

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Edward Gibbons
Eric K. Maxwell
Charles W. Oddo
Randy Ognio
Charles D. Rousseau

**FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA**

Steve Rapson, County Administrator
Dennis A. Davenport, County Attorney
Tameca P. White, County Clerk
Marlena Edwards, Deputy County Clerk

140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

MINUTES

January 09, 2020

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 by County Attorney Dennis A. Davenport

County Attorney Dennis Davenport called the January 09, 2020 Organizational Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 6:30 p.m.

ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION:**Election of Board Chairman for the year 2020.**

County Attorney Dennis Davenport opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Oddo nominated Commissioner Randy Ognio as Chairman.

Commissioner Maxwell moved to close nominations for Chairman. No discussion followed. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Charles Oddo moved to elect Commissioner Randy Ognio as Chairman. Commissioner Edward Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Election of Board Vice Chairman for the year 2020.

Commissioner Gibbons nominated Commissioner Charles Oddo as Vice-Chairman.

Commissioner Maxwell moved to close nominations for Vice Chairman. No discussion followed. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to elect Charles Oddo as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

OFFICIAL SESSION:**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Randy Ognio**

Chairman Randy Ognio offered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

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

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

1. Recognition of the Fayette County 7th Annual Merry Door Decorating Contest winners.

County Administrator Steve Rapson, on behalf of the Board, thanked all County departments who participated in the County's Merry Door Decoration contest in honor of the Christmas holiday season. Mr. Rapson recognized the 1st Place winners which were the Administration Office and the Fayette County Library, 2nd place which was the Fayette County Court Services & Sheriff's Office, and 3rd place which was the Fayette County Tax Assessors Office.

PUBLIC HEARING:

PUBLIC COMMENT: Roy Bishop expressed his concerns regarding accidents at State Road 92, Westbridge Road, and Veterans Parkway. He continued providing a suggestion that he felt could help expedite road construction.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 2. Approval of authorization to sign checks combining any of the following two signatures for transactions at or above \$5,000.00: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, County Administrator.**
- 3. Approval of authorization to sign checks for transactions in the amount of \$4,999.99 or less: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, County Administrator.**
- 4. Approval of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and the County Administrator to execute contracts, resolutions, agreements, or other documents approved by and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.**
- 5. Approval of a request from the County Clerk for authorization to file the required Certificate of Appointment indicating that the Fayette County Republican Party has re-appointed Aaron Wright to the Board of Elections for a four-year term commencing February 1, 2020 and expiring January 31, 2024.**

Chairman Ognio stated as public disclosure that the letter received from the Fayette County Republican Party re-appointing Aaron Wright was signed by his wife, who was acting in her official duties as Interim Chairwomen of the Fayette County Republican Party.

- 6. Approval of a request from the County Clerk for authorization to file the required Certificate of Appointment indicating that the Fayette County Democratic Party has re-appointed Darryl Hicks to the Board of Elections for a four-year term commencing February 1, 2020 and expiring January 31, 2024.**
- 7. Adoption of Resolution 2020-01; Establishing the Qualifying Fees for the 2020 elections in Fayette County.**
- 8. Approval of a Resolution from Association of County Commission of Georgia (ACCG) to approve the re-appointment of County Administrator Steve Rapson as the Fayette County Legislative Coordinator (CLC).**
- 9. Approval of the Water Committee recommendation to approve the Leap Into Spring - Community 5K and Fun Run on February 29, 2020 and to close Lake Horton Park during the event from 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.**
- 10. Approval of revised speed zone permit list of State approved roadways; List # 1119-113.**
- 11. Approval of the December 12, 2019 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

- A. Contract #1431-P: Transportation Engineer of Record Task Order #33: Starr's Mill School Tunnel Design

County Administrator Steve Rapson presented the Hot Project Updates stating that:

Dogwood Trail (1/3/2020)

Dogwood Trail is currently CLOSED to ALL THROUGH TRAFFIC between Farr Road and Tyrone Road for the demolition of the two existing and failing 120-inch corrugated metal pipes and the construction of a 48-ft by 14-ft concrete bottomless arch culvert, which will be the largest culvert in the unincorporated County. Utility relocation continues to be the key task in moving forward with this project. Safety concerns with the gas company's original design for the 6-inch steel gas main relocation were discovered in September 2019, causing a delay in the construction progress. The new design for a temporary modular bridge system for the 6-inch gas main is nearing completion, however the gas company has been unable to provide a timeline for relocation completion until all the equipment and supplies required for the modular bridge are secured and delivered to the site.

Fayette County has little control over utility companies, but the contractor has been working diligently to get as much work accomplished as possible during the relocation delay. An estimated completion date of late Spring 2020 / early Summer 2020 is being provided until utility relocation is complete and a more accurate date can be announced.

Starr's Mill Tunnel (1/9/20)

This project is for the construction of a multi-use path tunnel under Redwine Road, immediately south of the Robinson Road intersection. The project includes new path construction along the west side of Redwine Road and Robinson Road to connect with existing paths.

A Notice to Proceed for design was issued December 2nd but work was halted at the request of Peachtree due to possible impacts of a proposed development in the area. The conflict has since been resolved and work has resumed on the project. Early design milestones include development of a survey database and a conceptual layout.

Old Senoia Road Culvert Replacement (11/14/2019)

Old Senoia Road is complete and open for business.

Intersection of SR 92, Veterans Parkway and Westbridge Road (1/9/20)

This project is to install a traffic signal and turn lanes at the intersection, which currently operates as a two-way stop.

Design and right-of-way acquisition are complete and a Notice-to-Proceed was issued to the Contractor on 12/19/20. In parallel with the construction contract, Fayette County has ordered strain poles for the signal and the shop drawings (prepared by the vendor) have been submitted to GDOT for structural review. The Contractor is mobilizing equipment and supplies, and a project meeting is set for January 10.

East Fayetteville Bypass (1/9/20)

This is a large, new road construction project that will connect County Line Road with Corinth Road in the east side of the County.

The critical path for delivery runs through the 700-ft bridge design for the crossing of Morning Creek. The project team met with GDOT and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on 12/19/19 regarding permissions needed from both agencies to access the GDOT wetland mitigation bank and perform the necessary geotechnical work for preparation of the Bridge Foundation Investigation. The issue is being considered by the Corps legal counsel. Intersection and roadway design and development of Right-of-Way plans continues in the meantime.

View of Morning Creek, the GDOT Wetland Mitigation Bank and one of three large utility conflicts in the area of the proposed bridge.

Morning Dove Drive Culvert Replacement (1/3/2020)

This is a culvert replacement project under a road that provides exclusive access to several homes in the Quail Hollow Subdivision. As such, at least one lane of traffic is always being kept open.

The construction phase of the project kicked off on October 21, 2019. The contractor, Piedmont Paving, has completed all clearing activities, waterline relocation, and installation of the double 8-ft by 8-ft culvert. The culvert aprons have been poured and the contractor is completing installation of the final upstream wingwall and retaining wall. According to the contractor's most recent schedule update, this project should be complete in February 2020.

Installation of retaining wall for the Morning Dove Culvert project.

Notice of Open House for SR 54 / SR 74 Intersection in Peachtree City

GDOT is hosting a Location and Design Public Information Open House for the proposed Displaced Left Turn (DLT) intersection at SR 54 and SR 74 in Peachtree City.

Thursday, January 23, 2020
Peachtree City Library
201 Willowbend Road
Peachtree City, GA 30269
5:00 to 7:00 PM – open house format

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to view the project, ask questions and comment on the project. (GDOT PI 0013726)

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS: County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that there were no items for executive session.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxwell

Commissioner Maxwell congratulated both Chairman Ognio and Vice Chairman Oddo on their elections and stated he looked forward to the coming year and working with the Board. Commissioner Maxwell stated that he would like to continue having the Board make the Pledge to the citizens of Fayette County and would like to see the Pledge from the Board as an upcoming agenda item. Commissioner Maxwell stated that he would also be presenting an item on an upcoming agenda regarding the Easter Holiday, where he would ask to add the Friday prior to Easter as an eleventh County Holiday.

Commissioner Gibbons

Commissioner Gibbons expressed his appreciation for the camaraderie of the Board. He stated that he enjoyed his first year serving and felt it contributed to the effectiveness and efficiency of services provided by the County. Commissioner Gibbons congratulated Chairman Ognio and Vice Chairman Oddo on their elections as well.

Vice Chairman Oddo

Vice Chairman Oddo asked for an analysis in reference to the upcoming agenda item requesting an Easter Holiday. Vice Chairman Oddo thanked his fellow Commissioners for the election of Vice Chairman. He continued that he felt that the Board had worked well together over the past year and expressed his appreciation for his fellow Board members and stated that he looked forward to working with the Board in the coming year. Vice Chairman stated that it was Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and encouraged all to express their appreciation and extend a "Thank you" for a job well done for all who serve as Law Enforcement

officers. Vice Chairman Oddo stated that the Merry Decoration participants did an outstanding job. He extended a congratulations to Mr. Darryl Hicks and Mr. Aaron Wright for their appointments on the Board of Elections. He concluded expressing his love for his wife who, 17 years prior on January 9, immigrated to the United States, which he stated was one of the happiest days of his life.

Commissioner Rousseau

Commissioner Rousseau expressed his congratulations to Chairman Ognio and Vice Chairman Oddo, stating that he looked forward to serving with them along with the rest of the Board and County staff. Commissioner Rousseau encouraged the Elections and Registration Office to continue with training opportunities to help residents get familiar with the new election machines for the upcoming elections. He also congratulated Mr. Darryl Hicks and Mr. Aaron Wright for their appointments on the Board of Elections. Commissioner Rousseau extended his congratulations to the newly elected Council members with the City of Fayetteville and to the re-election of Mayor Johnson.

Chairman Ognio

Chairman Ognio thanked his colleagues for the election as Chairman and acknowledged that last year did go smoothly but only because of the team effort of the Board. Chairman Ognio recognized Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and thanked all those who served for what they do to keep us safe. Chairman Ognio also thanked Mr. Darryl Hicks and Mr. Aaron Wright for their efforts on the Board of Elections and encouraged citizens who have questions regarding the new voting equipment to go to www.securevotega.com.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Gibbons moved to adjourn the January 9, 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting. Vice Chairman Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The January 9, 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Marlena 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 23rd day of January 2020. Referenced attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

Marlena Edwards, Deputy County Clerk