed
Phone Number:770-477-6227	Task Order Number:
Cell Number:	Other Reference:
E-Mail Address:soundprinciplespro.com	

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4. Adherence to specifications or scope of work			X		
5. Timely, appropriate, & satisfactory problem or complaint resolution			X		
6. Timeliness and accuracy of invoicing			X		
7. Working relationship / interfacing with county staff and citizens			X		
8. Service Call (On-Call) response time			X		
9. Adherence to contract budget and schedule			X		
10. Other (specify):					
11. Overall evaluation of contractor performance			X		

EVALUATED BY

Signature:	Date of Evaluation:09/07/2017
Print Name:Philip Frieder	Department/Division:IT
Title:CIO	Telephone No:770-305-5406

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Agreement

**A/V Consultation - Acoustical Design - Installation**Please visit our site - <http://www.soundprinciplespro.com>**To:**Fayette County PurchasingFayette County Courthouse1 Center DriveFayetteville, Ga 30214770-312-9953jmayo@fayettecountyga.gov**Sales and Installation Agreement**

This contract is to certify that The Show Business, Sound & Lighting, Inc. (dba Sound Principles) agrees to provide and install the equipment as listed on the attached invoice (s).

The Purchaser, **Fayette County Purchasing** represented by **Fayette County Courthouse** has agreed to and signed the attached invoice (s) that define all prices. Organization representative also agrees to the payment schedule outlined below. Customer paying deposit makes this estimate a binding and enforceable agreement.

The purchaser understands that our timeline commitments are directly connected to the availability of the building and customer-provided lifts. The installers must have unlimited and unobstructed access to the building without interruption or on site conversations with the location's staff for the entire period of the installation. Sound Principles is not responsible for the removal of objects that hinder our ability to complete the installation. If there is a lack of payment, lack of or delay of access, any schedule and completion dates become null and void. Sound Principles will then work with the purchaser to reschedule installation. Technicians are limited to performing the duties listed on this estimate. **Please** do not ask technicians to provide other equipment or perform duties outside of this agreement ie: we do not run conduit, drill holes in desk tops, hang other items, adjust existing equipment etc. as our technicians are instructed to perform only listed duties and will decline. We must meet w/ builder to supply electrical, conduit, lift and scheduling needs 60 days before any staging, sheetrock or interior construction begins.

Timeline: 60 days completion from deposit date unless scheduled differently

The represented must be present at the start and completion of the job as this will ensure a satisfactory job completion. Upon completion of the install, Sound Principle technicians will perform all instruction quoted. When applicable, installers will need a minimum of 5 work days after floor / carpet is in, and before pews /chairs go in, without interruption to complete project. At this final stage all floor / carpet must be in media control area, clean and complete, All holes drilled for cable runs and stage area clean and complete.

Projected schedule:

The total cost for this project is **\$105,912.52**

Sound Principles requires an **initial deposit of \$52,956.26** to order all equipment listed and reserve staff.

We will also provide any information the customer may need regarding, electrical and load / weight requirements for structure as well as conduit run locations and other info. This will serve as retainer for Sound Principles to participate in all needed communications w/ customer, builder or subs.

Final payments totalling \$52,956.26 (each room's balance due upon completion of each room) plus or minus all changes will be due upon Completion, Approximately 60 days from deposit date. **If payment is not made at that time, equipment will be un installed and retained by The Show Business until payment is made in full.** The Show Business can enter premises without legal process if payment has not been made on time. Both parties must approve in writing, any changes to the equipment list or additional requests for other services. Both parties must approve in writing, any changes to the schedule. All Manufacturers warranties apply for products.

The installation is warranted for Five years to be free from any defects in material or workmanship. Change orders can not exceed 5% deduction of gross total agreement amount.

Authorized representative for

Fayette County Purchasing

Date

Invoice

SOUND PRINCIPLES
 Consulting - Acoustical Design - Installation
 Sound Systems - Video Systems - Lighting Systems

The Show Business Sound and Lighting Inc.
 403A McDonough Parkway
 McDonough, GA 30253
 Phone: 770-477-6227
www.soundprinciplespro.com
paul@theshowbusiness.com
 Fax: 770-472-3727
 7/26/17

Rep: PS
 Load In:
 Performance:
 Load Out:
 Location: Fayette County Courthouse
 Project Name: Courtroom "1B" A/V Upgrades

P.O. No.
 Bill To: Fayette County Purchasing
 Contact: Fayette County Courthouse
 Address: 1 Center Drive
 Fayetteville, Ga 30214
 Phone:
 Cell: 770-312-9953
 E-Mail: jmayo@fayettecountyga.gov

Deposit Received: \$0.00
 Invoice Subtotal: \$22,363.38
 Tax Rate: 0.00%
 Labor: \$4,220.00
 Invoice Total: \$26,583.38
 Total Amount Due:
 Amount Paid:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Amount
4	Shure gooseneck wired mics	\$259.00	\$1,036.00
1	Shure wireless goose neck Mic SLX	\$999.00	\$999.00
2	Shure hand Held Wireless Systems SLX	\$599.00	\$1,198.00
3	Custom round / floor pockets to replace existing in concrete	\$389.00	\$1,167.00
1	Flat Panel Surge Protector/Power Conditioner	\$215.00	\$215.00
4	19" LED Display/Monitor for Judge (no way to show on Ipad)/ other areas	\$199.00	\$796.00
8	JBL Ceiling Speakers	\$240.00	\$1,920.00
3	QSC Amps	\$589.00	\$1,767.00
1	Shure Auto Mixer - 8 channel SCM820	\$1,699.00	\$1,699.00
1	Kramer Presentation Switcher (fade-thru-black switching) 4in/ 4 out	\$2,690.00	\$2,690.00
1	Tascam Digital recorder	\$489.00	\$489.00
1	Middle Atlantic rack and drawers / PD in top	\$989.00	\$989.00
2	Boundary Mic for Witness & Array Mic for Judge (Beyer Dynamic MPR210B)	\$1,129.00	\$2,258.00
2	HDMI connections at Elmo Area and on Judges Desk	\$365.00	\$730.00
1	Whirlwind Mic Mute - muting Judge boundry mic	\$78.00	\$78.00
-1	Multi room discount	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
1	Cable Package - Video/Power	\$1,117.00	\$1,117.00
3	Kramer extenders for HDMI distribution	\$620.00	\$1,860.00
1	Kramer HDMI 1x4 multiplier	\$399.00	\$399.00
1	Installation Materials	\$425.38	\$425.38
	Installation Audio/Video Systems	\$4,220.00	
1	70" Vizio 2160p 4k Ultra HD TV	\$1,369.00	\$1,369.00
1	Heavy Duty mount for 70"	\$162.00	\$162.00
	*If applicable customer to provide and pay for any conduit run / electrical expense / lift needs		
Customer Signature _____		*Prices good for 30 days	
		Subtotal	\$22,363.38
		Tax	\$0.00
		Labor	\$4,220.00
		Total	\$26,583.38

*It's the experience that matters.
 Yours and Ours!*

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[Please visit our website - www.soundprinciplespro.com](http://www.soundprinciplespro.com)

Invoice

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 Sound Systems - Video Systems - Lighting Systems

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MINUTES

July 13, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Welcome to the meeting of your Fayette County Board of Commissioners. Your participation in County government is appreciated. All regularly scheduled Board meetings are open to the public and are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Chairman Eric Maxwell called the July 13, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Charles Oddo

Commissioner Charles Oddo offered the Invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

Commissioner Steve Brown moved to accept the agenda as written. Vice Chairman Randy Ognio seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Vice Chairman Ognio moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items # 2 and #7. Commissioner Steve Brown seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

1. **Approval of Resolution 2017-11 for implementation of Project FA-01 to the Atlanta Regional Commission documenting Fayette County's funding commitment for the 2017 Project Solicitation application for the alignment of State Route 279 and Corinth Road.** A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 1", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.
2. **Approval of Resolution 2017-12 for implementation of Project FA-02 to the Atlanta Regional Commission documenting Fayette County's funding commitment for the 2017 Project Solicitation application for multiple resurfacing projects within Fayette County.**

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he wanted to raise a point of clarity for the residents. He stated that he wanted the County Administrator or staff to explain what that \$2.5 million of the \$9 million project entails because it looks like the majority of the fund was going to the city and not unincorporated Fayette County. He wanted the citizens to understand why.

Public Works Director Phil Mallon stated that the agenda item was for a Resolution in support of a resurfacing project for county and city roads. He stated that sometimes there was a better chance of receiving favorable consideration for the projects when it was a larger project application, so he reached out to the cities to see if they were interested. He stated that each road would be evaluated individually. He stated that some or all of the roads might get approved or none of the roads might be approved. He stated the same was true for the city.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 2017-12 for implementation of Project FA-02 to the Atlanta Regional Commission documenting Fayette County's funding commitment for the 2017 Project Solicitation application for multiple resurfacing projects within Fayette County. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 5-0. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 2", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

3. **Approval of Resolution 2017-13 for implementation of Project FA-03 to the Atlanta Regional Commission documenting Fayette County's funding commitment for the 2017 Project Solicitation application to fund detailed planning studies along Sandy Creek, Tyrone, Palmetto and Banks Road.** A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 3", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.
4. **Approval of staff's recommendation to award annual bid #1314-A to Hanson Aggregates and Martin Marietta as primary vendors for gravel services for fiscal year 2018 with a not-to-exceed amount of \$51,262.50 and \$129,800 respectively, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$181,062.50.** A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 4", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.
5. **Approval of Water System's request to award Bid #1318-B Water Distribution Parts to five companies that were low bidders on items used for distribution and repair; Consolidated Pipe & Supply Co., Ferguson Enterprises, Fortiline Waterworks, Delta Municipal Supply and HD Supply Waterworks LTD, in an amount not-to-exceed \$216,568.27.** A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 5", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.
6. **Approval of staff's recommendation to award Chemical Bid for twelve (12) months, to Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., American Development Corporation, Chemrite and Polydyne for chemicals used by the Fayette County Water System for water treatment, and authorization for the Chairman to sign any related documents.** A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 6", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.
7. **Approval of staff's recommendation to contract with the Gordian Group (Centennial Contractors Enterprise, Inc.) to renovate the Animal Shelter building in the amount of \$119,598.67 per the approved CIP project #6565F.**

Commissioner Brown stated that he wanted staff to give an overview of this agenda item. He further explained that this agenda item was not an expansion, but an upgrade to the shelter.

Animal Shelter Director Jerry Collins briefed the Board that this project was started prior to him being hired at the shelter. He stated that some of the renovations included fixing rusted doors, installing new siding on the building and to add runs in the back for more air time to the animals.

Building and Grounds Director Carlos Christian stated that staff meet with Mr. Collins and determined what improvements needed to be made to bring the facility up-to-par. He stated that a contractor was brought in to determine what improvements were needed.

Commissioner Brown stated that he wanted everyone to know that it was not a shelter expansion. He continued that the Peachtree City sewer runs through the shelter property. He stated that he would like to include having the Rite Aid next door placed on sewer so that the County could have the drain fields and use the parcels. County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that Mr. Christian was evaluating that. He stated that this approval would be for the base contract and as a reminder, \$126,000 was funded last year and an additional \$50,000 was funded for this year to resolve some of the sewer related issues. He stated that this project was about a four month project.

Chairman Maxwell opened the floor for public comments.

Sharon Waples asked questions about repair to the current runs, the new runs and a smell that she noticed outside at the shelter. The questions were addressed by staff.

Julie Schwab asked questions about the County raising money for the Humane Society through a GoFundMe page. Chairman Maxwell explained that the Humane Society was not a function of the Board of Commissioners.

Samantha Beadle shared that there was a non-profit organization available for people to donate and to benefit the animal shelter.

Cynthia O'Connor requested the break down to refurbish the shelter. Mr. Christian provided a breakdown of the project.

Dana Lezaj asked the Board if they had ever received a request to expand the facility and what, besides the sewer issue, prevents an expansion. She also asked when the facility was built. There was not a consensus on the exact time it was built. She asked if an expansion could ever be consider as part of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST). Chairman Maxwell explained how the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) worked. She asked what the public could do to formally request the Board to consider expansion. Chairman Maxwell stated that the Board received the emails and phone calls and that there was no other process required.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that he would like to see the shelter improvements also include electronic displays and he hoped that the staff would consider that. He stated that he was concerned about the process used and that he would like to see more of these type projects bided out instead of using state contracts. Mr. Rapson stated that staff used Gordian Group to expedite the project as directed by the Board. He stated that staff could go through the procurement process instead of the state contract process, if that was the direction of the Board.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he had the same concern prior to speaking to staff. He stated that he would like to see Purchasing educate potential vendors about the state contract process. Mr. Rapson stated that Gordian Group would be the project manager. He stated that they use the competitive process through the state and also through local vendors, which was the preference.

Commissioner Brown stated that going back to the second mayor of Peachtree City, Ralph Jones, the overriding problem in the city was stray dogs. He stated that the mayor then worked to get the animal shelter. He stated that he worked on the "bee ordinance", the "chicken ordinance" and "dog ordinance" and so he had worked around the gamut on all the animal issues. He encouraged all the different animal groups/advocates to work together to have a consolidated platform to bring to the Board. He stated that the old adage, "the squeaky wheel does get the grease" was true, especially in government and that needed to happen. He stressed that the citizens own the shelter and that their input

was important. He stated that the county was far from a no-kill shelter. He stated that the county had the human capital and intelligence in the community to make things happen, it just needed to be organized. He encouraged those in the audience to contact the Humane Society and become a part of the group that wanted to create positive change.

Commissioner Oddo moved to contract with the Gordian Group (Centennial Contractors Enterprise, Inc.) to renovate the Animal Shelter building in the amount of \$119,598.67 per the approved CIP project #6565F. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed 5-0. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 7", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

8. Approval of the June 22, 2017 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

9. **Staff update on the proposed GDOT roundabout projects on SR 92 at Antioch Road and Seay Road (GDOT PI 009971 and 009972) and consideration of GDOT's request for Fayette County to enter into a Local Government Lighting Agreement and Landscaping Maintenance Agreement for the projects.**

Staff requested to have this item tabled to continue working with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) regarding this agreement.

Commissioner Brown moved to table the proposed GDOT roundabout projects on SR 92 at Antioch Road and Seay Road (GDOT PI 009971 and 009972) and consideration of GDOT's request for Fayette County to enter into a Local Government Lighting Agreement and Landscaping Maintenance Agreement for the projects to the July 27, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 8", follows these minutes and is made a part thereof.

10. **Consideration of staff's recommendation to adopt Fayette County Policy 280.01; Animal Shelter Management/Euthanasia.**

This portion of the minutes has been provided verbatim as Addendum #1.

Vice Chairman Ognio amended the motion to adopt Fayette County Policy 280.01; Animal Shelter Management/Euthanasia with a modification to remove the words "whenever possible", to change the adoption notice to day six (6) and a ten (10) day notice prior to the end of the thirty day, to stop the progression of the ordinance and to include language, "The Fayette County Animal Shelter is committed to a well-managed facility that considers the preservation of life...". Commissioner Oddo amended the second. The motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Brown in opposition. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 10", follows these minutes and is made a part thereof.

The Board recessed at 10:16 p.m.

The Board returned at 10:29 p.m.

Commissioner Brown did not return to the meeting.

11. Consideration of County Attorney's recommendation to adopt Ordinance 2017-12 to amend Policy 100.19; Board Appointments.

Mr. Rapson briefed the Board regarding this item. He stated that the redline edits included the ninety days in advance for the advertising, the addition for the department head to be a part of the selection process, any vacancy or resignation that occur may be filled by the Selection Committee, the agenda item would include all the incumbents and relevant documents and appointing positions with less than half the term would remain. He stated that Commissioner Brown had shared with him that he would like to see that changed from half the term, to less than one year.

Commissioner Oddo moved to adopt Ordinance 2017-12 to amend Policy 100.19; Board Appointments with a change to include "less than one year". Commissioner Rousseau seconded.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that the policy says, "...the Selection Committee to receive the applications". He stated that should indicate that the Clerk receives the applications. He asked for an amendment to remove the words "to receive".

Commissioner Oddo amended the motion and Commissioner Rousseau amended the second.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that it states that the "Commissioner shall have discretion to appoint head of said department as additional member of the Selection Committee". He stated that he would like for the policy to say, "...additional non-voting member" of the Selection Committee. Commissioner Rousseau recommended adding "his or her designee". The Board agreed. Mr. Davenport read the statement as amended: "The Board of Commissioners shall have the discretion to appoint the head of said department or his or her designee as an additional non-voting member of the Selection Committee."

Commissioner Oddo amended the motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-12 to amend Policy 100.19; Board Appointments with a change to include "less than one year", "the Clerk to receive the applications", "The Board of Commissioners shall have the discretion to appoint the head of said department or his or her designee as an additional non-voting member of the Selection Committee", Commissioner Rousseau amended the second. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Brown was absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 11", follows these minutes and is made a part thereof.

Commissioner Rousseau addressed issues regarding employees applying. The Board agreed that employees were not eligible to serve on the committees and employees who apply should be made aware at that time.

12. Consideration of a recommendation of the Selection Committee comprised of Chairman Eric Maxwell and Commissioner Charles Rousseau to appoint Walter Ponder to the Board of Assessors for an unexpired term beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve to appoint Walter Ponder to the Board of Assessors for an unexpired term beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2017. Chairman Maxwell seconded.

Due to the previous approved Policy 100.19;

Commissioner Rousseau amended the motion to appoint Walter Ponder to the Board of Assessors for an unexpired term beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2023. Chairman Maxwell amended the second. The motion passed 4-

0-1. Commissioner Brown was absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 12", follows these minutes and is made a part thereof.

- 13. Consideration of a recommendation from the Selection Committee, comprised of Chairman Eric Maxwell and Commissioner Steve Brown, to re-appoint Martin Sas to the Fayette County Transportation Committee to serve a term beginning April 1, 2017 and expiring March 31, 2020.**

Chairman Maxwell moved to re-appoint Martin Sas to the Fayette County Transportation Committee to serve a term beginning April 1, 2017 and expiring March 31, 2020. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Brown was absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 13", follows these minutes and is made a part thereof.

- 14. Update regarding the procedural posture of the disabled veterans' homestead exemption under House Bill 196 as of July 1, 2017.**

Mr. Davenport briefed the Board regarding this item. He stated that there were multiple times that the Board received a tax refund request from a disabled veteran, but the problem would be that the letter from the VA would have an effective date that was one, two or three years in the past. He stated that the problem was that exemptions are not retroactive unless the statute allows it and there was nothing in the state statute to allow the Board to approve a retroactive request so any request that the Board received that was retroactive was denied. He continued that as part of the legislative package, this Board had a component included to change the disabled veterans' homestead exemption. The General Assembly did make the change and the disabled veterans' homestead exemption will now be handled by a summary decision between the Tax Assessor and the Board and can now be applied retroactively.

Commissioner Oddo stated that Fayette County, the Board, and the County Attorney was responsible for changing this throughout the state.

- 15. Reconsideration of the approval of disposition of tax refunds for disabled veterans' Peter Davis, Jamie Kagels and Ora Williamson in the aggregated total of \$10,918.42 in respond to the recently adopted Disabled Veterans' Homestead Exemptions House Bill 196, initiated by the Board of Commissioners.**

Mr. Davenport stated that based on the law as applied July 1 and the circumstances provided in the backup memo, he recommends that the Board approve the request totaling \$10,918.42.

Mrs. Ora Williamson was present.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve the disposition of tax refunds for disabled veterans' Peter Davis, Jamie Kagels and Ora Williamson in the aggregated total of \$10,918.42 in respond to the recently adopted Disabled Veterans' Homestead Exemptions House Bill 196, initiated by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Brown was absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 14", follows these minutes and is made a part thereof.

16. Recommendation of the County Attorney to deny the disposition of tax refunds for disabled veterans, Ivonne Morrison and Ritesh Ghimire in respond to the recently adopted Disabled Veterans' Homestead Exemptions House Bill 196, initiated by the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Davenport briefed the Board that in the backup memo there were two other individuals who applied for the disabled veterans' homestead exemption. He stated that the first three was a request to reverse the decision to apply the retroactive application of the law. He stated that the request from Ivonne Morrison and Ritesh Ghimire were brought to the Board so that no one would be overlooked. He stated that their request was for reasons other than retroactive application of the law. The circumstances of the original denials have not changed and he recommended denial of the requests.

Commissioner Oddo moved to deny the disposition of tax refunds for disabled veterans, Ivonne Morrison and Ritesh Ghimire in respond to the recently adopted Disabled Veterans' Homestead Exemptions House Bill 196, initiated by the Board of Commissioners. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Brown was absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 15", follows these minutes and is made a part thereof.

17. Consideration of the County Attorney's recommendation to approve the disposition of tax refunds, as requested by Jamie and Lisa Inagawa for tax years 2015 and 2016 in the amount of \$167.40.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve the disposition of tax refunds, as requested by Jamie and Lisa Inagawa for tax years 2015 and 2016 in the amount of \$167.40. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Brown was absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 16", follows these minutes and is made a part thereof.

18. Consideration of the County Attorney's recommendation to approve the disposition of tax refunds, as requested by Roger Casale for tax years 2015 and 2016 in the amount of \$1,699.44.

Vice Chairman Ognio moved to approve the disposition of tax refunds, as requested by Roger Casale for tax years 2015 and 2016 in the amount of \$1,699.44. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Brown was absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 17", follows these minutes and is made a part thereof.

19. Consideration of the County Attorney's recommendation to deny the disposition of tax refunds, as requested by Pauline Parker for tax years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Commissioner Oddo moved to deny the disposition of tax refunds, as requested by Pauline Parker for tax years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Brown was absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 18", follows these minutes and is made a part thereof.

20. Consideration of a request to connect to the City of Fayetteville sewer system to serve a proposed residential subdivision located on SR 92 North in Land Lot 157 of the 5th District.

Mr. Davenport briefed the Board regarding this item. He stated that his firm had some connection to the owners of the property. In 2001 his firm handled the probate of the estate of Mr. Marvin Butler and in 2009 handled the probate of the estate for Pauline Butler. He stated that the firm no longer represents the Butler family for any other issues and they do have other counsel with respect to the potential sale of property. He stated that the basis of the request had to do with a

sewer easement that was entered back in 1987 between the City of Fayetteville and Marvin Butler. He stated that documents presented referenced an "Exhibit A" that should describe the property in question owned by Mr. Butler, but there was no "Exhibit A" attached to the two page easement. He continue to brief the Board. He stated that the land lot line splits the Butler property east of the land lot line and west of the land lot line. He stated that the sewer easement speaks of the legal description attached as "Exhibit A", but it also says, "...in land lot 156". In 1987, land lot 156 was Marvin Butler's property, but was not part of the subject property. He stated that land lot 157 was not covered by the sewer easement. He stated that it was his understanding that the City of Fayetteville was looking to provide sewer to the property to honor the easement which had been determined not part of the subject property. He stated that there was nothing when the project would occur, also there was no indication that the easement was ever accepted by the City of Fayetteville. He stated that the biggest concern was the lack of the legal description that leaves only the 156 land lot which was not part of the subject property.

Commissioner Oddo asked if this was contiguous to the city. Mr. Davenport stated no. Annexation was not a possibility.

Ms. Donna Black was the applicant and she stated that the request was to connect the property to sewer. She stated that this type request had been done before. She stated that they would like to produce a subdivision that was on sewer because that was what people prefer.

Chairman Maxwell asked if she could address the missing "Exhibit A". Ms. Black stated that she was not aware of it.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that the Board should send a letter back to the City of Fayetteville saying that the information was inconsistent with the easement documentation and for that reason the Board could not vote for or against the request.

Vice Chairman Ognio moved to have the County Attorney and County Administrator to draft a letter to the City of Fayetteville stating that the information is inconsistent and that the Board needs more clarification. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Brown was absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 19", follows these minutes and is made a part thereof.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Contract Administrator Trina Barwicks spoke regarding concerns about the county's compensation study. She stated that she had not completed a survey for her position as referenced by the UGA representative. She was hired in 2005 and was present for the first compensation study in 2008. She continued that the duties in the job description from the 2008 study compared to the current job description duties had increased greatly. She shared that she spoke with Human Resource Director Lewis Patterson and Mr. Rapson in 2013 and in January 2016. Ms. Barwicks' grievance included concerns about a substantial change in her duties with no compensation in salary.

Commissioner Rousseau called a point of order. He stated that this was moving into a personnel issue. The Board agreed that staff should not have to come before the Board in this manner in order to address this type of concern.

Mr. Davenport stated that for personnel issue there was a process within the employee handbook to follow and this would most likely follow the grievance process.

Chairman Maxwell stated that he did not feel the Board should be making any official action at the time. He stated that Ms. Barwicks had the right to make a presentation. Ms. Barwicks stated that there was no recourse for employees when they do not agree.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he was not trying to stop her ability to express her concern. He apologized that she had to come to the Board in this manner to address her concerns.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Mr. Rapson briefed the Board on each items A-E. He informed the Board that McIntosh Band was holding an event on July 21 and Lake McIntosh will be closed at 6:00 p.m. He stated that Water System Director Lee Pope reviewed the proposed Peachtree City spillway design and he was ok with the design.

- A. Contract #P916: Auditing Personal Property Accounts for Compliance-Renewal #2
- B. Contract #940-P: Engineer of Record for Public Works: Task Order 21-Redwine Road (Starrs Mill Complex Multi-Use Trail and Tunnel Design- FY2017 SPLOST Project
- C. Contract #949-A: Dust Control Services- Renewal #2
- D. Contract #1307-A: Firefighters Uniform Annual Contract
- E. RFQ #1326-A: Patridge Point Culvert Replacement

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Notice of Executive Session: County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that there was one item of threatening litigation and the review of the Executive Session minutes for June 22, 2017.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Oddo:

Commissioner Oddo thanked everyone for attending. He stated that the Board was doing the best to make the wisest decisions.

Vice Chairman Ognio

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that he would like to thank Georgia Department of Transportation for addressing some concerns regarding intersections on Highway 85 at the south side of the city. He stated that they sent a letter stating that some improvements would be made in that area.

Commissioner Rousseau

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he noticed that the Fire department was not happy with a vendor and that the vendor evaluation form helps the County if anyone was to challenge the County's decision. He stated that it was documented evidence of why the County might not accept the lowest bid at times.

He continued that he stood by his comments that it was important for citizens to be engaged in the process. He stated that the Board views things differently based on the priorities and information before the Board. He stated that his comments earlier in the meeting were not designed to dismiss Commissioner Brown's efforts. He stated that staff will take the "blunt" of the decision of the Board, but he encouraged Mr. Rapson to continue to encourage staff.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, accommodations are available for those who are hearing impaired and/or in need of a wheelchair. The Board of Commissioners Agenda and supporting material for each item is available on-line through the County's website at www.fayettecountyga.gov. This meeting will be telecast on Comcast Cable Channel 23 and on the internet at www.livestream.com.

Chairman Maxwell

Chairman Maxwell thanked Mr. Rapson and Mr. Collins for dealing with the issue and meeting with people. He stated that he did not take Commissioner Rousseau's comments the way that he think that Commissioner Brown did. He agreed that the Board had just gone through the budget process without a comment about the animal shelter and that the Board needed the citizens to bring forward issues. He stated that he appreciated Mr. Rapson responding to all the emails that were received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

One Item of Threatening Litigation and Review of the June 22, 2017 Executive Session Minutes: Commissioner Rousseau moved to go into Executive Session. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Brown was absent.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 11:47 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 12:04 a.m.

Return to Official Session and Approval to Sign the Executive Session Affidavit: Vice Chairman Ognio moved to return to Official Session and for the Chairman to sign the Executive Session Affidavit. Commissioner Oddo seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Brown was absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 20", follows these minutes and is made a part thereof.

Approval of the June 22, 2017 Executive Session Minutes: Vice Chairman Ognio moved to approve the June 22, 2017 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Brown was absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairman Ognio moved to adjourn the July 13, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Brown was absent.

The July 13, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 12:05 a.m.

Tameca P. White, County Clerk

Eric K. Maxwell, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 13th day of July 2017. Referenced attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

Tameca P. White, County Clerk

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Excerpt from Meeting
scheduled on July 13, 2017

Item No. 10

Consideration of staff's recommendations
to adopt Fayette County Policy 280.01;
Animal Shelter Management/Euthanasia

140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, Georgia 30214

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P.O. Box 524
Tyrone, Georgia 30290
(678) 283-4519

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: No. 10, I'm going
3 to call now. That's the policy I think most of
4 the folks are here. And let me just say a
5 couple of things before we get started. We'll
6 have a presentation from Jerry in just a second.
7 And I understand, I know this is a -- one that's
8 volatile or emotional may be a better word. And
9 we're here to hear a comment from every person
10 that wants to talk. I'm not going to cut
11 anybody off. One of the Board members may cut
12 another Board member off, but I don't think
13 there's any attempt from a Board member cutting
14 somebody from the public from coming up to the
15 lectern and speaking.

16 Now, that being said, I don't know how many
17 folks are in here. I don't want to count
18 because the fire marshal says there's 101 legal
19 folks here and they're real close to that. So,
20 you know, we were here last -- two weeks ago
21 until about 12:30 on a 7:00 o'clock meeting, and
22 we'll be here that late tonight if that's -- or
23 later if folks want to keep talking. And we'll
24 continue to listen.

25 Now, what I found is sometimes on these

1 meetings, it's the same thing sometimes over and
2 over again. And if that's the case, that's
3 fine. Once again, I'm not going to cut you off.
4 You're welcome to come up here and say whatever
5 you want to say as long as it's not mean.

6 I mean, if you start being threatening,
7 then we'll have to deal with that. But you can
8 say things that are controversial. This Board's
9 not going to react to that as far as saying, no,
10 you can't talk like that. A threat is something
11 different.

12 But I just wanted to ask a few things.
13 Some of y'all know I'm an attorney. I'm not
14 trying to set you up. I'm just trying to get an
15 idea and I'm trying to answer some of your
16 questions so that some of you may say at least I
17 had -- I was able to participate by raising my
18 hand and saying that's the reason why I'm in
19 this meeting.

20 So I've got a series -- I believe I've got
21 seven questions, and I'll try to do the best I
22 can. And I'm not trying to prove a point. I'm
23 just trying to get some information so the rest
24 of us know this is the reason why you're here,
25 this is one of the things you wanted us to talk

1 about.

2 I assume that most everybody is in the room
3 and I'm just going to ask you to give me a show
4 of hands if you're here because of the animal
5 issue is No. 10 on the item?

6 (Audience raises hands.)

7 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: All right. I knew
8 the answer to that one before I even asked it.
9 And I'm going to ask, who in the room are
10 against any use of euthanasia at all no matter
11 what the circumstances? Is there anybody in the
12 room that's got that view?

13 (Audience raises hands.)

14 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Okay. Is there
15 anybody that's in favor of the current Board
16 policy on euthanasia which allows for it after
17 seven days? That's the current Board policy.
18 Is there anybody that's in favor of that policy?
19 That's what this county's been operating on, I
20 believe, for quite some time.

21 (Audience raises hands.)

22 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Is there anybody
23 that's against the 30-day policy that's been
24 proposed that y'all may have read about in the
25 newspaper?

1 (Audience raises hands.)

2 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Okay. That doesn't
3 look unanimous, but it looks like overwhelmingly
4 that there's more than not. Is there anybody --
5 This is kind of similar to the number two.
6 Anybody that acknowledges that euthanasia is not
7 an accepted practice when dealing with animal
8 control issues is recognized as one of the --
9 one of the tools that's used?

10 (Audience raises hands.)

11 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Okay. We've got --
12 We've got folks that have their hands up.

13 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: I don't think
14 they understood your question.

15 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Okay. I'll try to
16 ask the same question again, but I may not be
17 able to do it. Does anybody disagree that
18 euthanasia is an accepted or recognized practice
19 of dealing with animal control issues in various
20 shelters?

21 (Indiscernible comments from audience.)

22 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Disagree.

23 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: Disagree.

24 (Indiscernible comments from audience.)

25 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: That's a

1 recognized --

2 (Indiscernible comments from audience.)

3 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Okay. Let me use a
4 different word than recognized. That it's -- I
5 had first used the word tool, not out loud, but
6 I put tool in my notes and then I scratched tool
7 out. And I'm trying to get to the point where
8 -- Is it something that you acknowledge is a --
9 is a tool that animal shelters that are run by
10 the government would use?

11 UNNAMED AUDIENCE MEMBER: As a last resort?

12 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Well --

13 (Indiscernible comments from audience.)

14 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: It may be better
15 that I just don't ask the question.

16 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: There you go. Good idea.

17 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: And you if -- I
18 think if you -- to address this with euthanasia,
19 if you have a dog with diseased, cancer, a dog
20 that's -- that everyone agrees is overly
21 aggressive and cannot be adopted out, then --
22 then I think -- I think most people in this area
23 would -- would recognize that euthanasia is
24 probably something that needs to be implemented.
25 Is that correct?

1 (Indiscernible comments from audience.)

2 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: Well, I'm just
3 saying -- We don't need to do a hypothetical.
4 I'm just saying in the event that you had a dog
5 that, for whatever reason -- disease, aggressive
6 beyond the point of adoption or whatever -- that
7 there is an option where that would come into
8 play.

9 UNNAMED AUDIENCE MEMBER: And not be a
10 common practice.

11 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: I didn't say
12 that.

13 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Right.

14 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: That's not what
15 I said.

16 (Indiscernible comments from audience.)

17 UNNAMED AUDIENCE MEMBER: Placed as a tool.

18 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: Right.

19 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Okay. Let me --
20 Let me keep going with this. Who are here for a
21 complete no-kill shelter?

22 (Audience raises hands.)

23 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: And absolutely -- I
24 understand that no kill is a slippery slope just
25 the way that it's defined. And I guess there's

1 two definitions that I know of. One would be
2 absolutely no no kill, and the other would be --
3 I believe the standard is 90 percent. And so on
4 the 100 percent no kill, is there anybody that's
5 in that camp? Is there anybody in the
6 90 percent camp that if you can keep it close to
7 90 percent that that's acceptable?

8 UNIDENTIFIED AUDIENCE MEMBER: Unadoptable.

9 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Unadoptable, right.

10 (Indiscernible comments from audience.)

11 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: And then let me ask
12 one final question because I'm just want to get
13 some ideas so that it may, you know, not prevent
14 you, but it may give you your voice where you at
15 least have the chance to say something, but this
16 is the last one. Are the folks here from --
17 that are not from Fayette County here tonight?
18 Because I've gotten an email all the way from
19 California on this.

20 (Audience laughs.)

21 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: No, that's not
22 funny. That's true.

23 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: There's about
24 four.

25 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Okay. All right.

1 Jerry, we're going to turn this over to you if
2 you'll please make your presentation. And let's
3 do this, Jerry is going to make the
4 presentation, then I'm going to open the floor
5 up after he's made his presentation. And if
6 we've got to take a break because we get tired,
7 I can guarantee I can sit longer than anybody
8 else in this room because I've been doing it for
9 31 years. And if we've got to sit until
10 12:30 tonight, we will do it. Jerry?

11 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: And if
12 I could, I'm actually going to do the
13 presentation because I really felt like Jerry
14 was going to have enough speaking time this
15 evening. So let me just preface this to say
16 that, you know, part of, I think, a lot that's
17 going on is -- I wouldn't say misinformation
18 perhaps. There's a little -- There's a lot of
19 anxiety out there over what does this policy
20 mean, how is it implemented, what's the process.
21 And so I'm going to walk through what the intent
22 of this policy was and how it was drafted and
23 why it was drafted the way it was drafted.

24 You know, one of the things that is tough
25 for Jerry and this Board to consider is the fact

1 that, you know, we do animal control. And by
2 definition, animal control is we control the
3 animal population as opposed to the Humane
4 Society which is a different role. And what
5 we're trying to do as a shelter is move more
6 towards that no-kill Humane Society role. And
7 to do that, I have to do that based on the
8 facility and space limitations we have, cages
9 that we have, staff that we have.

10 And one of the things that makes it very
11 unique for us because we've been having a lot of
12 conversations with all humane societies and all
13 the agencies and anyone who wanted to talk to us
14 about no kill, we've been meeting with them. So
15 this isn't a policy that was drafted in a
16 vacuum. I believe I was in a room with about 12
17 of the main leaders of those groups and told
18 them, "I know you're not going to be 100 percent
19 happy with our policy, but we've got to put some
20 type of guidelines in process so that Jerry can
21 manage the facility."

22 I will tell you that one of the major
23 functions that we do that is not a consideration
24 of those other entities is he has another huge
25 component he has to do as a manager, and that is

1 manage all of unincorporated in Fayette County,
2 all the different cities. When there's a
3 police -- You probably don't think about this.
4 When there's a police officer or sheriff deputy
5 or a resident that calls and there's a rabid fox
6 or I got a dangerous dog running in my
7 neighborhood, his staff is the one that has to
8 respond to that. If he doesn't respond for it
9 or he doesn't have staff to respond to it, then,
10 in essence, what you end up doing is you end up
11 tying up public safety. A sheriff's deputy then
12 stops doing what he supposed to be doing, a
13 police officer stops doing.

14 When I first came here four and a half
15 years ago, that was really the only complaint I
16 got from Barry Babb for the next three years is,
17 "We have a problem because we're wasting a lot
18 of my resources with my officers waiting for an
19 Animal Control person to show up." And they
20 were out of service, you know, sometimes one
21 hour, I think drastically two hours, three hours
22 sometimes.

23 And one of the things that Jerry did when
24 he started in early April is, you know, he did
25 two major things that drastically took our

1 shelter in a different direction. One of the
2 things he did was he took and he stratifies the
3 existing staff so that now were open --

4 DIRECTOR JERRY COLLINS: Seven days a week.

5 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: --
6 seven days a week. Now, that made very -- that
7 may surprise you. It surprised me because
8 typically people are going to, you know, want to
9 get a dog or adopt a dog, I'm thinking the
10 weekend's when we typically would do that. We
11 didn't operate that way, so we changed that
12 operation to allow those type of things to
13 happen. Again, that's him taking his staff and,
14 with a very limited staff up until, I guess, two
15 weeks ago, your staff was 5.5 people -- five
16 full-time persons and a part-time person.

17 DIRECTOR JERRY COLLINS: That's correct.

18 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: As part
19 of this budget, this Board approved converting
20 one of those part-time people to a full-time
21 person and actually get him an adoption
22 coordinator. He's never had an adoption
23 coordinator before. You know, we talk about
24 social media which I think obviously works;
25 right? We have somebody now that can

1 100 percent do that, and we didn't have that
2 before. We don't have that person yet because
3 we're interviewing -- I mean we just put a
4 solicitation on the street.

5 DIRECTOR JERRY COLLINS: The part-time
6 person is doing it.

7 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: You
8 converted her.

9 DIRECTOR JERRY COLLINS: I converted her.

10 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: There
11 you go. So we do -- So for the first time we
12 have someone that could actually start
13 implementing some of the programs that we talked
14 about for a long topic. And the reason I say
15 all that is because you need to have the
16 underlying understanding that we're trying to
17 balance a animal control entity with a Humane
18 Society, and what we're ending up with is a
19 blended-type thing.

20 And that's what this -- that's what this
21 entire policy was meant to do was how can we use
22 our existing resources, our existing facility.
23 I think some of the questions that were asked is
24 how many cages do we have. We have 26 cages.
25 When we say we're at 75 percent capacity, we're

1 talking about 20 cages. If you've ever been to
2 the shelter, you'll understand that all those
3 cages aren't together, so there's some logistics
4 with managing even using the 26 cages.

5 So the first thing we do, which is what
6 this policy is supposed to show you, if you
7 can -- I don't know if all y'all can see this
8 where you're at. But the very first thing we do
9 is we evaluate the animal and determine whether
10 it's adoptable. Believe it or not, we get
11 animals in here that are so aggressive we
12 can't -- it's a danger to our staff, it's a
13 danger to the animals in the shelter, a danger
14 to our volunteers.

15 And we've tried to even have some of the
16 rescue groups get some of those, and even the
17 rescue groups waived off on those animals. So
18 there's aggressive animals, there's sick,
19 there's disease animals, there's animals that
20 are injured. They all go through that
21 evaluation process. So the ones I'm going to
22 focus on are the ones that are adoptable because
23 that's what we are all here about -- right? --
24 adopt the animals.

25 And this is just a selfish plug. I'm

1 sorry. But there's dogs back on this table.
2 Those animals need to be adopted because they're
3 going to be at risk if this policy's approved
4 tonight. So if you want a dog, see Jerry. We
5 can adopt them. We need 11 of them gone. Okay?
6 It's okay. It's selfish, but that's all right.

7 So the first thing I want to talk about is
8 we have a five-day impoundment period. This is
9 a period where we get an animal in and we're
10 looking for its owner. Every two animals we
11 get, we reunite the owner with one. We have
12 about an almost 50 percent rate of success in
13 that five-day period of getting the owner who
14 lost his dog to get the dog. You know, you hear
15 all these -- and I'm sure there's anomalies. I
16 went on vacation for two weeks and my dog was
17 there and you adopted. But that's not typically
18 the case. Typically the case, 99 percent of the
19 time, those animals are reunited within that
20 five-day period.

21 As the chairman alluded to, and I think he
22 said seven days. It was actually six. Our
23 existing policy that we had said there was a
24 five-day impoundment period to try to find the
25 owner, and on the sixth day that animal was

1 eligible to be euthanized. That was the policy
2 that this county's operated on for two decades
3 that I'm aware of. When Jerry got here,
4 actually before you got here when Ronni was
5 here, we looked at that and said, "Hey, that
6 doesn't make a lot of sense to me because if
7 you're trying to adopt animals out, how do you
8 do that?" I mean, if you didn't see it come in
9 the intake and you didn't pay attention the
10 first five days, and quite frankly, the humane
11 societies and agencies that wanted to foster
12 those animals and get those animals, they really
13 didn't have access until the sixth day. So it
14 just didn't seem fair to us.

15 And so what we did is we put a stopgap
16 measure in place and we added another 25 days to
17 work on the adoption cycle. And if you look
18 down here -- you really can't see it very well.
19 But believe it or not, this is all supposed to
20 be green from number 6 --

21 DIRECTOR JERRY COLLINS: 6 to 25.

22 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: -- to
23 25. But that's that 25 adoption day period. So
24 where we used to have six days, we've added all
25 these days here to try to get the animal

1 adopted. If it's adopted beyond the 25th day,
2 when we start approaching this day over here
3 which is the dreaded 31st day when it could be
4 euthanized, we set up a process with the humane
5 and rescue groups to basically provide them a
6 notification that this animal is five days from
7 being euthanized.

8 Because, again, we're trying to -- let's
9 try to see if we can adopt in the community. If
10 we can't adopt in the community, then let's get
11 all the humane society and rescue groups on it
12 and see whether they can get the animal adopted.

13 Now, what we've done, because that's the
14 policy we've been kind of living with for the
15 last three or four months, we met with a lot of
16 the animal groups and we said, you know, if I
17 can't explain it to my wife and grandkids why
18 we'd put a dog down when I've got an empty cage,
19 that's a tough day for Steve at home. So I will
20 tell you that didn't make a lot of sense to us.
21 And so we looked at it from an operational
22 perspective how many cages could we have animals
23 in, what capacity could we handle with our
24 existing staff.

25 Just to kind of give you a flavor of the

1 staff, there's Jerry, there's Donna, four animal
2 control officers, and an adoption person.

3 That's what the shelter runs on. So you're
4 roughly talking about seven people. Now, I
5 hydroplaned over -- I don't know -- hundreds of
6 people. Volunteers, our shelter would not
7 operate without volunteers. I mean, there's
8 just absolutely no doubt that the volunteers are
9 the life bread of what keeps that shelter
10 running.

11 But from a staff perspective, those are the
12 folks that are operationally on call for any
13 calls throughout the entire county. And
14 typically, you have the two people operating the
15 shelter, two people on call, and then you have
16 you and Donna that work Monday through Friday,
17 and then the adoption person. And I think you
18 stratified their time so that they're overlaid,
19 and now we've stretched that over seven days.
20 So we've taken a very -- even though we've given
21 them, in essence, another one and a half person,
22 now we stretched that time over seven days
23 versus five days.

24 So, again, it's a resource issue. So the
25 question is -- and I know there's a lot of

1 thoughts about, well, 75 percent the number,
2 could we live with 90 percent? I don't know.
3 But moving from six days out 30 days seems to me
4 like that's a huge swing from being a animal
5 control organization to a -- moving towards a
6 no-kill-type facility.

7 I will tell you that -- and this is the way
8 it works because I think some of the things I've
9 heard from folks is, you know, when the animal
10 comes in, it's true, that's day one, and they're
11 on a 30-day cycle. This policy does not put
12 that animal down on the 31st day unless I've got
13 more than 20 animals in my shelter. So let me
14 say that again. If I've got 20 animals, I don't
15 care whether they've been there 30 days, 60
16 days, or 90 days. The only time this
17 euthanization would kick in is if I've got more
18 than 20 animals in that shelter and if that
19 animal had been with us for longer than 30 days.
20 Okay?

21 So let me walk you through what that looks
22 like. Some of these pictures are going to be --
23 if you want to ooh or aw, you can because I
24 think it's appropriate. So here's the mix we
25 have right now. Twenty-six capacity, we have 29

1 dogs in the shelter today. This is today.
2 There are nine dogs that would be over that
3 75 percent capacity. In other words, we have
4 nine animals beyond the 20 cages, and all of
5 those animals, as you can see, have been well
6 past the 30 days.

7 I will highlight the fact that, of the nine
8 animals that you see there, all of them are pit
9 bulls with the exception of three. And you're
10 going to see that that's kind of a reoccurring
11 theme.

12 (Indiscernible comments from audience.)

13 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: Pardon?

14 (Indiscernible comments from audience.)

15 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: Well,
16 what that means is is that, of the animals that
17 have been there the longest, we have an
18 abundance of the pit bull mix. It's just those
19 are the animals that are there. So --

20 (Indiscernible comments from audience.)

21 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: Hold
22 on. Hold on. Hold on. I'll ask -- Let me go
23 through the presentation and then I'll answer
24 any questions you've got. I promise.

25 So here's the first one, Newt, 103 days.

1 Newt is a terrific dog, walks him, nice dog. I
2 don't know why they don't adopt this dog.
3 Everybody loves this dog. The problem with Newt
4 is that, when you walk into the back and you're
5 trying to adopt dogs, this dog's bouncing all
6 over the cages, bouncing back and forth, back
7 and forth, which is okay. But if you're trying
8 to adopt a dog for your family, obviously, at
9 least for 103 days, folks says that's not the
10 kind of dog I want to have at home. I can't
11 tell you why Newt isn't adopted. He's a highly
12 adoptable dog as far as I'm concerned.

13 Next one is Yodel. Now, that's a pretty
14 dog. Again, 80 days. The problem with Yodel is
15 that he's got the same problem as Newt. They're
16 both kind of spastic. So if you want a spastic
17 dog, you've got two options.

18 (Indiscernible comments from audience.)

19 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: Well,
20 no, I would totally agree with you. Outside the
21 kennel, nice and calm dog. And I guess maybe
22 that's something we can do with the adoption
23 program. We can say, "hey, why don't you take a
24 dog and take them for a test drive around the
25 back." Because they're totally different dogs

1 when they are on a leash. I'm not arguing that.

2 Here's the other seven, and you could see
3 the abundance of those are pit bull, pit bull
4 mixes -- 78 days, 76, 54, 54, 49, 42, 42. And
5 then we go to the next category which these are
6 dogs that have been in our shelter more than 30
7 days but they are under that 20 cage threshold.
8 So they would not be -- these dogs aren't at
9 risk because they're in that 20-day threshold.

10 Does everybody understand that? Because
11 that's an important concept to get because,
12 based on the phone calls I've gotten, most
13 people think we're putting all these dogs down
14 the 31st day, and that's just simply not what
15 this policy is.

16 And then you have -- And those are Blossom
17 and Jackson, and they're also available for
18 adoption this evening or tomorrow or the next
19 day. I'll answer your question after I go
20 through here. And so here's all the other dogs,
21 18 dogs under 30 days. And you'll see again
22 there's one, two, three, four, five, six,
23 seven -- seven pit bull mixes there too.

24 And I think -- honestly, I think the pit
25 bulls are getting a bad rap honestly. My son

1 got married three months ago, and now they've
2 moved in with his wife. And so we inherited a
3 pit bull, and her name is Boo. Sweetest dog
4 you've ever seen in your life. But she's
5 surprised every time she hits the end of the
6 leash. She's like driving around the tank. So,
7 I'm just saying, you know, pit bulls are for
8 some people. They're not for others. But I'm
9 not opposed to having a pit bull. I've got one
10 at home.

11 Here's an interesting -- And this is where
12 I want to kind of stay for just a little bit
13 because we talk about stats. 2016, here's what
14 happened in 2016. These are the numbers of
15 animals that ran through our shelter. We
16 typically run through somewhere between 550,
17 600, 650 -- you figure about 600 animals.

18 So you can see right here, reclaimed,
19 that's the highest number, and that's what you
20 would expect to see, 264 animals or 46 percent
21 where owners got their animals back. And that's
22 the first thing we want to do is we want to get
23 the owners reunited with the animals. Adoptions
24 are what we adopted in our facility which is
25 22 percent, 126. That transfer number is what

1 you see the humane societies and these rescue
2 groups coming into our shelter and getting
3 animals out of our shelter and actually putting
4 them in foster care or taking them or finding
5 them homes.

6 So 73 is what was euthanized in 2016. I'm
7 not 100 percent accurate whether that number is
8 higher or lower, and I think Jerry would say
9 that he would agree as well. But if these
10 numbers were gold, then no kill -- the save rate
11 would be 87 percent. You know, we talk about
12 the 90 percent being the no-kill shelter. We
13 were pretty much there last year.

14 Now, this year in 2017 year to date, we've
15 gotten 250 animals. 107 of those, again, you
16 can see how it tracks, that reclaimed is
17 tracking pretty much the same 42/46. Adoptions,
18 81, you can see our adoptions have grown. I
19 think we've started to push a little bit on
20 social media. I think the agencies have helped
21 push that. I think we've gotten that word out.
22 And then transfers, 45, 18 percent.

23 Of the 17 animals that we euthanized --
24 because it's important to understand what that
25 number represents. Because we put a policy in

1 place. We're not going to euthanize anything.
2 I think is one of the questions that the
3 Chairman Maxwell asked was, you know, when do
4 you euthanize. You know, animals that are
5 extremely aggressive, why, I'd hate to put down
6 a healthy animal. We can put down a animal
7 that's either going to hurt itself, hurt another
8 dog, or hurt a human being. Of the 17 animals
9 that you see there, three of them were for
10 medical reasons; right?

11 DIRECTOR JERRY COLLINS: One was done at a
12 hospital.

13 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: One was
14 done up at the vet. But of the 17 that were put
15 down, 16 of them were euthanized at our shelter.

16 DIRECTOR JERRY COLLINS: Right.

17 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: And of
18 that 16, three of them were medical. And all
19 the other dogs were aggressive -- aggressive
20 animals. And the majority of those, 70 percent
21 of them were pit bulls. And I think they get a
22 bad rep. You know, whenever you see pit bull,
23 you always think the same thing, and I think --
24 they weren't all pit bulls. I think we had a
25 Rottweiler. And we had --

1 DIRECTOR JERRY COLLINS: We had some
2 Rottweilers.

3 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: Right.
4 But, again, aggressive animals. And so -- so my
5 point is, you know, we are at a 93 percent right
6 now. And the issue becomes is is how do we move
7 forward with the shelter we currently have. And
8 I think what we've tried to do is put a policy
9 in place that looks at the limitations we have,
10 which is the facility itself, and then looks at
11 the staff we have, which is a limitation.

12 You know, one of the questions -- and I'll
13 just go ahead and answer some questions I know
14 that probably some folks are going to ask. So
15 what would it take us to go to just two or three
16 cages? I think that would take us probably two
17 additional officers. And of those two
18 additional officers -- you know, officer all in,
19 benefits and everything, is about 50,000, so
20 about \$100,000 we could probably move this to
21 where we just have two cages.

22 But let's talk about what that looks like
23 because I think it's important for you to
24 understand what that looks like. Because since
25 we've been not implementing any restriction on

1 cages, there's been several times we've had 26
2 animals. There's been a couple of times we've
3 had up to 32 or 34. I know July 4th weekend we
4 had 28 animals in the shelter, and then we ended
5 up getting five that weekend.

6 DIRECTOR JERRY COLLINS: Correct.

7 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: You
8 know, part of the problem with having a policy
9 where you euthanize based on capacity is you're
10 always going to hit that capacity. And the
11 problem with doing the capacity at full capacity
12 is you're not talking about euthanizing one or
13 two animals. You're talking about euthanizing
14 five or six animals. So I can imagine the furor
15 we had over the one or two that we had to
16 euthanize because of aggression.

17 You know, we euthanize six or seven at a
18 time, and that's what we have to kind of balance
19 as a staff. We're trying to say what is that
20 reasonable one we draw in the sand and how do we
21 approach that. And I think we've -- I think
22 that's what we've tried to do. So I know
23 there's a lot of misinformation circling around
24 social media, and I just wanted to kind of
25 explain how we went from point A to point B

1 pair. And with that I'll turn it over to Jerry.

2 DIRECTOR JERRY COLLINS: And one of the
3 issues that I look at at the 75 percent --

4 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON:
5 Microphone.

6 DIRECTOR JERRY COLLINS: Microphone. How
7 about that?

8 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: That's better.

9 DIRECTOR JERRY COLLINS: One of the issues
10 I look at at the 75 percent is that I have
11 allegedly -- I mean the shelter's built that
12 way -- there's allegedly seven runs in the back
13 that are supposed to be for rabies observation,
14 for intake, and for segregation of sick or
15 aggressive animals. At present time, I can't
16 segregate any animals. Right now we've got
17 every cage or kennel full.

18 And I left at 4:00, and I don't know if
19 Donna was there getting more when I left. How
20 many? So we got one more when I left. So we
21 received three dogs in today, so that takes us
22 up to 30. We're using crates that people would
23 crate their dog in, and those animals are
24 staying in those cages and crates except for
25 when volunteers come.

1 And like Mr. Rapson said, you know, they
2 are the lifeblood down there. They put in
3 numerous hours that they don't get paid for,
4 except for I think the one time I bought them
5 breakfast and I got that some shirts. But other
6 than that, they don't really get a lot of
7 recognition. But, you know, they can only do so
8 much.

9 So a dog, typically, I would say a best
10 case scenario would get two hours a day outside
11 of a cage. So we're talking an animal stays in
12 a kennel, a crate, or a cage for 22 to 23 hours
13 a day. And, you know, as far as the adoption
14 goes, one of the things that I did thanks to the
15 Board allowing me to get a -- the adoption
16 coordinator is I have expanded hours.

17 I feel bad for my adoption coordinator.
18 She's probably got the cruddiest hours of the
19 world. She works Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
20 Sunday, and Monday. Thursdays and Fridays she
21 works from 10:00 to 7:00. Saturdays, Sundays
22 she works from 8:00 until 5:00. And Mondays she
23 works 8:00 to 5:00.

24 I also rotated two of my other officers --
25 the newer officers. One works Tuesday through

1 Saturday, and the other one works Sunday through
2 Friday to give me staff in there to have two
3 staff on the weekend to clean. Because on the
4 weekend I still have just as many animals to
5 take care for as I do during the week and they
6 still have to be cared for.

7 The reason I'm asking for the 75 is just to
8 give staff some ability to, (a), segregate
9 animals when we get them. I know that people
10 will say that we can run with two cages or two
11 crates open or two kennels open, and we can.
12 But that puts a lot of stress on both the
13 animals, the staff, and just manpower in
14 general.

15 Another thing, you know, as far as social
16 media, we are using the Facebook. I know that
17 I've heard some comments that we could probably
18 use it better, and hopefully with Tiffany going
19 full-time, she will be able to use it better and
20 put the animals out there much more frequently.
21 One of the things I do not want to do is put
22 dogs, when they first come in, up on a social
23 media site for adoption. Because if an owner
24 does own a dog, I don't want anybody coming in
25 saying I would like to have that dog. And when

1 you push somebody away saying you can't have an
2 animal from the shelter, chances are they're not
3 going to come back and get one.

4 Basically, you know, I think this policy is
5 good. I know we're going to -- I've heard a lot
6 about the 30 days. And, you know, my -- one of
7 the things when I brought the 30 days up to
8 Mr. Rapson, one of the things I did that is
9 because I didn't -- I really did not believe
10 that six or seven days was adequate time to give
11 an animal there at the shelter to be adopted if
12 we were going to adopt it.

13 And, again, it is not a drop dead date.
14 And, you know, if we get -- if I have 20 runs
15 and I get five puppies, I can put five puppies
16 in a larger kennel. That doesn't mean I'm going
17 to put down five dogs because I've got five
18 puppies. You know, I want to be able to utilize
19 the shelter the way it's designed at the present
20 time with the staff that I have so that I don't
21 strap the animals. Because I have a feeling
22 that, you know, for the most part, if a citizen
23 saw a animal that was in one of our kennels at
24 their neighbors for that length of time, we
25 would get a phone call and say, hey, this dog is

1 being abused.

2 Our dogs aren't being abused. I'm not
3 saying that. They get a lot of love. They get
4 a lot of care. But, you know, to me I don't
5 want them to be institutionalized. You know, my
6 background, I come from law enforcement.
7 Animals are just like people to some extent.
8 And you keep them in a caged area long enough,
9 they feel that's their home and they only get
10 use to that home.

11 What breaks my heart the most is when I see
12 an animal when they take it for a walk and you
13 get to the door and it runs to go into that
14 kennel. I just feel that it's not right to
15 them. I'm just here for any other questions you
16 got.

17 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Well, let's do
18 this. We've had a good presentation of both the
19 county manager and the director. I'm going to
20 open up the floor for discussion. It's 8:00.
21 We've been going since 6:30. I think we'll just
22 keep going a little bit longer before we take a
23 break.

24 And so let's do this. I know that there's
25 a lot of folks that want to say something and

1 I've told you I'll recognize you. But if we can
2 have a little bit of a line so that we're not
3 waiting for folks to walk up as we're doing it.
4 But come on up, introduce yourself, and make a
5 presentation.

6 MS. STEPHANIE COHRAN: I guess, since I got
7 here first, I will go first. Do you want me to
8 wait till everybody gets in line?

9 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: No. You're -- No,
10 no, no. Start.

11 MS. STEPHANIE COHRAN: Okay. I am
12 Stephanie Cohran. I'm the president of the
13 Fayette Humane Society. And as most of you
14 know --

15 MS. SHARON MARCHISELLO: I guess I'll come
16 up.

17 MS. STEPHANIE COHRAN: Yes, this is Sharon
18 Marchisello. She is here with us. We have an
19 official statement that we would like to read.
20 All of you Commissioners have been provided with
21 this. But for everybody in the room, we want to
22 make sure that y'all know how we feel as the
23 Humane Society. And then at the end, after I
24 read our statement, I would like to see a show
25 of hands to see how many are here to support our

1 vision.

2 The Fayette Humane Society agrees that the
3 Fayette County Animal Shelter should have a
4 euthanasia policy in place in order to remain
5 transparent to the public and take out some of
6 the guesswork and the emotion when the tough
7 decisions are necessary. We realize that the
8 county shelter has very limited capacity and is
9 trying to do the best it can with the staff and
10 the budget that it has. However, we feel it is
11 disproportionate to the Fayette County's
12 population.

13 We also have serious concerns about some of
14 the elements of the proposed policy. First,
15 although we understand some space must be set
16 aside for emergencies, quarantine, etc., we
17 disagree with the definition at full capacity at
18 75 percent. We can support -- We cannot support
19 killing healthy animals -- adoptable animals in
20 order to keep 25 percent of the shelter's dog
21 runs empty. Staff has indicated that keeping
22 two cages empty, which Jerry mentioned a while
23 ago, has been adequate for most situations in
24 the past.

25 Intake numbers warrant managing the shelter

1 at 92 to 100 percent capacity. And as
2 renovations to the -- And as for most situations
3 in the past, intake numbers -- sorry. And as
4 taxpayers this is how we would like to see our
5 money spent. In the last year, 150,000 was
6 budgeted for renovations to building the
7 shelter -- to redoing the shelter. But so far
8 we've only seen cosmetic improvements. We have
9 not seen very many holding capacity for the
10 animals increase even though efforts have been
11 made to step up the response to complaints about
12 free-roaming animals which results in increased
13 intake.

14 Determination of which animals to kill
15 strictly by length of stay, while it's black and
16 white, is not the best method. Assessment about
17 health, behavior, and adoptability needs to be
18 ongoing and documented. Thirty days is rarely
19 enough time for an animal to find a new home.
20 In fact, when you subtract the five-day holding
21 period in which the animal is not advertised as
22 available, the adoption window is really only 25
23 days.

24 Most animals coming into our Fayette Humane
25 Society rescue system are with us for longer

1 than 30 days. We understand the concerns about
2 a shelter animal becoming institutionalized if
3 held too long, but we believe that there are
4 enrichment programs, regular exercise, outings,
5 sleepovers, as well as creating a foster
6 network, which I know that has not been
7 discussed about here tonight, could help
8 alleviate the issue.

9 We would also like to see the policy state
10 that, if the shelter is not full, animals
11 exceeding the length of stay would not be
12 killed, and that has been mentioned tonight that
13 they were not being in danger. We applaud the
14 shelter for recently extending the adoption
15 hours and loosening some of the adoption
16 restrictions, and we believe that that will help
17 increase the live release rate.

18 One of our suggestions to increase the live
19 release rate and reduce the need for euthanasia
20 is that all animals should be posted on the
21 public national website within 24 hours of
22 intake. We use rescuegroups.org which posts not
23 only to our own website, but to Petfinder, Adopt
24 a Pet, etc. all in one transaction.

25 As the shelter approaches its capacity and

1 the risk of euthanasia is imminent, marketing
2 efforts such as social media, outreach to rescue
3 groups, adoption incentives need to be
4 accelerated. And I know we have made very good
5 strides in that regards.

6 While we appreciate the shelter reaching
7 out to the rescue groups when an adoptable
8 animal is at risk of being killed, five days is
9 rarely adequate time to make room for another
10 animal in our limited networks. If all animals
11 are posted to the national sites upon intake,
12 rescue groups will be more aware of the animals
13 that are being brought into the shelter.
14 Ideally, we would like to see the notice to the
15 rescue groups go out as soon as the five-day
16 hold is over, not waiting until five days before
17 they are scheduled to go down.

18 But we would like -- That's ultimately what
19 we would like, but we would be willing -- well,
20 we would -- but we would want it to be no more
21 than ten days prior to the potential kill date.
22 So at least -- we're asking for -- we would like
23 for it to be at when they come off the five-day
24 hold, but we think it's not too much to ask to
25 at least give us ten days versus the initial

1 five days.

2 Finally, we would like to point out that
3 the national trend of animal shelters is going
4 towards no kill, and there is no reason why we
5 in Fayette County cannot aim towards that goal.
6 We've talked about that here tonight, and our
7 live release rate does show that we're
8 getting -- we're making strides.

9 My numbers were a little different.
10 There's some figures that were a little
11 different online. I think that there was a
12 listing on the figures that I had coming from
13 Animal Control that there were some surrendered
14 animals, and I don't really know what that
15 means. That was not in your presentation, but
16 it was on your intake sheets, the actual
17 documented numbers. I don't know what that
18 means, but we're still at 83 percent even
19 including those numbers.

20 The last part of mine is there -- there's
21 no reason why we -- the Fayette County Animal
22 Control as limited intake shelter could not
23 achieve this goal. Because a shelter is defined
24 as no kill with a live release rate of
25 90 percent or better. But for Animal Control to

1 reach this goal, it needs the help of the entire
2 community, and we have a bunch of you here
3 tonight. So we're pleading to you to help
4 support this goal so that we can focus more on
5 spay and neuter, education, and responsible pet
6 ownership. And we, at the Fayette Humane
7 Society, are committed to that goal and working
8 with Animal Control to do so. Now --

9 (Applause.)

10 MS. STEPHANIE COHRAN: -- with a show of
11 hands, do a lot of you feel the same way as we
12 just presented?

13 (Audience raises hands.)

14 MS. STEPHANIE COHRAN: Okay. And that's
15 what -- that's the position that the Humane
16 Society would like to -- takes and we're
17 dedicated to working with Jerry, Animal Control,
18 and the commissioners to do whatever we need to
19 do in the county to do what's best for the
20 animals.

21 (Applause.)

22 MS. LEAH THOMPSON: Hello, Commissioners.

23 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Good evening.

24 MS. LEAH THOMPSON: Thank you so much for
25 allowing us to talk about this healthy topic,

1 this important topic.

2 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Let me interrupt
3 you real quick.

4 MS. LEAH THOMPSON: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Just tell us your
6 name so we --

7 MS. LEAH THOMPSON: I'm sorry.

8 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: -- get it on the
9 record and then --

10 MS. LEAH THOMPSON: Absolutely.

11 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: -- and leave your
12 piece of paper on there so that we've got a
13 record of it.

14 MS. LEAH THOMPSON: I'm Leah Thompson. I'm
15 a business owner, a taxpayer, and a voter. And
16 today I am representing the Fayette County No
17 Kill Coalition. This is Pierre. This is
18 Casper. And I would like to add this is Casper
19 with shelter volunteer, Shannon.

20 March the 29th, 2017, started like most
21 every other day for Casper and Pierre. The
22 shelter employees clean their kennels while they
23 patiently waited for the shelter volunteers to
24 come and walk them. Casper was selective about
25 who he trusted but was partial to a particular

1 shelter employee and a shelter volunteer. His
2 entire body would wiggle to greet them when they
3 approached his kennel.

4 Pierre was a puppy full of life and loved
5 the special attention that he got from the
6 volunteers. One of the volunteers even taught
7 him how to sit and wait patiently for a treat.
8 At some point in the day, the decision was made
9 to take Casper and Pierre out of their shelter
10 made homes where they had been cared for and
11 loved since their arrival and to lead them down
12 the hall to the room where they were given an
13 injection that would end their lives.

14 Casper meant so much to one of the shelter
15 employees that she made sure that he did not die
16 without her by his side so that the last person
17 he saw would be one that he loved and trusted.
18 Asking if Casper and Pierre should have been
19 killed is the wrong question. The answer is
20 that they were, and there's nothing we can do
21 about that. The question to be asked is how can
22 we all come together and make sure this choice
23 does not have to be made again.

24 This is not about Casper and Pierre. This
25 is about an ideology and understanding that has

1 to come from the top. Euthanasia can be
2 necessary in sheltering, but it should never be
3 used as a form of shelter population control.
4 Euthanasia policies that impose time limits and
5 capacity limitations are archaic and inhumane.
6 This is not a --

7 (Applause.)

8 MS. LEAH THOMPSON: This is not a time to
9 blame or to point fingers. It's a time for
10 action and to come together and put into place
11 proven practices that lower intake numbers such
12 as target spay and neuter and community outreach
13 programs to educate and support. There are
14 grants that would allow these practices to be
15 put in place without any cost to the County.
16 Let me say that again, gentlemen, without any
17 cost to the County.

18 (Applause.)

19 MS. LEAH THOMPSON: A few years ago, the
20 Georgia Department of Agriculture issued over
21 \$200,000 in grants to assist with spay and
22 neuter of Georgia's companion animals. In
23 November of last year, PetSmart Charities
24 granted over 2.2 million to 113 animal
25 organizations throughout the United States and

1 Canada. In Georgia three organizations were the
2 recipients. The money is there and waiting for
3 the shelter to apply.

4 It is incomprehensible that animals are
5 allowed to leave our shelter without being
6 spayed and neutered.

7 (Applause.)

8 MS. LEAH THOMPSON: According to the ASPCA,
9 animal control impoundment and sheltering
10 expenses cost taxpayers about \$3 a person every
11 single year. These costs could be reduced by
12 lowering intake rates through spay and neuter
13 grant programs. When you have a mindset that
14 focuses on rounding up animals with no clear
15 solution to find them homes, you create a
16 vicious cycle of intake and euthanasia
17 especially with the policy that contains time
18 and space limitations. There are better ways.

19 I believe in this county and the people in
20 it. I believe in our elected officials to do
21 the right thing by the people and the animals in
22 need in our community. There is hope, there is
23 support, and there is a need for change of mind
24 and of heart. I don't believe in identifying
25 problems without providing solutions.

1 There is a booklet entitled "Dollars and
2 Cents of No Kill in Animal Control." In this
3 booklet, it outlines why the no-kill philosophy
4 means more money and community support and how
5 this movement has changed communities for the
6 better. I have made a copy for each of you.
7 The booklet discusses many ways in which moving
8 toward no kill is an economic benefit.

9 Although costs vary somewhat, impounding,
10 caring for, and ultimately killing an animal and
11 disposing of his or her body costs approximately
12 \$106 -- \$66 for impoundment, and \$40 per killing
13 and disposal. This process is entirely revenue
14 negative to the county in contrast to the
15 no-kill approach which transfers cost to private
16 philanthropy, brings in adoption revenue and
17 other user fees, and supports local businesses
18 including veterinarians, pet supply stores,
19 groomers, trainers, and boarding facilities. It
20 makes more economic sense to adopt out animals,
21 transfer these animals to private nonprofit
22 rescue organizations, and increase the number of
23 stray animals reclaimed by their families.
24 These are all revenue positive activities. It
25 is a win-win.

1 There is a saying in sheltering, and it
2 says, "If you move toward no kill, they will
3 come" -- more volunteers, more money, and more
4 healthy animals. No kill is not about a
5 percentage. It's a commitment to finding a home
6 for all adoptable and healthy animals. A policy
7 with time and space limitations does nothing to
8 further this cause. The truth is important as
9 it builds trust and it can affect change.

10 The truth is someone failed Casper and
11 Pierre long before they got to the shelter. The
12 truth is there's a problem in our county, one of
13 the most affluent counties in the state, with
14 our shelter. The truth is this problem has
15 proven solutions, and it's our responsibility to
16 look at these solutions and work together to
17 implement them. The truth is this is what
18 sheltering should look like. I want to end on a
19 happy note.

20 (Applause.)

21 MS. LEAH THOMPSON: I want to introduce you
22 to Stitch. This is Stitch. This is Stitch
23 here. I'll show you in just a minute. This is
24 Stitch. This is his new family. Stitch was
25 adopted out of being --

1 (Applause.)

2 MS. LEAH THOMPSON: Come on up. I want to
3 tell you, though, a little bit about -- these
4 are millennials. These are who are adopting our
5 animals, and they don't like this -- they like
6 no kill. But I want to tell you, Stitch was at
7 the shelter for over 100 days, and the shelter
8 has been full several times since then.

9 If this policy had been implemented, Stitch
10 would not be in a warm bed with this wonderful
11 family. This is why I implore you, please vote
12 no to this policy. Thank you so much for your
13 time and patience.

14 (Applause.)

15 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Real quick, I just want
16 to say I love Stitch. I can't imagine my life
17 without him now, so.

18 (Applause.)

19 MS. MARCIA HENDERSHOT: That's a hard act
20 to follow. My name is Marcia Hendershot. I
21 live in Peachtree City. I am a Fayette Humane
22 Society volunteer. But everything I have to say
23 is not to be construed as a statement from the
24 Fayette Humane Society. This is Marcia talking.

25 And I had notes that I was going to follow,

1 and I'm bagging my notes because so many things
2 have already been discussed that I was going to
3 mention. But I'll tell you, the one thing that
4 stands out -- well, backing up. I was in a
5 meeting. I was one of the animal advocates.
6 Commissioner Brown facilitated a meeting with
7 Steve Rapson and Jerry Collins and those of us
8 in the animal advocacy group. You would think a
9 meeting like that might be contentious. It was
10 not. We did not agree on everything, but we
11 left I think friends. And I look forward to
12 working with them again.

13 But the one thing that was very clear, and
14 Steve, you mentioned this just tonight, they are
15 animal control. We are animal advocates, and
16 the animal control is kind of run like a
17 business. You know, you've got to watch your
18 bottom line. And we heard Jerry talking about
19 limited staff. We, as animal advocates, we're
20 more concerned with, well, now we've got the
21 pet, what do we do with it, how do we treat it.

22 And the thing that is running through my
23 head over and over tonight is there are people
24 here who have expressed an interest in helping
25 out. Friends of Fayette County, thank you. I

1 didn't even know you existed. Or friends of --
2 what was it? Friends of Fayette County Animal
3 Shelter. Did not know they existed.

4 I think there's a gap in people's
5 willingness to help out and how they can do it.
6 Steve, you alluded to, well, if you're
7 interested, contact Fayette Humane Society. I'm
8 not sure what we do with that information if we
9 got it. I think we need a more structured
10 vehicle to get animal advocates together.

11 Steve, I told you the other day on the
12 phone I would it mention the AB word, but I'm
13 going to -- advisory board. I don't know if --
14 what's the solution? I'm struggling here
15 tonight trying to figure out the solution.
16 Jerry, you need resources as far as more staff,
17 more money. So is this a budget thing? Should
18 we be showing -- are there budget meetings that
19 we should be showing up now at to give input?
20 And if we did want to strive for this advisory
21 board, that's one of the things that we
22 mentioned in the ordinance as we reviewed.

23 That whole meeting -- The purpose of it was
24 to review proposed changes to the animal control
25 ordinance. Is there another way to get that

1 advisory board established besides through that
2 ordinance? So I stand here before you more with
3 questions rather than solutions or comments.

4 Steve and Jerry, they will follow your
5 directives. That much I got from the meeting.
6 They do their job. They know their directives.
7 They're going to carry them out. I think they
8 need more resources. So my question to you is
9 how can we help them which would ultimately help
10 us. Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 MS. NANCY AIKINS: Hi, I'm Nancy Aikins. I
13 live in Fayette County, and a lot of the things
14 that I was going to bring up were already
15 discussed. I do have one question. The
16 statistics you showed us were all on dogs. What
17 about other animals in the shelter? Why weren't
18 they included in that presentation?

19 DIRECTOR JERRY COLLINS: I have those
20 statistics. I can provide those to you.
21 There's actually a goat and I think a bird and a
22 horse.

23 MS. NANCY AIKINS: Well, I imagine that
24 there are a lot of cats too.

25 DIRECTOR JERRY COLLINS: There are. There

1 are.

2 MS. NANCY AIKINS: Okay. I'd like to see
3 those, and I'd like to support the others that
4 said we need more and for all the reasons that
5 were discussed. Thank you, Sirs.

6 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 MS. JEANIE MAHONEY: Thank you for this
9 opportunity to address the Board. And Jeanie
10 Mahoney. I'm a Peachtree City resident. I'm
11 here tonight as a taxpayer and representing dog
12 rescue Hounds in Pounds.

13 I, too, had a very lengthy piece to talk
14 about. But Fayette Humane Society and the No
15 Kill Coalition has done a great job of
16 expressing Hounds in Pounds view and my view of
17 what's happening. A couple things I am going to
18 talk about. I'm a little thrown because I had
19 this really nice prepared speech.

20 I'm going to make a statement. I think
21 Eric will -- what you were trying to ask in your
22 question. It's evident, based on the number of
23 people here tonight, that euthanasia is not an
24 acceptable method to address shelter and county
25 animal population issues. I think that's what

1 you were trying to ask with the questions.

2 (Applause.)

3 MS. JEANIE MAHONEY: United States shelter
4 statistics indicate that it takes four times
5 longer for a healthy, less adoptable pet to be
6 adopted. Less adoptable pets can include senior
7 pets, black pets, pit bull-type dogs, pets that
8 are different or blind or deaf. Thirty days is
9 not an adequate time for them to get adopted.

10 (Applause.)

11 MS. JEANIE MAHONEY: We look to you to
12 support developing a shelter that reflects one
13 of the county's organizational values of
14 excellence in all endeavors. I think we all
15 agree that we're not excellent today. But I
16 think, by working together with your support and
17 the support of the community, we can get there.

18 One item in your policy which the Fayette
19 Humane Society touched on, for a small rescue
20 like Hounds in Pounds, say to us you have five
21 days to help us save this animal's life, that is
22 not enough time, especially if you have weekends
23 and holidays in that five days. We need to be
24 involved much earlier in the process to help
25 find animals homes especially those less

1 adoptable animals.

2 Thank you for permitting me to have a voice
3 for our county's animals, and I really look
4 forward to working with some of you. I will
5 reach out, like I said, I don't know if Fayette
6 Humane's the right group. But from an advisory
7 board, I know we would be interested in having a
8 voice on that. Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 MS. CINDI O'CONOR: Hi, Cindi O'Conor
11 again, unincorporated Fayette County and I live
12 near Stars Mill Pond. Mine is mostly on the
13 proposed policy. I read the policy earlier, and
14 I thought it was very vague. And although I
15 know that I've been to the shelter and they
16 really care about the animals and they do the
17 very best they can, I think that the policy for
18 going future should be better outlined and have
19 better checks and balances.

20 So what I was thinking was, under the
21 evaluations part of the policy, who makes the
22 evaluations of the medical condition and whether
23 the treatment is reasonable and what are their
24 qualifications? And if it's a designee, which
25 it says it can be in the policy, what are their

1 qualifications and what are their training? I
2 mean, how do we know that they even know what
3 they're doing? Do they know how to insert an IV
4 into an animal to do the euthanasia? Is it
5 humane the way they do it?

6 What type of euthanasia do we use? Do we
7 only use the medication or do they go out there
8 and shoot them? Do you shoot a horse in the
9 head? I mean, what do you do to kill the
10 animal? So I think that should be outlined in
11 the policy itself.

12 Who determines that the animal poses a
13 danger? I think there should be a better
14 definition, more parameters of how they define
15 whether the animal poses a danger or not. And
16 there was one part that says the condition that
17 escalates, it may not be something that they
18 would be euthanized for before, but if they have
19 a separate condition that might escalate them
20 being, they might get euthanized for that. So
21 what is that all about? What does that mean
22 exactly?

23 Is it because they have cancer and so
24 you're going to euthanize them because they have
25 cancer? I really didn't understand that. I

1 didn't think that was very clear at all in the
2 policy.

3 Directors or designee determine about
4 adoptability, how do you know? I mean, because
5 I have a cat that I took up there, and the cat
6 is the sweetest thing in the whole world, but it
7 does not like to be held. So if you pick up
8 that cat, it's going to scratch you and it's
9 going to fight like heck to get down. So is
10 that cat not adoptable because of that?

11 Because none of my cats like to be held. I
12 don't think any cat likes to be held personally.
13 But, you know, some will tolerate it. And I
14 know that we didn't even talk about cats at the
15 facility, and I'm wondering what percentage of
16 the cats are actually killed.

17 (Applause.)

18 MS. CINDI O'CONOR: And then in part number
19 3 where they talk about notifying of rescues,
20 there was no date or time parameter given. I
21 think -- how many days will you give
22 notification to the rescue organizations to
23 respond to the determination before the animal
24 is euthanized? How soon after admission will
25 the appropriate rescue organizations be

1 notified? I think that should all be spelled
2 out in the policy itself so that there's no
3 question going forward.

4 Because I've been to some of the other area
5 shelters where I adopted my dog, and it is
6 horrible. It's horrifying the way some of the
7 other county's facilities are run. And I know
8 that ours is not run that way now, but I don't
9 want this going forward to be an open thing that
10 can be done. I'd rather it be -- you know, if
11 you're going to make a policy now, and I do
12 think we need a policy since you say that the
13 other one was seven days, I think there should
14 be a policy. But I think this one needs to be
15 more defined than what we have.

16 Due to the space limitations, will there be
17 documentation of the level of capacity and the
18 type of animal and the date of euthanize? Are
19 you going to make documentations of that? Is
20 that going to be available to the public if we
21 wanted to find out who you did euthanize and why
22 they were euthanized and who okayed it and who
23 did that or who performed the euthanization?

24 Will there be any photo documentation of
25 any injuries to the animal that you think the

1 animal should be euthanized for? I mean, is
2 there going to be somebody -- is that Marion
3 that's taking care of this or is it just at will
4 according to what the people think there?

5 Will the area where the euthanasia takes
6 place, is it maintained in a manner to offer
7 respect to the animals? Is it kept clean and
8 unthreatening or is it dirt, mess like one of
9 the other ones I saw, not in Fayette County but
10 in another county? I want to -- I think that
11 should be outlined that it should be kept clean
12 and relatively sterile and decent looking and
13 not, you know, a dirty back room that you take
14 them to and give them a shot or whatever you do.

15 Are the designees certified or trained in
16 euthanasia or are any of you certified and
17 trained in euthanasia? I know there is a
18 training course that they have, and I was just
19 wondering if any of ours are actually trained to
20 do this. It says in there that there's --
21 you're going to try to do things according to
22 the HSUS standards whenever possible,
23 pre-sedation whenever possible. Why is it just
24 whenever possible? I don't understand why it
25 wouldn't be possible, so I think that should be

1 better outlined.

2 And what type of sedation do you use? Are
3 you only using tranquilizers or medications, I
4 mean, immobilization? What type of euthanasia
5 and sedation are you using before you actually
6 euthanize an animal?

7 And I think we should vote no on this
8 policy, but I do think we need a policy in place
9 and I think the idea of having a policy is
10 great. And I know that they have been trying to
11 run the shelter as best they can and they try
12 their very best to make it -- kill as few as
13 possible. But I think we do need a policy that
14 is laid out and determined and has more checks
15 and balances and more open to the public. Thank
16 you very much.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. PHILIP DOOLITTLE: Hi, my name is
19 Philip Doolittle. I'm a resident of Woolsey,
20 and the only rescue I belong to is my Doolittle
21 household rescue. I didn't prepare a speech.

22 I did want to start out by saying thank you
23 to Jerry and company. I have had the
24 displeasure of euthanizing a few of my animals
25 over the years, and quite frankly, the idea of

1 having to do 70 a year horrifies me. So, thank
2 you, brother. You do a job that's very, very
3 difficult to do.

4 As far as the numbers that Jerry's put
5 forth today and Mr. Rapson's put forth today, I
6 think they are reasonable given what he has to
7 work with. My problem is what he has to work
8 with.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. PHILIP DOOLITTLE: I cannot criticize
11 him for saying that five runs or two runs or ten
12 runs are enough. I'm not in his shoes. I don't
13 do his job every day, and I have to entrust that
14 he's balancing what he has and the needs of the
15 animals there. So I appreciate your efforts
16 there as well.

17 But the finger -- And I'm not going to lie.
18 Three days ago I was prepared to come here and
19 rant and rave at our shelter and at our county.
20 It's us, guys. It's the five of you, it's me,
21 it's my wife. The conversation should be,
22 Director Jerry, is 75 percent enough? And I
23 would like to hear his response be, "I have no
24 idea. I've never gotten close. I have 50 runs,
25 and we've done 35."

1 And I realize you can't waste public
2 resources. But at the same time, if we're
3 funding pedestrian bridges and renovations to
4 the fountains and new cart paths, in our recent
5 SPLOST, there's a lot of niceties for our
6 community. We can all debate whether it should
7 have been spent on the fountain or if it should
8 have been spent on the bridge, but I have a
9 really, really hard time killing an animal over
10 funding. Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 MR. TERRY MARTIN: Good evening.
13 Commissioners, earlier you -- normally in a
14 meeting, y'all have a group you recognize. I'm
15 Terry Martin, and I've been asked by the
16 volunteers to speak on their behalf tonight.
17 But -- So you do have a group here you can
18 recognize. So if you've come to the Fayette
19 County Animal Shelter and walked dogs, would you
20 stand up.

21 (Applause.)

22 MR. TERRY MARTIN: Gentlemen, I've got to
23 tell you it's difficult to speak about this
24 subject because, you know, there's hot button
25 issues. Twenty years in public school education

1 as administrator, you know you never mess with
2 the band parents, you never messed with the
3 gifted program, you never mess with special ed.
4 There's just certain things you don't mess with.
5 So a hot button issue you stayed away from. For
6 you guys, congratulations, this is your hot
7 button issue at the moment.

8 I retired a while back, and I wanted to do
9 something for the community and wanted to be
10 still a contributing person after spending 30
11 years in public education. And still having a
12 few brain cells connected, I decided that I
13 wanted to go help dogs, totally a little bit
14 different. And so I went over to the animal
15 shelter and I began to volunteer about 40 hours
16 a month.

17 And I met these wonderful people. And they
18 love these animals. They want to help. And so
19 when they come here, they're not bitching,
20 griping, moaning, groaning, and complaining.
21 They actually have concerns and things. I
22 remember walking into the shelter the first
23 time. This is way before Jerry came along
24 because I'm so glad he did come along. But this
25 place has had four or five folks run it in the

1 last four or five years. It has truly been the
2 stepchild -- the little redheaded stepchild
3 which nobody wants to do. It is the squeaky
4 wheels that's never squeaked.

5 (Applause.)

6 MR. TERRY MARTIN: Now, I grew up in
7 Fayette County, and, Charles, I graduated with
8 Warren way back in 1975. And this building was
9 built --

10 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ODDO: I'm sorry about
11 that.

12 MR. TERRY MARTIN: I know. He's a heck of
13 a guy. So I've been around a while. And
14 Twisted Taco was Travis Hardware, and I went to
15 school cross the street. So I've seen the
16 county grow from 12,000 to what it is now, so
17 I've been around the block with many of you
18 guys.

19 And it's difficult when you've got a lot of
20 emotion here. And one of the things, if you saw
21 all the messages that went back and forth with
22 these folks, and I just couldn't even keep up
23 with them as I was reading through them. And
24 I'm retired. I don't know how these folks went
25 to work today. I'm not sure a lot of work got

1 done with some of these folks today.

2 But they were going back and forth. And
3 one of the things they said, guys, we can't get
4 emotional about it, but it's hard not to because
5 we love these folks. I can tell you I walked
6 Stitch there 30 or 40 times in the times he was
7 there.

8 (Applause.)

9 MR. TERRY MARTIN: You know, the number of
10 dogs that are adopted after that 100-day period
11 is amazing. I've got a little guy named Kilo
12 who was in a house fire that I adopted from
13 Hounds in Pounds. They couldn't find anybody to
14 because he was an ugly old dog. But, man, what
15 a great dog, and I love him to death. He's just
16 perfect for my family.

17 But if you adopted a dog in here that's
18 been -- that was in this shelter more than 80 or
19 90 days, raise your hand if you've got one.

20 (Audience raises hands.)

21 MR. TERRY MARTIN: And those dogs are now
22 contributing members to a family. They're an
23 important part of it. You know, I'm not here to
24 tell you like we used to do back in Cleveland
25 because I'm one of you. I've been here a long

1 time, but it's time for some change. It
2 obviously is.

3 The stepchild -- And I know that we need to
4 do these renovations to the building. Jerry's
5 been talking about them for a while, and God
6 bless Jerry because he does have a terrible job.
7 And I do pray for you, brother, because it is.

8 But the staff over there, you finally got a
9 director. And the staff (indiscernible) was
10 terrible. The culture and climate was terrible
11 because it's been through so many people. Now,
12 a lot of you guys weren't even elected or even
13 around them.

14 But let me tell you, it's finally getting a
15 little better. And Jerry's doing the very best
16 he can, but it's time to fork over some serious
17 cash. It's one of those things the building's
18 falling down.

19 (Applause.)

20 MR. TERRY MARTIN: You know, it was built
21 in 1983, and we didn't even have probably 50,000
22 people here then. And you walk in there, and
23 God only knows that sewage problem's terrible.
24 It's been stinking. You could drive by on 74
25 and smell it last summer. It was terrible.

1 The curbing, you know, you guys send -- I
2 don't know who's the head of maintenance or
3 whatever. But you guys sent out last year
4 somebody to do some curbing and parking lot
5 changes and stuff. And then you've got old
6 concrete and crap and mud washing down the
7 sidewalk. Once again, it's the redheaded
8 stepchild. We couldn't even do that right,
9 couldn't put -- throw a little bit of grass seed
10 out there and a little bit of straw or
11 something.

12 There was a dog washing thing set up by
13 Ronni when she was there. I thought it was
14 great. We're going to give these stinky dogs a
15 bath every now and then, and I was going to jump
16 right in there with both feet, and a lot of
17 these volunteers were. And it wasn't a dozen
18 dogs got washed in the little nozzle broke.
19 Well, it still been broken. Why? Why? The
20 redheaded stepchild.

21 We have no strategic plan whatsoever for
22 the facility. Why in God's name does any
23 government entity today -- and trust me, after
24 30 years of public school education, you'd
25 better have a strategic plan or you're going to

1 be in the superintendent or assistant
2 superintendent's office pretty darn quick. We
3 need a strategic plan. Where are we going?
4 Twelve months from now, where are we going to
5 be? Three years from now, where are we going to
6 be? Five years from now, where are we going to
7 be? We're at the point now to where something's
8 got to be done.

9 And the policy of 75 percent, all this is
10 difficult, and I'm glad your County
11 Administrator has kind of, I think, really
12 quelled some of these folks' emotion about that,
13 and, you know, when it gets to 31 days, is this
14 guy -- this little puppy that we spent so much
15 time walking and trying to spend some time
16 adopting, if you had any idea how much time
17 these folks spent on social media, it'll almost
18 drive you crazy. But I love it because I love
19 the dogs.

20 These folks are constantly posting. I'm up
21 there with -- and I'm not great technically
22 illiterate, but, you know, I'm up there taking
23 little pictures with these dogs and putting them
24 on my Facebook page. You know, I'm an oldster.
25 But you do it, and that's what these folks are

1 doing.

2 They've got a vested interest. They're not
3 talking a good game. They're not saying --
4 coming up here doing the bitching, griping
5 thing. They're actually invested, and they're
6 there all the time. As Jerry can tell you, I
7 don't know how in the world he would run that
8 shelter without these folks. They're there on
9 rainy days, cold days. It doesn't matter.

10 I spent about 50 bucks a month buying
11 little treats for them and little collars for
12 them and little things to go in there runs for
13 them. That's what all these people do. Not
14 just me, but all of them. They got a vested
15 interest in it, and all these people here do as
16 well.

17 We need a facility that matches the needs
18 of the citizens. It's up to you. It's your
19 responsibility to do that, and that's what we
20 hope that you'll do.

21 The volunteers would like to ask you these
22 recommendations. We like to put it out there
23 that we put a 90-day moratorium on euthanization
24 except for illness and dangerous aggression. If
25 crates need to be purchased, some large ones or

1 whatever, a couple to get by with -- because
2 according to Leah, and I trust her because she
3 knows this inside and out from the Humane
4 Society, to buy a couple extra little crates to
5 go out there at the shelter to make it through
6 this tough time. Because July, August are tough
7 months, and then it kind of goes down.

8 Because as Jerry will tell you, this is
9 really -- this last few weeks is the only time
10 it's got just ugly. And excuse the expression,
11 it's got a little butt ugly. It's tough. But
12 it's a societal problem, but we've all inherited
13 it -- you and us. Because we want to be a part
14 of that.

15 We asked for an advocacy committee to be
16 established with four members at minimum to
17 develop recommendations for the county
18 commission -- a commissioner, a shelter worker,
19 a volunteer, and someone from the Humane
20 Society, also that a strategic plan be developed
21 for this facility very quickly as possible.

22 (Applause.)

23 MR. TERRY MARTIN: Finally, as my son -- I
24 recruited him today to go and to help me walk.
25 He's in town. So I made him go help me walk

1 dogs today. We were out there talking, and this
2 is the way I would like to close it with you.
3 If someone were brought to Fayette County and
4 said you're going to go visit a facility and
5 you're going to judge this county according to
6 that facility and it happened to be the Fayette
7 County Animal Shelter -- gentlemen, this is my
8 hometown.

9 I was born right over here, played a little
10 football here, basketball, and everything. But
11 I would be absolutely damned embarrassed that
12 this is the best that this affluent county, my
13 hometown, could do. We're better than this. We
14 truly, truly are. And I challenge you to work
15 with us.

16 (Applause.)

17 MR. TERRY MARTIN: We want to work with
18 Jerry. We want to work with you. We'll do
19 whatever it takes. Hell, I'm retired now. I
20 got plenty of time and so does all these other
21 folks. We'll do whatever we need to do to make
22 this right so that, when that person does come
23 to visit the animal shelter, they're going to
24 say, "My God, why are we like them." How is it
25 that Clayton County and Coweta County can be so

1 damn much better than us? Thank you.

2 (Applause.)

3 MS. KIM WARD: Hi, my name is Kim Ward, and
4 I apologize for my shaky voice, but I had no
5 intention of speaking when I came to this. This
6 is the first thing like this I've ever been to,
7 but it's really hearing everybody talk that
8 inspired me to come up and talk. I actually
9 live in Coweta County, but I am a licensed
10 veterinary technician and a practice manager at
11 a veterinary hospital here in Peachtree City.

12 And I just want to say I'm also a proud
13 owner of an adopted pit bull mix from a shelter.
14 And I realize -- I realize this isn't a pit bull
15 issue, but I'm only bringing it up because it
16 was brought up from you guys based on the
17 numbers that we had up here. And I was
18 really -- I just want to throw out some numbers
19 for you.

20 You can only determine a dog's breed or
21 appearance, DNA only makes up about 2 percent of
22 that. So you can't determine a dog's behavior
23 based on how it looks. And unfortunately, these
24 dogs that wind up in these shelters, a lot of
25 them are what are considered pit bulls, and I

1 put that in quotations.

2 So I just was really inspired by what
3 everyone said about just the outpouring from the
4 audience about Stitch's story. And I think the
5 thing that I have -- that spoke to me the most
6 was the fact that, if you look at Stitch, the
7 only difference that he has in his picture
8 compared to the dogs that were put up there that
9 don't have homes is that he has a family behind
10 him. But if we could show Stitch's picture --
11 do you have that poster board of Stitch?

12 So that is what would -- is what's
13 considered a pit bull, and aggressive breed. So
14 nine times out of ten, that's not necessarily
15 the case, and it's really just based on media
16 stories that perpetuate the problem. But the
17 American Veterinary Medical Association does not
18 support breed-specific legislation for this very
19 reason, because scientific studies have shown
20 that you cannot determine a dog's behavior based
21 on its breed alone.

22 I'd also just really quickly like to give a
23 shout out to Fayette Humane Society, because
24 it's because of the Facebook post that I even
25 knew this was happening tonight. Again, I had

1 no intention of speaking. And then the other
2 thing I'd like to tell is I would like to get in
3 contact with Friends of the Fayette County
4 Animal Shelter -- I hope I said that right --
5 because there's a wonderful organization called
6 Animal Farm Foundation that is located out of
7 New York state, and they provide free marketing
8 materials, educational resources for nonprofit
9 organizations.

10 Before I took this job and moved here a few
11 years ago, I had worked at the vet school at
12 Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama, and I
13 ran -- kind of was the coordinator with the
14 shelter at Lee County to get those dogs to come
15 over to the vet school where students would, you
16 know, spay and neuter them, and then we'd put
17 them back out at the shelter for them to be
18 adopted. And it was through them -- I told them
19 about Animal Farm Foundation, and we got so many
20 marketing materials that were educational, that
21 kind of dispels some of the myths about this
22 breed.

23 And I hope that we can all come together to
24 help these dogs. Because, again, the only
25 difference between Stitch and was it -- is it

1 Nemo?

2 UNNAMED AUDIENCE MEMBER: Newt.

3 MS. KIM WARD: Newt, is that he has a
4 family. That's really the only difference. So
5 that's all.

6 (Applause.)

7 MS. MARY BETH DAVIS: Good evening. My
8 name is Mary Beth Davis, and I'm a Fayette
9 County resident. I had a prepared speech,
10 things that I wanted to mention. A lot of those
11 have been answered or addressed, so I don't want
12 to repeat them. My main focus at this point is
13 the funding. If you look -- I looked at the
14 2017 budget that was posted online. Out of the
15 animal control budget -- it's 398,000 --
16 personnel expenses is 337,000 which is 85
17 percent of the budget. 1.5 percent goes to
18 capital improvements as far as what's on that
19 budget and 59,000 goes to operational expenses.
20 And I'm making that assumption that it is not
21 facilities and equipment, utilities and water.
22 That's an assumption.

23 The animal control budget, when I looked at
24 2017 for the county, is only .5 percent of the
25 entire county budget. That's nothing. Point

1 5 percent in this county as affluent as it is,
2 and I just don't understand why we can't do
3 something besides that.

4 The only other thing that I did was I
5 looked at some of the other stats that were
6 online. And the only thing I could see for the
7 county animal control was data -- actual data
8 for 2011. I don't understand that. And based
9 upon the numbers for adoptions and animals in
10 2016, which I don't have, according to this,
11 2011, animals impounded was 2632 animals.

12 That's not what I saw up here for 2016. It
13 was 500 and something. This is saying animals
14 adopted was only 605. It's also saying that
15 vicious animals were 29 and animals quarantined
16 or tested was 153. What happened to the rest of
17 these animals? I know we said that 50 percent
18 of them go back to their owners. But based upon
19 that, if you have 2632 impounded, 50 percent of
20 those go back which is 1316 -- 1,316 and you
21 only had 605 adopted, what happened to the rest
22 of them?

23 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Jerry, is that
24 cats? Is that what's the difference in the
25 numbers?

1 DIRECTOR JERRY COLLINS: Is that 2011
2 stats?

3 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: She say that's
4 2011. That's a significant difference.

5 MS. MARY BETH DAVIS: No. The only thing I
6 could find online was 2011.

7 DIRECTOR JERRY COLLINS: I'm not confident
8 in any of those numbers.

9 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: I can
10 tell you the 600 numbers we have for dogs, the
11 573, we've actually went back and looked at
12 those and actually went to the system. One of
13 the things that -- I'm not sure what they were
14 counting. I can tell you that cats isn't
15 driving you to 2600. We don't have 2000 cats,
16 so I have no idea what that is.

17 MS. MARY BETH DAVIS: Well, I had problems
18 with that. Anyway, so as it is said, we need
19 more funding definitely. All the other subjects
20 and issues, euthanasia, I agree with a lot of
21 them. There's no point repeating them. But we
22 need to find a way to get more funding and give
23 it to them and we need capital improvement
24 money.

25 Oh, I did have one other question. Sorry.

1 According to this in 2011, it says revenue
2 collected for adoptions and reclaimed fees.
3 Does that go back into the general fund or is
4 that money that the animal control can use to
5 enhance their facilities, their education, the
6 building? What happens to that money? Does it
7 go back to the general fund and then get
8 redistributed to them or does it just get spread
9 out throughout other county issues?

10 DIRECTOR JERRY COLLINS: I'm going to
11 answer all those -- I've got a whole list of
12 questions I'm going to answer.

13 MS. MARY BETH DAVIS: Okay. Good. Thank
14 you. I appreciate the opportunity.

15 (Applause.)

16 MS. VICTORIA O'HEARN: My name is Victoria
17 O'Hearn. My family owns a business in
18 Fayetteville and have been avid supporters of
19 the Fayetteville shelter, but we are residents
20 of Pike County. Kind of the perks of almost
21 going last is everyone has talked so much.

22 My personal experience was the first
23 experience with Fayette County, it was in
24 October, November. So staff has changed since
25 then and improvements have been made. But we

1 found a dog running and he was scared. He was a
2 stray dog. We brought him to the Fayette County
3 Animal Shelter after he spent a weekend with us
4 because he was closed. And we were horrified by
5 his treatment there, and it wasn't specifically
6 by the staff. It was the decisions and the
7 policies that were in place.

8 We were told that at the end of five days
9 that he would basically be killed because they
10 felt he was aggressive. One person made that
11 call. He was taken to the back. And when we
12 turned around because my fiancé, who is a Marine
13 Corps veteran, was moved to tears he was so
14 upset by this dog's treatment. A Marine was so
15 upset at the -- I don't know how to say it -- I
16 guess the condition.

17 And he walked back there and he escorted
18 himself back to the holding cell where this dog
19 was terrified. And he was barking, and he was
20 labeled as aggressive.

21 I can tell you right now that dog tonight
22 is cuddling with his four-year-old daughter. He
23 loves to watch TV. He loves to watch cat
24 videos, and he loves bird videos. He watched "A
25 Dog's Purpose" with me and barked when the

1 German Shepherd went underneath the water. He
2 was very upset by it. He talks. He has
3 conversations. He knows how to rollover. And
4 he wouldn't have gotten that.

5 You know, and granted that 30 days is much
6 better than being killed at the end of five
7 days. But I guess my point is is that something
8 needs to change, and I don't think this 30-day
9 policy is going to be the answer. Instead of
10 putting a time limit on a dog's life, let's put
11 a time limit on making the changes the shelter
12 needs.

13 MR. CHRIS WAPLES: Good evening. My name
14 is Chris Waples. I'm from Peachtree City. I'm
15 one of the volunteers at the shelter that helps
16 walk the dogs. My wife and I both volunteer.
17 The one thing that I will say, we've already
18 beat up the 75 percent capacity issue. But I
19 both heard Steve and Jerry, and Jerry's done a
20 great job. He's really in a hard spot. He was
21 hired as animal control, and he's trying to walk
22 that fine line between shelter and animal
23 control. And I know he really cares. He really
24 does.

25 But, you know, we were talking about, you

1 know, as one of the problems, as we approach
2 full capacity, how hard it is on not only the
3 dogs, the facilities, the staff. And I keep
4 hearing, you know, that the solution to this is
5 destroying animals in order to help this problem
6 and make it easier when really what we need to
7 be talking about is giving them the funding, the
8 facilities, the support that they need to make
9 their life easier and to have these dogs around.

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. CHRIS WAPLES: The other things that I
12 noticed in this new policy are the loopholes.
13 When we talk about things like euthanization has
14 to be performed in accordance with HSUS
15 standards whenever possible. I mean, that's a
16 no-brainer. That's an easy fix. Yes, it needs
17 to always be done in accordance with HSUS
18 standards.

19 The other thing is is when we talk about
20 aggressive animals. I don't know that we really
21 have a policy down there to address what is an
22 aggressive animal. You know, are we going to
23 judge it when it first comes in when the animal
24 is scared, it's malnourished, it may be ill? Is
25 that going to be our first impression or are we

1 going to give this animal a chance? We need
2 some sort of checklist that we can use over
3 several days and be evaluated that is a standard
4 with all people and we can know really what
5 these animals truly are.

6 Because as I volunteer, I mean, all of a
7 sudden I've turned around and a dog that I've
8 been walking that is just the sweetest animal,
9 you know, come to find out they deem it
10 aggressive. If it really was, it would have
11 been nice to know before I went and walked the
12 dog. But I just want to make sure that we're
13 all on the same page when we talk about what is
14 an aggressive animal and one that shouldn't be
15 adopted. Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 MS. SHANNON O'CONNOR-LARSON: Hello. My
18 name is Shannon O'Connor-Larson. I live on 37
19 Old Highway 85, and I'm here to talk about
20 defenseless animals. Animals, why would we want
21 to kill them? They're fluffy, adorable. They
22 don't mean to harm you. You see, I have three
23 cats in my house. One's adopted from a
24 different shelter. The other two, one is my
25 sister's and one is mine. The black and white

1 tuxedo is mine. His name is Raden, and Louis is
2 the other one. They are very precious.

3 I do not get why people want to hurt them.
4 Can anybody tell me why? Anyone? Does anyone
5 know? Why are these animals being hurt? Why?
6 They do nothing. I think I've made my own
7 point.

8 (Applause.)

9 MS. ANN WITTENBERG: Hi, I'm Ann
10 Wittenberg, and I live at 197 Lincoln Road in
11 Tyrone. And I hadn't planned on coming up here
12 and speaking, but -- but I have just a couple of
13 things to say because I know it's getting late.
14 It's probably pass people's bedtime. But first
15 of all, the 119,000 or whatever, that just seems
16 to me like a Band-Aid on a building that's just
17 dilapidated and embarrassing.

18 You know, I used to go out there to just
19 see the dogs, and it was just -- I know
20 everybody's doing -- the volunteers are
21 wonderful, and you're doing a good job. But
22 it's almost a moral issue. I mean, next to your
23 children and family, who do you love the most?
24 You love your animals. I mean, everybody in
25 here probably would say that.

1 And, you know, I know pit bull's have been
2 an issue here. And I've got to tell you, I have
3 a miniature Dachshund that will eat you up.
4 Seriously he bites my daughter every time she
5 comes over, and he was a rescue, skinny little
6 thing. Got him out of Atlanta, you know. And I
7 know he belonged to somebody because he was four
8 years old.

9 But something has to be done. Don't just
10 put a Band-Aid on that building. You know, I
11 mean, goodness gracious, we have the biggest
12 darn studio -- one of the biggest in the United
13 States, if not the biggest, out there. They're
14 spending bundles of money. I mean, let's be
15 proud of our animal shelter, I mean, and help
16 them do the things that need to be done and take
17 that label off pit bulls. I don't even have
18 one, but a lot of my family members do and they
19 love them. And that's it.

20 (Applause.)

21 MS. SANDY SHUBERT: My name is Sandy
22 Shubert, and I live in the city of Fayetteville.
23 I hesitate to put my address on this little card
24 because we're kind of over the limit of the dogs
25 that we should have.

1 (Laughter.)

2 MS. SANDY SHUBERT: We're the -- My husband
3 and I are the owner of three rescue --

4 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Ma'am, sometimes it's
5 just better not to say anything.

6 MS. SANDY SHUBERT: I'll cross it out.
7 We're the owner of three rescue Jack Russell's,
8 and one is completely deaf. She's very old, and
9 the others are younger.

10 I'm here tonight to advocate for education
11 for every person that's here tonight. I shutter
12 to think how many more are out in the community.
13 These people that are here tonight are
14 responsible dog owners and pet owners, but how
15 many are out in the county who are not. They
16 refuse to vaccinate their dogs. You know,
17 rabies is the law, but they don't do that.

18 You know, they don't follow the leash laws.
19 They don't medicate their dogs for flea and
20 ticks or heartworm which is so much worse. And
21 I think that, you know, like with the volunteer
22 groups, the education is there. But I think
23 there needs to be a much wider program that can
24 be, you know, I don't know, started with the
25 people here tonight, with your panel, the

1 newspaper, social media, of course, but to get
2 out the education for what the cost to own a
3 animal, and it's not cheap.

4 You know, a lot of people think you just go
5 to the pound and you pay -- I don't even know
6 what a pound and I call them shelters. And is
7 not derogatory, but it's a pound. It's not a
8 home for dogs to live in. How much it costs to
9 get a dog out, and I'm sure they're told that
10 the dog has to be spayed and neutered. But that
11 is probably, you know, with the lack of staff
12 they have, there's not enough people to follow
13 up on that. And has a dog been spayed or
14 neutered you know, nobody knows. And a lot of
15 people just don't follow through with that, and
16 those people are irresponsible dog owners in my
17 opinion.

18 I also have a question. Several years
19 ago -- And I've been living in Fayette County.
20 I lived in Henry County. The rec center here
21 had a dog training program, and you didn't have
22 to have -- you know, you could have whatever
23 dog, big dogs, little dogs. And that went on
24 for, like, maybe a couple of years, and then it
25 disappeared. And I was kind of disappointed

1 because I wanted to bring more dogs back. And I
2 don't know what happened with that, but I think
3 that that was a very good program.

4 It was amazing to me to see how people
5 treated their dogs and what they -- you know,
6 how they -- how the dogs responded to that and
7 what people did learn from that. I don't know.
8 It was a six-week course, but it was really --
9 and at the end of it, if your dog was a good
10 behavior one, you could go through a little test
11 and be a -- you know, a good citizen dog. And I
12 think that that's a big plus.

13 I also want to know if dog breeders who
14 bring their dogs for business in Fayette County,
15 if they have to register for anything in this
16 county. You know, they do it as a business I'm
17 just -- I don't know if that's -- does anybody
18 know? I don't know.

19 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: They'll
20 answer that question for you.

21 MS. SANDY SHUBERT: And if they're
22 registered or not -- well, registered, I guess
23 you're going to keep track of them -- are they
24 limited to the number of litters that they're
25 allowed to produce -- their dogs to produce a

1 year or whatever, if somebody's keeping track of
2 those numbers?

3 The gentleman who is in charge of the
4 shelter, you know, his last statements were very
5 emotional. And if -- I know that probably
6 everybody that's in this room has been to the
7 shelter and has possibly looked the dogs in the
8 eye. I've only been to a dog -- I've not been
9 to the Fayette County shelter. I've been to one
10 in another county and not Clayton County or one
11 of the ones that has a real souped up place now.

12 But I think the gentleman wanted me to
13 adopt a different dog, the one that I went there
14 to look at. And I kind of went behind the
15 scenes, which I don't think they probably really
16 let you do, all the pens or crates that they're
17 in. And if you do that and if you see the fear,
18 you can smell the fear. You can see the fear in
19 their eyes. You know that -- that it is not a
20 place that they want to be.

21 And being in a cage 23 hours a day is no
22 life for any animal. And I think that, you
23 know, the shelter expansion is probably not
24 going to be enough. Maybe whenever you -- and
25 this is maybe -- whenever you get the sewer

1 laterals fixed, there'll be a place for them to
2 run. But dogs need to get out and run and have
3 their exercise. That's probably why those pit
4 bulls aren't getting adopted. They're jumping.
5 You know, Jack Russell's are the same way.
6 They're jumping and they're bouncing off. They
7 need to have some exercise and they need to run
8 off that energy. So good luck. I hope we can
9 do that in this county.

10 (Applause.)

11 MS. SARAH BLOOMFIELD: I did not intend to
12 speak today, but I felt like -- My name is Sarah
13 Bloomfield, and my connection with the shelter
14 is, about five years ago, I began by walking the
15 dogs in the shelter and would go -- I tried to
16 go every week. And I would go, and there would
17 be dogs missing that were euthanized, and I
18 thought I have to do something more.

19 So it's overwhelming, you know, to have the
20 responsibility of getting to know the dogs and
21 feeling like you want to do something and be
22 part of keeping them alive as they deserve to
23 be, giving them their second chance. So I
24 started networking the dogs with the rescues
25 through Facebook. The shelter was very

1 cooperative, maybe not initially. I got the old
2 guys, the heartworm positive guys and the pit
3 bulls was who I was allowed to network. But it
4 grew from there as I think they learned to trust
5 me.

6 And this is the stack of a sample of the
7 dogs that I networked when the shelter was full.
8 Not all of them went through rescue but the
9 shelter was full. They were at risk, and I was
10 networking them to save their lives. And you
11 pull one out with a rescue and you save another
12 one's spot.

13 I do not think the 30 days is an
14 improvement. Everybody keeps saying it's an
15 improvement. But the mindset is different.
16 Because before it was a six day, seven day stray
17 hold. If they had to euthanize, they did. But
18 I'm telling you, this guy shared a run twice.
19 They weren't looking to euthanize. He was an
20 old guy found on the side of the road with a bag
21 of dog food, very overweight, and a bowl, Hoss.
22 He currently is a Colorado Rockies fan, and he
23 was transported there through rescue. So he
24 shared a run twice, so they were not looking to
25 euthanize after six days.

1 And I fear that this policy is going to be
2 an allowance to do it at a certain period of
3 time, and that's wrong. To have empty runs is
4 wrong.

5 (Applause.)

6 MS. SARAH BLOOMFIELD: This is Prince.
7 Owner -- this was owner reclaimed, 60 days. You
8 think he looks adoptable? He's old. This is
9 what you call -- what's labeled unadoptable.
10 His family found him after 60 days.

11 Raymond, he was also unadoptable. Look at
12 this guy. He needs -- what are they called? --
13 (inaudible), whatever that beer is. Everybody
14 loves Raymond. He was a beautiful dog.

15 Hazel, 32 days she was adopted. So would
16 she have made it? I don't know. Sixty days,
17 PJ. This is PJ now. So I just have a pile of
18 them. They're black dogs. They're pit bull
19 dogs. They're dogs that have some health
20 problems. They're dogs that may be don't get
21 along.

22 This is a pit mix. Addie, 80 plus days but
23 she made it. You know why she made it? Because
24 we made the policy to try and make it work, to
25 shift the dogs where you had to. Six open runs

1 out of 20, that's crazy. Because you know what,
2 how many are up front? Eighteen are up front --
3 three in the puppy room, the rest are in the
4 back. The public never sees them. They're not
5 networked. People can't come in to adopt.

6 Those runs are not all visible runs. So I
7 just think it would be irresponsible. I think
8 it would be inhumane to euthanize dogs when
9 there's other options for space.

10 (Applause.)

11 MS. SARAH BLOOMFIELD: I'm sorry I'm
12 terrible at speaking, but, I mean, I brought
13 these for you. There's 60 days. There's -- I
14 mean, it's just -- I could go on and on. These
15 dogs need time to get out. And yeah, they get
16 cage crazy sometimes, but they need time to
17 decompress. You know, take them out, give them
18 more exercise options.

19 What Shannon's doing with the reading, I
20 know you said it was good for the kids' reading
21 skills, but it's also great socialization for
22 the dogs. I mean, how wonderful is it for them
23 to have a child, you know, to have that
24 interaction. It makes adoptions more
25 successful. So I think if you put things like

1 that in place, you're going to increase your
2 adoption numbers without increasing your
3 euthanization numbers.

4 And I respect the fact that it is a hard
5 job. I've worked with those people up there.
6 They keep that place clean. They love the dogs.
7 They pet the dogs. I mean, they're -- I mean,
8 it is -- those people care about the dogs, and I
9 think that it's time we all care about the dogs,
10 and we put in place policies that make sense.
11 Thirty days and out does not make sense. That's
12 it.

13 (Applause.)

14 MS. CATHY BONNER: Good evening. My name
15 is Cathy Bonner, and I moved to Fayetteville in
16 '86. And I remember in the late '80s, early
17 '90s, with my third boxer, going down to the
18 shelter and doing pet portraits and raising
19 money for the shelter. And every year we went,
20 and the pictures basically looked the same every
21 year with the same dog, but we did it because we
22 wanted to help and support.

23 Thirty days, I trained him myself as my
24 service dog to help me with my specific needs
25 that I need each day. Thirty days, they're not

1 going to be acclimated in the area. They're not
2 going to have any attachment. They're not going
3 to feel -- you know, they've already been
4 abandoned or been left. And then you're going
5 to go ahead and just kill them 30 days later
6 without any kind of help with training and
7 trying to get the -- you know, their personality
8 back.

9 You know, I've seen a dog on a boxer site
10 where they surrendered these two dogs and they
11 had to drag them to the shelter with the owner
12 standing there and the dogs didn't want to go.
13 And I could just imagine being placed somewhere
14 and then only being there for 30 days and then
15 being put down because my personality didn't
16 show.

17 We had mentioned this tonight, you know,
18 about their in their pens, they're jumping
19 around. Boxers are typical of that. And, you
20 know, as a disabled person, that scares the
21 daylights out of me to have my dog jump up on
22 me. So when I go -- He's almost 11. You know,
23 the time is coming. When I go to look for
24 another adult dog and, if I see another one
25 jumping around, of course, I'm going to pass up

1 that dog. So they need time. You know, they
2 don't need to be there lifers.

3 And also another thing I see tonight is a
4 lot of these pit bulls are there. Now, I know
5 there's a lot of specific breed foster groups.
6 Where's the pit bull foster group that should be
7 pulling these dogs out and finding them foster
8 homes and trying to place them rather than just
9 putting them down? People with foster pit
10 rescue groups, they know the breed.

11 Boxers are another bully-type breed.
12 They're stubborn. You have to manage them in a
13 certain way. They can become dangerous. But
14 like with any other dog, any other dog can be
15 dangerous. You know, a Chihuahua can be
16 dangerous, you know, if you train it a certain
17 way.

18 So, you know, that is my reasoning on the
19 30 days. It's just not enough time, like people
20 have mentioned. And, you know, that would give
21 enough time to train them to get their
22 personalities out. And then the people that
23 work there can say, well, I've known this dog
24 for five, six weeks and this dog likes to play
25 with, you know, other dogs or this dog, look at

1 how this dog likes to sleep, you know, near
2 other dogs. Or they can find their personality
3 a little bit.

4 I know even when we go out, you know, it
5 takes him 20, 30 minutes to sort of get
6 acclimated, to sort of chill out a little bit
7 because he's in a different surrounding even
8 though he's been trained. I can just imagine
9 these untrained dogs, how they feel being left
10 there and especially owner surrenders. That's
11 the other -- You know, those are the tougher
12 cases. Those are the real, you know, hard
13 cases.

14 And I've been here over 30 years and love
15 Fayette County and, you know, great education,
16 great system. Why can't we have a great animal
17 shelter? Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 MS. JULIE SCHWAB: Hi, Julie Schwab. I was
20 up here before. I've developed a case of the
21 nerves since I was up here earlier. I do have a
22 dog that is -- she's five years old. No, I'm
23 sorry. She's 5 pounds, 14 and a half years old.
24 I adopted her. She was part of a puppy mill.
25 She was very abused. She bites. I've been to a

1 doctor several times because of the way she's
2 bitten me.

3 If I was to turn that dog back in, she
4 would have been euthanized. I've talked to him
5 about her today. My dog is dying. She has
6 brain lesions. She has tremors. The vet is
7 working with me now. We're working on different
8 medications.

9 I spent a lot of money on my dog because I
10 love her. When I want to give up, my husband
11 encourages me to keep going. My husband and my
12 son are kind of afraid of her because she's
13 quick to bite. But I have to remember, this
14 little girl went through a lot in her short life
15 that, whoever this breeder was, had her. They
16 brought her to a vet with a dead puppy hanging
17 out of her and they just left her.

18 But if she was to be taken to a shelter,
19 somebody would have euthanized her because they
20 would have said she's aggressive, she wasn't
21 worth saving. Nobody would have taken the time
22 to sit with this little thing and loved her and
23 found out that she loves to get by your neck.
24 When she cuddles you, she sounds like a newborn
25 baby. She is -- She can give the best love, but

1 you better watch because she will get you.

2 But, you know -- And it's going to break my
3 heart when a lose her because I know the day is
4 coming soon. But there needs to be some kind of
5 committee, not just a couple of people, who
6 decides when these dogs need to be put down.
7 Because the way they react when you first see
8 them is not truly who they are. You have to
9 spend time. You have to take them away from the
10 circumstances they are in. You got to take them
11 into a room where they feel comfortable, where
12 they don't feel scared.

13 Because when people come to my door, let me
14 tell you, they are scared to death of that
15 little dog. I mean, she'll bite you,
16 guaranteed. But once she gets to know you,
17 you're in trouble because she's going to kiss
18 you to death.

19 But, I mean, they need -- where they're at
20 now they're so scared they need a room to go in
21 when they meet their future person to see them
22 pick. They need a room to relax in, someplace
23 they can go to show who their true characters
24 are. They just need a one-on-one place that
25 they can go and truly show this person that

1 wants to adopt them, hey, this is who I really
2 am and let them get to know them one on one.

3 But they need a chance at life. So I ask
4 you, please, give these animals a chance because
5 I know my little girl would not have had this
6 chance if I had not -- I did not know what she
7 was like when I got her. But I don't regret a
8 day that I have had her. She's my heart. Thank
9 you.

10 (Applause.)

11 MS. JOY BRIM: Hi, my name is Joy Brim. I
12 live in Fayette County. And I just wanted to,
13 you know, say a few things. Our first dog that
14 we got 11 years ago was from a no-kill shelter.
15 She was spayed before we got her at eight weeks
16 old. So the control of the animals having to
17 come back into the system and going out of the
18 system was controlled because she was taken care
19 of ahead of time.

20 We paid a little bit more because we pay
21 for that service. Some of it was funded through
22 other activities and through nonprofits. But we
23 were able to get her and be able to take her
24 home and be good and know that she was going to
25 be okay and that everything was all right.

1 Our other dog we just got is from -- Cookie
2 from the shelter. She is a wonderful dog. She
3 had had a litter of puppies before they had
4 picked her up and brought her to them. My kids
5 both do that read-to-the-dog program which is an
6 amazing program.

7 My daughter wouldn't -- was afraid of dogs
8 for the longest time, and she would not go near
9 them. It's because of that program that she
10 became more comfortable with dogs. Even with
11 our other dog at home, she was only okay with
12 that dog.

13 So that program needs to be funded. It
14 needs to be expanded. It needs to be helped.
15 Spaying and neutering, the education in the
16 school systems and to the community is very
17 important so that we don't keep getting these
18 same dogs back in.

19 I know when we picked her up they're
20 putting the chips in. I would assume, if the
21 dogs are coming back, you're going to know, with
22 the chip, if we're getting repeats. But then if
23 they have puppies because their owner was not
24 responsible, now you've got the puppies coming
25 back in. So we have to slow that drip of, yes,

1 we're sending them out but coming back. We need
2 to really work on that.

3 And I will tell you, too, from the school
4 systems, my son, because of that reading
5 program, for his birthday he did not want gifts.
6 He wanted money donated to the shelter and he
7 wanted stuff for the dogs to be donated. And I
8 think we just need to encourage that more with
9 the kids in the community, and I think all of
10 that together will come and help the shelter,
11 giving them the facility that they need and, you
12 know, the money that they need to do it the
13 right way will get us to a point where we don't
14 have to say there's a time limit or there's a
15 resource woman, and we can actually do what's
16 right for the dogs and for the community with
17 the proper funding. But I know he does a great
18 job, and I really appreciate him. Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 MS. ABRIEL ROSE: I'm Abriel and I live in
21 Peachtree City. And she kind of stole my
22 thunder here. I've been waiting all night, and
23 then she had the same thought, so I'll be brief.
24 We do have -- We have had a beloved Foster.
25 Foster was the name of our cattle dog, and he

1 was in the shelter for 120 days before we
2 adopted him, and he was the best dog in the
3 whole world.

4 But the reason I came up was because we
5 haven't -- we've heard a couple mentions about
6 the spay and neuter policy. I am not sure that
7 I understand why the animals leave the shelter.
8 I know that there's costs involved. But at
9 Coweta County Animal Control, if you adopt an
10 animal, you come back three or four days later
11 and they have been fixed before they leave the
12 shelter. If you go to the Humane Society, they
13 don't let animals go home with people before
14 they're fixed. Because people don't follow
15 through on that task, and we know that.

16 We've had animals that were micro chipped
17 back to Fayette County Animal Shelter come into
18 rescue groups pregnant because they were somehow
19 lost and never fixed. And now, instead of one
20 cat, there's one cat that still is in rescue
21 looking for home plus four additional babies.

22 And so, to me, I know that it's going to be
23 a long process getting this new shelter in
24 place, and it sounds very promising that
25 everybody's going to work together to do that.

1 But I hope that we can be a little bit faster
2 maybe about changing that policy and finding a
3 way to have the animals fixed before they go
4 home with their new families so that we don't
5 worry about them creating more animals.

6 Also, I would like to see the statistics
7 for the cats because we've talked so much about
8 the dogs, and we never have seen those
9 statistics on the cat. And that's a main part
10 of that shelter, and I wonder how that feeds in
11 to that euthanasia percentage. Thank you very
12 much.

13 (Applause.)

14 MS. ANASTASIA DERZHAY: Hello, I'm
15 Anastasia Derzhay. So Stitch has a best friend,
16 and her name is Lilo. And she was also at her
17 100 days and was supposed to be -- over 100 days
18 and was supposed to be euthanized on Monday --
19 this past Monday. And I already have a pit bull
20 and I live in a tiny one-bedroom apartment in
21 Atlanta. My parents live in Fayetteville.
22 That's why I know about the shelter and why I
23 was involved. And I came and I rescued Lilo and
24 I am fostering her.

25 (Applause.)

1 MS. ANASTASIA DERZHAY: And she's just the
2 best dog ever. I'm very happy for everything
3 that you do. Much respect and kudos and I want
4 that goat.

5 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I don't know if you could
6 put him in that apartment.

7 (Indiscernible comments from audience.)

8 MS. ANASTASIA DERZHAY: Oh, wow. But with
9 this 30-day policy, I would never have her, and
10 I just don't think it should be passed. And I
11 understand it's a struggle seeing them in the
12 kennel all day, 23 hours a day. It's awful, but
13 I just know we can progress. We're all here.
14 We all care. We can do more and foster more of
15 the pit bulls. And I'm still crying. I don't
16 know why. So thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. PHILIP DOOLITTLE: Hi, Philip Doolittle
19 from Woolsey again. I apologize for coming to
20 the mike a second time, but I did have a
21 question I wanted to get on your list,
22 Mr. Rapson, so that when you speak you can
23 answer it. From what I understand from what
24 I've heard tonight, the current policy allows
25 the discretion to euthanize an animal after

1 seven days. The new policy would extend that to
2 30 days. And -- But from what I'm seeing from
3 the head nods, this policy actually constrains
4 our shelter more than it is currently.

5 That was not my understanding coming into
6 the meeting. I thought we were moving the other
7 direction. So if, when you guys get a minute,
8 if you could talk about the specifics of where
9 we are today, what this proposal does to adjust
10 that, and if you already have the discretion to
11 operate in that latitude, why do we have a need
12 for a statutory limitation? Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 MS. LAURA LINE: Good evening. I'm Laura
15 Line and I live in Fayetteville. Just a couple
16 of observations and then perhaps suggestions.
17 For on down the road, you talked about, you
18 know, what are we going to look like in 12
19 months, what are we going to look like in three
20 years. I'm kind of ashamed of myself because I
21 got involved with the rescue and ended up going
22 down to Butts County to work in their animal
23 shelter quite a bit with the feeling that, well,
24 Fayette County's very affluent and they probably
25 have a lot of people and a lot of money and

1 those animals are well taken care of.

2 And from what I understand from what I've
3 heard tonight, that hasn't always been the case.
4 But I do want to say that, Steve, since you've
5 started, I've seen a lot of improvement as far
6 as the social media Facebook page. I see a lot
7 more postings, a lot of positives. Whoever's
8 doing that, I thank you very much because that
9 helps me to see what's going on, and I think
10 that's a step in the right direction.

11 A couple of things that perhaps questions,
12 perhaps suggestions, I had the opportunity to go
13 to Carroll County Animal Shelter about nine, ten
14 months ago with the organization that I work
15 with. And they have an awesome animal shelter.
16 And when I spoke with the director there, she
17 said that they didn't used to have one like
18 that, that they got several grants, they
19 canvassed the streets with the public to get tax
20 incentives, all sorts of things.

21 She works with a lot of rescue groups, a
22 lot of different national organizations to help
23 with funding and supplies and such. I'm
24 wondering if perhaps someone can go and speak
25 with her about what all they did to find these

1 kinds of -- what's the word I'm looking for?

2 UNNAMED AUDIENCE MEMBER: Resources.

3 MS. LAURA LINE: Thank you. I'm a little
4 bit nervous. Resources that are out there.
5 Also, what I noticed at both Carroll County and
6 also in Butts County is they used inmates as
7 people to come and clean. And those that
8 weren't afraid of the dogs, to walk the dogs, to
9 play with the dogs. That might be, if we don't
10 do that already, something that can be looked
11 into.

12 They had -- In Carroll County they had a
13 full-time sheriff that was housed there. That
14 was his post, and several inmates that were
15 there on a daily basis. The inmates, in fact,
16 were the ones that helped me get the dog in my
17 car that I had to rescue from there. And they
18 were very nice. And I'm sure, you know, that
19 could be tapped into.

20 And also when the lady came up with the
21 service dog, I have seen programs in other
22 counties where inmates were actually trained to
23 train service dogs for people. And I know that
24 the big push, and rightfully so, is to help a
25 lot of our veterans that come back to us with

1 PTSD, provide them with service dogs that are
2 trainable. Perhaps this is something on down
3 the road that Fayette County could look into to
4 possibly -- you know, the inmates live with the
5 dog, they train them. And then when they're
6 ready, they work with the veteran, and our
7 veteran is well taken care of.

8 So -- And as a closing note, I have two
9 rescues. One is a pit mix who is sweet and
10 lovable. And the minute you approach him, he
11 rolls over on his back for a belly rub and would
12 never hurt a fly. And then I have a little min
13 pin mix whose name is Cody. But his nickname
14 little shit because he is such a handful. In
15 fact, when my grandchildren come over, because
16 I've had several fosters come through my home,
17 my little granddaughter will say -- they call me
18 gaga -- "Gaga, when are we going to find a new
19 home for Cody?" Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 MS. SHARON WAPLES: Hi, again. Sharon
22 Waples, Peachtree City. I waited until the end
23 to make sure that things I wanted to say weren't
24 covered. I'll be really brief. I know it's
25 been a long night for everybody.

1 First of all, again, Jerry, thank you.
2 Thank your staff for what you do. I know you
3 really care about those animals. I know your
4 staff really cares about those animals. Donna,
5 Susan was here. Tiffany's outstanding. You've
6 got Chris. You've got Carol and Victoria -- no,
7 Lance. Lance. Okay. Sorry. I wanted to make
8 sure I covered everybody. And they really do
9 care, and we appreciate that.

10 I would like to say that we need to find
11 more risky resources. You've got volunteers
12 here. We're willing to drive the dogs. You
13 tell me that dog needs to go to Mississippi,
14 I'll get in my car and I'll drive that dog to
15 Mississippi if that dog needs to go to
16 Mississippi. We will do that for those dogs.
17 We really well.

18 But one of the other things is we need to
19 get them out and into the community more. Just
20 a few weeks ago there was movie night at The
21 Avenue and it benefited the Friends of the
22 Fayette County Animal Shelter. So Jerry allowed
23 us to take three of the dogs once we had them
24 spayed and neutered because we don't want more
25 little dogs just in case running around. And we

1 took -- The volunteers took Delilah, they took
2 Stanley, and they took Toby. And I believe
3 within two weeks all three of those dogs were
4 adopted. You get them out and get them into the
5 community, let the community see. These are
6 pets. They're not inmates. They're pets.

7 And anyway, thank you for your time, and,
8 again, thank you guys at the shelter too. And
9 thank you to everyone here that cares for being
10 here tonight. Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: It's 9:30 and I see
13 nobody else in the line. I don't want to go
14 past anybody. If there's anybody else that
15 wants to address us, come on up, ma'am.

16 (Indiscernible comment from audience.)

17 UNNAMED AUDIENCE MEMBER: I just want to
18 make this comment --

19 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: You need to --

20 UNNAMED AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- everything
21 that was said goes for cats too. Us cat people
22 are shy.

23 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: The cat people
24 are shy and they'll bite you too.

25 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Thank you. But if

1 there's anybody also that wants to address us
2 before we bring the discussion back up to the
3 Board, I want to give you your opportunity. I
4 do appreciate it, and I know these other fellows
5 up here appreciate that y'all come here today.
6 I'll bring the discussion back up to the Board.
7 Anybody want to talk about this?

8 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: Did you
9 want me to go ahead and cover the answers that I
10 have?

11 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Yeah, why don't we
12 do that. We'll go ahead and ask Jerry and Steve
13 if you can try to address the various questions.
14 I know there were a lot of questions, and I hope
15 you took some notes.

16 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: I have
17 a few.

18 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: And I know that no
19 matter how much you talk you're going to miss
20 somebody's question and you don't intend to miss
21 their questions.

22 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: I don't
23 think I am, but we'll find out.

24 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Well, we're going
25 to find out.

1 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: There
2 was a lot of duplication. Let me just talk
3 about some of the things that I know we're
4 working on. The foster network, that's
5 something that's been tasked to the adoption
6 coordinator. I know that's one of the things
7 that Jerry's working on.

8 You know, one of the things that I have him
9 do, when we talk about reaching out to the
10 Humane Society and to the agencies, that's a
11 much more larger group than just two folks.
12 That's more like eight or nine. And I told him
13 a thousand times I don't care if you've got 8000
14 e-mails you want to send to someone, we'll
15 provide those notifications as we go about this
16 process.

17 As far as the five-day notice, increasing
18 it to ten days. I think one of the amendments,
19 if y'all were to look at the policy and amend
20 it, one of the things I would recommend based on
21 what I've heard tonight is, you know, we have no
22 problem notifying on day six when the animals
23 are adoptable and then notifying again on ten
24 days prior to the end of the 30 days. That's
25 two notifications. That's setting it up in an

1 e-mail.

2 One of the things I've tasked Jerry with
3 doing is finding a system that's not as archaic,
4 and right now he's trying to keep up primarily
5 with a lot of this on dry eraser boards and
6 those type of things. We need a program that
7 actually, when you enter the animal into the
8 program, all those notifications become
9 automatic. And then all you have to do is
10 maintain a database. That's one of the things
11 he's tasked with finding.

12 Advisory board, that's purely a Board
13 decision. That something y'all would have to
14 weigh to find out if you want to move forward
15 with doing that are not. I can tell you that
16 whether there's an advisory board or not, the
17 people that will be involved in this process
18 moving forward are the same people that would be
19 on an advisory board. One of the things that
20 Jerry was tasked with on day one was forming
21 those relationships and have those discussions.

22 Me and Jerry have met with Commissioner
23 Brown. I think we spent five and a half hours
24 with all those folks, and I've had four or five
25 different meetings with them. I don't see any

1 of that changing moving forward.

2 We can get that cat statistics. I'll make
3 sure we get those and post those. The cat
4 lovers, we realize you're in the room. I know
5 you're quiet. Cats are easier to deal with I
6 guess.

7 As far as the evaluation of the medical
8 qualifications, our veteran [sic] does that, so
9 we've got a professional doing that. That's not
10 us looking at it figuring out whether we think
11 it's sick or we weak. That's actually a medical
12 professional.

13 As far as the euthanization itself, it
14 requires two people. They both are certified.
15 I've got no problem changing the language. You
16 know, quite frankly, we took some boilerplate
17 language. I think must follow those is exactly
18 what we'd be doing anyway. I have no problem
19 making that modification.

20 I think a strategic plan for a facility is
21 something that we would have to get from the
22 Board's initiative, but we do those all the
23 time. That's one of the things that we would
24 probably be looking at as well.

25 I cannot reiterate pit bull education

1 anymore than you will probably have. You know,
2 ultimately, social media and I think the press
3 and what you see on TV and what you hear about,
4 you know, you always hear about the worst case,
5 those type of things. I will tell you that I
6 have a pit bull mix at home. His name is Boo,
7 and he looks terrifying, and he is the -- he'll
8 be the last thing that jumps on the truck when
9 they steal everything in the house.

10 As far as animal control revenue which is
11 one of the issues you brought up, I agree with a
12 lot of what she said, the \$398,000 is the
13 operating budget they currently have. I will
14 tell you that's about 20 percent higher than
15 what it was on June 30th because, again, we
16 added that full-time person and a half-time
17 person. The \$59,000 does include the utility
18 costs, so there's not a whole lot of fluff in
19 those budgets. I will tell you that's fairly
20 consistent for any department we have, and it's
21 one of the reasons why we keep rolling back your
22 taxes. That was just a plug. I'm sorry.

23 I will tell you animal control, the revenue
24 itself we got in this year, we got roughly about
25 \$14,000 in. That's how much revenue we

1 generate. So you're looking at a \$400,000
2 operating expense for the staff and the
3 operations of the facility reoccurring, and you
4 got about 14,000 coming in. I will tell you
5 Jerry's been pretty good about getting
6 additional grant-type revenue. We do have --
7 you know, if you want to give to the Friends of
8 Fayette, I think that's fine. If you want to
9 give to me, that's fine too. We'll give you the
10 same donation letter. I don't care where the
11 money comes from. Roughly about \$16,000 is what
12 we got in this past year.

13 The Marine Corps vet who's crying, I'm a
14 Marine Corp vet. That really tore me up. I
15 think other than the little girl who talked --
16 she made a really good point, and you did make a
17 really good point, and it was a good poster by
18 the way.

19 The dog training program, that's something
20 that was done with recreation -- those were done
21 by recreational instructors. If someone wants
22 to initiate that program, we'll be more than
23 happy to find a place to facilitate that. We
24 did that at Kiwanis Parks. I remember we used
25 to do it for like ten or 15 years, but, you

1 know, eventually when the instructor leaves,
2 then those type of things slow up there. But I
3 think there's a need for that. I'd like to be
4 able to find a dog instructor that we could use.

5 One of the things and I'm kind of going all
6 the way to the back now, but in regards to
7 getting the animals out in the community, I
8 think that's critical. Jerry has -- It's almost
9 been a huge paradigm shift. I had to use that
10 word because my wife will be proud that I used
11 it by the way. But there's been a huge shift in
12 regards to the approach we use. You know, we
13 can talk social media, we can post on Facebook,
14 we can, you know, certainly send it to the
15 groups and they sent it to folks. But getting
16 these animals out in the community because that
17 animal is going to behave differently when it's
18 in that situation as opposed to trying to look
19 at an animal with another 20 animals bouncing
20 off the cages. And so that's one of the things
21 that Jerry is focused on, making those
22 initiatives.

23 One of the things we've talked about doing
24 and we've got to get the attorney involved, is
25 doing some liability waivers so that our

1 volunteers can maybe take them home a night and,
2 you know, do those types of things. It makes
3 everybody nervous, but that's how you get the
4 dogs out in the community. So will be talking
5 about that later.

6 Dog breeders have to be registered. Yes,
7 they're registered. In regards to whether they
8 limit the litters, we really have no idea. Once
9 they're registered, unless there's a problem or
10 complaint, we really don't get involved with
11 that.

12 I will tell you that if you want to come
13 and see a dog in our facility and we've got 29
14 animals, we will give you access to see all 29
15 of those animals. I don't care whether they're
16 in the front runs or the back runs. If you tell
17 us you want to look at an animal and it's in the
18 back, we escort you in the back. The only thing
19 we have there is -- you know, there's some
20 security concerns leaving the front runs as
21 opposed to going in the back runs. But we've
22 got -- You know, again, if we have two people
23 there, one of those folks will walk back and
24 escort the people back there.

25 I think Philip came back up. I think his

1 question was we had discretion at seven days,
2 what happens now we're at 30 days. I think we
3 have the same discretion. I think one of the
4 things Jerry mentioned is the fact that if
5 we're -- if we have 20 animals and they're in
6 the cages and we get a litter of six, we're
7 going to put them in cage No. 21. We're not
8 going to put six animals down.

9 I mean, the whole point of a policy is to
10 have a general guideline for how you typically
11 handle these type of situations. Every time he
12 makes a judgment call that's different than that
13 policy, then people want us to move that policy
14 a little bit more. And so what we're trying to
15 do is establish that firm point in the sand,
16 which is why everybody's here. But, you know,
17 we're not going to stop exercising sense and
18 judgment as well. If we've got 20 dogs in there
19 and we get four dogs and we put a notice out to
20 the rescue groups and they say, hey, we'll pick
21 up three tomorrow, we're not going to be putting
22 four dogs down because they can't get there the
23 next day. We're going to be exercising some
24 judgment.

25 Carroll County, I wish there were grants.

1 You know, I keep hearing that there's
2 opportunities for us to get the spay and
3 neutering. If we can get the spay and
4 neutering, we can start doing that tomorrow.
5 You know, I've heard that for three or four
6 months and nobody's given me the contact
7 information or how to go about doing that. We
8 will do that tomorrow once we get that
9 information.

10 I also will tell you that, when you look at
11 Clayton County, Clayton County funded their 100
12 new cages with SPLOST funding. What you may not
13 know about Carroll County is there are actually
14 two shelters and they both have 100 beds.
15 You're talking about 200 cages; right?

16 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: You sent Carroll.

17 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: I'm
18 sorry. Clayton. And so -- And they kind of
19 have the same issues. They just have it on a
20 much larger scale than we do. You know, our
21 society, especially in Fayette County, you know,
22 they like to call Peachtree City the bubble.
23 We're like the big bubble. You know, pit bulls
24 have the stigma, and I think education is
25 critical to changing that. Because if -- if we

1 could change that stigma and the pit bulls could
2 get adopted out of the facility, we wouldn't be
3 sitting here having a discussion tonight about
4 capacity or any other issues because we would be
5 way below the numbers we're talking about. Did
6 I miss anything, Jerry?

7 DIRECTOR JERRY COLLINS: The spay and
8 neuter, our policy is, if you live in Fayette
9 County, you can adopt. But you have 30 days to
10 have it spayed or neutered and get the rabies
11 shot, and we will follow up with that. If you
12 don't, then you get a citation and you could go
13 to court. If you live outside of Fayette County
14 and you adopt an animal from our shelter, it
15 will not leave that shelter until it's spayed or
16 neutered. You know, sometimes --

17 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Your mike is off.

18 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: Your
19 mike's is off. What is with you and
20 microphones? I'll kind of repeat. The policy
21 for spay and neutering in Fayette County is, if
22 you come and get an animal, you have to spray or
23 neuter it in 30 days. If you don't, you can be
24 cited. I will tell you, you are cited. We do
25 have marshals that go and cite these people.

1 They do do it at the state court, and we do take
2 these individuals to court.

3 If you live outside of Fayette County, we
4 require that animal to be sprayed and neutered
5 before leaving the facility. And primarily
6 that's because Fayette County residents don't
7 want to wait three days. I wish it was
8 something more than that. But, you know, when
9 they come and get -- when you see an animal you
10 want to adopt and your kids are there, "I want
11 the animal," it's kind of tough to tell them
12 come back on Thursday. So I think one of the
13 things that could resolve a lot of that is if
14 they all were sprayed and neutered if we had a
15 program. So I'm perfectly fine with doing that.
16 At that point it just becomes a funding issue.
17 Whether that would be a grant, whether that
18 would be a donation from a veterinarian, any of
19 those scenarios work for us.

20 UNNAMED AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can I say one
21 thing, Steve? Tilly was recently adopted out
22 and her -- she has a wonderful new home. But
23 the man that adopted her had and unneutered male
24 at home and she was unfixed. So that is why
25 this is such a huge problem is because this guy

1 was trying to get Tilly fixed, but he couldn't
2 because she was in heat. She went home with the
3 dog that was unneutered and he kept texting,
4 what do I do, you know, they kept going after
5 each other. And so luckily Fayette Humane
6 reached out and was going to spay Tilly and
7 neuter his male dog. But that's why it's so
8 important for these dogs to be spayed and
9 neutered before they leave.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: So
12 Chairmen, what I heard was the Humane Society is
13 going to spray and neuter them all. We're good
14 to go.

15 UNNAMED AUDIENCE MEMBER: Spay.

16 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: Spay
17 and neuter. Sorry. I think that's all the
18 questions that I had.

19 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: All right. You
20 guys have any questions for the staff, any
21 discussion up here?

22 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ODDO: I have one
23 question, I mean, just generally to you fellows
24 here. Do you have any problem with changing the
25 five-day notice to ten-day notice, voting on

1 that?

2 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: I wrote -- Given
3 the conversation that actually started,
4 Mr. Rapson's already said it, on day six,
5 Dennis, I think if you can change the ordinance
6 to show that they'll be notice on day six to the
7 various groups and then ten days before the 30th
8 day, so on the 20th day.

9 COUNTY ATTORNEY DENNIS DAVENPORT: That's
10 correct.

11 DIRECTOR JERRY COLLINS: 21st.

12 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: 21st day, 20th day.
13 And then to take out, Dennis, the words
14 "whenever possible" that's in paragraph eight.

15 COUNTY ATTORNEY DENNIS DAVENPORT: Yeah.

16 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: I didn't inspect
17 your ordinance that much, but as we were going
18 through this I made a couple notes, but you're
19 the attorney.

20 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAPSON: We
21 weren't trying to have any discretion in that,
22 so you can add the word "shall" or "must" or
23 whatever makes you feel --

24 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Yeah. Any other
25 questions, Chuck?

1 VICE CHAIRMAN RANDY OGNIO: I would --

2 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ODDO: No, I'm fine.

3 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Go ahead, Randy.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN RANDY OGNIO: I would just
5 like to thank all the volunteers that do
6 volunteer. I think it's very admirable and I
7 think it -- you know, without the volunteers it
8 would be that much harder on Jerry. I'd like to
9 thank all the organizations that try to promote
10 getting these dogs adopted and fostered,
11 whatever, to keep them -- the turnover going. I
12 think it's an important thing.

13 I think Jerry here does a great job at the
14 animal shelter. I don't know why he thinks he
15 can handle it at 75 percent. If it was me, I'd
16 shoot for 50 percent so I'd have more
17 flexibility, but that's his -- that's his
18 choice. And -- But I do think this policy is
19 better than the one that's in place currently.
20 And I think that we are moving forward.

21 UNNAMED AUDIENCE MEMBER: No.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN RANDY OGNIO: I think that I
23 would -- seen and read the proposed ordinance
24 that is in -- has been in the works and not in
25 favor of moving forward with an ordinance. I

1 think we need to give the policy a chance to
2 take effect and work through it. I liked to
3 move that we approve this policy with the
4 modifications of removing "whenever possible"
5 changed to the notice on day six and a ten-day
6 notice at the end and that we stop progression
7 of the ordinance.

8 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ODDO: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: I've got a motion
10 and a second. Now, I'll ask, are any
11 conversation or any discussion I hear.

12 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: Related to
13 the -- I forgot who brought up the inmate
14 training of the dogs, but we are -- I am working
15 on that with somebody. We just -- We're looking
16 for people who are competent to train the
17 trainers. So if you know anybody, let me know
18 that because we need four people and we're
19 desperately -- we need at least two more people
20 who can train the inmates to train the dogs. So
21 keep that out there, please, and if you know of
22 anybody, please let me know. And they need to
23 be competent in that area.

24 You know, we've seen a lot of positive
25 movement. The budget reflects some of that.

1 We've actually put more money into it. We're
2 putting more money into the building. We've put
3 more money into the staff.

4 You know, Jerry -- nobody envies Jerry's
5 position being dropped in the spot of director
6 of the program when he was dropped in. I mean,
7 that's an unenviable position to be in, and I
8 think everybody gets that. Jerry, you know I've
9 told you the same thing.

10 One of the reasons why I tried to gather
11 some of the animal advocacy groups was to keep
12 Jerry from getting bombed on his first week on
13 the job with a lot of complaints from different
14 areas and trying to get the people to coalesce
15 and come up with a considerate set of plans.
16 You know, funding is important and that was
17 brought up many, many times in terms of shelter
18 expansion and whatnot.

19 But I will tell you it's just as important
20 to make sure that you have your foundational
21 documents, your ordinances, and your policies in
22 the proper place. You can have the Taj Mahal of
23 animal shelters, and if you don't have the right
24 ordinances or policies, especially related to
25 animal cruelty and other things that are going

1 on in the community, then, you know, you're only
2 doing half the job still. So that is one reason
3 why we've been working on that.

4 I was a little bit shocked at the motions
5 said to stop working on the ordinance
6 improvements because all of the humane society
7 and animal advocacy people including our staff,
8 we agreed on 90 percent of the changes. So I
9 don't know why that should be stopped. I'm kind
10 of taken aback by that.

11 This policy is what I would just considered
12 to be a Band-Aid. And, you know, it's not a
13 complex problem. The problems are easy to
14 understand. I think everybody in the room
15 understands what the problems are. The issues
16 are pretty clearly defined, and the answers are
17 pretty readily available to anybody who can
18 think about it beyond about ten minutes.

19 One thing that we need and I really do
20 think we need this is that animal shelter
21 advisory board. I've heard tonight alone the
22 Humane Society say we need it. I've heard the
23 volunteers who work at the park say we need it.
24 I've heard the -- several animal advocacy groups
25 representatives say we need it. I think it's

1 pretty clear we need it. And, you know, the
2 only way you get the public to buy in is when
3 you include the public in the process, and that
4 is the best way.

5 We do that with a library where the Library
6 Board. We do it with the recreation commission,
7 with all our recreation programs. We do that on
8 a number of things, the Board of Health.
9 Everybody -- We include citizens in a advisory
10 capacity to the city. It's not an evil thing.
11 It's worked great for us in the past, and I
12 think it's something that we should do with this
13 program especially. And especially when you
14 need to get people and animals into the public,
15 you need to get more public awareness, well, it
16 makes sense to bring the public in and allow
17 them to be part of that process.

18 I think 75 percent is too low. I'm not
19 going to vote for it. I would do 85 percent and
20 just say let's try like hell to make it work.
21 And if it doesn't, then let's bring it back and
22 see what we can do.

23 (Applause.)

24 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: I agree with the
25 Humane Society's position paper 100 percent.

1 You have my total approval on what you've stated
2 your position is and I agree with you
3 wholeheartedly on your position. And, you know,
4 the ordinances were going to be on the next
5 Board agenda. So if this passes, I'm really,
6 really sorry to say that, because it was
7 included as part of the ordinance, that all of
8 the ordinance changes that we have been working
9 on are now in the waste bin.

10 And I have spent hours and hours and hours
11 with people -- e-mail, phone, personal meetings,
12 you know, discussions, writing and rewriting,
13 consulting with attorneys of these animal -- and
14 let me tell you, the ordinances were drafted by
15 an attorney that was paid for in total by the
16 animal advocacy groups. We did not pay for it.
17 They got their own attorney so that we wouldn't
18 have to spend our own money and they put all
19 that together. And we worked it and reworked it
20 and it's been through the county attorney on a
21 couple of occasions.

22 And I am just really, really downhearted
23 that it's going to be killed if this motion
24 passes, all that work. That really hurts me.
25 And I think there's no reason for it, especially

1 when 90 percent of the changes no one had any
2 qualms with. So there's a lot of things that go
3 on that you don't understand and you just try to
4 work through them.

5 But I've got a year and a half left and,
6 man, I'm counting the days. I can't -- I can't
7 take stuff like this anymore where you work on
8 something and work on it and you try to do it
9 for all the right reasons and then they -- you
10 don't even let it get on it agenda. That just
11 breaks my heart.

12 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Anybody else got
13 anything else to say?

14 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ROUSSEAU: I do,
15 Mr. Chair, thank you kindly.

16 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Go ahead.

17 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ROUSSEAU: Thank you,
18 Mr. Chair. I appreciate very much the comments
19 that were made tonight particularly, again, I
20 echo that the volunteers, your invaluable
21 service at the shelter does help mitigate some
22 of these issues in terms of transitioning for
23 the animals. I had a suggestion also and a
24 change in the policy statement. I like my
25 colleagues to consider, "The Fayette County

1 Animal Shelter is committed to a well-managed
2 facility that considers the preservation of
3 life" and then go on from there, again, "The
4 Fayette County Animal Shelter is committed to a
5 well-managed facility that considers the
6 preservation of life." I would like for you all
7 to consider that.

8 Also, let me take this opportunity,
9 Mr. Chair and my colleagues, to say to this
10 packed room this evening, this is why it is so
11 important for you all to participate in the
12 budget process. You missed it by about 60 days
13 because no one cared enough -- and I use that
14 loosely -- to come out and begin the process
15 early on of advocating for dollars, resources,
16 staff, all of those things that go through that
17 budget. We don't see anybody. And then when a
18 hot button issue takes up, then all of a sudden
19 we want to know where our priority is.

20 It rests with you about 60 days late.
21 That's an admonishment. It really is because we
22 do everything in our power to educate the
23 community, put out the notices. What we do up
24 here impacts this community with dollars,
25 resources, all of these things that you

1 mentioned with the Mental Health Board, with the
2 Library Board, with the Parks and Recreation
3 Board. All of that is in the budget, and we've
4 adopted a budget now. And we could have used
5 your input at that particular time that's a --
6 what? -- three-month cycle, two-month cycle that
7 we've gone through and we've missed it.

8 So I encourage you is my point to pay
9 attention to the budget and what we do up here,
10 not just on hot button issues. Because
11 everything we do affects this community as a
12 whole. It really does. So with that I'd like
13 for you to consider that language change there.

14 The other issue that I struggle with
15 philosophically is this. So many of you in the
16 e-mails that you wrote to us and in the stories
17 you shared this evening talked about being able
18 to rescue or adopt an animal after 100 days, 90
19 days. That means the discretion of our staff
20 works. They don't put every animal down when
21 they can, and this is a policy position to give
22 them further guidelines in which to operate in.
23 That's all this is.

24 They will still have the discretion.
25 They're the professionals that we hire to

1 perform a task on our community's behalf. And
2 so when you talk about those extra days beyond
3 30 that were able -- people were able to adopt
4 animals, that still will be there. We didn't
5 lose anything. So I'm in support --

6 (Indiscernible comments from audience.)

7 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ROUSSEAU: I'm in
8 support of the ordinance change and giving staff
9 additional guidelines and assistance on how to
10 operate this facility. If we want to see it
11 grow, its capacity, its service delivery
12 strategy, then we need to start talking that an
13 our CIP and our other budgetary outlays in years
14 to come. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and
15 colleagues.

16 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Thank you,
17 Mr. Rousseau.

18 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: Mr. Chairman.
19 I'm just going to take exception with your
20 comments, Commissioner Rousseau, because to
21 saying no one cared, I just think it's way out
22 of bounds. Because I've been working with a
23 group of leaders in the advocacy --

24 (Applause.)

25 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: -- since late

1 January -- since late January.

2 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ROUSSEAU: Well, where
3 was the budget request?

4 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: No, no. We've
5 been trying to do some substantive changes.

6 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ROUSSEAU: Where was
7 the budget request?

8 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Okay now --

9 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: We're doing some
10 substantive changes, but when you vote today on
11 this thing, you are going to kill every one of
12 those effective changes that no one cared or
13 bothered to work on since January.

14 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ROUSSEAU: I didn't
15 get a budget request.

16 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: It doesn't
17 matter. You're going to --

18 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ROUSSEAU: It does.

19 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: -- negate the
20 ordinance.

21 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Okay. This is
22 the --

23 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ROUSSEAU: It matters.

24 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: -- the way we're
25 going to --

1 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: But let me --

2 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Hang on. Hang on.

3 Hang on, Steve. I'm going to give you

4 100 percent of the floor. You get to talk.

5 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: You don't get

7 interrupted.

8 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Charles, I'll give
10 you another opportunity to talk. He's --

11 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ROUSSEAU: Well,

12 look --

13 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Right now he's got
14 the floor.

15 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ROUSSEAU: Okay.

16 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Let him talk. I'm
17 not getting on either one of you. It's just,
18 we've got a lot of folks in here. I've only got
19 two ears so I'm getting one --

20 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: I appreciate it.

21 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ROUSSEAU: Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: You got the floor,
23 Steve.

24 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: We had a group
25 of panel advocacy leaders working to create a

1 better environment for the animal shelter and
2 trying to work on ways to prevent more animal
3 cruelty in the community and work on ways to
4 improve adoption rates. They've been working on
5 that since the end of January. I have
6 personally been working with them. I've brought
7 in staff. Staff has been working with them, and
8 we have been working diligently. So to say no
9 one cared, wow, that really bothers me.

10 Now, the other thing is, the advisory board
11 you are going to kill effectively with your vote
12 today is free. It doesn't cost a dime. You
13 don't have to put advisory. It doesn't cost
14 anybody any money, and it would do a heck of a
15 lot of good. But you're going to kill it today
16 when you vote in favor of this motion because it
17 was added in there that all of the work we have
18 done since the end of January goes down the
19 tubes because we're going to negate it even
20 being on an agenda, which I think is awesome
21 because, you know, you're telling everybody out
22 there that we don't even care enough about the
23 ordinances related to animal concerns, that we
24 will not even put it -- we will not even allow
25 it on an agenda so that they can come and speak

1 to those changes and so that it can have its day
2 in the public forum and that we can vote it up
3 or down in front of a live audience and then
4 take it from there. We're not even going to
5 have that opportunity. You're going to kill it
6 in a second clause in a motion today and not
7 even let it get on the next agenda for the next
8 Board meeting. And, you know, that's terrible.

9 But, now look, when we talk about
10 discretion about the policy, look, he's got
11 discretion. We're not following the policy.
12 Why have a policy if we're going to do the
13 discretion and not follow it?

14 (Applause.)

15 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: I mean, you
16 know, the speed limit is 25, drive however fast
17 you want. We don't care. You know, we're just
18 setting a speed limit. That's what we're doing.

19 UNNAMED AUDIENCE MEMBER: You can't argue
20 without that logic.

21 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: But the problem
22 is -- I mean, God, you know, I'm a first
23 amendment advocate. I'm a transparency in
24 government advocate. I believe in listening to
25 constituents, and sometimes I don't always agree

1 with the constituents. But when I think they
2 have a bona fide good idea, I will bring it to
3 the floor.

4 And that's what I did when Fayette Humane
5 and all these animal advocacy groups approached
6 me. I said, I will run this thing through, I
7 will spend the time on it, I will help you get
8 it through. And you're not even going to let us
9 get it to an agenda, because you're going to
10 vote in favor of this thing with a clause in it
11 to kill all the work that we've been doing. And
12 that just breaks my heart.

13 I mean, we have let people down. We've
14 thrown the process in the trash can. And we
15 should have the guts, if we don't want an animal
16 advisory board or animal shelter advisory board
17 or we don't like animal changes that affect
18 animal cruelty in the county, then we should
19 voted it up or down in front of this audience.
20 We shouldn't kill it in the back stream so
21 nobody can ever see it. That's just the wrong
22 way to do it, and that's all I have. Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Thank you,
25 Commissioner Brown. Mr. Rousseau?

1 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ROUSSEAU: Yes. Let
2 me defend your exception. Was there a request
3 made during the retreat budget at any time for
4 additional funding for animal shelter?

5 UNIDENTIFIED AUDIENCE MEMBER: The only --
6 we put 50,000 in for the additional renovations
7 and then the staff positions for the --

8 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ROUSSEAU: That's for
9 regular CIP and upkeep.

10 UNIDENTIFIED AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's
11 correct.

12 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ROUSSEAU: Correct.
13 Was there a request made to expand or do
14 anything other for the animal shelter during the
15 budget process?

16 UNIDENTIFIED AUDIENCE MEMBER: No, other
17 than to start adding --

18 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ROUSSEAU: No. All
19 right. Thank you. The answer's no. That's
20 clear.

21 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: Doesn't make any
22 sense.

23 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ROUSSEAU: Discretion
24 -- The discretion piece I need to make that very
25 clear to my colleague. The discretion piece

1 that I used is when it's not at capacity he will
2 use his discretion as a professional. Use his
3 discretion to work with all the advocacy groups
4 that are out there to ensure that the well-being
5 of these animals are taken care of. That's my
6 lens. That's my prism that I see it through.

7 This is the danger when you talk about the
8 other piece that is yet to come. This is the
9 danger of piecemealing policy. We got approval
10 of the CIP dollars tonight, we have this
11 ordinance tonight, and we have yet something
12 else to come. That's not looking at matters in
13 a comprehensive fashion. It's piecemealing and
14 it's dangerous which is what we see tonight.

15 So I would say, in the future if we've got
16 issues of this nature during the pre-agenda
17 item, we note something is languishing in the
18 background, we should put them together as a
19 package for us to look at these kinds of issues
20 in a comprehensive fashion instead of this
21 piece, that piece, and then another piece. And
22 then also -- That's all have, Mr. Chair. Thank
23 you.

24 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Anything else,
25 Mr. Brown?

1 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: Mr. Chairman, I
2 will say the ordinance changes that we have been
3 working on is a comprehensive review of every
4 line of code that Fayette County has. The
5 reason this is on the agenda tonight is because
6 Commissioner Steve Brown complained in an e-mail
7 to everyone of you and to staff that we're
8 changing policy on the fly in the animal shelter
9 and we're not supposed to be doing that. And
10 that's why this got on the agenda today. I
11 didn't ask for it to be on the agenda
12 specifically today, but I complained because
13 there were some things being done that shouldn't
14 have been being done.

15 And that's the way it was because we were
16 getting very discretionary with how we were
17 doing things and I wanted things done by the
18 book, and we needed to have that in place. But
19 to say that what we were doing is not a
20 comprehensive review, I would invite you to go
21 ask the staff for a copy of that because you
22 will see it is the entire series of code related
23 to animal control. It is the most comprehensive
24 review of the animal control ordinance in the
25 history of the animal control ordinance prior to

1 writing it originally. So what you're saying is
2 wrong.

3 (Applause.)

4 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ROUSSEAU: I think
5 we're getting in a back-and-forth, and I'll just
6 end with this. If it was comprehensive and not
7 piecemeal, we wouldn't be looking at this
8 tonight. It would be in that package for the
9 things that are yet to come.

10 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: That's a policy.
11 Policies are not in the ordinance.

12 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ROUSSEAU: You say
13 comprehensive, my friend.

14 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Okay, guys.

15 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: Every ordinance.

16 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Okay, look, we've
17 been playing tennis and I'll let you keep
18 playing tennis, but you're not going to talk
19 over each other. Charles, you said that was
20 going to be the end of what you were going to
21 say. Is there anything else you want to say?

22 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ROUSSEAU: No, I
23 didn't relinquish the floor, Mr. Chairman, no, I
24 did not.

25 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Okay. It's still

1 your mike.

2 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ROUSSEAU: No, I do
3 now. I relinquish. Thank you, Mr. Chair and my
4 colleagues, for entertaining my comments.

5 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Okay. Mr. Brown?

6 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: I'm done. Let's
7 go.

8 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Well --

9 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: I got nothing
10 else to say. I know where this is going.

11 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Okay. Well, thank
12 you. Go ahead, Randy.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN RANDY OGNIO: I would like to
14 change my --

15 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: You're going to
16 amend your --

17 VICE CHAIRMAN RANDY OGNIO: -- amend my
18 motion to accept the wording that Commissioner
19 Rousseau recommended and the policy is -- and I
20 don't have it exactly -- well-managed --

21 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ROUSSEAU: It was --
22 yeah. Animal shelter is committed to a
23 well-managed facility that considers the
24 preservation of life.

25 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ODDO: I'll amend my

1 second.

2 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Okay. I've got an
3 amended motion and amended second. And I have
4 not said anything. I'm going to just say a
5 couple of words. I view this as not the end of
6 the road. I view this as the beginning of the
7 road.

8 There have been a number of suggestions
9 that have been made tonight by both the folks in
10 the audience as well as Mr. Brown. They include
11 the increase of the CIP. That's -- And I talked
12 about this in item 7. That's not a snap of the
13 fingers. We can -- That's not the way this
14 Board works or any government body works. I
15 would encourage y'all to talk to each one of the
16 individual commissioners. You're probably going
17 to be disappointed in a minute. I understand
18 that. But I look at this as the beginning of
19 the road and not the end of the road.

20 This is one small aspect, that I view, of
21 the Humane Society and the Fayette County Animal
22 Control working together and all the other
23 groups. I don't mean to slight anybody or leave
24 anybody out, but everybody working together. I
25 put here in my notes I hope the agencies will

1 get together and work together and make contact
2 with Jerry's office and work with Jerry's office
3 and help us address this problem.

4 It's not the commissioners, it's not Jerry,
5 it's not Steve Rapson that created the
6 overpopulation of some of these animals. That
7 does not -- There's not a person in this room I
8 think that would admit that they were part of
9 the problem. And we are addressing part of the
10 problem, but we're not the cause of the problem.
11 Somebody else has got these dogs -- and I'm not
12 trying to anger anybody or say anything like
13 that.

14 The inmate, if we can do something like
15 that, let's investigate it, if it's a viable
16 option. Now, we don't have a close jail with
17 out animal shelter where it's at right now.
18 Somebody would have to transport. There are
19 issues with each one of those whenever you move
20 an inmate from one place to the next or you take
21 a dog from one place to the next that's going to
22 come up. You can't make that decision tonight.
23 We'd like to hear from the Sheriff's Department
24 if we were talking about, you know, that in
25 particular.

1 The grants, we heard about grants tonight.
2 Jerry, I encourage you. Steve, I encourage you.
3 We've got a grant writer that's on staff that
4 helps us with these things, and that -- I think
5 he'll be given that. That's not me asking it.
6 They're already going to do it. So all those
7 things I think ought to be taken -- and I do
8 think this is a first step and not a last step,
9 although I know how it may be perceived as the
10 last step.

11 Now, I've had a little bit of a chance to
12 say something. If somebody else up here wants
13 to say something, you're certainly welcome to do
14 it. But it's now close to -- a little past
15 10:00 o'clock, and there's other things to do.
16 But we wanted this thing fully vetted. We
17 wanted, you know, everybody to have a full
18 opportunity to talk about it. And I'm sorry
19 that we got a little bit emotional up here, but
20 this is -- I told y'all. I've dealt with this
21 three times up here at this lectern. I dealt
22 with it as a judge. It is one of the most
23 difficult things I think that this commission
24 does is deal with animal control because it is a
25 very emotional issue. And I appreciate y'all,

1 really, of how you've conducted yourself because
2 the last two times, which was not this
3 commission, it was the prior commission, it was
4 horrible. It was absolutely horrible, and y'all
5 have been much more gracious, much more gracious
6 than what I've had to deal with in the past of
7 just absolutely, you know, not listening, can't
8 hear, and stuff like that. And I appreciate the
9 decorum that you came in this room with.

10 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ODDO: I do have just
11 a couple of comments. I won't keep you long,
12 but I've been sitting pretty much patiently
13 listening as well. There's no question that
14 this is extremely passionate. I'm not denying
15 it and I don't disagree with a lot of what was
16 said. The problem is for the five of us to
17 figure out how we approach it, what we do, how
18 we proceed.

19 To me this is a good first -- at least the
20 first step. It's much better than the policy we
21 have now. Discretion to me is vital. We cannot
22 govern by the letter of the law. That's proven
23 every day. So when you have good people that
24 can use discretion, that's what you're looking
25 for. You're looking for a good policy, a good

1 law, and people who know how to manage it. We
2 have that.

3 The policy is a vast improvement over what
4 we had. Going forward this, I think, is the
5 direction to go. I don't want anybody to think
6 that any of us up here are heartless. I know
7 myself for one --

8 (Indiscernible comments from audience.)

9 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ODDO: -- myself for
10 one have had several animals. Some I've had to
11 put down. Some we've --

12 (Indiscernible comments from audience.)

13 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ODDO: Some we've
14 rescued. Yes, I have. Some we've rescued. All
15 of ours have been spayed and neutered. We
16 have -- The newest addition to the family is
17 going to be spayed -- is going to be spayed. We
18 are trying to be responsible. As the chairman
19 said, the real culprit is not us, it's not you,
20 it's a people who don't -- aren't responsible
21 owners to begin with.

22 There's a lot of groups out here that I've
23 seen that are working -- some didn't even know
24 that the other groups existed. It will be
25 wonderful if they get together. Nothing is

1 stopping any of these groups from getting
2 together, looking at the situation, and bringing
3 suggestions to the County. We're not
4 (indiscernible).

5 (Indiscernible comments from audience.)

6 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ODDO: I appreciate
7 everybody's comments this evening, and I'm
8 making the best decision I think I can make
9 going forward. I'm trying to explain why I'm
10 going to vote the way I'm voting. So thank you.
11 I do appreciate everybody's comments.
12 Mr. Chairman, that's all I have to say.

13 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Thank you. Go
14 ahead, Steve.

15 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: I'm astounded.
16 I'm astounded that I've got a colleague that
17 says now we need to get everybody together and
18 talk about this when we been working on this
19 damn thing since January with all these groups.
20 I mean, I've just -- I cannot believe you would
21 say that.

22 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ODDO: Excuse me --

23 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: Now we need to
24 get everybody together and you kill it and you
25 seconded it. That just kills me, Chuck.

1 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ODDO: One comment.

2 Can I get --

3 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: God, now we need
4 to get everybody together. Scrap, the hell with
5 all of y'all from January, you don't count.

6 Let's start all over again, and we'll find some
7 people who agree with what we want to do and
8 then we'll do it.

9 UNNAMED AUDIENCE MEMBER: All of us here
10 tonight, Mr. Brown. Every one of us tonight
11 trying to convince this Board how we feel, but
12 we're not important. We don't care. We don't
13 come to the budget meetings. We don't do all
14 the stuff. We are taxpaying citizens of Fayette
15 County and we're missing (indiscernible) and
16 walking dogs and taking care of cats. And this
17 is not a good first step. It needs to be better
18 than this. This is absolutely awful, and it
19 puts a very bad stain and look on Fayette
20 County.

21 UNNAMED AUDIENCE MEMBER: It's inexcusable
22 how our commissioners (indiscernible).

23 (Applause.)

24 (Indiscernible comments from audience.)

25 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: All right. I've

1 done my best because you can't -- you can't hear
2 when there's multiple people talking. I gave
3 you the opportunity -- No, ma'am, I'm not going
4 to argue with you. I'm not going to argue with
5 you. I gave everybody an opportunity to speak.

6 UNNAMED AUDIENCE MEMBER: It's shameful.

7 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: I understand you
8 disagree. And so --

9 UNNAMED AUDIENCE MEMBER: I know I'm not
10 supposed to be here.

11 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: No, we're done.
12 We're done. And so I'm going to call for a
13 vote. I'm sorry that you're upset.

14 UNNAMED AUDIENCE MEMBER: No, you're not.
15 You will be (indiscernible).

16 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: I will -- I've
17 already been through that once before. And so
18 I'm going to call for the vote. There's a
19 motion on the floor that amended -- that was
20 amended that had certain language. All those in
21 favor of that motion please indicate by saying
22 aye.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN RANDY OGNIIO: Aye.

24 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: Aye.

25 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ODDO: Aye.

1 COMMISSIONER CHARLES ROUSSEAU: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: All those opposed?

3 COMMISSIONER STEVE BROWN: Nay.

4 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: And the way we do
5 that here is put Commissioner Brown is the
6 negative vote. Is there any further business on
7 this topic?

8 UNNAMED AUDIENCE MEMBER: Shame on you.

9 UNNAMED AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you,
10 Commissioner Brown.

11 UNNAMED AUDIENCE MEMBER: We're not going
12 away, and you will be hearing from all of us.

13 CHAIRMAN ERIC MAXWELL: I think what we'll
14 do is we're going to take a five-minute break.
15 It's 10:15. So we'll take a five-minute break
16 and then we'll be back in five minutes.

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MINUTES

August 24, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Welcome to the meeting of your Fayette County Board of Commissioners. Your participation in County government is appreciated. All regularly scheduled Board meetings are open to the public and are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Chairman Eric Maxwell called the August 24, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present. Commissioner Charles Rousseau attended training and was not present for the meeting.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Steve Brown

Commissioner Steve Brown offered the Invocation.

Vice Chairman Randy Ognio introduced Boy Scout Troop #212 under the leadership of John Kimble, Committee Chair. Mr. Kimble explained that the troop was working on merit badges for citizenship in the community. The boy scout troop led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

Chairman Maxwell requested to have item #3 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Vice Chairman Ognio moved to accept the Consent Agenda with the exception of item #3 for discussion. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Rousseau was absent.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:**1. Recognition of Sam Rumpel as the Equestrian National Champion.**

Vice Chairman Ognio, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, introduced Sam Rumpel and presented a certificate of recognition for her achievements at the Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) Western national Finals in Oklahoma City. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 1", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

PUBLIC HEARING:**2. Consideration of Petition No.1268-17, Elizabeth R. Arnold, Owner, and Broderick Arnold, Agent, request to rezone 1.00 acre from A-R to R-40 located in Land Lot 70 of the 5th District and fronting on Price Road.**

Planning and Zoning Department's Zoning Administrator Chanelle Blaine read the *Introduction to Public Hearings for the Rezoning of Property*. A copy of the Introduction to Public Hearings for the Rezoning of Property, identified as "Attachment 2", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

Chairman Maxwell stated that the applicant had the right to have all five commissioners present. Commissioner Rousseau was absent. County Attorney Dennis Davenport explained that the rules and procedures of the Board of Commissioners require that any action taken by the Board require three affirmative votes. He continued that when there was less than a full Board, three affirmative votes are still required. He stated that in respect to applicants appearing before the Board with less than a full Board, the applicant had a one-time option to table the item until the next meeting in the presence of a full Board to hear the petition. Mr. Davenport stated that if the petitioner wished to waive the option of having a full Board present and continue with the hearing, that it would need to be done on the record.

Petitioner Broderick Arnold, son of Elizabeth Arnold, stated that he would like to proceed with less than the full Board present.

Ms. Blaine briefed the Board that the lot was a legal non-conforming A-R one acre lot and by rezoning the lot to R-40 it would reduce the non-conformity. The request was in compliance with the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan. Staff and the Planning Commission recommended approval.

Mr. Davenport made a point of clarification. He stated that the map showed apparent frontage on Tributary Way, but that there was no frontage on Tributary Way.

No one spoke in favor of the petition.

No one spoke in opposition of the petition.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that this was not an illegal lot, but a non-conforming lot. Mr. Davenport stated that was correct and that an illegal lot never conforms to the zoning regulations. He stated that a non-conforming lot, at one time did conform, but due to a change of the zoning regulation or the implementation of the regulations, it no longer conforms at no fault of the property owner.

Chairman Maxwell asked what made it non-conforming. Mr. Davenport stated that the size of the lot and the frontage made it non-conforming. Chairman Maxwell asked where would the access to the property be located. Mr. Davenport stated that it would be along Price Road.

Chairman Maxwell asked Mr. Arnold if he understood that there was no access from Tributary Way. Mr. Arnold stated that he understood.

Commissioner Charles Oddo moved to approve Petition No.1268-17, Elizabeth R. Arnold, Owner, and Broderick Arnold, Agent, request to rezone 1.00 acre from A-R to R-40 located in Land Lot 70 of the 5th District and fronting on Price Road. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Brown stated that the property was surrounded by R-40 and the zoning classification was a "no brainer". He stated that he would like to see the lots remain at a lower density than the R-40 because there was a lot of traffic being placed on the State Route 85 corridor. He stated that for the record, he would like to see the A-R lots maintained in some form of lower density.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated for the record, that this property was non-conforming as A-R and would remain non-conforming for R-40, but that rezoning it to R-40 would be closer to conforming.

Commissioner Charles Oddo moved to approve Petition No.1268-17, Elizabeth R. Arnold, Owner, and Broderick Arnold, Agent, request to rezone 1.00 acre from A-R to R-40 located in Land Lot 70 of the 5th District and fronting on Price Road. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Rousseau was absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 3", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Consent Agenda as written. Item #3 was removed at the start of the meeting. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Rousseau was absent.

3. Approval of staff's request to accept the donation of a Physio Control Lucas CPR compression device from the Fayette Fire Foundation.

Fire Chief David Scarbrough introduced the Fayette Fire Foundation. He stated that the foundation was presenting the county with a Lucas device.

Fayette Fire Foundation Chair Vicki Turner introduced the Coweta-Fayette EMC who gave the foundation the grant for the Lucas device. He stated that this device would be the first device to be placed on an ambulance. She thanked Grant Writer, Pete Nelms and the Heritage Foundation who assisted with the grants to purchase a second Lucas device through Fayette Fire Foundation.

A brief demonstration was given by Assistant Fire Chief Tom Bartlett of the Physio Control Lucas CPR compression device.

A representative from Coweta-Fayette EMC stated that the grant was made possible through EMC's "Roundup Program". He stated that customers can opt to raise their bill to the next dollar. He stated that for only pennies a month, the company could do things like this in the community. He thanked all the customers who round up and he encouraged others to do the same.

Commissioner Oddo moved to accept the donation of a Physio Control Lucas CPR compression device from the Fayette Fire Foundation. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Rousseau was absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 4", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

4. Approval of staff's recommendation to sell 17 Glock weapons on GovDeals to increase the Marshal's Office budget by \$2,592.00 and to purchase six new Glock G17 weapons. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 5", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

5. Approval of a grant in the amount of \$300,000 from the State Road and Tollway Authority's, Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB), for a portion of construction costs associated with Fayette County SPLOST Project R-5F, the intersection of State Route 92 and Westbridge Road/Veteran's Parkway. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 6", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

6. Approval of the August 10, 2017 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

7. Approval of the July 13, 2017 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes. This item was tabled at the August 10, 2017 meeting.

Commissioner Steve Brown moved to table the approval of the July 13, 2017 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes to the September 14, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting to allow the court reporter more time to complete the verbatim portion. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Rousseau was absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 7", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

8. Consideration of staff's recommendation to amend the 2017-SPLOST fund (32240320) reallocating \$67,000 from Old Senoia Rd (6509H) to Rising Star Rd (6509C) and approval of staff's recommendation to award Bid #1207-B: Rising Star Culvert Replacement SPLOST Cat I, for FY18 to the low bidder, Piedmont Paving, Incorporated in the amount of \$384,805.

Public Works Director Phil Mallon stated that this was one of the roads that was damaged during the December 2015 Christmas flood. He stated that it was also eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement. The design and right-of-way was complete and the County had received bids for construction. The project cost was higher than what was originally budgeted. Staff requested approval of the award to Piedmont Paving and to have the \$67,000 reallocated from the Old Senoia Road to the Rising Star Road project.

Commissioner Brown asked if staff would apply for FEMA after the project was executed. Mr. Mallon stated that staff applied prior to the project. He stated that because it was a large project a certain amount was reimbursed upfront and the majority would come after the project was complete.

Chairman Maxwell stated that he did not understand the reference to Goza and Antioch Road on the vendor evaluation form. Mr. Mallon stated that this company completed work on Antioch and Goza in 2010. He stated that the performance evaluation was based on that work at the time.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve staff's recommendation to amend the 2017-SPLOST fund (32240320) reallocating \$67,000 from Old Senoia Rd (6509H) to Rising Star Rd (6509C) and approval of staff's recommendation to award Bid #1207-B: Rising Star Culvert Replacement SPLOST Cat I, for FY18 to the low bidder, Piedmont Paving, Incorporated in the amount of \$384,805. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Rousseau was absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 8", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

9. Consideration of Resolution 2017-14 adopting the 2017 Property Tax Millage Rates.

Chief Finance Officer Mary Parrott stated that the request was for the adoption of Resolution 2017-14 to set the 2017 property tax millage rate to be billed from the Tax Commissioner office. She gave a brief presentation on the changes in the digest over the years. She stated that the total reduction in the digest was approximately \$232,000,000. She stated that the overall change in the digest was 11.7% with an additional \$587,613,571. She stated that for 2017 the digest was at a high of \$5,621,000,000. She stated that the rollback equated to a decrease in the millage rate of .408 which was a

new millage rate of 4.509 compared to last year's 4.917. The request was for the existing rate for fire services to remain the same at 3.07, emergency medical was 0.456 and 0.210 for 911 services. She presented a chart that showed the components of a citizen's tax bill and how the taxes are distributed for unincorporated Fayette County, Peachtree City, Fayetteville, and Brooks. She stated that the rollback for unincorporated Fayette County represented a savings of \$2.3 million to citizens. She stated that the cumulative over four years totaled \$13.9 million to the citizens.

Vice Chairman Ognio moved to approve Resolution 2017-14 adopting the 2017 Property Tax Millage Rates. Commissioner Brown seconded. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Brown stated that the state legislator created the Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT) and said "that it would be the best thing since sliced bread", however the county had a negative \$43 million. He asked if the negative amount was taking into account the money received from the TAVT and deducting the money from the old plan.

Mrs. Parrott stated that with the TAVT the money that was collected had to be taken to true up the motor vehicle tax from the base year. Therefore, there was no loss from that year, but there was also no growth.

Commissioner Brown asked if there was a positive increase for fire services and 911 because the millage rate had not been rollback for the special funds. Mrs. Parrott stated that was correct because the digest had an increase.

Mr. Rapson stated that because the county rolled back the taxes, the county would only see a growth of just under 2%. He stated that the county rolled back the tax increase of \$2.3 million that citizens would have received on their tax bills.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that it was important to mention the last sentence of the slide: "However, this increase will be offset by a rollback of the County's Maintenance and Operations Millage Rate."

Commissioner Oddo stated that this was the result of staff working hard to keep taxes down. He stated that there was a great group working for the county.

Vice Chairman Ognio moved to approve Resolution 2017-14 adopting the 2017 Property Tax Millage Rates. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Rousseau was absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 9", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

10. Consideration of the Public Arts Committee's request for Concept Approval for the Five Senses PopUp Event and authorization to have the County Attorney review related documents; and consideration of the revisions to the Concept Approval to develop and host PopUp events.

Public Art Chair Donna Thompson stated that this request was slightly different from the previous concept approval for PopUp Events. She stated that there was a committee member who had the idea of a Five Senses PopUp event where each of five events would be focused on one of the five senses with an artist to focus on that sense and have the art centered around it. She stated that Committee Member Kate LaFoy presented the idea. She stated that both the Five Senses PopUp and the general PopUp event application would need the county attorney's review. She stated that the committee could either use the generic liability agreement or the application for the events. She stated that it would be best to hold off on the review of the funding for the Five Senses project however, because Kate LaFoy turned in her resignation due to accepting a new job. She stated that the committee needed to revisit the Five Senses PopUp to ensure that someone from the committee can volunteer to take the lead.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve to have staff and the county attorney review documents from the Public Arts Committee in relation to the PopUp Events; artist applications. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. Comments followed.

Laura Line of Fayetteville. Ms. Line asked if the attorney review was part of his salary or would he be paid extra to review that document. Vice Chairman Ognio stated that for clarification, the county attorney was not a salary employee. Commissioner Brown stated that it would come from the budget line item for legal services.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve to have staff and the county attorney review documents from the Public Arts Committee in relation to the PopUp Events; artist applications. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Rousseau was absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 10", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

11. Consideration of staff's recommendation for the Board of Commissioners to approve the bid from Blount Construction Company, Inc. for Bid # 1362-B HA-5, High Density Mineral Bond in the amount of \$132,533.89.

Road Department Director Steve Hoffman gave the Board a brief background of the projects. He stated that there were two approved projects, one for the Sheriff's office and one for Kwanis Park. He stated that this was a pavement preservation product that was used throughout the county with great success.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the bid from Blount Construction Company, Inc. for Bid # 1362-B HA-5, High Density Mineral Bond in the amount of \$132,533.89. Commissioner Oddo seconded. Discussion followed.

Chairman Maxwell asked if there were three bidders. Mr. Hoffman stated that this was a single bid. He stated that staff was limited to Blount Construction.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the bid from Blount Construction Company, Inc. for Bid # 1362-B HA-5, High Density Mineral Bond in the amount of \$132,533.89. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Rousseau was absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 11", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

12. Consideration of staff recommendation to implement a multi-way stop at Antioch Road and Goza Road intersection.

Commissioner Brown stated that there was a lot of citizen interest in the Antioch Road and Goza Road intersection. He stated that the county had a project previously related to the area and there was some debate as to whether that project exacerbated the accident scenario at the intersection. He stated that there was a fatality a while ago and at that time he was reached by people stating their experiences at that intersection. He stated that the Transportation Committee had stated at one time that this project was not a priority based on data collected. He stated that he had a problem with that because of the citizen outcry. He stated that he asked to have the item added to the agenda because of the number of complaints and concerns he received regarding this intersection. He stated that there are a lot of projects that were passed in the SPLOST referendum. He stated that there are some assumptions on whether this project will take place. He stated that movement only happens when the Board says that it will happen. He stated that he would like for this project to be a priority and not delayed.

Mr. Mallon gave a presentation regarding this intersection. He stated that the crash data that staff received in May did not match the feedback from the citizens so staff went back and it was discovered that the data received was not accurate. He stated this project has a request for proposal that was about 90% complete and with Board direction he would like to follow Commissioner Brown's suggestion and put a total of five projects in the bundle when awarded. He continued the presentation. He stated that the information showed that stop signs were warranted. He stated that it was his recommendation to convert the intersection to a four-way stop. He stated that he was recommending to do it as an interim measure and to have the cost associated be considered a SPLOST project or have it be paid out of the Road Department's Maintenance and Operations budget. He stated that he would like to proceed with the RFP for this intersection and others by bringing a consultant on board to do a more thorough traffic study and to use them to model the intersection as a four-way stop and roundabout to determine which was a better long-term solution. He stated that once that was done the design would come before the Board for approval.

Commissioner Brown commented that the data showed how many people crashed and not how many people almost crashed. He stated that must be considered. He stated that he would like to have the time of day for the crashes. Mr. Mallon stated that staff looked at the position of the sun and did not see a correlation. Commissioner Brown suggested having a hidden camera in the area to observe the intersection.

Mr. Mallon stated that Antioch Road was patched a while back and he was recommending that the resurfacing for the intersection portion be delayed until staff has a permanent solution for the intersection.

The following made public comments regarding this intersection:

Philip Doolittle spoke of the fatalities and crashes that have occurred at the intersection. He stated that he personally felt the intersection had been dangerous since the realignment. He stated that the problem had escalated due to a larger volume of thru traffic. He asked the Board to approve for something to be done at this intersection.

Unknown speaker shared some photos of accidents at the intersection. She shared some of her experiences and experiences of those who have had accidents at this intersection. She stated that she agreed that there are more accidents since the realignment. She stated that she did not believe a four-way stop would solve the problem. She stated that a roundabout may solve the problem.

Merci Forsyth stated that she agreed with the previous speakers. She gave accounts of a friend that had a tragic accident at the intersection. She stated that a traffic circle would be a great resolution to this intersection. She stated that she would like to see something done immediately.

Bill Ballard stated that this intersection had been a problem for a long time. He spoke about numerous accidents at the intersection. He urged the Board to do something soon. He stated that he did not believe a four-way stop would solve anything. He stated that he could not believe the county was waiting this long to do something. He urged the Board to do something soon.

Adam Helmbolt stated that his family had several personal experiences over the past 30 years of living in the area. He stated that a school had been added at both ends and a lot of the traffic was school traffic. He stated that a four-way stop would make it worse. He stated that the realignment may have prevented some injuries. He continued to give

experiences regarding accidents at this intersection. He suggested putting larger reduced speed signs as drivers approach the intersection.

Nancy Holland provided the Board with information from social media. She read through the comments and concerns provided on social media by various people. She stated that she personally felt a roundabout would be better at this intersection. She gave a testament of Natalie Davis, who was killed in an accident while traveling on Goza Road. She stated that she did not see the four-way stop as an answer to the problem.

Doug (inaudible last name) stated that the trees and bushes at the corner were placed there for protection so people would stop to look beyond the bushes before entering traffic.

Cherri Burton stated that she was the grandmother that had the near miss eight weeks ago, with her grandsons in the car. She asked if there was funding in the SPLOST for a roundabout at this intersection. Mr. Rapson stated that there was \$19 million allocated toward transportation projects. Antioch and Goza Road was allocated \$1,000,070 toward the project. He continued that \$80,250 to the design of future improvements.

Chairman Maxwell stated that the funding for the SPLOST started July 1 and the actual receipt of the funds would be the end of the month. He stated that he was hopeful that the Board would come to a consensus on some temporary solutions for this problem.

Commissioner Brown moved to ask staff to proceed with the engineering study immediately through the RFP process, to have staff look at the immediate implementation of cautionary signage, if deemed appropriate by the engineering department, to request that the Sheriff run speed surveillance to enforce the speed limit or at least provide a presence if the road geometry does not allow for speed surveillance and that the Board of Commissioners designate the Antioch and Goza Road intersection as a top priority project for implementation and if necessary, to look at funding the project out of reserve funds and reimburse the funds with SPLOST funds as they become available.

Chairman Maxwell asked if this was a proper motion. Mr. Davenport stated that it was possible, but when that much was tied into one motion, the interpretation of the motion after the fact, gets unwieldy. He stated that if it was possible to put them in separate motions. That would be the preferably way to proceed with clear direction.

Commissioner Brown withdrew the previous motion.

Commissioner Brown moved to have staff to proceed with the engineering study and begin the RFP process as soon as possible. Chairman Maxwell seconded. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Brown stated that if his counting was correct there were 24 accidents that were near misses and that could have been just as severe as the 11 accidents that have occurred in the last eight months.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that the Transportation Committee agreed with that. He stated that the committee discussed that a four-way stop would make it worse. He stated that the study needed to move forward.

Chairman Maxwell asked how long it would take to move forward with the study. Mr. Mallon stated that one way to accelerate the project was if the Board was comfortable with him calling a good consultant and negotiate a fee as a sole

source so that the work could begin as early as next week. He stated that to finish the RFP, put it out for three to four weeks minimum, take two weeks to review the proposals, have interviews and negotiate a price, then bring the proposal before the Board, execute a contract and then issue the notice to proceed would take approximately three to four months before the notice to proceed would be issued.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that the problem was that the county did not have an engineer of record for this type project. Mr. Rapson stated that staff was currently working on an engineer of records for transportation.

Commissioner Brown stated that he had no problem fast-tracking this project and that he would amend the motion.

Commissioner Brown amended the motion to have staff to proceed with the engineering study and to fast-track the project by having staff contact a consultant to negotiate a price for the project. Chairman Maxwell amended seconded. Further discussion followed.

Chairman Maxwell asked if all the options mentioned would be considered. Mr. Mallon stated yes. He stated that he would suggest to the consultant to view this meeting to hear the testimonies.

Commissioner Oddo asked if staff would move ahead with the four-way stop. Mr. Mallon stated that he was looking for feedback from the Board.

Commissioner Brown stated that we should move toward a long-term solution.

Commissioner Oddo asked about the timeline for putting something in place. Mr. Rapson stated that they could expedite getting the design and engineering done, but that the project would still have a construction period. He stated that it was not unusual for the construction period to be about nine months. He suggested having the consultant give both a long-term and a short-term solution.

Chairman Maxwell stated that if there was information that needed to be addressed immediately, the Board could hold a Special Called meeting.

Commissioner Brown suggested letting the contractor know that this was a priority project that the county wanted to have happen sooner than later. Mr. Mallon stated that that there would be a schedule included and consequences if they fail. Mr. Rapson stated that he would let the Board know when the contract was executed so that the project could be expedited.

Commissioner Brown amended the motion to have staff to proceed with the engineering study and to fast-track the project by having staff contact a consultant to negotiate a price for the project. Chairman Maxwell amended seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Rousseau was absent.

Commissioner Brown moved to authorize staff to look at some immediate implementation of cautionary signage in the area, if they deem it necessary. Chairman Maxwell seconded. Discussion followed.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that signs were placed at the location recently. Mr. Mallon stated that there were signs put out, but that they were smaller signs and that he will have larger signs replace those.

Commissioner Brown moved to authorize staff to look at some immediate implementation of cautionary signage in the area, if they deem it necessary. Chairman Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Rousseau was absent.

Commissioner Brown moved to make a formal written request to the Sheriff to run speed surveillance in the area to enforce the speed limit and if surveillance is not applicable because of the geometry of the street and/or not allowed by GDOT standards, that he would consider police presence in the area to possibly keep people alert. Chairman Maxwell seconded. Discussion followed.

Chairman Maxwell stated that he and Mr. Rapson would be out of town. He asked staff to get the letter written so that he could sign it.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that this concern was discussed in the Transportation Committee and the Sheriff's office and citizens have said that the Sheriff had been patrolling that area and that did not help.

Commissioner Brown stated that he thinks they will have to write tickets to get people's attention, unfortunately.

Commissioner Brown amended the motion to make a formal written request to the Sheriff to run speed surveillance in the area to enforce the speed limit and if surveillance is not applicable because of the geometry of the street and/or not allowed by GDOT standards, that he would consider police presence in the area to possibly keep people alert and to put a speed detector out at the location. Chairman Maxwell amended the second. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Rousseau was absent.

Commissioner Brown moved that the Board designate the Antioch and Goza Road intersection as a top priority project for implementation and if necessary, if the engineering is ready in time, to look at using funds designated by Finance, and reimburse funds with SPLOST funds when available. Chairman Maxwell seconded. Discussion followed.

Mr. Rapson asked that the Board put in a reimbursement resolution in place. The Board agreed.

Commissioner Brown moved that the Board designate the Antioch and Goza Road intersection as a top priority project for implementation and if necessary, if the engineering is ready in time, to look at using funds designated by Finance, and reimburse funds with SPLOST funds when available. Chairman Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Rousseau was absent. A copy of this request, identified as "Attachment 12", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

13. Discussion regarding the Transportation Committee.

Commissioner Brown stated that since the fatal accident at Antioch and Goza he had been pushing to have something done at that intersection which he had been communicating through email to the Board. He stated that one of the things that was getting confused with the Transportation Committee. He stated that he was in favor of the Transportation Committee and he supported the committee. He stated that it was a good idea for the committee to do what it says to do and that he had no problems with having the committee, but that he wanted the committee to adhere to the bylaws. He stated that in the bylaws there are several action items that the committee was responsible for including; identify traffic and explore problems in the county, provide recommendations to the Board on possible short and long term priorities,

provide input on alignments and alternatives, assist in identifying funding sources with all funding being approved by the appropriate governmental entity, provide recommendations to the Board on short and long term traffic goals, identify and support safety initiatives and put together information in a form that would help communicate Fayette County's views and concerns to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Atlanta Regional Commission. He stated that the committee was established in April 2016 and there needed to be a priority list from that committee to be presented to the Board and to start having public discussions. He stated that the committee did not have a project list or priorities, the Board did. He stated that the suggestions come from the committee and the Board had the authority for action. He stated that was all he wanted to see as required by the bylaws. He stated that there needed to be more public communication. He stated that the committee must move through the Board channels.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that the committee had not done anything outside of the bylaws. He stated that when the committee did bring projects and priorities it was approved in the budget. He stated that the Transportation Committee meetings are open to the public and that the public was welcome and encouraged to attend. He stated that the committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. He stated that some exceptions have been made to the time to accommodate GDOT because the committee tried to meet quarterly with them. At those times, it was 2:00 p.m. He stated that when the accident report was provided in May, the five accidents did not show up. He stated that the committee was trying to determine how to evaluate accident reports and how to prioritize them. He stated that Mr. Doolittle had a good idea on how to monitor the accidents. He stated that the committee will continue to look at ways to prioritize and get recommendations to the Board as quickly as possible.

Commissioner Brown stated that the Transportation Committee had bylaws for a year and four months and that it was time to get a draft of priorities to the Board. He stated that SPLOST dollars are starting to fall and the priorities need to be set so that everyone knows and so that the citizens can have discussions. He stated that the priorities may have to be changed due to citizen's comments.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that there was a PowerPoint presentation of the priority list presented at the Board retreat that showed the priorities and what would be funded this year and the following year. He stated that there were no questions brought up at that time, so the Transportation Committee assumed that everything was good.

Commissioner Brown stated that the committee did not set priorities, the Board did and that the committee did not direct staff to expedite a project or implement a project...the Board did and that was his point.

Vice Chairman Ognio responded that it was part of the budget process and the priorities were listed and approved as part of the process.

Commissioner Oddo stated that since the inception of the Transportation Committee it had drawn together the county and the municipalities to talk about projects. He stated that it was an excellent vehicle for discussing county led projects and concerns. He stated that the committee was doing what it was supposed to be doing and as time goes by it will do more. He continued that GDOT attended meetings and the public did attend meetings. He stated that the committee was functioning well.

Philip Doolittle stated that the information presented by Mr. Mallon showed that there had not been less than five in four years. He asked what happened to the reporting.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that he was not sure what happened. He stated that the report was submitted from the Sheriff's office.

Denise Ognio thanked everyone for attending. She stated that it was a hard job to know so many needs in the community, especially when dealing with death. She stated that when looking at the roads, the commissioners put in a lot of time and effort. She stated that it was imperative that the community step up and call the commissioners when there are problems because it does help the commissioners and it was greatly appreciated.

Adam Helmbolt stated that a call to the public was one thing, but a knock at the door would get more feedback. He stated that he would recommend interviewing a representative sample of residents who live closest to the top priority locations.

Commissioner Brown cautioned the Board that an intersection could be over engineered and cause more problems. He stated that the McDonough Road project was going to cause problems and so would Highway 54 widening.

A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 13", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Yvonne Smith stated that she had been before the Board several times to address some issues. She stated that at the beginning of the year she discovered that there were no fire hydrants in her community and her house burned in 2007. She stated that she had not heard anything else from the Board regarding her concern of no hydrants. She stated that she had meet with the Commissioners and the owner of the well system, Senator Jeffries. She stated that he admitted that he would like to sell the well, but that she had not heard if that had taken place. She stated that she had a visit from Colin Campbell, Environmental Specialist from Environmental Protection Division (EPD). She continued that he met her at the tower and stated that there were a lot of citations. She stated that she asked for documentation of the citations, but had not received it. She continued to brief the Board about EPD's visit. She stated that she spoke with the fire marshal to see if he could come to check the pressure on the hydrants and he told her that he was not allowed to come check the pressure anymore and that direction would have to come from the commissioners because they pay his salary. He suggested that she speak to Senator Jeffries. She asked what does the community do about this issue. She stated that there was no one else to help them with this problem. She stated that the insurance was impossible because they need fire hydrants and that there was no safety there. She stated that she was frustrated that no one had gotten back with her. She stated that she had also been before the Board regarding the amendment to keeping the cars off the lawn and that she had not heard anything back from that. She stated that she felt that she was being publicly ignored. She asked the Board to let her know if something was going to be done. She stated that she didn't think any of the commissioners had been to her subdivision to look at the tower. She added that no one was cleaning Kenwood Park. She asked who was to clean the park?

Sandra Wilson asked when this issue would be placed on an agenda. She stated that she wanted the Board to consider something to be done for her community regarding the fire hydrants.

Stephanie Cohran thanked the Board for listening to the public comments. She stated that the Humane Society was disappointed with not getting progression on the ordinance and was not happy with the 30-day limit on the euthanasia policy. She stated that they would be putting an item on a future agenda for the Commissioners to redirect and finish the TNR ordinance that was directed by the Board in 2014. She referenced a resolution from the American Bar Association to urge local agencies to interpret existing laws and policies and adopt laws and policies to allow the implementation and administration of trap, neuter, vaccinate,

return programs. She asked the Board to review the email that was sent regarding this information. She stated that until the program was approved, the volunteers do not want to continue to help at the shelter and taking care of the animals.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Response to Ms. Yvonne Smith's comments:

Mr. Rapson stated that Newton Plantation was a private system. He stated that the Water System Director had been in touch with EPD and there were no existing citations. He stated that the fire hydrants are also a part of that private system. He stated that the Water Committee would meet on the 13th to discuss the private system and the Water Committee will make a recommendation to the Board.

Commissioner Rousseau's comments:

Mr. Rapson stated that Commissioner Rousseau wanted him to let the Board know that he was watching the meeting and that he had met with Ms. Smith several times to address concerns and that he had introduced the lawn ordinance, but that he was not ready to bring that forward. He also wanted the Board to know that Kenwood Phase II was progressing well. Mr. Rapson stated that the park was cleaned every Monday and Friday by Public Works.

Response to Ms. Stephanie Cohran's comments:

Mr. Rapson stated that Ms. Cohran was correct that there was a place holder for the TNR agenda item. He stated that Ms. Lasher had also sent a request to have the comprehensive revisions of the animal control ordinance be placed on an agenda.

Selection Committee Public Arts Committee:

There are two open positions. The Board agreed to use the current Selection Committee to make a selection from the two applicants that applied from the current open Public Arts Committee position based on the policy.

Inman Farm Heritage Day:

September 15-17, 2017

Clothes Less Traveled-Correction from last meeting:

Mr. Rapson stated that during the discussion of funding Fayette Care Clinic, Clothes Less Traveled asked that he clarify that the clinic had requested a \$60,000 grant, but that Clothes Less Traveled awarded them \$16,000 and that they had awarded them \$35,000, \$40,000 and \$30,000 consecutively over the past three years. He stated that the Kwanis Club had stepped up to fund the clinic's shortfall.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Notice of Executive Session: County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that there were four items involving pending litigation, three items involving threatening litigation, two items involving real estate acquisition and the review of the Executive Session minutes for August 10, 2017.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Brown:

TNR draft document: Commissioner Brown stated that he did read through the TNR draft document. He stated that it was one of the most well researched documents that he had seen on any issue. He stated that he hoped it was something that the County would use and to use the document to impact state legislation.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, accommodations are available for those who are hearing impaired and/or in need of a wheelchair. The Board of Commissioners Agenda and supporting material for each item is available on-line through the County's website at www.fayettecountyga.gov. This meeting will be telecast on Comcast Cable Channel 23 and on the internet at www.livestream.com.

Response to Ms. Smith's comments: Commissioner Brown addressed Ms. Smith and stated that the last time he tried to work with her that she told him that she could only work with her district commissioner, Commissioner Rousseau. He stated that he set up the meetings and then had to formally write a letter to her neighbors that she had "called him off". He stated that she could not play it both ways. He addressed her and stated for her not to come and complain after he had cleared his schedule to help and then she told him that she would only work with her district commissioner.

Ms. Smith's comments from the audience were inaudible.

Commissioner Brown stated that he tried to do somethings at Kenwood Park and the local representation told him that they did not want to do it. He stated that Commissioner Barlow went to the Little League Association and got a grant and there were no parents to step forward to run the program.

Ms. Smith's comments from the audience were inaudible.

Commissioner Brown stated that he had never told anyone not to check the water pressure in her neighborhood and he doubt any of the other Board members had either.

Water Guardians: Commissioner Brown stated that the Water Guardian event was to be held at Lake Horton on September 9 at 7:45 a.m. He stated that would be the last one of the warm months and that it would start back up in the spring.

Vice Chairman Ognio:

Inman Heritage Day: Vice Chairman Ognio encouraged everyone to attend Inman Heritage Day. He stated that it was fun for the whole family.

Commissioner Oddo:

Anniversary of Mt. Vesuvius: Commissioner Oddo stated that it was the anniversary of Mt. Vesuvius volcano eruption.

Labor Day: He wished everyone a safe Labor Day and thanked everyone for attending.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Four Items of Pending Litigation, Three Items of Threatening Litigation, Two Items of Real Estate Acquisition and Review of the August 10, 2017 Executive Session Minutes: Commissioner Brown moved to go into Executive Session. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Rousseau was absent.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 10:31 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 11:50 p.m.

Return to Official Session and Approval to Sign the Executive Session Affidavit: Vice Chairman Ognio moved to return to Official Session and for the Chairman to sign the Executive Session Affidavit. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Rousseau was absent. A copy of the affidavit, identified as "Attachment 14", follows these minutes and is made an official part thereof.

Mr. Davenport stated that he had been in discussion with Tracy Glanton of Elarbee Thompson employment firm in coordination with the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission. He stated that she was the one who looked at the county revising the Harassment and Equal Opportunity Employment policies, which were revised at the last meeting. He stated that there was also In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, accommodations are available for those who are hearing impaired and/or in need of a wheelchair. The Board of Commissioners Agenda and supporting material for each item is available on-line through the County's website at www.fayettecountyga.gov. This meeting will be telecast on Comcast Cable Channel 23 and on the internet at www.livestream.com.

an agreement requesting the update of the policies and the Board did so per their request. He stated that he was bringing before the Board a Bilateral Agreement to revise the policies.

Vice Chairman Ognio moved to approve the Bilateral Agreement. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Rousseau was absent.

Approval of the August 10, 2017 Executive Session Minutes: Vice Chairman Ognio moved to approve the August 10, 2017 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Rousseau was absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Brown moved to adjourn the August 24, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Rousseau was absent.

The August 24, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 11:52 p.m.

Tameca P. White, County Clerk

Eric K. Maxwell, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 14th day of September 2017. Referenced attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

Tameca P. White, County Clerk

COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

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Department: Board of Commissioners

Presenter(s): Commissioners Ognio and Oddo

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017

Type of Request: New Business #6

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of a recommendation from the Selection Committee, comprised of Vice-Chairman Randy Ognio and Commissioner Oddo to appoint Mark Lethbridge to the Joint Development Authority of Coweta, Fayette and Meriwether to serve a term beginning immediately and ending December 8, 2018.

Background/History/Details:

The Joint Development Authority is comprised of Coweta, Fayette and Meriwether counties. The Coweta, Fayette Meriwether Joint Development Authority was established by resolution in December 1994.

By resolution, the authority shall consist of three members; taxpayers residing in the respective counties and appointed by the respective Board of Commissioners. No member shall be an officer or employee of the county and shall receive no compensation for their services.

The Selection Committee interviewed and reviewed application and resumes of seven applicants. It is the recommendation of the Selection Committee to appoint Mark Lethbridge to the Joint Development Authority of Coweta, Fayette and Meriwether County.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of a recommendation from the Selection Committee, comprised of Vice-Chairman Randy Ognio and Commissioner Oddo to appoint Mark Lethbridge to the Joint Development Authority to serve a term beginning immediately and ending December 8, 2018.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Has this request been considered within the past two years?

If so, when?

Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*

Backup Provided with Request?

Yes

*** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.**

Approved by Finance

Not Applicable

Reviewed by Legal

Approved by Purchasing

Not Applicable

County Clerk's Approval

Yes

Administrator's Approval

Staff Notes:

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
Coweta, Fayette and Meriwether County
Joint Development Authority

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Please take a few minutes to complete the form and answer the questions on this form and return it with a resume, if available, to Tameca White, County Clerk, 140 Stonewall Avenue, West, Suite 100, Fayetteville, GA 30214 no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 16, 2017.

If you have any questions, please call (770) 305-5103.

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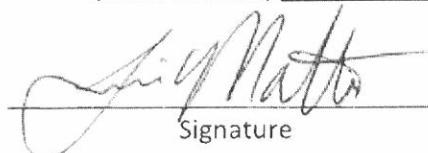
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ADDRESS 238 Terrance Ridge

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Signature

5/16/17
Date

LM 7/18

Recommended by Development Authority

PRESS RELEASE

ONE UNEXPIRED POSITION ON THE COWETA, FAYETTE AND MERIWETHER COUNTY JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Coweta, Fayette and Meriwether County Joint Development Authority is a volunteer body comprised of three members. One member is appointed for a four-year term, by the Fayette County Board of Commissioners. Members receive no compensation for services.

The Joint Development Authority was created by Resolution No. 94-17 for the purpose of business enterprises receiving job tax credits toward state income taxes as allowed by O.C.G.A. § 48-7-40(b). Applicants interested in this position must be a taxpayer residing in Fayette County. Ideal candidates possess knowledge of the direction of the Development Authority.

The Fayette County Development Authority typically meets quarterly on the second Friday of the month.

The Fayette County Board of Commissioners would like to notify interested Fayette County citizens that one unexpired position on the Coweta, Fayette and Meriwether Joint Development Authority is available to be filled with a term beginning immediately and expiring December 8, 2018.

The Fayette County Board of Commissioners will be accepting applications with resumes for this open position. Applications can be obtained by visiting www.fayettecountyga.gov Public Notices or by contacting Tameca White at twhite@fayettecountyga.gov or (770) 305-5103. All applications must be returned to Tameca White via email or by mail at 140 Stonewall Avenue West, Suite 100, Fayetteville, Georgia by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 16, 2017.**

Issue: May 16, 2017
Contact: Tameca P. White, County Clerk
Office: (770) 305-5103

1. How long have you been a resident of Fayette County?

11 years

2. Why are you interested in serving on the Coweta, Fayette and Meriwether County Joint Development Authority?

As a current FCDA board member I possess the background to serve including the passion to make a difference.

3. What qualifications and experience do you possess that should be considered for appointment to the Authority?

FCDA Board Member, Economic Dev Training, Business Training, Understand County ED Goals

4. List your recent employment experiences to include name of company and position.

FCDA Board Member
See Resume

5. Do you have any past experience related to this position? If so, please describe.

FCDA Board Member.
Economic Dev Training.

6. Are you currently serving on a commission/board/authority or in an elected capacity with any government?

FCDA

7. Have you attended any Fayette County Development Authority meetings in the past two years and, if so, how many?

Yes 20

8. Are you willing to attend seminars or continuing education classes at county expense?

Yes

9. Would there be any possible conflict of interest between your employment or your family and you serving on the Joint Development Authority?

NO

10. Are you in any way related to a County Elected Official or County employee? If so, please describe.

NO

11. Describe your current community involvement.

Fayette Visioning, FCDA.

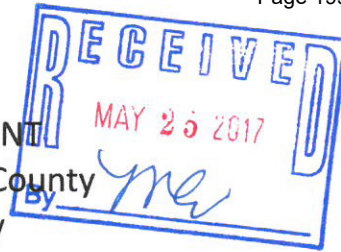
12. Have you been given a copy of Fayette County's Ethics Ordinance?

Yes

13. Is there any reason why you would not be able to comply with the County's Ethics Ordinance?

NO

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NAME _____ John Woody _____

ADDRESS _____ 215 Chimney Springs Road _____

_____ Tyrone, GA. 30290 _____

TELEPHONE (day) _____ [REDACTED] _____

(evening) _____ Same _____

(email address) _____ [REDACTED] _____

John Woody
Signature


May 24, 2017
Date

called unable to leave message. 7/17

1. How long have you been a resident of Fayette County? 27 years
2. Why are you interested in serving on the Coweta, Fayette and Meriwether County Joint Development Authority? So that I can help mold the development of the tri-county area into a good balance between business, industry and residential areas and to attract new high-end businesses.
3. What qualifications and experience do you possess that should be considered for appointment to the Authority? My 16 years as a member of the Fayette County Development Authority (FCDA), the last two as the Secretary/Treasurer. During my career with the FCDA, I attended a Development Authority Board Member Training program provided by the Office of Economic Development Assistance at the University of Georgia (UGA). In 2014, through the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at UGA, I completed another Development Authority Training Program.
Secondly, my years of experience negotiating and coordinating activities between Lockheed, potential Customers, other Aerospace Companies, and the United States Government.
4. List your recent employment experiences to include name of company and position.
I retired in 1997. See resume.
5. Do you have any past experience related to this position? If so, please describe.
See resume.
6. Are you currently serving on a commission/board/authority or in an elected capacity with any government? No
7. Have you attended any Fayette County Development Authority meetings in the past two years and, if so, how many? Basically all scheduled meetings, call meetings, etc. throughout my career with the FCDA, including the annual meetings of the Georgia Economic Developers Association (GEDA) in Savannah.
8. Are you willing to attend seminars or continuing education classes at county expense?
Yes
9. Would there be any possible conflict of interest between your employment or your family and you serving on the Joint Development Authority? No
10. Are you in any way related to a County Elected Official or County employee? If so, please describe. No
11. Describe your current community involvement. See resume.
12. Have you been given a copy of Fayette County's Ethics Ordinance? Yes
13. Is there any reason why you would not be able to comply with the County's Ethics Ordinance?
No

John Woody, May 22, 2017

John Woody
215 Chimney Springs Road
Tyrone, GA 30290



I am a native Georgian and a graduate of Tallapoosa High School and West Georgia College. I am married and we have two children and one grandson. We have lived in Tyrone for over 27 years. My wife and I are members of McDonough Road Baptist Church in Fayetteville, formally Second Baptist of College Park, and have been members since 1971. I was ordained a Deacon in 1996.

I retired from Lockheed Martin Aerospace Company with 42 years of service. I developed Program Management Networks (PMN's), Critical Path Analyses, Master Schedules, program schedules and status reports for the C-5A and B programs, the Space Cargo Mod Program, C-130J, F-22, and special programs and proposals.

During my final 10 years at Lockheed, I was the Program Controller in the Master Scheduling organization supervising eight professional schedulers. During this time I was responsible for coordinating the development of PMNs between Lockheed, General Dynamics, and Boeing for the F-22 program. Since my retirement, on two occasions, I have been requested by Lockheed to return and assist in the development of additional proposals and PMNs.

I was very active with the Lockheed chapter of the National Management Association, serving in many leadership roles including Chairman of the Board, Vice President of Professional Development, and Vice President of Administration.

While at Lockheed I earned a Certified Manager diploma from James Madison University's Institute of Certified Professional Managers.

I served three years in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1961. During my military experience I was promoted to Crew Chief of a Nike-Ajax missile site.

I have been very active in my community:

1. I served as a volunteer during the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta and worked in Security.
2. I am a charter member of the Piedmont Fayette Hospital Auxiliary, a member of the Board for several years and in September of this year I will have completed 20 years as a volunteer.
3. I was elected Auxiliary President in 2003. I also served two years as the Northwest District representative of the State Council of Volunteers/Auxiliaries. I was also elected to the state board as a Northwest District Director in 2004 and reelected in 2005.
4. I received the Senior Spirit of Tyrone Award in 2002.

5. I previously was a member of the Tyrone Founder's Day Committee.
6. I assist with the yearly Tyrone Balloon Day activities helping teach young people the art of balloon twisting.
7. I was a member of the Fayette County Development Authority (FCDA), representing the town of Tyrone for 16 years; from 2000 until the end of 2016 and for the last two years I was elected as the Secretary/Treasurer.
8. I have some 16 years of experience in working with the Georgia Economic Developers Association (GEDA), County Commissioners, Manufacturers, and other Economic Development Authorities. Accordingly, I believe that I have the necessary background to be a positive contributor to the Joint Development Authority. I look forward for the opportunity to fill this position.

References on request

John Woody
May 22, 2017

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NAME MARK LETHBRIDGE

ADDRESS 160 RIDGE RUN

TYRONE GA 30290

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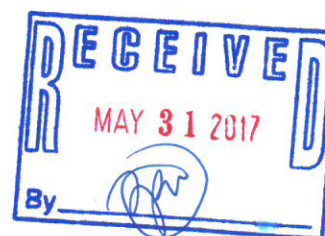
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Signature

5/24/2017
Date

7/17 called



Application for Development Authority – Mark A. Lethbridge, Tyrone GA

1. How long have you been a resident of Fayette County?
I have resided in south Metro since 1990, specifically in Fayette County 1995.
2. Why are you interested in serving on the Coweta, Fayette and Meriwether County Joint Development Authority?
I want to serve the County and offer my 30-year experience as an astute regional leader with broad background in civil engineering, technical services and construction targeting the government and private sectors. I offer my proven record as a trusted advisor on municipal infrastructure, market assessment, pursuit identification, planning and procurement, as well as strategy development and implementation.
3. What qualifications and experience do you possess that should be considered for appointment to the Authority?
I am a mechanical engineer and MBA with more than 30 years of experience. A graduate of the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, I have participated in program and project administration and management, account management, quality control, business development, customer service, and contract management. I am well respected in the Southeast United States infrastructure market, with strong expertise and knowledge of growth-related challenges and solutions. I have formed successful relationships with state leadership and local and municipal government officials. My list of relationships range from state executives to all levels of local and municipal government throughout the Southeast United States. For example;
 - Delivered \$200M contract for the Richland Creek Reservoir, the culmination of a 12-year pursuit involving trips to Washington, D.C. and conferences with U.S. Senators Perdue and Isakson as well as U.S. Representatives Loudermilk, Graves, and others.
 - Spearheaded entry into new markets through establishment of a Nashville, TN office in 2012; generated bookings in the first 24 months that will produce \$3M+ in revenue over 5 years with the Water System Flood Mitigation Program and Project Set Contracts on the \$1.3B Consent Program.
 - Achieved Demand Services or Consent Order Services Contracts with multiple municipalities with expected revenue of \$10M+ in Georgia and Tennessee.
 - Won 2006 Trenchless Technology Project of the Year for the \$7M Metro Nashville Water Services contract; created the national-award-winning business plan and proposal for White's Creek Sewer Rehabilitation Project.
 - Member of several Chambers of Commerce.
4. List your recent employment experiences to include name of company and position.
 - BROWN & CALDWELL –Atlanta, GA 2013-present
Largest engineering firm solely focused on the environmental market | \$200M
Senior Client Service Manager, Mid-South, Georgia & Tennessee (2013-present)
 - ARCADIS/PIEDMONT OLSEN HENSLEY – Chattanooga, TN & Atlanta, GA 1995-2013
Third-largest firm in the global environmental market | \$3.3B
Vice President, Major Market Manager, Georgia & Tennessee (2011-2013)
Vice President, Area Business Development (1999-2011)
5. Do you have any prior experience related to this position? No.

Application for Development Authority – Mark A. Lethbridge, Tyrone GA

6. Are you serving on any boards or as an elected official? No.
7. I have not attended any development authority meetings.
8. I am willing to attend seminars and continuing education courses.
9. I have no conflict of interest with the Development Authority.
10. I am not related to any county employees or local public officials.
11. I have lived in the community for nearly three decades. For nearly 30 years, I have been an active member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, coached youth sports – baseball, track and basketball, established a basketball league (Fayette Amateur Basketball Club) and more recently established Lethbridge Properties LLC that focuses on renovating and furnishing older homes in Peachtree City, Tyrone and Sharpsburg.
12. I have been given a copy of the Fayette County's Ethics Ordinance.
13. I will abide by Fayette County's Ethics Ordinance and see no reason why I can't.

Mark Allen Lethbridge

160 Ridge Run • Tyrone, GA 30290 • [REDACTED]

[http://www.linkedin.com/pub/mark-lethbridge/9/b5/219/\[REDACTED\]](http://www.linkedin.com/pub/mark-lethbridge/9/b5/219/[REDACTED])

SENIOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE

Fearlessly pursuing leads, leveraging a wide network of relationships and vast expertise to achieve unprecedented wins in the competition for municipal technical services contracts.

Dynamic, astute leader with broad background in civil engineering, technical services and construction firms targeting the government and private sectors. Trusted advisor on municipal infrastructure, market assessment, pursuit identification, planning and procurement, as well as strategy development and implementation. Vibrant overachiever with the proven ability to develop key relationships with political, managerial and operational leaders combined with keen knowledge of the civil engineering, infrastructure and construction marketplace.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP STRENGTHS

*Market Share Growth
Design Engineering
Revenue Generation
Asset Management*

*Transportation, Water & Wastewater
Municipal Relationship Development
Alternative Project Delivery Methods
Public Speaking/Presentations/Proposals*

*Market Knowledge
Engineering Consulting
Pursuit Cost Control
Political Lobbying*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

BROWN & CALDWELL –Atlanta, GA

2013-present

Largest firm solely focused on the environmental market | \$200M

Senior Client Service Manager, Mid-South, Georgia & Tennessee (2013-present)

Sought out by Brown and Caldwell to provide market leadership within the Atlanta organization and stretch the brand to new geographic markets. As the Client Service Manager for Gwinnett County, City of Atlanta, Paulding County, Rockdale County, Fulton County and Henry County Water Authority (HCWA) currently leading pursuits of design bid build and design build projects exceeding \$400M in construction costs. Recently selected by HCWA on a water infrastructure project, breaking a 40 year run of two entrenched firms.

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1995-2013

Third-largest firm in the global environmental market | \$3.3B

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Recruited to lead the new business generation vision, strategy and tactical initiatives to increase market presence and bookings in the public infrastructure market. Selected based on history of success leading a transformation to a sales culture and capturing new business. Developed key relationships with major customers in established and emerging municipal and state markets. Led the entire pursuit campaign for multiple lucrative, high-profile projects: project identification, pursuit strategy, relationship building, teaming arrangements, pursuit budget management, proposal creation, presentation and project implementation. Developed and coordinated a 55-member team with 5 business development direct reports averaging 15% increase in revenue year after year.

- Generated \$40M in revenue over 8 years by winning the multi-year City of Atlanta Annual Demand Services Contract twice, in 2005 and 2010, scoring status as a top provider of technical services.
- Key player in company generating record-setting profits in 2008 and 2009.
- Pioneered the firm's 2008 entry into Construction Management at Risk contracts, winning a \$19M water system infrastructure award with Forsyth County, GA that opened the door for additional Demand Services contracts for transportation and water/wastewater.

Mark Allen Lethbridge

- Delivered \$100M contract for the Richland Creek Reservoir including potential \$5M-\$10M engineering fee, the culmination of a 4-year pursuit involving trips to Washington, D.C. and conferences with U.S. Senators Chambliss and Isakson as well as U.S. Representatives Westmoreland, Graves, Kingston and Gingrey.
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Positioned ARCADIS as a driving force and trusted authority in the municipal infrastructure market, developing many enduring relationships with key municipal and state leaders.

- Selected to serve on (Georgia) Governor Sonny Perdue's Water Task Force; developed key relationships with many state and local leaders including former GA DOT Chief Engineer Frank Danchetz, Georgia DOT Executive Secretary Elizabeth Osmon, GEFA Deputy Director Greg Mason and County Commissioners statewide.
- Achieved status as a most trusted technical advisor for many municipalities; leveraged Georgia Department of Transportation contacts to mobilize resources after the Southeastern region "100 Year Flood" of 2009.
- Won awards totaling \$12M for wastewater treatment plants, a railroad accessible industrial park, bridge and intersection improvements, and infrastructure improvements to the Paulding County Airport/Atlanta Film Studio Paulding County where the Jackie Robinson biopic "42" was filmed.
- Key player in assisting the City of Nashville Metro Water Services in securing \$18 million+ in FEMA funds for flood mitigation for the water system.
- Market developer and successful pursuit lead for the 2013 DeKalb County Manhole Inspection Program, a potential \$15 million multi-year contract serving as the first major selection of DeKalb County's \$600 million Consent Program.

Business Development Manager – Atlanta (1996-1999)

Business Development Manager – Chattanooga (1995-1996)

Transformed company culture to aggressive pursuit of new contracts, generating new business and developing wide-ranging contacts in Nashville, Knoxville, Bristol, Asheville and small communities throughout Tennessee.

- Generated business growth averaging 25% annually.

Early experience as Regional Sales Manager with engineering firms and as Production Engineer.

MILITARY SERVICE

Former Lieutenant Commander, United States Navy

Battle "E" Award for Operational Excellence

Former Commander, United States Naval Reserve – Naval Flight Officer

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MBA – UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA

B.S. in Mechanical Engineering – UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

ARCADIS Advanced Management Program

Mark Allen Lethbridge

AFFILIATIONS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Member: Georgia Assoc. of Water Professionals • American Council of Engineering Companies
Society of American Military Engineers • Water Environment Federation • Council for Quality Growth

Chairman's Club Member: Paulding County Chamber of Commerce (Delegate for Washington D.C. Fly-In)
Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce (Executive Transportation & Environmental Committees) • Gwinnett County Chamber of
Commerce • Forsyth County Chamber of Commerce • **Member:** DeKalb County Chamber of Commerce

Founder & Director: Fayette County Amateur Basketball Club



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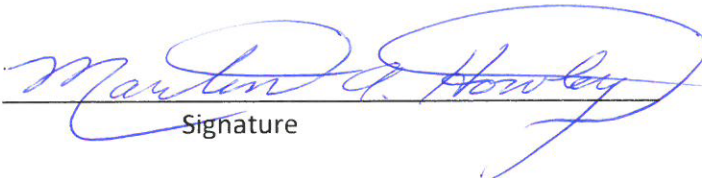
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Fayetteville, GA 30215

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Signature

14 June, 2017

Date

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PRESS RELEASE

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Issue: May 16, 2017
Contact: Tameca P. White, County Clerk
Office: (770) 305-5103

1. How long have you been a resident of Fayette County?

9 Years - November of 2007 to present

2. Why are you interested in serving on the Coweta, Fayette and Meriwether County Joint Development Authority?

I want to make a positive contribution to the successful growth of Fayette County, its neighboring counties, and the Southern Arc.

3. What qualifications and experience do you possess that should be considered for appointment to the Authority?

- I am a retired US Army officer, 15 years of working with and establishing cooperation between US and foreign militaries, diplomats and civilian agencies throughout the Middle East, Africa and the National Guard.
- Subject Matter Expert for Middle Eastern and African Culture, Mindset, and Religion.
- Linked US business and corporations with US Government and Foreign Businesses.
- I have worked with and helped established disaster response cells (both foreign and US, especially LA County Office of Emergency Management and Emergency Operations Center).
- Trained briefer and instructor for How to Present Briefings / Classes
- I am a disabled vet.
- I was the NATO representative for Women's and Gender Awareness in Afghanistan.
- I am a licensed pilot.
- I know how to set goals and follow through for my team, my authority, my county, my state and my country - whether I am in charge or following the one who is in charge.

4. List your recent employment experiences to include name of company and position.

- US Military Trainer and Leader of the Foreign Area Officers and trainers at Ft. Polk, LA
- Senior Team Chief for Middle Eastern Affairs, 3rd Army, Ft. McPherson, GA
- Executive Officer to the Senior US Military Advisor to Egypt

5. Do you have any past experience related to this position? If so, please describe.

- (see number 3 above)
- I've been President of various student bodies: College and Military
- I've trained others to work within new or foreign political parameters
- I communicate well - both verbal and written communications
- I have a sense of humor

6. Are you currently serving on a commission/board/authority or in an elected capacity with any government?

No.

7. Have you attended any Fayette County Development Authority meetings in the past two years and, if so, how many?

No.

8. Are you willing to attend seminars or continuing education classes at county expense?

Yes. Since I am retired, I can focus on the needs of Fayette County and the Joint Authority.

9. Would there be any possible conflict of interest between your employment or your family and you serving on the Joint Development Authority?

No. (See number 8)

10. Are you in any way related to a County Elected Official or County employee? If so, please describe.

No. Not in any way.

11. Describe your current community involvement.

- American Legion - Fayetteville
- Apple Orchard Homeowners Association
- Disabled American Vets
- Knights of Columbus - St Gabriel's Church
- Atlanta's Old Guard of the Gate City Guard
- The Atlanta Aero Club (I am a licensed pilot)
- Civil Air Patrol
- Provide First time Flights for local children and parents in Fayette County each year
- Annual open house and Christmas party for neighborhood since 2010 (always well attended and highly anticipated - mostly because my wife is a phenomenal hostess)
- Frequent local and county restaurants, stores and establishments

12. Have you been given a copy of Fayette County's Ethics Ordinance?

Yes. And I've read it.

13. Is there any reason why you would not be able to comply with the County's Ethics Ordinance?

No. I can and will comply.

Martin A. Howley
 360 Stavman Park, Fayetteville, GA 30215

Cultural and political advisor, analyst and expert

Qualified and experienced subject matter expert, trainer/educator, manager and logistician with over 25 years knowledge of Middle Eastern (Afghanistan, Yemen, Kuwait, Egypt, Saudi Arabia) and African culture, socio/geo politics, political and military affairs and foreign policies. Proven leadership and ability in facilitating military and civilian relationships as well as serving as liaison between the United States and various international efforts in the Middle East and Africa.

Specializations

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proficient in Arabic • Foreign Area Officer (Middle East, North Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa) • Expert Negotiation Skills with Foreign Government and Businesses • Liaison between State Department and various International/ Government efforts • Defense and Security Cooperation Officer • Middle Eastern Politics and Culture Expert | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counterinsurgency Operations and Leadership • National and Homeland Security Policy leader • Women and Gender Issues Expert • Disaster Planning and Relief and Post-Conflict Operations • Top Secret Clearance • Private pilot |
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Experience Profile

United States Department of Army
 (Officer)

Various Locations
 1989 – 2014

Foreign Area Officer/ Political-Military Country Desk Officer

- Stationed in several embassies as Defense Attaché and Security Cooperation Officer in Foreign Military Sales (FMS) and Foreign Military Financing (FMF)
- Negotiating and managing various International programs valued over a billion dollars
- Served various overseas tours as a defense and security attaché, arms negotiator, program officer, security assistance officer and political-military planner/adviser/negotiator to host nations, coalition allies, embassies for Joint Staff, Major Commands, Unified Combatant Commands and Department of Defense agencies
- Established rapport and maintained long-term relationships with foreign leaders
- Advised and counseled military and diplomatic senior leaders on political-military operations, women and gender affairs, and relations with other nations
- Provided cultural expertise to forward-deployed commands conducting military and diplomatic operations
- Operated at The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and The International Security Assistance Force Headquarters (ISAF HQ) in Kabul, Afghanistan as Senior Foreign Area Officer and Chief of Support for NATO in the Afghan Peace and Reintegration Program as well as the hand selected Woman and Gender Awareness Representative
- Advised and assisted the command on Force Reintegration Operations in Afghanistan
- Developed, updated and briefed NATO and Ambassadors on intelligence and media matters
- Spearheaded the rollout and wrote an improved cultural awareness training affecting hundreds of U.S. leaders
- Synchronized Multi-cultural and International Intelligence with local intelligence and situational awareness to provide specific intelligence to enhance information operations and public relations messaging in the region
- Coordinated Intelligence, human terrain team assessments and atmospherics to the Information Operations Task Force for improved communications
- Developed, instructed and presented classes focusing on: building, maintaining, and increasing rapport both within a team as well as working with “foreign” environments, languages, cultures and Multi-cultural communications
- Provided continuity of public relations efforts across the spectrum of the strategic, operational and tactical realms
- Developed and coordinated security cooperation for civilian, military and humanitarian sources
- Executed international disaster relief programs between the US and various nations
- Trained and prepared the Oregon National Guard for deployment

Education

- Refresher Course – Garmisch Germany 2012 – 2013 Arabic Language
- B.A. English Literature, Georgian Court University, 1996 – President's List
- A.A. Chemistry and Drama, Atlantic Community College, 1985

United States Army professional education

- Observer, Controller and Trainer Course, Joint Readiness Training Center, Ft. Polk, Louisiana, 2011-2014
- Defense Institute of Security Assistance (DISAM), Security Assistance Management Course, Defense Security Assistance Managers School, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, 2005 and 2010
- Combat Lifesaver Course, Oregon National Guard Training Area, Oregon, 2003
- Individual Terrorism Awareness Course, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, 2000
- Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, California, 2000
- Combined Arms Service Staff College, Bosnia, 1998
- Company Commander's Course, Vilsach, Germany, 1998
- M1A1 Tank Commander Certification Course, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, 1996
- Cavalry Officer Leaders Course, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, 1996
- Armor Officer Advanced Course, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, 1996
- Leader Management Training Course, Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, 1994
- US Army Instructor Training Course, Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, 1993
- US Army Air Assault School, Camp David, Washington, D.C., 1992
- US Army Rappel School, Chejido, Korea, 1991
- Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Course, Camp Hovey, Korea, 1991
- Scout Platoon Leaders Course, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, 1991 (Honor Grad)
- Armor Officer Basic Course, Fort Knox, Kentucky, 1990
- Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, Georgia, 1990 (Class President)
- Airborne School, Fort Benning, Georgia, 1989
- US Army Infantry Training Center, Fort Benning, Georgia (Honor Graduate) 1989

Memberships and Boards

- Civil Air Patrol
- Foreign Area Officer Association
- National Council of US - Arab Relations
- Association of the United States Army
- Cavalry Officers Association
- Georgian Court College Alumnus – First military officer to graduate
- Honor Graduate of the US Army Infantry Training
- President of Student Government
- President of Student Council for US Army Officers Candidate School
- Recognized by the US Army and the State of New Jersey for saving three lives
- Officer Candidate School Alumnus and Student Council President
- Old Guard of the Gate City Guard – Atlanta, GA

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NAME Robert E. Simmons

ADDRESS 425 Autumn Glen Circle

Fayetteville, GA 30215

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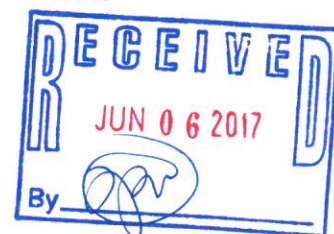
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Robert E. Simmons
Signature

5-30-17
Date

Confirmed
interview
11:00 AM



1. How long have you been a resident of Fayette County?

30+ YEARS

2. Why are you interested in serving on the Coweta, Fayette and Meriwether County Joint Development Authority?

I HAVE OVER 30 YEARS OF ECONOMIC DEV. EXPERIENCE. THIS EXPERIENCE IS TOO GOOD TO WASTE NOW THAT I AM RETIRED I COULD USE - SEE THIS EXPERIENCE ASSISTING THE JDA WITH ITS MAJOR GOAL OF CREATING JOBS.

3. What qualifications and experience do you possess that should be considered for appointment to the Authority?

See Attached resume & professional profile -

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Chief Development Officer, Dev. Auth. of Fulton County.

Retired 12/2012

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See Attached Professional Profile

6. Are you currently serving on a commission/board/authority or in an elected capacity with any government?

NO

7. Have you attended any Fayette County Development Authority meetings in the past two years and, if so, how many?

NO. OVER MY 30 YEARS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT I ATTENDED COUNTLESS Dev. Auth. & IPA MEETINGS

8. Are you willing to attend seminars or continuing education classes at county expense?

YES. I HAVE ATTENDED MANY DURING MY PROFESSIONAL CAREER.

9. Would there be any possible conflict of interest between your employment or your family and you serving on the Joint Development Authority?

NO.

10. Are you in any way related to a County Elected Official or County employee? If so, please describe.

NO.

11. Describe your current community involvement.

Member - Friends of the Fayette County Library
Past member Fayette County Planning Commission.

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Yes

13. Is there any reason why you would not be able to comply with the County's Ethics Ordinance?

NO.



Bob Simmons

Retired

Formerly Chief Development Officer for the Development Authority of Fulton County.

Prior to the Development Authority of Fulton County assuming the role as the economic development arm for the Fulton County Government, he was the Marketing Division Manager for the Fulton County Economic Development Department. During his tenure with Fulton County and the Development Authority, Bob was the project manager for projects which located in Fulton County and its municipalities, those projects generating capital investments over \$8,000,000,000.00 and creating or retaining over 8,500 jobs. Prior to his tenure with Fulton County, Bob served several chambers of commerce in Georgia as the chief professional staff person.

Bob was a member of the Georgia Economic Developers Association GEDA over 25 years, and served as a board member for 4 years. He was also a board member of the former Georgia Industrial Developers Association (GIDA) He was on numerous committees with the association, most recently as chairman for the GEDA Bylaws Revision Task Force. He was also chairman of the Development Authority Executives Committee. He served as a board member for the Metro South, Inc., an association of development authorities and chambers of commerce, filling the positions of Secretary/Treasurer, First Vice President and President. He was a founding member of the Association of Development Authorities of Georgia (ADAG) and served as a member of the board of directors. He held several committee positions with the South Fulton Chamber of Commerce and served as a member of the board of directors. Additionally, he was a presenter for the University of Georgia's Fanning Institute - Development Authority Board member training courses. He is a graduate of the ARC Sponsored Regional Leadership Institute and the Georgia Academy for Economic Development. Also, he was one of the executive support staff for the Joint Development Authority of Metropolitan Atlanta (JDAMA), a joint development authority comprising Clayton, DeKalb, Fulton, Henry and Rockdale Counties. Additionally, Bob was a member of the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) and the Southern Economic Development Council (SEDC). He is a past member of the Fayette County Planning Commission, and is a member of the Friends of the Fayette County Library.

ROBERT E. SIMMONS

425 Autumn Glen Circle
Fayetteville, GA 30215



SUMMARY

Proven record of effective program development and implementation, daily and long term. Ability to achieve results. Broad based experience in organizational management and economic development operations. Demonstrated ability to manage business issue organizations and community development.

WORK HISTORY

Fulton County Government/Development Authority of Fulton County
Chief Development Manager

Overall responsibility for the staff in the business development section

Development of plans to market Fulton County for new business locations

Design and placement of target marketing advertising

Presentations for industrial, commercial and residential clients

Work with all development agencies and brokers in regard to industrial, commercial and residential recruitments

Work with elected officials and other community leaders to enhance the business climate of Fulton County

Assume leadership role in executive director's absence

Work with various other county departments regarding issues of community development

Work with leadership programs of the several chambers of commerce

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Chief Development Manager

Fulton County Government/ Development Authority of Fulton County (continued)

Work with the planning department on a Master Plan for south Fulton

Develop the South Fulton Parkway into a developmental highway corridor

Old National Highway revitalization

Fulton Industrial District revitalization

Monthly meetings with other county departments to stay aware of their programs as associated with economic development initiatives

Liaison with the Joint Development Authority of Metropolitan Atlanta

Maintain a relationship with agencies and companies which bring projects to Fulton County

Project manager for over \$9,500,000,000.00 in capital investment.

P. E. Holdings, Inc.

President

Marketing/sales and client relations

Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce

Vice President Economic Development

Worked with industrial, commercial and international clients

Coordinated special projects: public transit; *County Management Operations Study*; Jobs Expo

The Habersham Agency

Vice President Business Development

Developed marketing proposals and gave client presentations

ROBERT E. SIMMONS

Fayette Chamber of Commerce

Executive Vice President

Began initial thrust for comprehensive community planning guide

Lead Freeport referendum to maintain and create local jobs

Directed Blue Ribbon Committee Needs Analysis project, forerunner of comprehensive planning guide

Tift County Chamber of Commerce

Executive Vice President

Far-reaching review for a duplicated services and consolidated governments project

Coordinated voter registration effort as prelude to local referendum

Coordinated program for retail growth

EDUCATION

B.A. Political Science

Georgia Southwestern College

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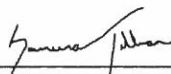
NAME Sameera Tillman

ADDRESS 100 Fieldstone Way/ Fayetteville, GA 30215

TELEPHONE (day) [REDACTED]

(evening) [REDACTED]

(email address) [REDACTED]



Signature

06/05/17

Date

LM 7/17 9:28am

1. How long have you been a resident of Fayette County?

6 years

2. Why are you interested in serving on the Coweta, Fayette and Meriwether County Joint Development Authority?

I would like to become more invested within the Community that I reside in.

3. What qualifications and experience do you possess that should be considered for appointment to the Authority?

I currently own and operate one of the largest Roadside Assistance companies in the nation. I hold seats on the Advisory Council for Allstate Roadside Service and Geico Emergency Roadside Service, in which I make recommendations and implement strategy to improve customer experience and provider efficiency.

4. List your recent employment experiences to include name of company and position.

I am the owner of the Highway Emergency Local Patrol, LLC (H.E.L.P Roadside Assistance). My company formed in Georgia in 2010 and currently provides roadside service to motor club members throughout the Southeast region of the U.S. As Owner and Chief Financial Officer, I oversee the general health and productivity of the Company. I have 5 state managers reporting to me directly, each with a crew of approximately 10 technicians reporting to them. I also have a Operations Manager, Dispatch Manager, and Compliance Manager whom also report directly to me in regards to day to day operations. I oversee the budgeting, payroll, and billing for the entire company. I analyze and implement improvements to the Operating Procedure as needed.

5. Do you have any past experience related to this position? If so, please

describe. As an entrepreneur and business owner of almost 7 years, I have an understanding on the issues businesses face when it comes to operations, growth, and staffing as well as the resources needed to implement resolution.

6. Are you currently serving on a commission/board/authority or in an elected capacity with any government? No.

7. Have you attended any Fayette County Development Authority meetings in the past two years and, if so, how many?

No.

8. Are you willing to attend seminars or continuing education classes at county expense?

Yes.

9. Would there be any possible conflict of interest between your employment or your family and you serving on the Joint Development Authority?

No.

10. Are you in any way related to a County Elected Official or County employee? If so, please describe.

No.

11. Describe your current community involvement.

I am a mother of two young public school students in Fayette County. As a result, I would like to establish a presence within my community.

12. Have you been given a copy of Fayette County's Ethics Ordinance?

Yes.

13. Is there any reason why you would not be able to comply with the County's Ethics Ordinance?

No.

Sameera Tillman

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Fayetteville, GA 30215
[REDACTED]

Cell: [REDACTED]

Home: (678)759-2050

EDUCATION

New York University

BA of Social Science

Concentration in International Studies

May 2006

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Highway Emergency Local Patrol, LLC

July 2010 – Current

Owner/Partner

National

The Highway Emergency Local Patrol (H.E.L.P Roadside) is a roadside assistance provider currently servicing approximately 350 members a day within Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, District of Columbia, and Maryland.

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Forward Air Solutions, Inc.

Dec 2009-March 2012

Billing/ Compliance Administrator

Atlanta, GA

Forward Air Solutions is a Distribution Network Services provider specializing in customized store delivery programs for retailers and companies with scheduled replenishment needs. Forward Air Solutions has practical experience working with leading retailers executing customized distribution programs that deliver cost effective methods to stock their stores in specific geographic regions across 27 states.

I was responsible for the entire billing for the Atlanta Hub terminal as well as partial billing for 5 satellite terminals located in Charlotte, Nashville, Montgomery, Raleigh, and Lakeland. I was the liaison between our drivers and stores, as well as the main point of contact for all of our corporate customers. I submitted daily on-time and performance summaries to our Terminal Manager, as well made recommendations for improving customer satisfaction. I performed extensive data base work on multiple software systems including Bearware RDS4, AS400, PCS Track, FasNet, and EPad. My responsibilities also included, but were not limited to payroll reporting, accounts payable, new hire processing, and driver training. I also performed general day to day office duties as needed.

Apple Metro Restaurants, Inc

New York, NY

Group Sales Coordinator

July 2006 – July 2009

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Apple-Metro Inc. is the New York Metropolitan Area franchisee for Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar restaurants, Chevys Fresh Mex restaurants, and Zanaro's Italian restaurants, serving the five boroughs, as well as Westchester and Rockland County.

My responsibilities included, but were not limited to extensive database work on TMVISTA software, booking reservations and assisting clients in coordinating events for 42 local restaurants, maintained office invoices, billing and budgeting, provided and assured clear and concise communications with restaurant operations, monitored and handled inquiry calls and provided client proposals in accordance with departmental policies and procedures. I also arranged and conducted special events, site inspections, and off-site presentations for potential clients, assisted in production of all marketing collateral necessary to support sales efforts, via direct mail, email, trade shows, conference and personal sales calls, attended and represented restaurant group at trade shows and conventions when necessary. I accomplished the task of booking five of the largest tour and travel agencies in New York as long term clients.

HR Dynamics

New York, NY

Human Resources Assistant

Feb. 2005 – July 2006

HR Dynamics is a human resource management consulting firm that provides cost effective, best practices, human resource consulting to both the for-profit and non-profit business communities.

Within four months of employment, I was promoted from a Receptionist to a Human Resources Assistant. I conducted internal audits to ensure hiring practices were compliant with Federal and State Equal Opportunity standards. Prepared executive reports detailing hiring trends. I maintained a Human Resource Information System (HRIS) that tracked employee certification requirements, time management and billing. I performed prescreening interviews of applicants, new hire orientations, criminal background checks, and employment verifications.

M&T Mortgage Corp.

Clifton Park, NY

Mortgage Lender Liaison

June 2002- January 2004

M&T bank is one of the 20th largest commercial bank holding companies headquartered in the US with over \$65 billion in assets. Their largest mortgage operations are based in Clifton Park, NY.

My duties included analyzing workflows, reporting and making recommendations to the Administrative Vice President towards increasing productivity and turn time. I worked on streamlining appraisals, inspection ordering and data collection processes in the construction loan department. I analyzed customer surveys, conducted attorneys' and closing agents' interviews and made recommendations for improving customer satisfaction in the loan closing process.

VOLUNTEER WORK

Mayor Lee Brown Re-election Campaign

Houston, TX

Asian/Arab Community Liaison

Oct. 2001-Feb.2002

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Home: (678)759-2050

Reached out to potential voters specifically in the Asian & Arab community, organized fundraisers, scheduled events, created portfolios, and designed flyers.

**Amigos de las Americas
Houston, TX / Dominican Republic
Volunteer
2001**

A not-for-profit organization that sends volunteers to under developed communities located in Central and South America in hopes to make a difference. This year long program had us doing several community service activities throughout Houston, TX. At the end of the program, I served an eight week term in the Dominican Republic where I taught both Health and English classes, mentored a teen youth group, organized and oversaw the construction of several vegetable gardens and a basketball court.

AWARDS, SKILLS & INTERESTS

- *2016 Allstate Provider of the Year
- * Allstate Advisory Council Member 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
- *Recipient of the President's Student Service Award;
- *Languages: English, Spanish
- *Expert: Microsoft Word, Excel, Office & Power Point

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County Joint Development Authority**

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AGENDA
Coweta, Fayette, and Meriwether County Joint Development Authority
July 19, 2017

Meeting to interview applicants for a position on the Coweta, Fayette, and Meriwether County Joint Development Authority.

The applicant and interview time are as follows:

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| 1. Robert Simmons | 11:00 a.m. |
| 2. Sameera Tillman | 11:30 a.m. |

Recess 12:00 p.m. -1:30 p.m.

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|------------------|-----------|
| 3. Martin Howley | 1:30 a.m. |
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Adjourn

Vice-Chairman Randy Ognio

Commissioner Charles Oddo

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MERIWEATHER JOINT DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY**

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MINUTES

**Coweta, Fayette, and Meriwether County Joint Development Authority
August 11, 2017**

The Selection Committee for the Coweta, Fayette and Meriweather County Joint Development Authority, comprised of Vice Chair Randy Ognio and Commissioner Charles Oddo, convened for the second time at 9:00 am on Friday, August 11, 2017, to interview applicants four and five of a total of seven applicants, for one open position on the Coweta, Fayette and Meriweather County Joint Development Authority.

The Selection Committee interviewed

Mr. John Woody at 9:00 am, and
Mr. Mark Lethbridge at 9:30 am

The Selection Committee adjourned at 9:30 am

No decision was made pending the final two interviews.

Vice-Chairman Randy Ognio

Commissioner Charles Oddo

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**MINUTES
COWETA, FAYETTE AND MERIWEATHER JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
August 30, 2017**

The Selection Committee for the Coweta, Fayette and Meriweather County Joint Development Authority, comprised of Vice Chair Randy Ognio and Commissioner Charles Oddo, convened for the third time at 9:00 am on Wednesday, August 30, 2017, to interview applicant six of a total of seven applicants, for one open position on the Coweta, Fayette and Meriweather County Joint Development Authority.

The Selection Committee interviewed

Dr. Luis Matta at 9:00 am

The Selection Committee adjourned at 9:30 am

The Selection Committee discussed candidate's credentials and experience; and a decision was made to nominate Mark Lethbridge to serve on the Coweta, Fayette and Meriweather County Joint Development Authority.

Vice-Chairman Randy Ognio

Commissioner Charles Oddo

COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

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Department: Solid Waste

Presenter(s): Vanessa Birrell, EMD Director

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017

Type of Request: New Business #7

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of staff's recommendation to award Contract No.1285-P to Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. to serve as Engineer of Record for Solid Waste for the period ending June 30, 2018 with provisions for two one-year renewals, in amounts to be determined by each task order as assigned.

Background/History/Details:

Solid Waste Management includes overseeing and monitoring post-closure compliance activities required by Georgia Solid Waste Management Regulations (391-3-4.14) and complying with other regulatory programs. Contract No. P1285 allows Jacobs Engineering to perform and report results of required semi-annual groundwater and surface water monitoring and quarterly methane monitoring. This contract also allows for engineering and environmental services on an as-needed basis based on a proposed rate structure. Jacobs Engineering was selected based on proposed scope, qualifications, experience and price (Jacobs' proposal was ranked the highest overall.) out of a total of four respondents to the request for proposal.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of staff's recommendation to award Contract No.1285-P to Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. to serve as Engineer of Record for Solid Waste for the period ending June 30, 2018 with provisions for two one-year renewals, in amounts to be determined by each task order as assigned.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Funding for this proposal will come from Solid Waste enterprise fund 54040500 521320.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past? Yes

If so, when? January 24, 2013

Do you need audio-visual for the presentation? No

Back-up Material Submitted? Yes

STAFF USE ONLY

Approved by Finance Yes

Reviewed by Legal

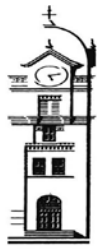
Approved by Purchasing Yes

Approved by County Clerk Yes

Administrator's Approval

Staff Notes:

Approved funding for FY2018 acct 54040500-521320 is \$70,900.



To: Steve Rapson

From: Ted L. Burgess

Date: September 14, 2017

Subject: RFP #1285-P: Solid Waste Engineer of Record

From time to time, the Environmental Management Department has a need for a professional engineering firm to provide services related to solid waste and environmental management. To reduce the use of time and other resources involved in contracting each time the need arises, local governments often contract with a firm to serve as the "on-call engineer" or Engineer of Record for a specific period of time. The county uses this type of arrangement for Water System and Public Works engineering needs, and it has proven successful in both cases.

The Purchasing Department issued Request for Proposals (RFP) #1285-P for this purpose. The Department emailed notices to 32 firms. Invitations were extended via the Fayette News, the county website, Georgia Local Government Access Marketplace (www.glga.org), Channel 23, and the Greater Georgia Black Chamber of Commerce. An additional 589 firms were notified through the Internet-based Georgia Procurement Registry, using commodity codes 92535 (Environmental Engineering) and 92536 (Engineering Services not otherwise classified).

Four companies submitted proposals. It was deemed necessary to disqualify one firm's proposal (Advanced Environmental Management, Inc.) because of significant issues with engineering and monitoring services they had performed for the county after the monitoring wells had been installed.

An Evaluation Team reviewed, evaluated, and scored the proposals, following criteria spelled out in the Request for Proposals. Since this RFP had been issued prior to the newly established procedure for scoring, the methodology stated in the Evaluation Criteria section was followed. The methodology provided for 70% of the score to be based on technical merit of the proposal, and 30% based on price. The highest-scoring proposal was Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. (Attachment 1).

A Contractor Performance Evaluation has been completed for work that Jacobs Engineering Group has done for the county in the past (Attachment 2).

Specifics of the proposed contract are as follows:

Contract Name	1285-P: Solid Waste Engineer of Record
Contractor	Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.
Contract Term:	
Initial Term	12 months
Renewal Terms	Two 12-month renewal terms
Contract Price	NA – Amount is established for each Task Order
Budget	Variable, depending on the project or task

PROPOSAL #1285-P: SOLID WASTE ENGINEER OF RECORD**Evaluation Scores****Summary**

		Max Points	Advanced Environmental Mgt, Inc.	Harbin Engineering, P.C.	Jacobs Engineering Group Inc.	Oasis Consulting Services
1	Project Team	25	Disqualified	17.4	22.8	16.8
2	Project Understanding & Approach	20		14.4	19.2	11.0
3	Knowledge of Fayette Co Solid Waste & Landfill Permitting	20		13.6	18.0	5.6
4	Quality of Written Proposal	20		13.4	16.8	11.2
5	Schedule	15		10.0	10.8	7.8
Total Technical Score		100		68.8	87.6	52.4
	Weighted Technical Merit	70%		48.2	61.3	36.7
	Price - As Adjusted for Comparability			\$58,735.32	\$90,282.00	\$57,437.50
	Weighted Technical Merit	70%		48.2	61.3	36.7
	Weighted Price	30%		<u>29.3</u>	<u>19.1</u>	<u>30.0</u>
	Total Technical Merit + Price			<u>77.5</u>	<u>80.4</u>	<u>66.7</u>

FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Page 1

1. Use this form to record contractor performance for any contract of \$50,000 or above.
2. The person who serves as project manager or account manager is the designated party to complete the evaluation.
3. This form is to be completed and forwarded to the Purchasing Department not later than 30 days after completion or expiration of a contract. Past performance is considered on future contracts.

VENDOR INFORMATION	COMPLETE ALL APPLICABLE INFORMATION
Company Name: <i>Jacobs Engineering</i>	Contract Number: <i>976-N</i>
Mailing Address: <i>10 Tenth Street, NW, Suite 1400</i>	Contract Description or Title: <i>Methane, Groundwater, + Surface Water Monitoring</i>
City, St, Zip Code: <i>Atlanta, GA 30309</i>	Contract Term (Dates) From: <i>2/10/2014</i> To: <i>6/30/2017</i>
Phone Number:	Task Order Number:
Cell Number:	Other Reference:
E-Mail Address:	

DEFINITIONS

OUTSTANDING – Vendor considerably exceeded minimum contractual requirements or performance expectations of the products/services; The vendor demonstrated the highest level of quality workmanship/professionalism in execution of contract.

EXCELLENT (Exc) - Vendor exceeded minimum contractual requirements or performance expectations of the products/services.

SATISFACTORY (Sat) - Vendor met minimum contractual requirements or performance expectations of the products/services.

UNSATISFACTORY (UnSat) - Vendor did not meet the minimum contractual requirements or performance expectations of the products and/or services; Performed below minimum requirements

EVALUATIONS (Place "X" in appropriate box for each criterion.)

Criteria (includes change orders / amendments)	Out-standing	Exc	Sat	Un-Sat	Not Apply
1. Work or other deliverables performed on schedule	X				
2. Condition of delivered products	X				
3. Quality of work	X				
4. Adherence to specifications or scope of work	X				
5. Timely, appropriate, & satisfactory problem or complaint resolution	X				
6. Timeliness and accuracy of invoicing	X				
7. Working relationship / interfacing with county staff and citizens	X				
8. Service Call (On-Call) response time	X				
9. Adherence to contract budget and schedule	X				
10. Other (specify): <i>consistently under budget</i>					
11. Overall evaluation of contractor performance	X				

EVALUATED BY

Signature: <i>Vanessa Birrell</i>	Date of Evaluation: <i>3-9-2017</i>
Print Name: <i>Vanessa Birrell</i>	Department/Division: <i>EMD</i>
Title: <i>Director, Env Management</i>	Telephone No: <i>5410</i>

CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION Explanation of Outstanding or Unsatisfactory Ratings		Page 2
Company Name: <u>Jacobs Eng</u>	Contract Number: <u>976-N</u>	
	EXPLANATIONS / COMMENTS	
	1. Do not submit page 2 without page 1. 2. Use this page to explain evaluations of <i>Outstanding</i> or <i>Unsatisfactory</i> . 3. Be specific (include paragraph and page numbers referenced in the applicable contract, etc.). Continue on separate sheet if needed (show company name and contract number or other reference)	
	1) Always submitted to EPD prior to deadline	
	2) Never requested by EPD to resubmit including Inert Plan that was 1st submitted under new regulation	
	3) see above	
	4) Work always considered cost benefit to County	
	5) Always advised when proposed law/regulation would affect scope	
	6) Worked with EMP office administrator to invoice County to make our process smoother and less work	
	8) Always returned call/answered technical question within a day of call placed by EMP	
	9) Always under budget.	

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COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

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Department:

Presenter(s):

Meeting Date:

Type of Request:

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of staff's recommendation to fund the design and installation of a new gravity sewer line in the amount of \$130,000, to connect the Fayette County Animal Shelter's building to the Peachtree City Water & Sewer Authority's sewer system network.

Background/History/Details:

The Fayette County Animal Shelter was built in 1983 with an Office and eight (8) dog runs. In 2001, a new office building was constructed and the existing building renovated to provide additional animal housing capacity and improved functionality of the facility. Due to continuing issues with absorption within the existing septic drain field, an additional 250LF of new drain field line was added on higher ground at an alternate location on the property in 2009. Eventually the new drain field began to show signs of similar absorption issues. At that time, County staff would use the diverter valve to switch between the two drain fields as was needed. The frequency of diverting sewage from one drain field to the other has increased over the years indicating our need to consider installing another drain field on the lot or connect to the Peachtree City Water & Sewer Authority's sewer system. Considering the poor absorption of the soils on the property and the potential for future growth of the Animal Shelter, staff believes now is the right time to connect to the existing sanitary sewer system. Staff has been working with the PCW&SA to determine the most direct path to connect to their system. PCW&SA has communicated with the Rite Aid store regarding taking over a part of their sewer system to reduce the overall length of new sewer we would have to install. Fayette County will have to obtain a permanent sewer easement through the Rite Aid property to make connection to the existing sewer system. Staff is prepared to immediately move forward with surveying & design of the sanitary sewer using our Engineer of Record, on-demand services contract with Tetra-tech.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of staff's recommendation to fund the design and installation of a new gravity sewer line in the amount of \$130,000, to connect the Fayette County Animal Shelter's building to the Peachtree City Water & Sewer Authority's sewer system network.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

This item currently has no funding for this work. Due to the critical nature of this request, Funding is requested from Fayette County's Project Contingency Account.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?

If so, when?

Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*

Backup Provided with Request?

*** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.**

Approved by Finance

Reviewed by Legal

Approved by Purchasing

County Clerk's Approval

Administrator's Approval

Staff Notes:

Fayette County's Project Contingency Account has an available balance of \$256,694 as of Sept 7, 2017.

Proposal to Fayette County Public Works for Task Order #38: Fayette County Animal Shelter Sanitary Sewer Extension

Submitted to:

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County Engineer
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Phone: (770) 320-6010**

Submitted by:

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**Email: brian.watson@tetrattech.com
Phone: (770) 738-6030**

August 17, 2017

Scope of Work – Task Order #38

August 17, 2017



A. Introduction

Fayette County has requested that the Fayette County Animal Shelter be removed from an on-site sanitary sewer septic system and placed on the Peachtree City Water & Sewerage Authority (PCW&SA) sanitary sewer collection system. The alignment of the proposed 8-inch gravity sewer line is approximately depicted in cyan on the map below:



This project is being performed under Tetra Tech's Engineer of Record for Public Works (#940-P) contract with the County. Tasks to be completed for this project are further described herein and include:

- 1) Prepare Existing conditions Survey;
- 2) Prepare Construction Documents;
- 3) Permitting Assistance; and
- 4) Construction Administration

Scope of Work – Task Order #38

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**B. Scope of Work**

Tetra Tech will perform the following tasks:

Task 1. Prepare Existing Conditions Survey:

Tetra Tech's teaming partner, Rochester & Associates, will survey a 100-ft wide corridor following the alignment of the planned sewer line as required to locate information and prepare a base map needed to complete the design. In addition, Rochester & Associates will develop an easement plan and description exhibit if required.

Task 2. Prepare Construction Documents:

Tetra Tech will prepare construction documents suitable for permitting the sanitary sewer extension. Typical construction plan sheets include:

1. Cover Sheet
2. Notes
3. Existing Conditions
4. Site and Utility Plan
5. Sewer Profile
6. Erosion Control Plan
7. Details

Key technical specifications necessary for the design shall be included as general notes or on the drawings.

Task 3. Permitting Assistance:

Tetra Tech will prepare and submit necessary applications for permitting the proposed project through PCW&SA and/or Peachtree City. No additional permits are anticipated for this project as the land disturbance is expected to be less than 1-acre.

Task 4. Construction Administration:

Tetra Tech will provide the following construction administration scope of services based upon a 3-week construction schedule:

- ✓ Sanitary Sewer Notice of Construction
- ✓ Contractor Pre-Construction Meeting
- ✓ Pre-Construction Photo Documentation of Site & Surrounding Areas
- ✓ Shop Drawing Review & Approval
- ✓ Routine Construction Observation & Summary Reporting
- ✓ Contractor's Payment Draw Request & Change Order Review & Approval
- ✓ Sanitary Sewer Collection System As-Built Survey Review
- ✓ Sanitary Sewer Collection System Testing Observation

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**C. Project Cost**

An estimate of project costs is provided in the table below. The costs are based on our current understanding of the project requirements and best estimates of level of effort required to perform the basic services and may be subject to change upon agreement between Fayette County and Tetra Tech. This project will be billed at a Firm Fixed Price of \$29,470.

Task #	Description	Cost
Task 1	Prepare Existing Conditions Survey	\$10,000
Task 2	Prepare Construction Documents	\$8,100
Task 3	Permitting Assistance	\$3,750
Task 4	Construction Administration	\$7,620
Totals		\$29,470

D. Project Schedule

Based on our current understanding and best estimates of time required to perform the basic services, Tetra Tech will complete the existing conditions survey and construction documents portion of the proposed scope of work within 6-weeks of notice to proceed.

E. Assumptions

The scope of services and project costs shown above were developed with the following assumptions and exclusions:

- Only the sanitary sewer will be designed; no other utilities will be designed or relocated.
- DOT right-of-way utility encroachment permits are not anticipated to be required.
- Stormwater management is beyond the scope of services.
- Tree replacement and/or landscape plans are not anticipated to be required.
- County will pay for all permit application fees, plan review fees, PCW&SA inspection fees, connection and/or impact fees.
- County is responsible for obtaining any required easements or additional right-of-way.
- Application for variances or special exceptions, zoning changes or comprehensive planning is beyond the scope of services.

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- Front end or Technical Specifications (Project Manual) are not anticipated to be required. Key technical specifications necessary for the design shall be included as general notes or on the drawings
- Permit to operate the sewer system will be provided by others.
- A sanitary sewer design report is not anticipated to be required.
- Construction layout surveys are anticipated to be performed by contractor and are not included in this scope of work.
- NPDES permitting and/or reporting is not anticipated to be required as the land disturbance is less than 1-acre and not part of a larger development.
- Easement documents are limited to the adjacent drug store property where the sewer will need to tie into a receiving sanitary sewer manhole.
- As-built surveys are beyond the scope of proposed services.

FAYETTE COUNTY - ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE

NO	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1	General Conditions	1	LS	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
2	8" Dia. PVC Sanitary Sewer Pipe	950	LF	\$ 45.00	\$ 42,750.00
3	Decommission Existing Septic Tanks	2	Ea	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
4	Additive Alternate - Bore & Jack - 16" Dia. Casing	70	LF	\$ 200.00	\$ 14,000.00
5	Std. Sanitary Sewer Manhole	5	Ea	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
6	Connection to existing Manhole	1	Ea	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
7	Sewer Connection Fee (PCW&S Authority)	1	Ea	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 3,050.00
8	Clearing & Grubbing	0.8	AC	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
9	Temporary Grassing	0.8	AC	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,200.00
10	Final Grassing	0.8	AC	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,400.00
11	Construction Exit	1	Ea	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
12	Silt Fence - Type C	950	LF	\$ 4.00	\$ 3,800.00
13	Engineering Design (Tetra Tech)*	1	LS	\$ 18,100.00	\$ 18,100.00
14	Rock removal (if encountered)	1	LS	\$ -	\$ -
15	Permanent Esm't (thru Rite Aid Pharmacy property)**	1	LS	\$ -	\$ -
	Contingency (10%)				\$ 11,580.00
	TOTAL =				\$ 127,380.00

****ESTIMATED COST FOR PERMANENT ESM'T = \$52,955 (actual cost to be negotiated)**

Perm. Esmt. = 275' x 20' = 5,500sf = .126ac

Est. 2017 Tax Value (TV) = \$1,186,570 / 2.27ac = \$522,718/acre

Est. 2017 Purchase Value (TV x 1.5) = \$1,779,855 / 2.27ac = \$784,077/acre

.126ac x \$785K/ac = \$98,910 @ 50% = **\$49,455**

Appraisal = **\$2,000**

Attorney, Title & Closing = **\$1,500**

* Task 1 & Task 2 only

Prepared by Carlos Christian

DATE: August 18, 2017

COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

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Department:

Presenter(s):

Meeting Date:

Type of Request:

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of staff's recommendation to revise Euthanasia & Shelter Management Policy 280.01 to increase the operational capacity threshold from 75% to 85%.

Background/History/Details:

On July 13, 2017 staff presented and the board approved Policy 280.01 Euthanasia & Shelter Management.

Based upon follow-up meetings, evaluation of operations and newly hired staff animal control positions we are recommending increasing the operational capacity threshold from (75%) 20-dog kennels to (85%) 22-dog kennels.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of staff's recommendation to revise Euthanasia & Shelter Management Policy 280.01 to increase the operational capacity threshold from 75% to 85%.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Has this request been considered within the past two years?

If so, when?

Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*

Backup Provided with Request?

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Approved by Finance

Reviewed by Legal

Approved by Purchasing

County Clerk's Approval

Administrator's Approval

Staff Notes:

This proposed increase in operational capacity would not put any undue pressure on the staff and management of the shelter.

FAYETTE COUNTY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS Animal Shelter Management/Euthanasia 280.01

PURPOSE

The Purpose of this policy is to provide direction on -shelter management and when necessary, euthanasia within the shelter.

POLICY

The Fayette County Animal Shelter is committed to the preservation of life and to the objective use of approved methods of euthanasia. Euthanasia is normally reserved for animals that are suffering mentally, physically, terminally ill or considered dangerous to themselves, other animals, and/or humans. Euthanasia for reasons due to insufficient operational capacity is established when capacity reaches ~~(85%)~~ ~~(75%)~~ of available cages, leaving the remaining ~~((125%))~~ ~~(25%)~~ to be free to be utilized for required stratification of dangerous animals; isolate sick; puppies and manageability of shelter.

PROCEDURE

1. Each animal admitted into the animal center will be evaluated initially at intake. Animals placed in the shelter's adoption program will be posted on social-media and other outlets to encourage adoptions and will be continuously evaluated for medical and behavioral considerations.

Evaluations are intended to identify:

- a. Animals with a poor prognosis, protracted painful recovery, incurable illness, and/or are non-responsive to treatment or who suffer from an affliction in which treatment is not reasonably available.
 - b. Animals who are deemed to pose an unacceptable danger to other animals, themselves or the public.
 - c. Animals who have a condition that individually may not necessitate euthanasia, but that contribute to escalate other conditions that, in total, warrant euthanasia.
2. Notice to owner of impounded animals will be sent and a five-day impoundment period enacted to reach the pet owner. If the owner cannot be located, it shall be the duty of the director or his/her designee to determine adoptability of the animal.
 3. If the animal is not deemed adoptable the director or his/her designee will notify the appropriate humane and rescue agencies in writing with the determination. The notice will advise that at the end of the five-day hold that the animal may be euthanized.

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POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS
Animal Shelter Management/Euthanasia
280.01**

4. When an animal has been deemed adoptable, there will be an additional twenty-five days past the five-day hold required allowing for possible adoption.
 - a. Five-days prior to the end of the cumulative thirty-days staff will send a notification to the appropriate humane and rescue agencies that describes the animal and informs the agencies that the animal may be in danger of possible euthanization.
5. After all possible alternatives, have been exhausted and due to space limitation, an animal is to be euthanized. Animals that have been at the shelter the longest may be euthanized.
6. Animals that are to be euthanized will be approved by the Director or his/her designee before any action is taken.
 - a. Should an animal be considered wildlife, a rabies specimen or seriously sick or injured to the extent that allowing the animal to live will cause undue suffering and be inhumane, no prior approval will be needed.
7. The entire euthanasia procedure must be performed by two staff members.
8. Euthanasia must be performed in accordance with HSUS standards whenever possible. Pre-sedation must precede sodium pentobarbital injections and intravenous injections must be used whenever possible.

COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

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Department:

Presenter(s):

Meeting Date:

Type of Request:

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration to authorize the County Attorney and staff to amend the county code related to spay and neutering of animals.

Background/History/Details:

Based upon meetings and consultation with the Humane Society; public and private animal rescue agencies staff supports a policy to implement the spay and neutering of all adoptable animals.

Staff supports implementing a spay and neuter fee as part of our existing adoption process for all animals taken from the animal control shelter.

This proposed change will require revisions of our existing animal control ordinance and the increase of our existing adoption fee.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval to authorize the County Attorney and staff to amend the county code related to spay and neutering of animals.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Staff proposes utilizing \$10,000 of General Fund Balance to provide seed-funding for implementing the spay and neutering program.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?

If so, when?

Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*

Backup Provided with Request?

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Staff Notes:

The seed-funding would be treated as a perpetual special purpose funding and subsequently replenished utilizing adoption fee proceeds.

CODE PROVISIONS
(Current as of August 14, 2017)

Sec. 6-26. Notice to owners of impounded animals.

(g) If any animal is not claimed as provided within this article, the director or his authorized representative, and after he has satisfied himself that such animal is in good health, may offer the animal for adoption. It is the duty of the person adopting an animal from the director or his authorized agent to have the animal spayed or neutered, or to verify that the animal is already spayed or neutered, and to ensure that the animal is given a rabies vaccination, all within ten working days following the adoption. The person who has adopted an animal pursuant to this article shall present to a county animal shelter officer proof or evidence, within ten working days following the adoption, that the adopted animal has been spayed or neutered, or proof that for health reasons the animal cannot be spayed or neutered, and that the animal has been given a current rabies vaccination. A sworn, notarized statement from a veterinarian, licensed to practice veterinary medicine under the Georgia Veterinary Practice Act (O.C.G.A. § 43-50-1 et seq.), stating that for health reasons the animal cannot be spayed or neutered, and stating that the animal has been given a current rabies vaccination, shall be considered satisfactory proof or evidence under this subsection. The owner of such animal will be considered in violation of this article for failure to submit proof of spaying or neutering and proof of a current rabies vaccination, and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of up to \$500.00 and/or imprisonment in jail for a period not to exceed 60 days, or both.

Sec. 6-88. Sterilization provisions.

(a) The animal shelter, humane society or public or private animal refuge shall make provisions for the sterilization of all dogs or cats acquired from the shelter, society or refuge by:

(1) Providing sterilization by a licensed veterinarian before relinquishing custody of the animal; or

(2) Entering into a written agreement with the person acquiring such animal guaranteeing that sterilization will be performed by a licensed veterinarian within 30 days after acquisition of such animal in the case of an adult animal or within 30 days of the sexual maturity of the animal in the case of an immature animal; provided, however, that the requirements of this section shall not apply to any privately owned animal which the animal shelter, humane society, or public or private animal refuge may have in its possession for any reason if the owner of such animal claims or presents evidence that such animal is the property of such person.

(b) All costs of sterilization pursuant to this section shall be the responsibility of the person acquiring such animal and, if performed prior to acquisition, may be included in any fees charged by the animal shelter, humane society, or public or private animal refuge for such animal.

(c) Any person acquiring an animal from the animal shelter, humane society, or a public or private animal refuge, which animal is not sterile at the time of acquisition, shall submit to the animal shelter, humane society, or public or private animal refuge a signed statement from the licensed veterinarian performing the sterilization required by subsection (a) (2) of this section within seven days after such sterilization attesting that such sterilization has been performed.

Sec. 6-89. Penalties.

It shall be a misdemeanor to fail or refuse to comply with the requirements of section 6-88 and any person convicted of such misdemeanor shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$200.00.

Section 6-26 requires that all animals adopted from the animal shelter be sterilized and vaccinated for rabies. Proof of such sterilization and rabies vaccination must be supplied to the animal shelter with ten working days following the adoption. Failure to submit such proof within ten working days subjects the person to a fine of \$500.00 and/or jail time not to exceed 60 days. The violation isn't the failure to sterilize or have the animal vaccination, it's the failure to show proof thereof to the animal shelter.

Section 6-88 provides that, if the adopted animal is not sterilized, the person adopting shall enter into a written agreement with the County stating that the sterilization and rabies vaccination will take place within 30 days of the person taking possession of the animal. There is a requirement to show proof of sterilization within seven days after the sterilization has been performed. There is no similar requirement for proof of rabies vaccination. The penalty for violation of this section is \$200.00.

COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

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Department:

Presenter(s):

Meeting Date:

Type of Request:

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of staff's request to allocate up to \$500,000 of 2004 SPLOST funds (Project R-5G) for the design and construction of a multi-use path along Veterans Parkway over Sandy Creek, and approval of a \$7,500 professional services contract with Rochester & Associates, Inc. to develop a concept for the project.

Background/History/Details:

As part of the 2013 Annexation Consent Agreement with Fayetteville for the Pinewood Atlanta development, Fayette County agreed to design and construct a multi-use path over Sandy Creek. The Agreement was modified in 2017 and a copy of the current document is provided as backup.

At this time, few details for the project are known. The first step is to gather input from stakeholders (including Pinewood Atlanta Studios, Pinewood Forrest, City of Fayetteville and Fayette County) and determine which side of the road is best suited for the path segment. From there, extents of the path and construction details can be developed.

In addition to requesting Board approval of 2004 SPLOST funding for this project, Staff is recommending authorization of the attached \$7,500 contract to prepare a concept plan. The plan will be used to solicit professional services for full design by an Invitation to Bid or a Request for Proposal. Rochester is involved with both the Pinewood Atlanta Studios and Pinewood Forrest projects and a logical choice for providing the technical support for the project.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of staff's request to allocate up to \$500,000 of 2004 SPLOST funds (Project R-5G) for the design and construction of a multi-use path along Veterans Parkway over Sandy Creek, and approval of a \$7,500 professional services contract with Rochester & Associates, Inc. to develop a concept for the project.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Funding is available from the 2004 SPLOST 321 funds. The money can be allocated to R-5G without impacts to any currently authorized 2004 SPLOST project.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?

If so, when?

Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*

Backup Provided with Request?

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Approved by Finance

Reviewed by Legal

Approved by Purchasing

County Clerk's Approval

Administrator's Approval

Staff Notes:

The professional services contract with Rochester & Associates will be designated as Contract #1354-S, Concept Plan for Multi-Use Path over Sandy Creek.

ANNEXATION CONSENT AGREEMENT

This Intergovernmental Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") is entered into this the _____ day of _____, 2013 by and among FAYETTE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (hereinafter "County"); the CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, a municipal corporation chartered by the State of Georgia (hereinafter "City") and _____ a Georgia corporation (hereinafter "Property Owner").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Property Owners desire to annex into the corporate limits of City multiple tracts of land totaling approximately 1200 acres, more particularly described on Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the O.C.G.A. § 36-36-6 and O.C.G.A. § 36-36-111, the City notified the County of its intent to annex the tracts and further notifying the County of the intended land use classification; and

WHEREAS, the County raises no objections to said annexation.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the parties hereunto agree as follows:

1. **Recitals.** The Recitals contained in this Agreement are specifically incorporated herein and made a part hereof.
2. **Annexation.** The City of Fayetteville shall annex within its corporate borders the properties shown on Exhibit "A" (the Annexed Property), such parcels containing approximately 1200 acres of land.
3. **Zoning of the Annexed Area.** The City shall zone parcels 07-06-006, 07-06-063, 07-05-007, 07-05-019, 05-28-011, 05-28-030, and 05-28-040. Planned Community District (PCD) as described in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein. The remaining portion of the Annexed Property shall be zoned R-70 Residential as described in Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated herein.
4. **Consent of County.** The County hereby consents to the annexation proposed hereby and waives all objections to the proposed annexation, provided, the Annexed Property is zoned by the City as described in Paragraph 3 above.

5. Representations and Warranties.

- a. The undersigned Mayor of the City of Fayetteville hereby represents and warrants that this agreement has been fully reviewed by the City Council and that the City Council has approved this Agreement in a meeting open to the public and has authorized the Mayor to execute the same.
- b. The undersigned Chairman of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners hereby represents and warrants that this agreement has been fully reviewed by the Board of Commissioners and that the Board of Commissioners has approved this Agreement in a meeting open to the public and has authorized the Chairman to execute the same.
- c. For the construction underway in the County prior to the annexation, the City authorizes the County to issue permits and collect associated permit fees, review, inspect, and enforce compliance with all applicable Fayette County building codes, including the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. The City shall retain the right to review and comment to County staff regarding any concerns pertaining to said site/construction plans. Upon issuance by the County of a CO, the City will accept the development as being compliant with City codes and ordinances. All future development projects on the Annexed Property after annexation shall be subject to the City of Fayetteville's standard planning and zoning review and development approval procedures.

For land disturbance shown on the construction plan known as "Pinewood Atlanta Phase 1A" approved on 6/13/13 by Stormwater Management, the City authorizes the County to issue permits and collected associated fees, review, inspect, and enforce compliance with all applicable Fayette County stormwater, and erosion, sediment, and pollution control codes.

- d. Notwithstanding any of the items declared in paragraph 5c above, for the site/construction plan known as "Pinewood Atlanta Phase 1A", the City shall issue permits and collect associated permit fees, review, inspect, and enforce compliance with sanitary sewer, landscaping, minimum parking dimensions, and signage standards according to City of Fayetteville codes and ordinances.
- e. For future construction, the City may contract with the County to provide building permitting and inspection services for compliance with all applicable City building codes. The scope of these services will be covered in a separate agreement for Permitting and Inspection Services.
- f. Multi-Use Paths – The City and County shall continue to work together, along with the property owners, to develop a comprehensive network of multi-use paths

that provide safe and efficient access for pedestrians, bicycles and golf carts across the subject properties and into other areas of the City and County.

In addition, Fayette County shall be responsible for design, permitting and construction of a path over Sandy Creek, of which Pinewood Atlanta has allowed the Fayette County government full access to the property to facilitate the multi-use path continuing across the wetlands, by bridge or build-out of existing embankment, to the southeastern corner of the subject property. The creek crossing will ultimately connect to pathways along Veterans Parkway to be constructed by Owners/Developers of Pinewood Atlanta.

Multi-Use Path Tunnel - The City and County acknowledge that a multi-use path tunnel shall be constructed beneath either Sandy Creek Road or Veteran's Parkway connecting to the Pinewood site. The location of the tunnel shall be decided jointly between the City and County. The City and County also acknowledge that Pinewood Atlanta shall make a financial contribution in the amount of \$60,000 and required easements towards the tunnel project with specific details addressed in the conditions of annexation. The City will be responsible for the coordinating the construction of the tunnel with the County providing earthwork to reduce costs. The City will include the multi-use path tunnel as an eligible project in the 2013 Core Infrastructure Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), and if the referendum is approved by the voters, the City shall be responsible for the balance of the costs of the project less the Pinewood Atlanta contribution and earthwork assistance from the County. Should the SPLOST referendum not be approved by the voters, the County will be responsible for the total construction costs less the Pinewood Atlanta contribution. At-grade path crossings of Veteran's Parkway and Sandy Creek Road shall be avoided for safety and efficiency reasons, and without a tunnel or bridge access, made only at intersections with traffic controlled devices (e.g. stop signs or traffic signals, etc.) Any exceptions shall be approved by both City and County engineering departments.

- g. The City of Fayetteville has plans to construct a new Fire Station (Station 93) to service the existing city limits and newly annexed properties in the West Fayetteville area as outlined in exhibit "A." Design is programmed in the City's FY 2015 budget with construction in FY 2016 budget. Fayette County Station 11 is currently providing primary emergency fire response to the area of the proposed annexation with secondary response from City of Fayetteville Fire Station 91. Fayette County agrees to continue with this service delivery arrangement without any charge for services through June 30, 2015. After this date, the City agrees to compensate the County for primary emergency fire response protection services until Station 93 is operational.

Said compensation shall be at fifty (50%) of the total assessed value of real property in the annexed area as of June 30, 2015 and any subsequent years multiplied by the Fayette County Fire Millage rate effective as of June 30, 2015 and for any subsequent years. The City shall provide documentation to the County by January 15th of each year, starting in 2016, and the City shall submit payment to the County by January 31st of each year, starting in 2016. Any disputes will be settled jointly between the Fayetteville City Manager and Fayette County Administrator. This service delivery agreement is strictly limited to the properties outlined in exhibit "A" until Station 93 assumes primary response to the area. Upon assumption of primary response by Station 93, the service delivery agreements in force at that time will then apply.

- h. The City of Fayetteville Police Department shall utilize a phased-in approach to address the staffing and capital needs associated with law enforcement service delivery to the proposed West Fayetteville Area. The Fayette County Sheriff's Office shall continue to operate under the current Mutual Aid Agreement to provide initial service to the new West Fayetteville Area until Fayetteville Police resources are fully developed.
- i. Emergency 9-1-1 services are provided by Fayette County through a consolidated 9-1-1 system. City of Fayetteville property owners contribute to this system through a special tax district. This system will service the proposed annexation area in the same manner.
- j. Emergency Medical Services, advanced life support and transport services are provided by Fayette County. City of Fayetteville property owners contribute to this system as part of the EMS tax district. This system will service the proposed annexation area in the same manner.
- k.
 1. The City of Fayetteville will assume full maintenance responsibility for all of Veterans Parkway between SR 54 and Sandy Creek Road, a distance of approximately 1.86 miles.
 2. The City of Fayetteville will assume full maintenance responsibility for the portion of Sandy Creek Road between its southern termini with Veterans Parkway and western-most edge of the proposed City limits; a distance of approximately 0.55 miles.
 3. The City of Fayetteville should assume full ownership and maintenance responsibility for the intersection of Sandy Creek Road and Veterans Parkway.
 4. Road capacity increases may be needed in the future for the existing 2-lane section of Veterans Parkway and Sandy Creek Road within the areas being considered for annexation. County would agree to include this project in a future SPLOST at City's request.

1. The City agrees to uphold the following curb cut limits along Veterans Parkway and Sandy Creek Road.

For parcels annexed into the City and having frontage on Veterans Parkway between SR 54 and South Sandy Creek Road:

- No private driveways onto Veterans Parkway; and
- No additional future road intersections beyond the two intersections already built into the roadway. Frontage roads, provided by property owners/developers, shall be used to gain access to the existing curb cuts.

For parcels having frontage on Sandy Creek Road and/or Veterans Parkway (north of South Sandy Creek Road intersection):

- One curb cut, as already shown on site plan, from the Rivers Rock LLC properties (Parcels 07-06-006 and 07-05-007) to Veterans Parkway;
- One future curb cut from Parcel 05-26-011 to Veterans Parkway;
- One future curb cut from Parcel 07-06-006 (44-acre portion) to Sandy Creek Road; and
- Additional driveways and/or road intersections from other parcels may be permitted in accordance with existing City and County regulations.

6. Miscellaneous. This agreement is entered into pursuant to the authority granted in Article 9, § 3, ¶ 1 of the Constitution of the State of Georgia. This agreement shall be construed in all respects in accordance with Georgia law. This agreement may not be modified or amended except in writing signed by all the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have set there hand and seal the date first written above.

[Signature appear on the next page]

CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE

By: 
Gregory C. Clifton
Mayor

FAYETTE COUNTY


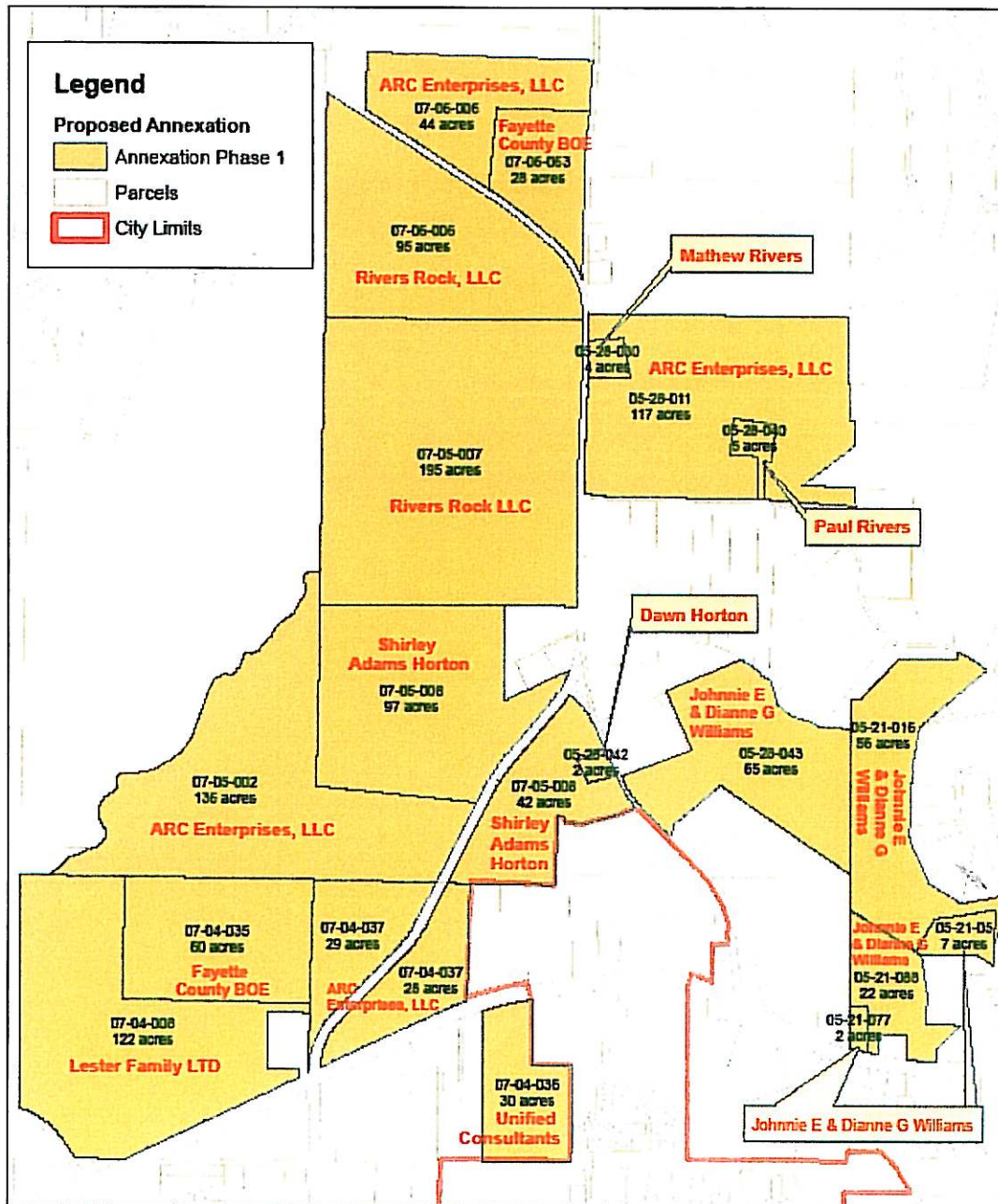
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Chairman

EXHIBIT A



West Fayetteville Area Proposed Annexation

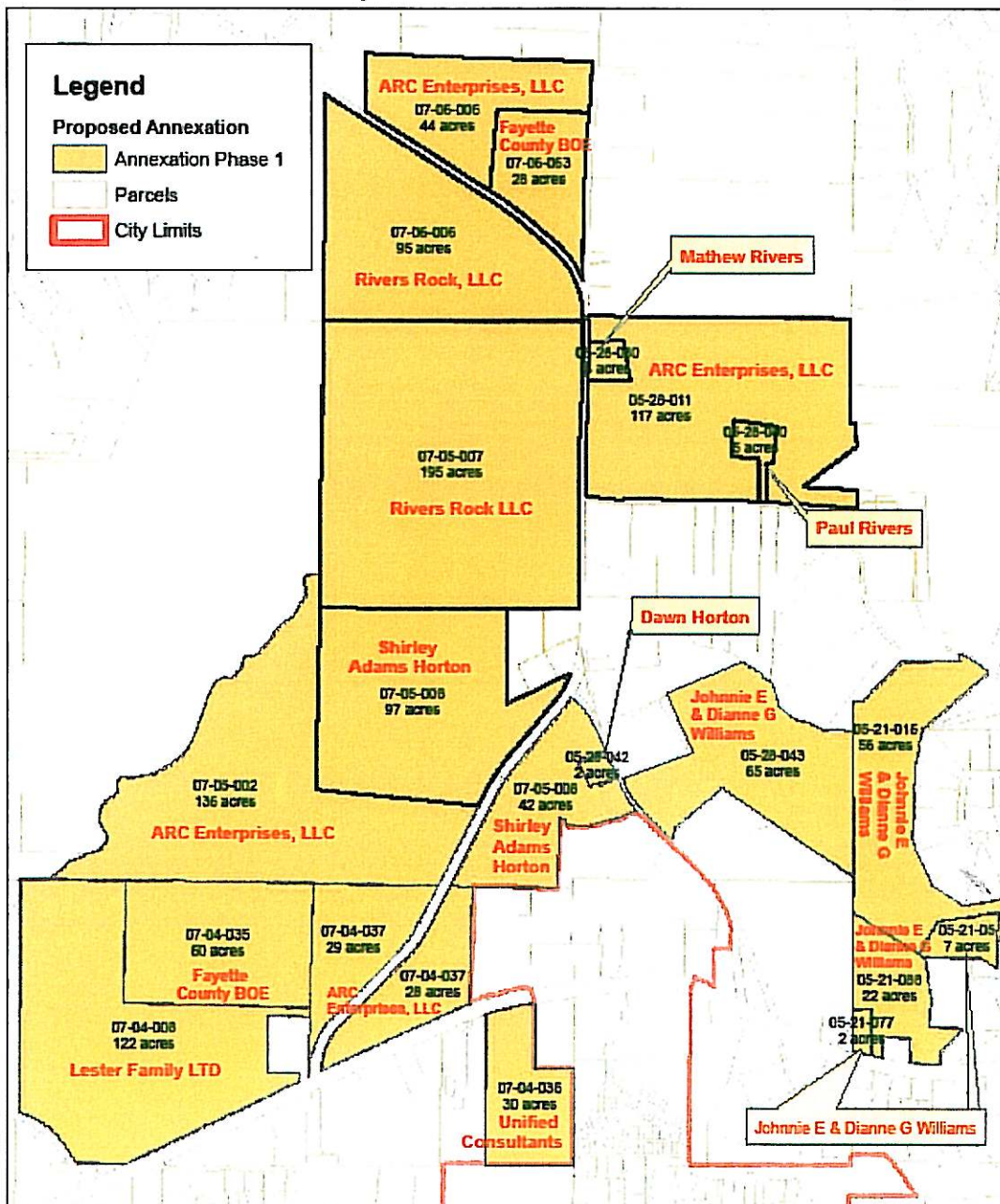


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EXHIBIT B

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West Fayetteville Area Proposed Annexation



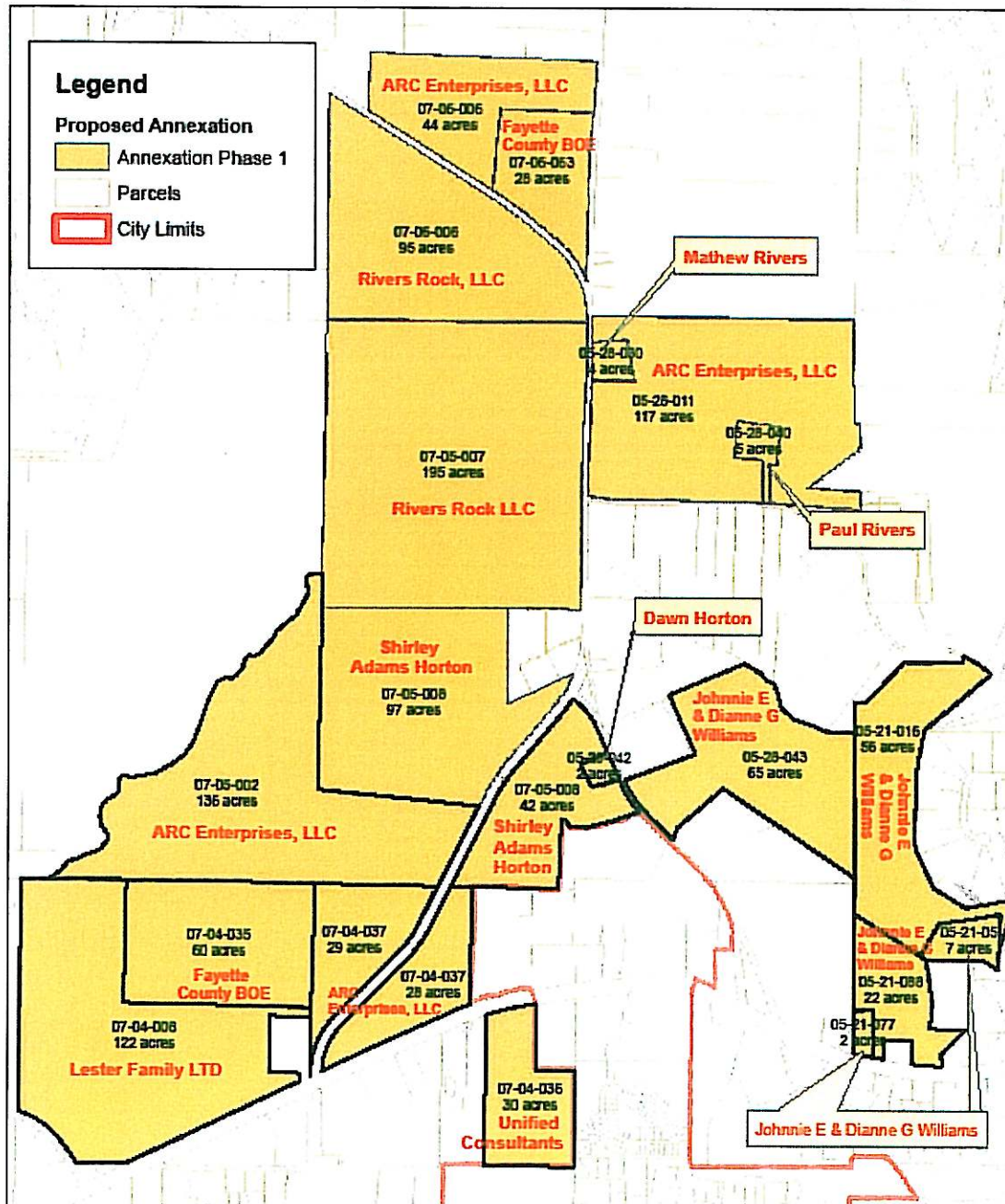
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EXHIBIT C

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FIRST AMENDMENT TO ANNEXATION CONSENT AGREEMENT

This First Amendment to Annexation Consent Agreement (hereinafter “Amended Agreement”) is entered into this the ____ day of _____, 2017 by and among FAYETTE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia acting by and through its Board of Commissioners (hereinafter, the “County”); and the CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, a municipal corporation chartered by the State of Georgia acting by and through its Mayor and Council (hereinafter, the “City”) for the purpose of amending that certain Annexation Consent Agreement entered into between the County and the City on or about August 1, 2013 (hereinafter, the “Agreement”).

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the County and the City entered into the Agreement for the purpose of, among other things, setting out some development guidelines for property annexed by the City (the “Pinewood Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement called for the construction of a multi-use path tunnel beneath Sandy Creek Road or Veterans Parkway to be funded by owners of the Pinewood Property and the County (hereinafter, the “Tunnel”); and

WHEREAS, the County and the City, with support of the Pinewood Property owners have determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Fayette County to remove the requirement of constructing the Tunnel and construct a multi-use path bridge instead (hereinafter, the “Bridge”); and

WHEREAS, the location of the Bridge will be in substantially the same location as was contemplated for the Tunnel; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City agree that the County’s obligation to fund the construction of the Bridge will be capped at an amount certain and the Pinewood Property owners will contribute the same amount for the Bridge that they had agreed to contribute for the Tunnel.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged by the County and the City, the County and the City hereby agree as follows:

1.

Paragraph 5 (f) of the Agreement shall be, and is hereby, stricken in its entirety and a new Paragraph 5 (f) shall be enacted in lieu thereof to be identified and to read as follows:

- f. Multi-Use Paths – The City and County shall continue to work together, along with the property owners, to develop a comprehensive network of multi-use paths that provide

safe and efficient access for pedestrians, bicycles and golf carts across subject properties and into other areas of the City and County.

In addition, ~~Fayette~~the County shall be responsible for design, permitting and construction of a path over Sandy Creek, of which Pinewood Atlanta has allowed the Fayette County government full access to the property to facilitate the multi-use path continuing across the wetlands, by bridge or build-out of existing embankment, to the southeastern corner of the subject property. The creek crossing will ultimately connect to pathways along Veterans Parkway to be constructed by Owners/Developers of Pinewood Atlanta.

Multi-Use Path ~~Tunnel~~Bridge – The City and County acknowledge that a multi-use path ~~tunnel~~bridge (hereinafter, the “Bridge”) shall be constructed ~~beneath~~over either Sandy Creek Road or ~~Veteran’s~~Veterans Parkway connecting to the Pinewood site. The location of the ~~tunnel~~Bridge shall be decided jointly between the City and County. The City and County also acknowledge that Pinewood Atlanta shall make a financial contribution in the amount of SIXTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$60,000.00) DOLLARS, and any required easements towards the ~~tunnel~~Bridge project ~~with specific details addressed in the conditions of annexation~~. The City will be responsible for the coordinating the construction of the ~~tunnel~~Bridge with the County providing earthwork to reduce costs. ~~The City will include the multi-use path tunnel as an eligible project in the 2013 Core Infrastructure Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), and if the referendum is approved by the voters, the City shall be responsible for the balance of the costs of the project less the Pinewood Atlanta contribution and earthwork assistance from the County. Should the SPLOST referendum not be approved by the voters, the~~The County will be responsible for the total construction costs less the Pinewood Atlanta contribution. The City and the County agree that the total cost of the Bridge shall not exceed EIGHT HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR AND 00/100 (\$814,934.00) DOLLARS (hereinafter the “Bridge Cost”). Pinewood Atlanta shall contribute SIXTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$60,000.00) DOLLARS (hereinafter, the “Pinewood Atlanta Contribution”) to the Bridge Cost within 30 days of approval by the City and the County of the Amended Agreement. The City and County agree that payment by Pinewood Atlanta of the Pinewood Atlanta Contribution is a condition precedent for the County to be obligated to pay the any of the Bridge Cost. The County’s maximum contribution toward the Bridge Cost shall be capped at SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR AND 00/100 (\$754,934.00) DOLLARS (hereinafter, the “Maximum County Contribution”) to be paid as follows: upon design completion, the County shall pay the City an amount equal to ten (10%) of the Bridge Cost, or a maximum of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-THREE AND 40/100 (\$75,493.40) DOLLARS, whichever is less; and the balance of the Bridge Cost shall be paid to the City upon completion of construction. The County shall not be required to pay more than the Maximum County Contribution no matter the Bridge Cost. At-grade path crossings of ~~Veteran’s~~Veterans Parkway and Sandy Creek Road shall be avoided for safety and efficiency reasons, and without a ~~tunnel or bridge~~Bridge access, made only at intersections with traffic ~~controlled~~control devices (e.g., stop signs or traffic signals, etc.). Any exceptions shall be approved by both City and County engineering departments.

The County shall not be responsible for any design, land acquisition, utility relocation, permitting, construction management, or project management/administration for the Bridge. The County shall not be responsible for future operation and maintenance of the Bridge. The Bridge shall meet all applicable Americans with Disability Act requirements and specifications.

- g. The City of Fayetteville has plans to construct a new Fire Station (Station 93) to service the existing city limits and newly annexed properties in the West Fayetteville area as outlined in exhibit (sic) "A." Design is programmed in the City's FY 2015 budget with construction in FY 2016 budget. Fayette County Station 11 is currently providing primary emergency fire response to the area of the proposed annexation with secondary response from City of Fayetteville Fire Station 91. Fayette County agrees to continue with this service delivery arrangement without any charge for services through June 30, 2015. After this date, the City agrees to compensate the County for primary emergency fire response protection services until Station 93 is operational.

Said compensation shall be at fifty (50%) of the total assessed value of real property in the annexed area as of June 30, 2015 and any subsequent years multiplied by the Fayette County Fire Millage rate effective as of June 30, 2015 and for any subsequent years. The City shall provide documentation to the County by January 15th of each year, starting in 2016, and the City shall submit payment to the County by January 31st of each year, starting in 2016. Any disputes will be settled jointly between the Fayetteville City Manager and Fayette County Administrator. This service delivery agreement is strictly limited to the properties outlined in exhibit (sic) "A" until Station 93 assumes primary response to the area. Upon assumption of primary response by Station 93, the service delivery agreements in force at that time will then apply.

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 4. Road capacity increases may be needed in the future for the existing 2-lane section of Veterans Parkway and Sandy Creek Road within the areas being considered for annexation. County would agree to include this project in a future SPLOST at City's request.

1. The City agrees to uphold the following curb cut limits along Veterans Parkway and Sandy Creek Road.

For parcels annexed into the City and having frontage on Veterans Parkway between SR 54 and South Sandy Creek Road:

- No private driveways onto Veterans Parkway; and
- No additional future road intersections beyond the two intersections already built into the roadway. Frontage roads, provided by property owners/developers, shall be used to gain access to the existing curb cuts. For parcels having frontage on Sandy Creek Road and/or Veterans Parkway (north of Sandy Creek Road intersection):
 - One curb cut, as already shown on site plan, from the Rivers Rock LLC properties (Parcels 07-06-066 and 07-05-007) to Veterans Parkway;
 - One future curb cut from Parcel 05-26-011 to Veterans Parkway;
 - One future curb cut from Parcel 07-06-006 (44-acre portion) to Sandy Creek Road; and
 - Additional driveway and/or road intersections from other parcels may be permitted in accordance with existing City and County regulations.

6. Miscellaneous. This agreement (sic) is entered into pursuant to the authority granted in Article 9, § 3, ¶ 1 of the Constitution of the State of Georgia. This agreement (sic) shall be construed in all respects in accordance with Georgia law. This agreement (sic) may not be modified or amended except in writing signed by all the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have set there (sic) hand and seal the date first written above.

CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE

(SEAL)

By: _____

~~Gregory C. Clifton~~ Edward Johnson
Mayor

ATTEST:

By: Anne Barksdale, City Clerk

FAYETTE COUNTY

(SEAL)

By: _____

~~Steve Brown~~ Eric K. Maxwell
Chairman

ATTEST:

By: Tameca White, County Clerk



286 Highway 314, Suite A
 Fayetteville, Georgia 30214
 Phone: (770) 716-8123
 Fax: (770) 716-8124

WORK REQUEST AUTHORIZATION

PROJECT: Veterans Parkway Path Concept Plan
COUNTY: Fayette
LANDLOT/DISTRICT: 10 /7th District
TASK: Concept Plan
INITIATION DATE: June 20, 2017

PROPOSAL NO: 6326
PROJECT NO: TBD

Owner hereby authorizes and directs ROCHESTER & ASSOCIATES, INC. (RAI) to perform the following services:

Concept Plan: **\$7,500.00**

RAI will prepare a conceptual layout plan for the multi-use path along Veterans Parkway to be connected to the path installed by the Pinewood Atlanta Studios development. The concept layout will be based on a database compiled from survey data previously collected for the Pinewood Studios and Pinewood Forrest developments combined with GIS topographic and parcel information. RAI will provide drawings for a path on both sides of the road within the project limits provided by the County. RAI will attend one (1) stakeholder meeting as well as one Board of Commissioners and Transportation Committee meeting if requested.

The initial concept plan for review by the County will be submitted within 30 days of receipt of Notice to Proceed and defined project limits. Any revisions resulting from County comments will be provided within 14 days of receipt of the comments.

****Rates will be in accordance with Exhibit A attached. Please see attached Exhibit B for the Terms and Conditions****

Work Requested By: Phil Mallon, PE

Company Name: Fayette County

Address: 140 Stonewall Avenue, West
Fayetteville, GA 30214

Phone Number: 770-460-5730

The Fee for this Work Authorization will be: **\$7,500.00 Hourly NTE**

Not valid until signed by the Owner and Rochester & Associates, Inc. Such signatures indicate agreement herewith, including any adjustments in the Contract Sum or the Contract Time. The above fee does not include reimbursable expenses such as courier, shipping charges, blueprinting and applicable fees. Fees are subject to change after 12/31/2017.

AUTHORIZED:

AGREED TO:

ROCHESTER & ASSOCIATES, INC.

 Owner/Authorized Agent


 Jeff Collins

6/20/2017

By

Date

Date

Exhibit A

SCHEDULE OF RATES

Hourly Rates:

Principal	220.00 per hour
Project Director	175.00 per hour
Director of Development Strategies	175.00 per hour
Senior Project Manager	160.00 per hour
Senior Surveyor	150.00 per hour
Senior Engineer	150.00 per hour
Senior Landscape Architect	150.00 per hour
Project Manager	150.00 per hour
Senior Designer	130.00 per hour
Project Surveyor	130.00 per hour
Project Engineer	130.00 per hour
Project Landscape Architect	130.00 per hour
Project Designer	110.00 per hour
Staff Surveyor	110.00 per hour
Staff Engineer	110.00 per hour
Staff Landscape Architect	110.00 per hour
Staff Designer	100.00 per hour
Four Man Field Crew	190.00 per hour
Three Man Field Crew	170.00 per hour
Two Man Field Crew	150.00 per hour
One Man Field Crew	130.00 per hour
One Man Crew (GPS/RTK)	180.00 per hour
Two Man Crew (GPS/RTK)	195.00 per hour
CADD Technician	100.00 per hour
Field Technician	75.00 per hour
Clerical	75.00 per hour

Hourly rate schedule is subject to adjustment on December 31, 2017.

Reimbursable Expenses:

All reimbursable expenses, including, but not limited to, mileage, courier, photography, special equipment and materials, plan review fees and out of town travel will be invoiced at cost plus 15%. The cost of any fees to comply with special insurance requirements will be invoiced at cost plus 15%. Any progress prints, county review drawings, permit drawings or prints for other than in-house use of Rochester & Associates, Inc. shall be billed at \$0.30 per square foot for black line copies and \$0.75 per square foot for mylars.

EXHIBIT B

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

These Terms and Conditions, together with ROCHESTER's Proposal, make up the Agreement between Rochester and you, the Client. ***Before countersigning the Proposal, be sure you read and understand the paragraphs entitled Indemnification and Limitation of Liability, which deal with the allocation of risk between you and ROCHESTER.***

1. Services. ROCHESTER will perform the services set forth in its Proposal and any amendments or change orders signed by both parties. Any request or direction from you that would require extra work or additional time for performance or would result in an increase in ROCHESTER's costs, including expert witness services and unanticipated meetings will be the subject of a negotiated amendment or change order. Additional Services are not included as part of the Basic Services in the Proposal and shall be paid for by you in addition to payment for Basic Services, in accordance with ROCHESTER's prevailing fee schedule, or as agreed to by ROCHESTER and you.

2. Standard of Care. ROCHESTER will perform the services with the degree of skill and care ordinarily exercised by qualified professionals performing the same type of services at the same time under similar conditions in the same or similar locality. ROCHESTER makes no warranty, express or implied, as to its professional services rendered under this Agreement. You will promptly notify ROCHESTER with reasonable specificity of any deficiencies or suspected deficiencies in the services of which you become aware, so that ROCHESTER may take measures to minimize the consequences of such a deficiency. Failure to notify ROCHESTER shall relieve us of the cost of remedying the deficiencies above the sum such remedy would have cost had prompt notification been given. You acknowledge that the services entail risk of personal injury and property damage (including cross-contamination) that cannot be avoided, even with the exercise of due care. You also acknowledge that environmental and geotechnical conditions can vary from those encountered at the times and locations of explorations and data collection, and that the limitation on available data may result in some level of uncertainty with respect to the interpretation of these conditions, despite due professional care. ROCHESTER therefore cannot guaranty specific results such as the identification of all contamination or other geotechnical or environmental conditions or problems nor their resolution.

3. Payment. Except as otherwise stated in the Proposal, you will compensate ROCHESTER for the services at its standard rates, reimburse its expenses, and pay any sales or similar taxes thereon. ROCHESTER will submit invoices periodically, and payment will be due upon receipt of the invoice and considered past due after 30 days. If you dispute any portion of an invoice, you will notify ROCHESTER in writing with specificity within 10 days and pay the undisputed portion within 30 days from invoice date. Overdue payments will bear interest at 1½ percent per month or, if lower, the maximum lawful rate, which shall be calculated from the invoice due date. ROCHESTER may terminate its services upon 10 days' written notice anytime your payment is overdue on this or any other project, and you will pay for all services through termination, plus termination costs. You will reimburse ROCHESTER's costs of collecting overdue invoices, including reasonable attorneys' fees, and reasonable staff costs at standard billing rates for ROCHESTER's time spent in efforts to collect. Payment of invoices shall not be subject to any discounts or set-offs by you, unless agreed to in writing by ROCHESTER.

4. Client's Responsibilities. You will designate to ROCHESTER in writing a person to act as your representative who is authorized to receive notices transmit information and make decisions regarding the Project. Except as otherwise agreed, you will secure the approvals, permits, licenses and consents necessary for performance of the services. If included in the Proposal, ROCHESTER shall assist you in applying for those permits and approvals normally required by law for similar projects. This assistance shall consist of completing and submitting forms to the appropriate regulatory agencies. You will provide ROCHESTER with all documents and other information that are pertinent to the services and are reasonably available to you, including information related to hazardous materials or other environmental or geotechnical conditions at the site. Before

ROCHESTER performs any subsurface activities, you will provide it with all plans and other information available to you concerning underground services, conduits, pipes, tanks and other facilities and obstructions at the site. Unless otherwise indicated in writing, ROCHESTER will be entitled to rely upon the accuracy and completeness of the documents and information you provide.

5. Right of Entry. You grant ROCHESTER and its subcontractors permission to enter the site to perform the services. If you do not own the site, you represent and warrant that the owner has granted permission for ROCHESTER to enter the site and perform the services, and you will provide reasonable verification on request.

6. Site Restoration. Although ROCHESTER will act to limit damage to landscaping, paving, systems and structures at the site, you acknowledge that some damage may occur even with the exercise of due care, and you agree to compensate ROCHESTER for any restoration it is asked to perform unless otherwise indicated in the Proposal.

7. Underground Facilities. ROCHESTER will not be liable for any damage to underground services or structures not accurately identified in such plans and information, and you agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless ROCHESTER against all liabilities and costs arising out of such damage and its repair, except to the extent caused by ROCHESTER's negligence.

8. Adverse Conditions. Adverse field conditions which include, but are not limited to, items such as limited access, extremely dense vegetation, subsurface conditions, storm damaged property, swampy conditions, existing utilities, irate property owners, restricted hours of operation or other field conditions beyond ROCHESTER'S control may require an increase in the project schedule and fees. ROCHESTER will immediately inform the Client in writing when we encounter such conditions. Client and ROCHESTER will agree in writing to any changes in scope and fee before proceeding with the project.

9. Limits on ROCHESTER's Responsibility. ROCHESTER will not be responsible for the acts or omissions of contractors or others at the site, except for its own subcontractors and employees. ROCHESTER will not supervise, direct or have control over or the authority to stop any contractor's work, nor shall ROCHESTER's professional activities nor the presence of ROCHESTER or its employees and subcontractors be construed to imply that ROCHESTER has authority over or responsibility for the means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction, for work site health or safety precautions or programs, or for any failure of contractors to comply with contracts, plans, specifications or laws. In addition, if the delays resulting from any such causes increase the cost or time required by ROCHESTER to perform its services in an orderly and efficient manner, ROCHESTER shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in schedule and/or compensation. ROCHESTER shall not be required to execute any documents subsequent to the signing of this Agreement that in any way might, in the sole judgment of ROCHESTER, increase ROCHESTER's contractual or legal obligations or risks, or adversely affect the availability or cost of its professional or general liability insurance.

10. Changed Conditions. You recognize the uncertainties related to surveying and engineering services, which often require a phased or exploratory approach, with the need for additional services becoming apparent during the initial services. You also recognize that actual conditions encountered may vary significantly from those anticipated that laws and regulations are subject to change, and that the requirements of regulatory authorities are often unpredictable. If changed or unanticipated conditions or delays make additional services necessary or result in additional costs or time for performance, ROCHESTER will notify you and the parties will negotiate appropriate changes to the scope of services, compensation and schedule. If the parties are unable to reach agreement, either party has the absolute right to terminate this Agreement, in accordance with the Termination provision hereof. In the event of emergency, ROCHESTER may take immediate steps to protect public health, safety and the environment, and will be equitably compensated therefor. You agree that you, ROCHESTER and ROCHESTER's consultants shall be indemnified by the contractor(s) and shall be made additional insureds under the contractor(s) policies of general liability insurance. Any opinions by ROCHESTER of probable costs of labor, materials, equipment or services to be furnished by others are strictly estimates and are not a guaranty that actual costs will be consistent with the estimates. You agree that ROCHESTER is not responsible for damages arising directly or indirectly from any delays for causes beyond ROCHESTER's control. For purposes of this Agreement, such causes include, but are not limited to, strikes or other labor disputes; severe weather disruptions or other natural disasters; fires, riots, war or other emergencies or acts of God; failure of any government agency to act in timely manner; failure of performance by you or your contractors or consultants; or discovery of any hazardous substances or differing site conditions.

11. Documents and Information. All reports, drawings, specifications, computer files, data, calculations, work papers and other documents or instruments prepared or furnished by ROCHESTER are instruments of service and will remain ROCHESTER's property. ROCHESTER shall retain all common law, statutory and other reserved rights, including the copyright thereto. Designs, reports, data and other work product delivered to you are for your use only, for the limited purposes disclosed to ROCHESTER. Any delayed use, use at another site, use on another project, or use by a third party will be at the user's sole risk, and you agree to indemnify and defend ROCHESTER against any liabilities resulting therefrom. Any technology, methodology or technical information learned or developed by ROCHESTER will remain its property.

12. Confidentiality; Subpoenas. Information about this Agreement and ROCHESTER's services, and information you provide to ROCHESTER regarding your business and the site, will be maintained in confidence and will not be disclosed to others without your consent, except as ROCHESTER reasonably believes is necessary (a) to perform its services, (b) to comply with professional standards to protect public health, safety and the environment, and (c) to comply with laws and court orders. ROCHESTER will make reasonable efforts to give you prior notice of any disclosure under (b) or (c) above. Information available to the public and information acquired from third parties without a breach of duty will not be considered confidential. You will reimburse ROCHESTER for responding to any subpoena or governmental inquiry or audit related to the services, at ROCHESTER's standard rates then in effect. You agree that the technical methods, design details, techniques and pricing data contained in any material submitted by ROCHESTER pertaining to this Project or this Agreement shall be considered confidential and proprietary, and shall not be released or otherwise made available to any third party without the express written consent of ROCHESTER.

13. Indemnification. In addition, and notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, you agree, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to defend, indemnify and hold harmless ROCHESTER, its officers, directors, employees and consultants against all damages, liabilities or costs including reasonable

attorneys' fees and defense costs, arising out of or in any way connected with this Project or the performance by any of the parties above named of the services under this Agreement, excepting only those damages, liabilities or costs attributable to the negligent acts or negligent failure to act by ROCHESTER.

14. Limitation of Liability. In recognition of the relative risks and benefits of the Project to both the Client and the Consultant, the risks have been allocated such that the Client agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to limit the liability of the Consultant to the Client for any and all claims, losses, costs, damages of any nature whatsoever or claims expenses from any cause or causes, including attorneys' fees and costs and expert-witness fees and costs, so that the total aggregate liability of the Consultant to the Client shall not exceed \$50,000, or the Consultant's total fee for services rendered on this Project, whichever is less. It is intended that this limitation apply to any and all liability or cause of action however alleged or arising, unless otherwise prohibited by law. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, neither you nor ROCHESTER, their respective officers, directors, partners, employees, contractors or consultants shall be liable to the other or shall make any claim for any incidental, indirect or consequential damages arising out of or connected in any way to the Project or to this Agreement. This mutual waiver of consequential damages shall include, but is not limited to, loss of use, loss of profit, loss of business, loss of income, loss of reputation or any other consequential damages that either party may have incurred from any cause of action including negligence, strict liability, breach of contract and breach of strict or implied warranty. Both you and ROCHESTER shall require similar waivers of consequential damages protecting all the entities or persons named herein in all contracts and subcontracts with others involved in this project.

15. Miscellaneous. This Agreement shall be governed by Georgia law. Any legal action between you and ROCHESTER arising out of this Agreement or the performance of the services shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in Hall County, Georgia. All limitations of liability, indemnifications, warranties and representations contained in this Agreement shall survive the completion or termination of this Agreement and shall remain in full force and effect. Any amendment to this Agreement must be in writing signed by both parties. This Agreement supersedes any contract terms, purchase orders or other documents issued by you. These Terms and Conditions shall govern over any inconsistent terms in the Proposal. If these Terms and Conditions have been provided to you, your verbal authorization to commence services constitutes your acceptance of them. The provisions of this Agreement are severable; if any provision is unenforceable it shall be appropriately limited and given effect to the extent it is enforceable. Neither party to this Agreement shall transfer, sublet or assign any rights under or interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. Headings in these Terms and Conditions are for convenience only and do not form a part of the Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to give any rights or benefits to third parties. It is intended by the parties to this Agreement that ROCHESTER's services in connection with the Project shall not subject ROCHESTER's individual employees, officers or directors to any personal legal exposure for the risks associated with this Project. Any notice required under this Agreement shall be in writing, addressed as specified in this Agreement and sent by electronic mail; facsimile; registered, certified, express or regular U.S. mail.

16. Termination of Contract. The Client may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving written notice via certified mail specifying the effective date of such termination. The Consultant shall cease work immediately upon receipt of the request to terminate the Agreement and shall send an invoice for said work along with written documentation of the work completed to date. Likewise, the Consultant may terminate the Agreement in like manner and shall be entitled to payment for that portion of work completed prior to the cancellation date.

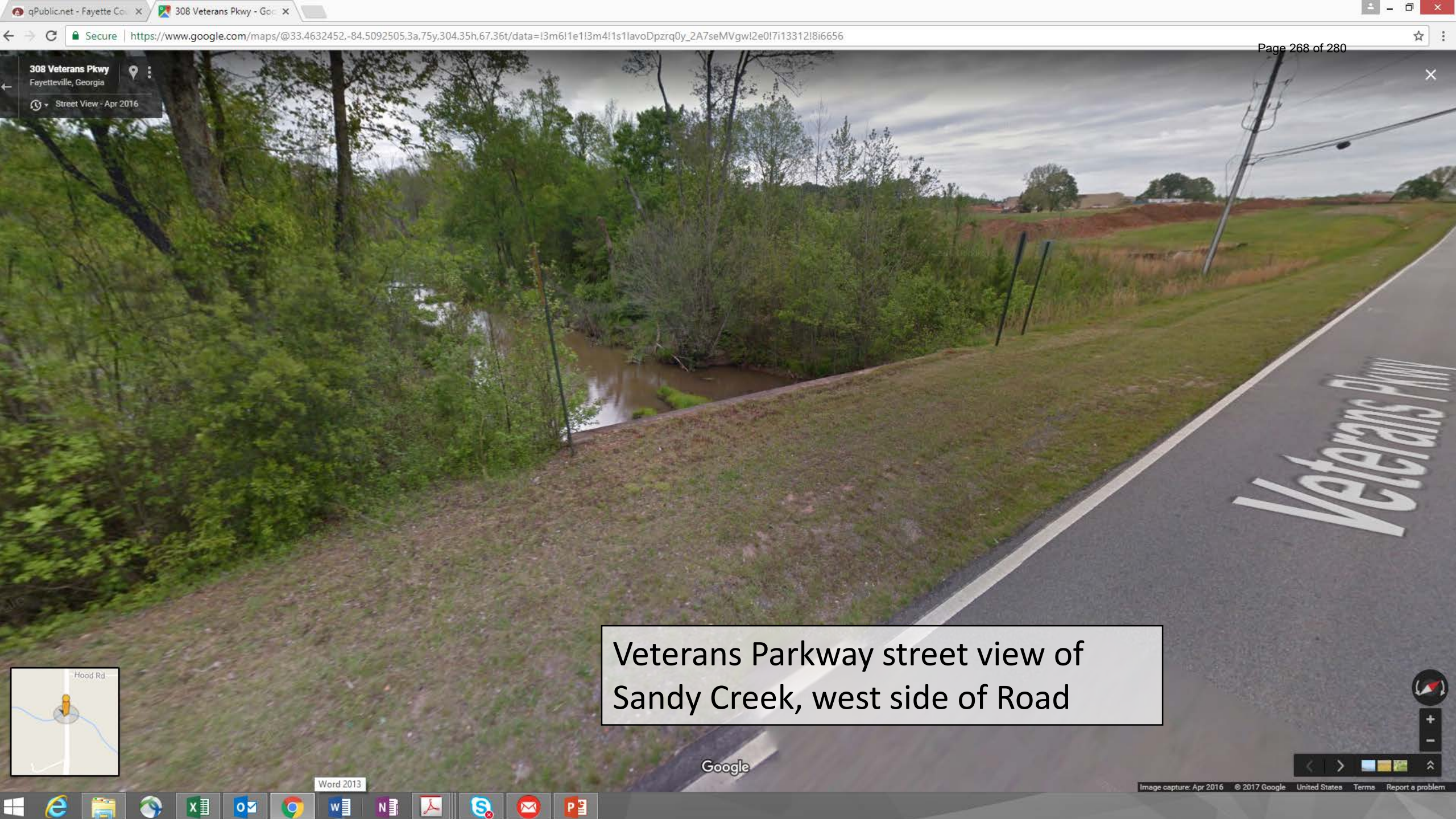


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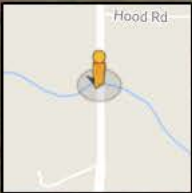
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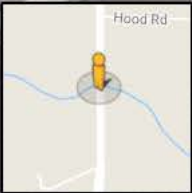
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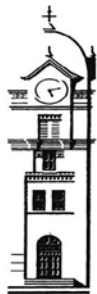
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To: Steve Rapson

From: Ted L. Burgess

Date: September 14, 2017

Subject: Contract #1382-S: Concept Plan for Multi-Use Path over Sandy Creek

An Annexation Consent Agreement between the county and the City of Fayetteville includes the provision that the county is responsible for "design, permitting and construction of a path over Sandy Creek." The path will be constructed along Veterans Parkway, and be connected to the path installed by the Pinewood Atlanta Studios development. The engineering firm of Rochester & Associates, Inc. would be a logical choice to develop a conceptual layout plan for the multi-use path, since they are providing similar services for Pinewood Studios and Pinewood Forest. They will be in the best position for coordination and design, especially through the concept phase.

It is proposed that the county award a professional services contract* to Rochester & Associates, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$7,500.00 for concept development of the path. Funding is available from 2004 transportation SPLOST revenues. Rochester & Associates have previously done work for the county, and a Contractor Performance Evaluation is attached.

Specifics of the proposed contract are as follows:

Contract Name	1354-S: Concept Plan for Multi-Use Path over Sandy Creek	
Vendor	Rochester & Associates, Inc.	
Type of Contract	Professional Services	
Not to Exceed Price	\$7,500.00	
Budget:		
Fund	321	SPLOST County-Wide
Org.	32140220	SPLOST Roads County-Wide
Object	521211	Engineering Services
Project	R-5G	West Fayetteville Bypass, Phase 2
Available Amount	\$10,000.00	For the concept stage

**For county residents or others who might not be familiar with public procurement practices, a "professional services contract" is a recognized exception to the expectation that all contracts be formally advertised and competitively awarded. Examples include contracts with accountants, architects, artists, attorneys, auditors, engineers, and others whose work requires special skill or training. Because discretion is necessarily involved in the selection of the ones to perform these services, competitive bidding is not required for such services (from William and Mary Law Review, Volume 10, Issue 1, 1968).*

FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

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1. Use this form to record contractor performance for any contract of \$50,000 or above.
2. The person who serves as project manager or account manager is the designated party to complete the evaluation.
3. This form is to be completed and forwarded to the Purchasing Department not later than 30 days after completion or expiration of a contract. Past performance is considered on future contracts.

VENDOR INFORMATION	COMPLETE ALL APPLICABLE INFORMATION
Company Name: Rochester & Associates, Inc.	Contract Number: 940-P Task Order 1
Mailing Address: 286 Highway 314, Suite A	Contract Description or Title: Redwine Road Multi-Use Trail
City, St, Zip Code: Fayetteville, GA 30214	Contract Term (Dates) From: July 29, 2015 To: Fall 2016
Phone Number: 770-716-8123	Task Order Number: 1
Cell Number:	Other Reference: AKA Starrs Mill School Path/Tunnel
E-Mail Address: jncollins@rochester-assoc.com	

DEFINITIONS

OUTSTANDING – Vendor considerably exceeded minimum contractual requirements or performance expectations of the products/services; The vendor demonstrated the highest level of quality workmanship/professionalism in execution of contract.

EXCELLENT (Exc) - Vendor exceeded minimum contractual requirements or performance expectations of the products/services.

SATISFACTORY (Sat) - Vendor met minimum contractual requirements or performance expectations of the products/services.

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EVALUATIONS (Place "X" in appropriate box for each criterion.)

Criteria (includes change orders / amendments)	Out-standing	Exc	Sat	Un-Sat	Not Apply
1. Work or other deliverables performed on schedule			X		
2. Condition of delivered products			X		
3. Quality of work		X			
4. Adherence to specifications or scope of work		X			
5. Timely, appropriate, & satisfactory problem or complaint resolution		X			
6. Timeliness and accuracy of invoicing		X			
7. Working relationship / interfacing with county staff and citizens	X				
8. Service Call (On-Call) response time		X			
9. Adherence to contract budget and schedule		X			
10. Other (specify):					X
11. Overall evaluation of contractor performance		X			

EVALUATED BY

Signature: <i>P. Mallon</i>	Date of Evaluation: <i>8-31-17</i>
Print Name: <i>Phil Mallon</i>	Department/Division: <i>Public Works</i>
Title: <i>Director of Public Works</i>	Telephone No: <i>770-320-6009</i>

CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Explanation of Outstanding or Unsatisfactory Ratings

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Company Name:

Rochester & Associates

Contract Number:

940-P TO 1

EXPLANATIONS / COMMENTS

1. Do not submit page 2 without page 1.
2. Use this page to explain evaluations of *Outstanding* or *Unsatisfactory*.
3. Be specific (include paragraph and page numbers referenced in the applicable contract, etc.). Continue on separate sheet if needed (show company name and contract number or other reference)

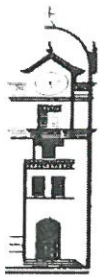
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Rochester was very responsive in addressing County concerns and requests for information. They are familiar with the area and their local knowledge was helpful to the project.

Note: Rochester was a subcontractor to Tetra Tech for this task order but did the lead work for layout, surveying, analysis and cost estimating. Fayette had direct communication with Rochester during project.

Purchasing Department Comments (e.g. did the vendor honor all offers; submit insurance, bonds & other documents in a timely manner; and provide additional information as requested?):

Administrator's Report A

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To: Steve Rapson

Through: Ted L. Burgess *Ty*

From: Trina C. Barwicks *TCB*

Date: August 21, 2017

Subject: Contract #940-P: Engineer of Record for Public Works: Task Order 29 –
Dogwood Trail Culvert Replacement

The current Engineer of Record for a division of Public Works projects, Tetra Tech, Inc. has issued Task Order #29 for the design of roadway culvert replacement at 315 Dogwood Trail. This project was identified in the 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) program for stormwater drainage system improvements.

Specifics of the Task Order are as follows:

Contract Name:	#940-P: Engineer of Record for Public Works
Task Order:	#29: Dogwood Trail Culvert Replacement
Contractor:	Tetra Tech, Inc.
Contract Type:	Engineering Services
Amount:	\$60,125.00

Budget:

Organization Code:	32240320 (7 SPLS SW)
Object Code:	541210 (Other Improvements)
Project Code:	17SAH (315 Dogwood Trail)
FY 2018 Budget:	\$595,879.00 as of August 21, 2017

Awarding Authority: County Administrator

Approval Signature

Date: 8/21/17

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VENDOR INFORMATION	COMPLETE ALL APPLICABLE INFORMATION
Company Name: TETRA TECH, INC.	Contract Number: #940-P
Mailing Address: 2110 POWERS FERRY ROAD, SE, STE. 202	Contract Description or Title: ENGINEER OF RECORD FOR PUBLIC WORKS
City, St, Zip Code: ATLANTA, GA 30339	Contract Term (Dates) From: JULY 2015 To: JULY 2017
Phone Number: 770-738-6030	Task Order Number: 1 THROUGH 20
Cell Number: N/A	Other Reference:
E-Mail Address: BRIAN.WATSON@TETRATECH.COM	

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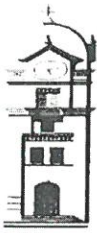
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6. Timeliness and accuracy of invoicing	X				
7. Working relationship / interfacing with county staff and citizens	X				
8. Service Call (On-Call) response time	X				
9. Adherence to contract budget and schedule	X				
10. Other (specify):					
11. Overall evaluation of contractor performance	X				

EVALUATED BY

Signature: 	Date of Evaluation: 6/21/17
Print Name: BRYAN KELLER	Department/Division: EMD
Title: ASST. DIR EMD	Telephone No: 5142

and in completing SPLOST projects. Overall we are extremely happy with TetraTech.



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To: Steve Rapson

From: Ted L. Burgess

Date: July 12, 2017

Subject: Contract #P782, Amendment 1: CAD Server Migration

The Board of Commissioners awarded a contract to Spillman Technologies, Inc. for the purchase of their Computer Aided Dispatch system at the meeting of June 9, 2011. Part of the contract included on-going licensing and software support agreements, which are on-going until terminated by either party.

Spillman Technologies uses Linux single-server architecture for its Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) operating system. They adapted their programming to work with the county's Microsoft Windows multi-server architecture when we purchased their system. Two Windows-based servers are in use, located at the 911 Center and the Sheriff's Office.

It has been determined that migrating the operating system from the Windows architecture to Linux architecture would result significant benefits, such as:

- Increased call efficiency and decreased response times
- Eliminated risk of poor server-to-server connection
- Simplified server maintenance

Spillman Industries had originally quoted the price of \$96,650 to migrate the county's system from Windows server architecture to Linux server architecture. They have agreed reduce the price to \$75,550. The Information Technology Department recommends the migration. A Contractor Performance Evaluation for Spillman Technologies is attached.

Specifics of the contract amendment are as follows:

Original Contract Name	P782: Computer Aided Dispatch System	
Type of Contract	Computer Aided Dispatch licensing & support	
Amendment # and Name	Amendment #1: CAD Server Migration	
Vendor	Spillman Technologies, Inc.	
Contract Amendment Amount	\$75,550.00	
Budget:		
Org. Code	37510535	CIP Information Systems
Object	542410	Computer Software & Upgrades
Project	181AJ	CAD / Spillman
Available Balance	\$117,000.00	

Approved: _____

Date: _____

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FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

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1. Use this form to record contractor performance for any contract of \$50,000 or above.
2. The person who serves as project manager or account manager is the designated party to complete the evaluation.
3. This form is to be completed and forwarded to the Purchasing Department not later than 30 days after completion or expiration of a contract. Past performance is considered on future contracts.

VENDOR INFORMATION	COMPLETE ALL APPLICABLE INFORMATION
Company Name: Spillman Technologies, Inc.	Contract Number: P782
Mailing Address: 4625 Lake Park Blvd.	Contract Description or Title: Computer Aided Dispatch System
City, St, Zip Code: Salt Lake City, Utah 84120	Contract Term (Dates) From: 9/16/2011 To: Licensing & support on-going until terminated by either party.
Phone Number: 800-860-8026	Task Order Number: NA
Cell Number:	Other Reference: NA
E-Mail Address:	

DEFINITIONS

OUTSTANDING – Vendor considerably exceeded minimum contractual requirements or performance expectations of the products/services; The vendor demonstrated the highest level of quality workmanship/professionalism in execution of contract.

EXCELLENT (Exc) - Vendor exceeded minimum contractual requirements or performance expectations of the products/services.

SATISFACTORY (Sat) - Vendor met minimum contractual requirements or performance expectations of the products/services.

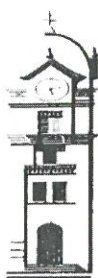
UNSATISFACTORY (UnSat) - Vendor did not meet the minimum contractual requirements or performance expectations of the products and/or services; Performed below minimum requirements

EVALUATIONS (Place "X" in appropriate box for each criterion.)

Criteria (includes change orders / amendments)	Out-standing	Exc	Sat	Un-Sat	Not Apply
1. Work or other deliverables performed on schedule			X		
2. Condition of delivered products			X		
3. Quality of work			X		
4. Adherence to specifications or scope of work			X		
5. Timely, appropriate, & satisfactory problem or complaint resolution			X		
6. Timeliness and accuracy of invoicing			X		
7. Working relationship / interfacing with county staff and citizens			X		
8. Service Call (On-Call) response time			X		
9. Adherence to contract budget and schedule			X		
10. Other (specify):					
11. Overall evaluation of contractor performance			X		

EVALUATED BY

Signature: P.Frieder	Date of Evaluation: 07/12/2017
Print Name: Philip Frieder	Department/Division: Information Technology
Title: CIO	Telephone No: 770-305-5177



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To: Steve Rapson

From: Ted L. Burgess *TB*

Date: June 13, 2017

Subject: Contract #1339-S: AT&T Internet & DDoS Services

The Information Technology proposes to contract with AT&T Corporation for Internet access and related services. The agreement will be for 36 months, beginning July 1, 2017. It will include 100 Mbps ADI with mitigation of Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks. AT&T is the only viable source of this service.

Costs will be as follows:

Service	Monthly	Annual	3-Year Sum
Access	\$610.00	\$7,320.00	\$21,960.00
Port + Router	544.25	6,531.00	19,593.00
Distributed Denial of Service	301.00	3,612.00	10,836.00
Federal Access Recovery Fee	<u>51.61</u>	<u>619.32</u>	<u>1,857.96</u>
Total	<u>\$1,506.86</u>	\$18,082.32	<u>\$54,246.96</u>

There would be an additional mitigation charge of \$497.00 in the event of a DDoS attack.

Specifics of the contract are as follows:

Contract Name	1339-S: AT&T Internet Access
Type of Contract	Thirty-six month service agreement
Vendor	AT&T Corporation
Contract Amount	\$18,082.32 annually; \$54,246.96 for the 3-year agreement
Budget:	
Org. Code	Various – Allocated to Departments
Object	523200
Project	N/A
Available Balance	\$18,456.84 Budgeted for FY 2018

Approved: _____

Date: _____

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VENDOR INFORMATION	COMPLETE ALL APPLICABLE INFORMATION
Company Name: AT&T	Contract Number: NA
Mailing Address: 2180 Lake Blvd, NE 8B76	Contract Description or Title: Internet Service (Primary)
City, St, Zip Code: Atlanta, GA 30319	Contract Term (Dates) From: 7/1/2014 To: 6/30/2017
Phone Number: 678-596-0235	Task Order Number: NA
Cell Number:	Other Reference: NA
E-Mail Address: eb2004@us.att.com	

DEFINITIONS

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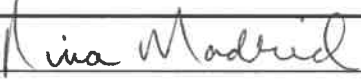
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8. Service Call (On-Call) response time			X		
9. Adherence to contract budget and schedule			X		
10. Other (specify):					
11. Overall evaluation of contractor performance			X		

EVALUATED BY

Signature: 	Date of Evaluation: 6/16/17
Print Name: Nina Madrid	Department/Division: Information Technology
Title: Business Systems Administrator	Telephone No: 770-305-5182

Purchasing had no issues with this contractor.
