

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Randy Ognio, Chairman  
Charles W. Oddo, Vice Chairman  
Edward Gibbons  
Eric K. Maxwell  
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

June 25, 2020

6:30 p.m.

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

### Call to Order

Chairman Randy Ognio called the June 25, 2020 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 Charles Rousseau

Commissioner Charles Rousseau 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. Recognition of Fayette County State Court Interns.

State Court Judge Jason Thompson, on behalf of the Board recognized State Court student interns. Fayette State Court had the opportunity to host several internships during the 2019-2020 school year. Judge Thompson acknowledged the hard work and dedication of high school students: Iyanna Flores and Erin Rogers, undergraduate student: Keagan Galbraith, and Law School students: Francis Han and Cameron Lovell, and Avery Minnick.

### PUBLIC HEARING:

#### 2. Second of two Public Hearings on Fayette County's proposed annual budget for Fiscal Year 2021 which begins on July 1, 2020 and ends June 30, 2021 and approval of staff's recommendation to adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Budget.

Chief Financial Officer, Sheryl Weinmann stated that the request was to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Budget and approve of staff's recommendation to adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Budget. Ms. Weinmann added that the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Budget presentation was the same as presented at the first Public Hearing on June 11, 2020. Ms. Weinmann stated that the General Fund Balance Financial Projection for FY2020 was \$30,517,954 which was reviewed at the previous Public Hearing. Ms. Weinmann highlighted that \$2M had been set aside for the Health Department Building and that the Capital Improvement Project Fund was set at \$6.3M.

Commissioner Gibbons ask for clarification regarding how much would the County be contributing towards the Health Department Building project.

County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that the financial breakdown for the Health Department Building project would be a total cost of about \$5.2M. Mr. Rapson continued, stating that the Fayette County Public Health Board would contribute \$1M, the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Department would contribute \$436,000 upfront, and Fayette County would contribute \$2M. The shortfall would be financed and paid over a 10-year period.

Ms. Weinmann stated that the six revisions presented to the Board at the June 11, 2020 Public Hearing was now incorporated into the proposed Fiscal Year 2021. Ms. Weinmann stated that these revisions changed the fiscal year 2021 Budget Summary Impact of the Fund Balance from \$405,133 to \$255,167. Ms. Weinmann stated that the revisions discussed at the June 11, 2020 Public Hearing involved the Fayette County Sheriff's Office, property and casualty insurance costs, the Water System - private water system acquisitions, the Water System – North Georgia Water District membership dues, Fayette County Bicentennial Anniversary celebration expenses, and the Griffin Judicial Circuit. Ms. Weinmann stated that there was one additional revision which was related to the approval of the \$250k towards accumulating funds for the acquisition of residential private water systems. Ms. Weinmann stated that the proposed revision would be to set aside the full \$1M which would be the 250k/year allotment for FY2022-FY2025. Ms. Weinmann stated that this revision would impact the Water System 5-Year (Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget.

Ms. Weinmann stated that although digest numbers would not be received until July or August an estimated millage rate for unincorporated Fayette County would decrease from 4.392 to 4.270 taking advantage of a rollback.

Mr. Rapson stated that each of the municipalities within Fayette County had advised that their millage rates would remain the same. Mr. Rapson stated that based on Georgia law these rates would however be advertised as property tax increases. Mr. Rapson stated that because the County had a full rollback it would not be considered a property tax increase thus a decreased millage rate

Ms. Weinmann reiterated that these were estimates and were subject to change once final numbers were received.

Commissioner Rousseau seeking clarification asked if the Brooks water system acquisition was being approved as a part of the Budget.

Mr. Rapson stated that the County currently had an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Town of Brooks regarding its water system that would go unchanged. Mr. Rapson stated that there were no plans to move forward regarding acquisition of the Town of Brooks private water system. Mr. Rapson stated however, the County would use some of the \$250k allotment to evaluate and assess the Town of Brooks water system. Mr. Rapson stated that this evaluation would be used to develop a private water system acquisition priority list to be presented to the Board.

Commissioner Gibbons moved to approve the adoption of the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Budget. Vice-Chairman Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Lee Hearn the incoming District 2 Commissioner expressed his appreciation for Chairman Ognio for his dedication and service to the citizens of Fayette County. Mr. Hearn stated that as a former County employee he had a soft spot for current County employees, and would work to be a voice for them during his time as a Commissioner. Mr. Hearn expressed his eagerness to begin his tenure as Commissioner and his desire to gain a better understanding of the day-to-day operations of the County.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Vice Chairman Oddo moved to accept the Consent Agenda as written with the exception of item #7. Commissioner Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

3. **Approval to add Canoe Club at Waterlace Pod F subdivision to Fayette County's Street Light Program.**
4. **Approval to award Contract #1819-B to Peek Pavement Markings for an annual contract for pavement striping services to be used on various projects throughout fiscal year 2021 for total award amount of \$178,927.50.**
5. **Approval to award Contract #1821-B to Atlanta Paving & Concrete Construction Inc. for an annual contract for asphalt milling services to be used on various projects throughout fiscal year 2021, for the not-to-exceed amount of \$102,174.**
6. **Approval to award annual bid #1644-B to Faultless Business Center as primary vendor and Rock-It Sand & Gravel, Inc. as secondary vendor for dump truck hauling services for fiscal year 2021 for a total award amount of \$156,410.**
7. **Approval of the June 11, 2020 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

Commissioner Rousseau stated that the last sentence of the first paragraph under item #11 of the Minutes should read, "Commissioner Rousseau stated that Former State Legislator Virgil Fludd represented this community for over fourteen years and had proposed similar legislation during his tenure as a State Legislator."

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve the June 11, 2020 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes with noted amendment. Vice-Chairman Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

8. **Consideration of staff's recommendation to award the FY2021 Property & Casualty Insurance coverage of \$570,587 to AmGuard, Liberty Mutual and Hiscox Cyber.**

Purchasing Director Ted Burgess stated that Property & Casualty insurance was solicited and negotiated each year. Mr. Burgess stated that property & casualty insurance proposals are obtained through an insurance broker/agent. The County's Broker of Record provided quotes from carriers' applications for the County's consideration. Mr. Burgess stated that the total cost for Fiscal Year 2021 Property & Casualty Insurance coverage was \$570,587. Mr. Burgess noted that this included about a 5% premium increase, however, that was relatively minimal considering that the typical premium increase was between 8%-12%.

Vice-Chairman Oddo stated that he appreciated the minimal increases from year to year related to the Property & Casualty Insurance coverage, and acknowledged the hard work it took to keep cost low.

Vice-Chairman Oddo moved to approve to award the FY2021 Property & Casualty Insurance coverage of \$570,587 to AmGuard, Liberty Mutual and Hiscox Cyber. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

9. **Consideration of staff's recommendation to renew Contract #1806-S; Motorola Service and Maintenance Agreement for fiscal year 2021, in the amount of \$536,611.36.**

911 Director Katye Vogt stated that the proposed Motorola contract renewal would provide maintenance for the SmartZone 4.1 system, UPS systems to ensure an uninterrupted power supply, and the MOSCAD weather warning siren system. Mrs. Vogt stated that it was recommended to renew the Motorola Service and Maintenance Contract for Fiscal Year 2021 in order to maintain seamless services to the community.

Commissioner Gibbons moved to approve recommendation to renew Contract #1806-S; Motorola Service and Maintenance Agreement for fiscal year 2021, in the amount of \$536,611.36. Vice-Chairman Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:**

### **Carbyne System Launch**

Mrs. Vogt announced that as of 12:00 p.m. June 25, 2020, all administrative and 911 calls were going through the new Carbyne system. Mrs. Vogt stated that Fayette County was the first agency/entity in the world to be on the Carbyne system. Mrs. Vogt stated that 911 has spent the last few weeks conducting very detailed high impact testing.

Chairman Ognio asked if there was an app available for the public to download.

Mrs. Vogt stated yes that there was an app available, however, it was not required. Mrs. Vogt stated that there was additional public service information to be released soon advising Fayette County citizens about the new system.

Mrs. Rapson stated that a Press Release would be issued regarding the integration of the Carbyne system. Mr. Rapson expressed his appreciation for 911 staff, Carbyne, and AT&T for their hard work and dedication in working to get the Carbyne system launched.

Vice-Chairman Oddo asked for a brief overview of the Carbyne system as a refresher for the citizens unfamiliar with the new system.

Mr. Rapson stated that the Carbyne system would change the way 911 services are delivered throughout the nation. Mr. Rapson stated that currently 911 dispatchers are training to assess voice stress sensitivity. With the Carbyne system, the dispatcher would also be able to see what was happening and can more effectively assess a situation.

Mrs. Vogt added that along with the video feature, the Carbyne system location accuracy was superb and was a vital tool in an emergency situation where an individual was unable to speak.

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:**

**Notice of Executive Session:** County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that there were three items for Executive Session. One (1) item of Real Estate acquisition, One (1) item of Pending Litigation, and the review of the Executive Session Minutes for May 28, 2020.

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

### **Vice-Chairman Oddo**

Vice-Chairman Oddo thanked staff for an excellent job on developing the budget, he expressed his appreciation for their efforts and hard work. Vice-Chairman Oddo stated that he had been anxiously waiting and was happy to hear Carbyne had gone live.

### **Commissioner Gibbons**

Commissioner Gibbons expressed his appreciation to Mr. Rapson and staff for a job well done on the Fiscal Year 2021 budget. Commissioner Gibbons stated that the County was providing a good retirement system for its employees and adequate health insurance as well as providing excellent services to Fayette County citizens all without increasing taxes at County level. Commissioner Gibbons expressed his appreciation for the 911 team for their hard work and dedication in facilitating the launch of the Carbyne system. Commissioner Gibbons expressed his appreciation for Law Enforcement Officers for the services they provide. Commissioner Gibbons offered his prayers and condolences to the families of Law Enforcement Officers who had lost their lives in the line of duty.

### **Chairman Ognio**

Chairman Ognio encouraged all citizens who had not completed their census survey to go online and complete it, the County was currently at 73.5% which was the highest in the state. Chairman Ognio thanked staff for their hard work in developing the budget. Chairman wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July and admonished all to be careful when using fireworks. Chairman Ognio stated that there was newly proposed Senate Resolution 841 regarding casinos in the State of Georgia, he encouraged all citizens if they have any questions or concerns to reach out to their State Representatives.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Notice of Executive Session:** County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that there were three items for Executive Session. One (1) item of Real Estate acquisition, One (1) item of Pending Litigation, and the review of the Executive Session Minutes for May 28, 2020.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to go into Executive Session. Vice-Chairman Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 7:20 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 28, 2020 Executive Session Minutes:** Chairman Ognio moved to approve the May 28, 2020, Executive Session Minutes. Vice Chairman Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Vice Chairman Oddo moved to adjourn the June 25, 2020 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The June 25, 2020 Board of Commissioners Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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Marlena Edwards, Deputy County Clerk

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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 9th day of July 2020. Referenced attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

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Marlena Edwards, Deputy County Clerk