

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

MINUTES

May 23, 2019
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 6:33 p.m.

Call to Order

Chairman Randy Ognio called the May 23, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Edward Gibbons

Commissioner Edward Gibbons offered the Invocation and led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

Vice-Chairman Charles Oddo moved to accept the agenda as written. Commissioner Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

1. Remembrance of Michelle Jackson, the wife of Georgia House Representative Derrick Jackson.

Commissioner Rousseau, on behalf of the Board, extended condolences to Georgia House Representative Derrick Jackson and his family for the loss of his wife Michelle Jackson and read a memorial recognition that would be presented in her honor at her memorial service.

2. Recognition of Jim Graw for his 24 years of service on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Commissioner Gibbons, on behalf of the Board, recognized Jim Graw for his 24 years of service, guidance, and leadership while serving on the Fayette County Planning and Zoning Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Community Development Director Pete Frisina read the Introduction to Public Hearings for the Rezoning of Property.

Commissioner Maxwell recused himself from discussion of items # 3 & #4 and left the Public Meeting room until conversations were complete.

3. Consideration of Petition No. 1283-19, Joe B. Brock, Daniel B. Brock, & James G. Brock, Jr., Owners, and Rod Wright, Agent, request to rezone 8.756 acres from A-R to R-70; property located in Land Lot 3 of the 5th District, and fronts on Harris Road.

Mr. Frisina stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of rezoning the property to R-72, of which the applicant agreed, and staff had no issue with R-72.

Steven Jones, representative for the applicant Mr. Wright, stated that the request was to rezone 8.756 acres from A-R to R-70; property located in Land Lot 3 of the 5th District, and fronting on Harris Road. Mr. Jones stated that Planning and Zoning staff analyzed the request as applied for as R-70. The applicant agreed. Mr. Jones added that the request met all four factors of the rezoning ordinance. Mr. Jones stated that the Planning Committee reviewed the request and recommended approval of R-72, which the applicant consents to.

No citizens spoke in favor

Keith Harris stated that he would suggest the County change one of the requirements in looking at how the waterline would run. Mr. Harris stated that he felt it would be in the best interest of the community if the waterline ran down the entire Harris Road as opposed to only half way, as it is currently proposed.

Mr. Jones stated in relation to Mr. Harris' remarks that there was a procedure in the code of ordinances for a waterline extension that had not been followed. In addition, in a letter to the Board, Mr. Harris requested the cost associated with the waterline extension to be the sole responsibility of the applicant which does not follow the code of ordinance nor would be appropriate to impose those costs on 14 new residents.

Vice-Chairman Oddo moved to approve Petition No. 1283-19, Joe B. Brock, Daniel B. Brock, & James G. Brock, Jr., Owners, and Rod Wright, Agent, request to rezone 8.756 acres from A-R to R-72; property located in Land Lot 3 of the 5th District, and fronts on Harris Road. Commissioner Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Maxwell recused himself.

4. Consideration of Petition No. 1284-19, Michael M. Vuocolo, Owner, and Rod Wright, Agent, request to rezone 21.275 acres from A-R to R-70; property located in Land Lot 2 of the 5th District, and fronts on Harris Road and Redwine Road.

Mr. Jones stated that the Planning Committee reviewed the request and recommended approval of R-72, which the applicant consents to.

Mr. Jones stated that the applicant consents to subdividing property within 180 days.

Commissioner Gibbons moved to approve Petition No. 1284-19, Michael M. Vuocolo, Owner, and Rod Wright, Agent, request to rezone 21.275 acres from A-R to R-72; property located in Land Lot 2 of the 5th District, and fronts on Harris Road and Redwine Road, and that applicant would subdivide property within 180 days. Vice-Chairman Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Maxwell recused himself.

Commissioner Maxwell returned to the Board Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Vice-Chairman Oddo moved to accept the Consent Agenda as written. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- 5. Approval to renew an "Automatic & Mutual Aid" agreement with Peachtree City Fire-Rescue.**
- 6. Approval of staff's recommendation to add Woolsey Park Subdivision to Fayette County's Street Light Program.**
- 7. Approval of the May 9, 2019 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

OLD BUSINESS:

8. Consideration of the Transportation Committee's recommendation for the Antioch & Goza Road Intersection (2017 SPLOST 17TAO & 2004 SPLOST I-13).

Joe Robinson, Fayette County Public Works Transportation Engineer, stated that the Board approved in fall of 2017 the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Antioch and Goza Roads, with acquisition of the right-of-way beginning in April of 2018. He continued that the recommendation was presented before the Board in the summer of 2018 and at that time the Board decided to reconsider the decision to move forward with a roundabout, in harmony with the Transportation Committee's suggestions to hold off on deciding until more data could be gathered. Mr. Robinson stated that it had been eighteen months since this item was before the Board and some additional information had been received.

Mr. Robinson stated that Goza Road (FTP-202) had been recommended to receive Arterial upgrades. He noted that Goza Road was anticipated to become a major east-west corridor at some point in the future. He added that prior to November 2017 the Antioch – Goza Road Intersection was a 2-Way stop control intersection. Antioch Road was a North/South Bound through lanes with no stop signs with left turn lanes and Goza Road was an East/West Bound lanes with stop signs and with right turn lanes. From 2014 – 2017 the following accident types occurred:

Crashes -	31
Injuries -	25
Fatalities -	1

Mr. Robinson noted that 29 crashes in this time period was attributed to Failure to Yield or Disregarding a Stop Sign. He continued stating that since the intersection modification in November 2017 which converted the intersection into a 4-way stop control intersection. Antioch Road was now a North/South Bound lane with stop signs and left turn lanes have been eliminated and stripped over. Goza Road was now an East/West Bound lane with stop signs along with right turn lanes remaining. Since implementation of the road modification from November 2017 to present the follow accident types occurred:

Crashes -	3
Injuries -	1
Fatalities -	0

Mr. Robinson stated current modifications were working well.

Eighteen months prior to 4-Way Stop installation there were 16 Accidents (88% Angle Crashes), 22 injuries – 4 Serious, 4 Visible, 13 Complaints, and 1 Fatality.

Eighteen months after 4-Way Stop Installation there were 3 Accidents (2 Angle Crashes) this was an 81.3% Reduction of Accidents, 1 Complaint of injury this was a 95.5% Reduction of Injuries.

Mr. Robinson stated that both the 2004 and 2017 SPLOST had dedicated funds available to fund a roundabout if approved by the Board. Mr. Robinson stated that his goal was to seek Board direction on how to proceed.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to maintain the current design of the 4-way stop at the Antioch and Goza Road intersection, and to allocate \$300,000 of the 2017 SPLOST funds be allocated to the 92 and Westbridge Road Intersection project as determined by Georgia Department of Transportation. Commissioner Gibbons seconded.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that it was evident that the measures put in place at the Antioch and Goza Road intersection worked, and the safety concerns for Fayette County resident and those who traveled via our roadways had been mitigated. Commissioner Rousseau stated that the extensive reduction in the accident rate was major and substantive and called for a hold or redirection on the Boards' behalf. He acknowledged that some in the community may anticipate a roundabout based on Board discussion, however because of limited resources and staff doing their due diligence in mitigating the safety concerns at this intersection the Board can turn its attention to other roads and intersections throughout the County that have safety, traffic, alignment and other issues/concerns. He added that he offered the intersection at SR92 and Westbridge because it is a similar situation, and though the final approval would come from Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Commissioner Rousseau explained that the goal of his motion was to help expedite funding by providing seed monies for the project to be ready once Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) approval was finalized.

Commissioner Gibbons asked Mr. Robinson that if not approved now would the roundabout configuration be available to be used in the future.

Mr. Robinson stated, "Yes". He added that the Transportation Committee recommended keeping the roundabout on the long range plans.

Commissioner Gibbons asked if the concerns at SR92 and Westbridge Road had come before the Board in the past.

Commissioner Rousseau stated, "Yes". The Board had sent an emergency letter to the Department of Transportation, along with a petition from citizens and that the intersection had become a priority issue for the Transportation Committee.

Vice-Chairman Oddo asked if it appropriate to allocate funds from the 2017 SPLOST for the SR92 and Westbridge Road Intersection project.

Mrs. Parrott stated that the Board took action in March of 2018 to move \$1.1M from the 2004 SPLOST to Antioch and Goza Road Project. She added that the 2004 SPLOST would be the most appropriate funding source.

Commissioner Rousseau amended his motion to maintain the current design of the 4-way stop at the Antioch and Goza Road intersection, and to allocate \$300,000 of the 2004 SPLOST funds to the SR92 and Westbridge Road Intersection project as determined by Georgia Department of Transportation. Commissioner Gibbons amended his seconded.

Commissioner Maxwell asked what the cost was to complete the 4-way stop modification of the Antioch & Goza Road Intersection. Mr. Robinson stated that it was already paid via 2017 SPLOST funds and in-house labor.

Commissioner Maxwell asked how much the roundabout estimate was. Mr. Robinson stated that it was about \$750,000.

Commissioner Maxwell expressed his concerns with the Board changing a decision to build a roundabout. He added that the citizen voted to build a roundabout and the Board agreed to build a roundabout.

Chairman Ognio stated that while this intersection was now safer there are other intersection that require Board attention. He added that "we have to do the best with the funds we have available and give attention to roadways County-wide."

Vice-Chairman Oddo stated that he felt that the lessons learned by the Board moving forward would be to take a step back especially when emotions are high when making weighty decisions. He added that the SPLOST lists are designed so that the Board can be flexible and have the ability to move around funds. He continued that this intersection had been lowered on the priority list. At the initial meeting discussing the Antioch & Goza Road Intersection his vote was to

fix the problem not to build a roundabout. The measures put in place have worked. He added that now staff could turn its attention to other problems throughout the County.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to maintain the current design of the 4-way stop at the Antioch and Goza Road intersection, and to allocate \$300,000 of the 2004 SPLOST funds to the SR92 and Westbridge Road Intersection project as determined by Georgia Department of Transportation. Commissioner Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 4-1, with Commissioner Maxwell voting in opposition.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 9. Consideration of staff's recommendation to reallocate \$144,228.54 from 5509B - Emerald Lake Dam to 5509C - Kozisek Lake Dam and award consulting services for Kozisek Lake Dam to Walden, Ashworth & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$108,955.**

Phil Mallon, Public Works Director, stated that the definition of a dam was very specific and both Longview and Kozisek met those guidelines. He added that the Kozisek Lake Dam was in the north part of the County off Highway 314. Mr. Mallon stated that they were working on the design to rehabilitate Phillips Dam, and the Board felt it would be an overall cost saving to use both structures to provide the required storage.

Commissioner Gibbons moved to reallocate \$144,228.54 from 5509B - Emerald Lake Dam to 5509C - Kozisek Lake Dam. Vice-Chairman Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Vice-Chairman Oddo motioned to award consulting services for Kozisek Lake Dam to Walden, Ashworth & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$108,955. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- 10. Consideration of staff's recommendation to award 2020 Property & Casualty Insurance coverage of \$542,059 to Amguard, Liberty Mutual and Hiscox Cyber.**

Fayette County Chief Financial Officer Mary Parrott stated that each year staff worked with the Property & Casualty Insurance brokerage of record, to update the County's Property & Casualty Insurance the current policy was set to expire June 30, 2019. She added that the quote received was \$2326.00 less than the current policy in place and that it was good coverage.

Commissioner Gibbons moved to approve staff's recommendation to award 2020 Property & Casualty Insurance coverage of \$542,059 to Amguard, Liberty Mutual and Hiscox Cyber. Vice-Chairman Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Jane Warren expressed her concerns regarding the destruction that stormwater runoff, poor drainage and flooding had caused to her daughter's Ms. Jennie Duffy's property.

Ms. Jennie Duffy relayed her continued distress regarding destruction that stormwater runoff, poor drainage and flooding had caused to her property. She added that she cannot fix the issue the cost was extensive and not her fault. She asked the Board where she should go for assistance.

Mr. Roy Bishop thanked the Board for their vote to allocate fund to the intersection at SR92 and Westbridge Road project.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

A. ITB #1653-B: Pavement Evaluation & Sign Inspection – Award Approval

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Notice of Executive Session: County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated there was one item involving Real Estate Acquisition and the Review of the May 9, 2019 Executive Session Minutes for consideration in Executive Session.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Rousseau stated that the Mrs. Larris Marks, an active Fayette County citizen lost her mother, Ms. Byrd-Ford this week and he wanted the Board to be aware and keeping the Marks family in their thoughts and prayers. He expressed his appreciation to Environmental Health Director Vanessa Birrell for education of citizens at a recent HOA Meeting. The community was appreciative as well. He added that he attended the Ramadan event at the Islamic Center on Sunday, May 19, 2019. Commissioner Rousseau stated that he felt welcomed and engaged and wanted to thank them for the invitation and the opportunity to fellowship. He conclude acknowledging the four new Eagle Scouts from Boy Scouts Troop 222.

Commissioner Maxwell stated to Ms. Duffy, regarding the issues at her property, he acknowledged that it was a horrible problem unfortunately it was not a problem that was liable by the County. He noted that Ms. Duffy may need to go to the City of Fayetteville and express her concerns and issues.

Vice-Chairman Oddo stated in response to Ms. Duffy's concerns, that although her situation was unfortunate it was not the County's responsibility to remedy. He stated that Memorial Day was coming up and encouraged citizens to remember and honor those who sacrificed their lives. Vice-Chairman Oddo also reminded citizens of the upcoming Balloon Over Fayette Festival to be held on June 7 & 8. Vice-Chairman concluded encouraging citizens to be mindful of the high temperature in the coming week to pay attention and stay hydrated.

Chairman Ognio stated in response to Ms. Duffy's property concerns that he felt it was an issue the City of Fayetteville should address. Unfortunately the issues at the property was not the responsibility of County. Chairman Ognio noted that May was Older American Month. Chairman Ognio thanked the Water Guardians for the clean work they performed at Lake Kedron. Chairman Ognio also extended his appreciation to Georgia Department of Transportation for the work they did on Georgia Highway South in front of the Kroger Shopping Plaza. Chairman Ognio stated that the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) Aging and Independent Services Group was seeking nomination of area resident to serve on ARC's Advisory Committee on Aging. Chairman Ognio advised residents to please let the Board know if anyone was interested in serving on this committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

One item involving Real Estate Acquisition and the Review of the May 9, 2019 Executive Session Minutes for consideration in Executive Session: Vice-Chairman Oddo moved to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 8:34 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 8:54 p.m.

Return to Official Session and Approval to Sign the Executive Session Affidavit: Chairman Ognio moved to return to Official Session and for the Chairman to sign the Executive Session Affidavit. Vice-Chairman Oddo seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of the May 9, 2019 Executive Session Minutes: Chairman Ognio moved to approve the May 9, 2019 Executive Session Minutes. Vice-Chairman Oddo seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Rousseau moved to adjourn the May 23, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting. Vice-Chairman Oddo seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The May 23, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Marlena M. Edwards, Deputy County Clerk

Randy C. Ognio, 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 June 2019. Documents are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

Marlena M. Edwards, Deputy County Clerk