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Retreat MINUTES

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8:00 a.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 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Chairman Lee Hearn called the May 13, 2022 Retreat to order at 8:07 a.m. A quorum of the Board was present. Vice Chairman Gibbons was absent.

Acceptance of Agenda

Commissioner Charles Oddo moved to accept the agenda as presented. Commissioner Eric Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons was absent.

Financial Overview/Forecast: Chief Financial Officer Sheryl Weinmann presented the financial overview and forecast. Ms. Weinmann stated that she would walk the Board through the current year's budget and provide the end of year budget projections. She stated that the General Fund as of June 31, 2021, ended with the Stabilization Fund with \$15,213,869, which was 25% of the budget. She continued that the emergency funds remained unused at \$2M. There was \$9,362,597 assigned for the 5-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), \$1,201,552 was restricted for Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG), \$1,609,672 was designated as non-spendable for the stormwater loan, and \$7,400,351 was unassigned. She added that the plan was to pay back the stormwater loan, which would increase the unassigned fund to about \$9M. She noted that they would like to use those funds to go towards the Defined Benefit Plan.

Mr. Rapson stated that last year, as the Board may recall, the Defined Benefit Plan (DB Plan) fund was short, part of which was due to a change in longevity tables along with market impacts. He continued that in the past, the County would contribute \$500K via normal contributions, which was typically included in the budget. The plan was to increase that \$500K contribution over the next 3-years to catch up. However, the markets still have not fully improved, so the intent would be to take the \$1.6M loan repayment funds and to ask the Board to approve, as part of the budget, a \$1.5M one-time contribution to the DB Plan, which would then true that fund up and place the County at a very comfortable level of funding.

General Fund- Revenues: Ms. Weinmann stated in moving on to discussions regarding Fiscal Year 2022 General Fund-Revenues that properties taxes came in slightly over budget and even more so in the LOST/TAVT/Auto fund, which was 1.7M to the good. In reviewing the Intergovernmental Fund, that number was lower because the Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) 2020 & 2021 had to be budgeted, causing some of those funds to be carried over and they do not show in the actuals but are in the Fund Balance. She stated that fines and forfeitures were down and would most likely continue to go down because of the decrease in court fines and fees. Ms. Weinman noted that the \$2.6M shown in the Intergovernmental Fund actuals were the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds that the County received last year, as well as the first part

of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. She added that the second part of the ARPA funds have been applied for and should be awarded by June 30.

Chairman Hearn stated that overall, the County was \$1.2M “to the good” or in the positive for the budget.

Ms. Weinmann stated correct, that was the revenue projection through March of 2022.

General Fund- Expenditures: She continued that in reviewing the General Fund – Expenditures, staff anticipated, several of the functions would be over budgeted, based on increased County employees received beginning January 1, 2022. However, due to vacancies in various departments and offices, the numbers are coming in close to what was originally budgeted. She stated that the FY22 estimation for the Net Operation budget was \$3.6M to the good. Ms. Weinmann stated that in reviewing the Transfers In, Transfers Out and Transfers Out – Capital Projects, they were \$808K in the negative.

Mr. Rapson explained to the Board that this was what hit the Fund Balance. He continued that the forecast provided in October 2021, which included the 19% Public Safety increase, and the 10% increase for the remaining County employees, staff estimated that there might be roughly a \$3M shortage. However, it is only about \$1M shortage and included the one-time capital contribution. Mr. Rapson stated that this means the County was better off than originally anticipated, probably because there was still a huge problem with vacancy and several positions were un-filled. He added that even with the employee increases, it was still difficult to market and recruit viable candidates.

Ms. Weinmann stated that the Fund Balance last year ended at about \$37M. However, with the \$808K hit, the projection for Fund Balance was \$36.2 for this year.

Ms. Weinmann stated that in reviewing revenue sources for FY2021, the Real Property of the Digest was \$6.6M with a forecast of \$7.88M based on anticipated increase of about 18%.

Mr. Rapson added that the 18% increase was about 16% reassessment and 2.62% growth, which was a direct reflection of the current real estate market. Because of this 18% increase in the Digest, the proposal was to maintain the current mileage rate, which would extrapolate to about a 15% property tax increase. He stated that this proposal would be presented to the Board on May 26, 2022, as a part of the budget presentation.

Ms. Weinmann reiterated that the \$7.88M consisted of the 2.62% growth and 15.38% of reassessment. In using these figures to show the tax increase, it would equal about a 14.5% tax increase. She stated that on a tax bill for a property worth \$250K that was increased to \$300K, it would equate to an additional \$155 on the tax bill, as it relates to the county and would not include tax via Fayette County the Board of Education.

Ms. Weinmann stated that moving on to the review of Motor Vehicle/True-Up/TAVT revenue back in 2013, the State would true up this fund to the \$1.999M. However, in 2020, they decided to only provide a percentage. Since then, this fund had grown significantly with a current budget of \$6M. She stated that this fund was expected to increase by about \$800K-\$900K by the end of the year.

Ms. Weinmann stated that LOST Revenues was about \$15M, which included the actual collected through March 2022 and then what was budgeted for the remainder of the year. She stated that this was a projection of about \$800K-\$900K over budget.

She stated that in reviewing SPLOST revenues through March of 2022, they have collected \$24.7M and of that, \$11.3M was distributed to Fayette County. She stated that when this SPLOST began in 2017, the anticipated revenue for this year was \$11M, which had already been exceeded.

911 Operations Fund: Ms. Weinmann stated that 911 Fund Balance was \$7,589,647 as of June 30, 2021. She stated that the Capital Projects Fund was \$1,271,00. The Stabilization Fund was \$998,092, and the Fund Purpose was \$5,328,555. She stated

that projections for FY2022 would be a positive impact of \$843K.

Fire Services Fund: Ms. Weinmann stated that as of June 30, 2021, the Fire Services Fund was \$8,461,136. They had a small Capital Projects Fund balance of \$236,473, the Stabilization Fund was \$2,978,558 and the Fund Purpose was \$5,246,106. She stated that the projection for the Fire Services fund for FY2022 was a positive impact of \$1.8M. Ms. Weinmann stated that initial forecasted anticipated this fund to be over budgeted, however due to position vacancies in expenditures, they came in closer to the projected budget. She noted that the \$675K noted as an intergovernmental revenue were from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds.

Commissioner Oddo asked how we accounted for vacancies as it related to the budget.

Mr. Rapson stated that each vacant position was 100% budgeted with the assumption that these positions would require medical insurance. This was done in anticipation that the County would eventually be 100% staffed and budget accordingly.

Ms. Weinmann stated that the positive impact of \$1.8M to the Fire Fund Balance was projected to increase the FY2022 Fire Services Fund Balance to \$10M.

Emergency Medical Services Fund: Ms. Weinmann stated that as of June 30, 2021, the Emergency Medical Services Fund was \$3,407,850, leaving approximately \$2,149,433 in the restricted fund balance.

Mr. Rapson stated that this slide [page 20 of the 2023 BOC Retreat Presentation] was important because looking at this fund the Fund Balance was extremely healthy as a direct result of Board action. He continued that when CARES funds were received, \$1.1M was pushed into this fund because it was the weakest fund as it related to balancing true revenue vs. true expenditures, which stemmed from the millage rate for EMS being set too low at .456. He stated to put that into perspective, if the County initiated a 10% increase for the EMS millage rate, taking it from .456 to .5, that would yield \$31K. Mr. Rapson stated that to get the millage rate where it needed to be, the County would have to initiate a 200% change to get it in the \$200K range from revenue to expenditures. He explained that if the County proposed to do this it would be an increase to the EMS millage rate. He noted that he felt that the budget would be balanced next year considering that if there was a property tax increase, the Board may want to consider increasing the EMS millage rate as well. He continued that if the EMS millage rate were increased, everyone in the County would be affected except residents of the City of Peachtree City because they performed their own EMS. To provide perspective, he stated that if the Board decided to balance an increase between the Fire and EMS millage rates, there was a factor of 7, for every \$1 gained from the EMS Fund, the Fire Fund would lose \$7. If the comparison were between the General Fund and EMS Fund, the factor was 14. For every \$1 gained from the EMS Fund the General Fund would lose \$14. He stated that he wanted the Board to be aware of this because as the Board reviewed the budget, if they decided they wanted to do a partial rollback to mitigate some of that for the General Fund this may be a good time to do something with EMS Fund also. He concluded that he felt that at some point something would need to be done with the EMS millage rate because it was too low.

Ms. Weinmann added that if the Board decided to increase the millage rate by the 9.3%, that would be an additional \$5 to resident's tax bill.

Chairman Hearn stated that supply chain issues have contributed significantly to the increase in supply costs.

Mr. Rapson concurred and stated that that it was evident in the budget projections for medical supplies.

Commissioner Rousseau ask how much of the cost increase was caused by supply chain issues, verses price gauging.

Mr. Rapson stated that it was probably a little bit of both.

Ms. Weinmann continued that in looking at the EMS Fund for this fiscal year, the charges for services fund had increased slightly and was about \$140K. She stated that the Public Safety expense portion did include some full-time vacancies as well as medical supplies which had come in over budget. She concluded that the impact to the Fund Balance for EMS was \$315K.

Water System Overview: Ms. Weinmann stated that the revenues were slightly under budget. In looking at the operating expenses for Enterprise funds, which included the Water Systems financial statement were laid out slightly different. With that in mind, she stated that they were anticipating a change in net position of approximately \$96K.

Solid Waste Overview: Ms. Weinmann stated that the revenues for Solid Waste were anticipated to come in under budget. She added the costs to run the transfer station were much higher than what was generated via revenues, as a result, there would be a loss of almost \$175K. She noted that if it were not for the General Fund's \$172K allocation, this Fund would have been even more under budget and currently have a fund balance of \$105K.

Mr. Rapson stated that post-closure expenses for the transfer station was \$182K with it bringing in \$75K in revenue. He continued that staff had numerous discussions with Waste Management, as well as conversations with an additional sanitation services vendor and the resounding consensus was that there had been a fundamental shift occurring in the industry and they no longer want to engage in the Transfer Station business. As a result, the current contract had been extended six months with the hope it would be extended a year, during which staff could develop an internal operation that the County could control. He stated that that even if this were put in place, the County would never be in a position of self-supporting. He stated that we have just enough money left in this fund to carry thru next year.

Chairman Hearn asked what the County's part was of the "tipping fee" from the Transfer Station.

Mr. Rapson stated that the County received \$1.00 per ton.

Discussion continued.

Mr. Rapson stated that the situation at the transfer station as anticipated would require Board involvement and the decision on how to proceed would be needed in the foreseeable future.

Commissioner Oddo asked what would happen if the decision was made to close the transfer station.

Mr. Rapson stated that there would probably be an influx of resident complaints and frustration regarding the need for accessibility to dump trash.

Mr. Hoffman added that there were a lot of residents that used the transfer station for both yard waste but also for the free grinding that the County provided. He added that even if the County decided to close the transfer station, post-closure cost would not go away and the County would still be responsible for monitoring the land field forever.

Discussion continued.

Mr. Rapson concluded that there were some revenue-generating options that the County put into place, but those revenues still would offset the cost of the expenses the Transfer Station incurred.

County Jail Surcharge Fund History: Ms. Weinmann stated that the County Jail Surcharge Fund was another account that was not holding its weight as it related to revenue streaming. She stated that this fund dealt with the various fines, fees, and surcharges via the court systems throughout the County. She stated that \$112K was transferred to this fund for FY 2022 with an anticipated additional \$30K transfer needed by the end of the year. These funds were used for inmate meals in the jail.

Victim's Assistance Fund: Ms. Weinman stated that the Victim Assistance Fund was also a problem this year. She stated that the fund balance had been declining since 2019 and taking hits over the years but especially during the COVID pandemic. She stated that there would be a transfer of around \$1,600 at the end of the year, leaving this account with a \$0 fund balance which would require a significant transfer of about \$18K for next year.

Workers Compensation: Ms. Weinmann stated that the workers' compensation fund revenues were comprised of fund received

from the various departments that were the high defenders. This year that amount was \$380K, however there were also a high amount of claims this year, rendering the ending net-position of this account to less than \$300. As a result, staff was recommending a transfer of \$110K.

Employee Insurance Dental/Vision: Ms. Weinmann stated that revenue for this account was from either the County or county employee. Cost of claims have come in very close to the revenues. Staff was recommending a transfer of \$20K to this account to maintain a positive fund balance.

Employee Insurance Major Medical: Ms. Weinman stated that the \$9.4M of revenue was comprised of funds from both employee and the County via premiums. Staff anticipated receiving an additional \$891K for stoploss from Cigna in July. She stated that staff was estimating total revenue to be around \$10.3M. Total expenses for this fund were 9.8M. As a result, the staff anticipated a positive change to the account net-position of \$474K. She stated that the ending net-position was \$1.3M of which \$576K was for stabilization. Mr. Rapson noted that this year, there would be no changes be the premium cost for County employees.

Tax Digest: Ms. Weinmann stated that the 2022 digest was expected to be \$8.38B for the upcoming budget year. This was considering the 15.38% reassessment and 2.62% growth. Real property increase was expected at 18%, personal property increase was 5%, and auto would decrease 25%, which had been consistent over the last few years.

Population/Staffing: Ms. Weinman stated that Fayette County population versus staffing had remained consistent over the past several years.

Millage Rate Statistics: Ms. Weinman stated that the FY22 Millage Rate was 4.034 for M & O, 0.210 for 911, 0.456 for EMS, and 3.07 for Fire. She stated that there was a discussion on increasing the Emergency Management Services (EMS) rate and maintaining the 4.034 for the M&O General Fund portion.

Mr. Rapson added that at the May 26th Budget Hearing the budget would show the millage rate would be set at the 4.034 for the General Fund, which would equate to a net 14% increase overall for all the tax categories. This was directly related to the 18% growth in the digest. He stated that the budget would also highlight options regarding what to do with the 0.456 EMS rate.

Ms. Weinmann highlighted that of 19 local counties, Fayette County ranked #17 with the 3rd lowest millage rate.

Ms. Weinmann stated that in breaking down the various parts of a citizen's tax bill in unincorporated Fayette County, the BOE received 72.4%, the County received 14.3%, and Fire, EMS, and 911 collectively received 13.3%. She added that if the millage rate had stayed the same as it was in 2014, the county would have received an additional \$51.6M in revenues.

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)/SPLOST

Ms. Weinmann stated that forty-three Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) had been completed through the various departments totaling \$5.6M. Water System projects completed during FY22, totaling almost 2.1M.

Ms. Weinmann stated that there were 5 projects classified as SPLOST in-service, which meant that they were open for traffic or use but still had some punch list items to finish before full completion. These projects totaled \$1,141,262. And SPLOST projects completed since the last reporting at 2021 BOC Retreat totaled \$58,096.

Break (8:34am – 8:40am)

SPLOST Overview

Public Works Director Phill Mallon stated that at last year's County Retreat he received clear direction from the Board to increase public involvement and engagement with citizens as it related to county projects. He stated that he felt his office had succeeded in doing so over the last year. He also acknowledged that another focus over the last year was project prioritization and efficiently using county resources. Mr. Mallon stated that over the last few years, there had been the development of a project delivery

team. These individual's work was dedicated to project delivery and the team was comprised of employees from several different departments. Mr. Mallon stated that the 2004 SPLOST was still active and provided a brief overview. He stated that from a transportation standpoint, it had as much, if not more available funds than the more recent 2017 SPLOST. The 2004 SPLOST was driven by an older 2003 SPLOST project menu/report. He noted that any projected list on the report was eligible for funding, however if not listed, then that project would not be eligible. Mr. Mallon stated that the 2003 SPLOST project menu/report outlined 66 projects, 10 of which were highlighted as top priorities by the Board during that time. Of the 66 projects, 32 had been completed, 10 were in progress, seven were studied with no further action being decided, and 17 received no action. He continued that of the 17, "none actioned" projects, 15 were no county properties. Mr. Mallon stated that there was about \$30M left in the fund. In addition to these projects, each jurisdiction outlined their own list of projects. Fayette County had 20 projects, which if included in the previous list, brought the total up to 86 projects. Of the additional projects, 17 had been completed, two were studied with no further action being decided, and one received no action. Mr. Mallon stated that in 2018 he advised that the 2004 SPLOST had about \$30M left and asked how they would like to allocate those funds. He stated that the Board provided a list of projects. About \$16M was set aside for the Corinth Road extension project, with the remaining balance going towards the Board approved list that included 13 projects.

Mr. Mallon provided a brief overview and status update of the following projects: Coastline Road Bridge Replacement was funding for local right-of-way match on the Georgia Department of Transportation local bridge replacement Program (LOCBR) , Sandy Creek; Sam Drive and Eastin Road; Antioch at Goza Road; Peachtree Parkway at Crosstown Drive; Veterans Parkway Intersection with SR 92 & West bridge Road; Veterans Parkway (WFB Phase1); Veterans Parkway Intersection with Eastin Road; Kenwood Road, East Fayetteville Bypass; SR 85 Medians Phase 1 & 2; SR 85 Widening; SR 92 South of McBride; Goza Road Realignment at Bernhard Road.

Commissioner Rousseau encouraged staff to review the option of using 2004 SPLOST funds, if eligible, towards enhanced safety measures or road improvements on SR 279 near County Lake Subdivision and surrounding communities.

Mr. Mallon stated that he would review the SPLOST project menu/report and, if listed, the use of these funds would be an option. However, if not, that could be a project that the Board could consider for the 2023 SPLOST. He stated that in 2017 SPLOST a corridor study was conducted on SR 279. The intent of the study was to identify the needs for SR 279 and to initiate the 279 realignments. He stated that the County was successful in support of the realignment project and would receive federal aid which was a 7-year project. Mr. Mallon stated that he suggested the Board allocate additional funds to SR 279 to conduct an official Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) concept report in 2023, which could address traffic and transportation needs on SR 279.

Mr. Rapson stated that the 2023 SPLOST was the most appropriate place to allocate funds for this type of project, especially knowing that SR 279 was a State Route. The county was limited in how much we can do but having these studies and analysis completed, put the County in a better position in discussions with GDOT when the opportunity presented itself.

Chairman Hearn stated that this was why he continued to encourage "shovel ready" projects. He added that when the County was well prepared, and funding was made available, we could quickly take advantage of it. Chairman Hearn also added that McDonough Road was another project he would like to see added back on the priority list as well.

Mr. Rapson stated that when a SPLOST project was proposed, typically a list of projects within the county was provided. If approved, those are the only projects that can be completed using those SPLOST funds. He added that it would be easier to shift fund allocations if the parameters of the SPLOST projects were more generic or loosened. The 2004 SPLOST had loosened project parameters, which allowed the County to shift funds, however the 2017 SPLOST was set up as special restrict revenue, which limited how that money could be used. SPLOST dollars are very restrictive. He stated that if the Board did not like this format staff was using to comprise the SPLOST list, he asked them to provide feedback and input on what format they would like to use. Mr. Rapson also stated that the project delivery team was also the team that gathered the biweekly "Hot Project" outline for the Board. He stated that if there were other updates any of them would like to receive updates for, please let him know.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he would like to receive periodic updates regarding the Health Center and Recreation

Center. Commissioner Rousseau asked about project R-6 regarding Kenwood Road that Mr. Mallon mentioned in his overview and if that would be road improvements on Kenwood Road and Highway 279.

Mr. Mallon stated that the R-6 project was focused just along Kenwood Road from the Kenwood Elementary School into some of the surrounding neighborhoods. Mr. Mallon stated that staff had received feedback from the public asking to include Highway 279 and Kenwood Park into this project. Mr. Mallon stated that type of request was not currently in the funding for this project.

Vice Chairman Gibbons arrived at the Board Retreat.

2017 Transportation SPLOST Update: Mr. Mallon stated that the 2017 SPLOST included eighteen projects or categories. He stated that some of the categories were vague and allowed the Board to add in projects if funding was available. Mr. Mallon advised that 32 projects were authorized by the 2017 SPLOST, 17 were complete, two were underway by other agencies via federal or state aid, eight were underway in-house by Public Works, and five had no active task orders. Mr. Mallon outlined several of these projects discussing that they included work on infrastructure and improvements, possible federal aid corridor improvements, intersection improvements, pedestrian, bicycle and multi-use paths, and detailed planning studies.

City of Fayetteville High Priority Trail Study: Downtown & Economic Director, Brian Wismer with the City of Fayetteville, stated that the city was undergoing a high priority trail study. He stated that they had received a grant from the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) to study potential trail paths to better connect the City of Fayetteville. The connectivity would include new and existing parks, various school systems, as well as the nature center. Mr. Wismer stated this was a citywide effort to create new amenities and improve quality of life. Mr. Wismer stated that the City was still very early into the study but highlighted the fact that this trail system had the opportunity to connect both city and county neighborhoods. Mr. Wismer provided a conceptual design of the trail and noted that it would be a concrete trail about 12 feet wide and would be primarily promoting walking and biking. There had been discussion of golf carts would be permitted on the trail, however, that had not been decided. Mr. Wismer stated that this was being presented to the Board because a lot of the area of the trail would be on County property and the City wanted to garner Board feedback before the project progressed. He stated that eventually the City of Fayetteville would seek easements for construction and the project was being added to the City of Fayetteville 2023 SPLOST project list.

Mr. Rapson asked as clarification what the city was seeking from the County. He asked if they were seeking permanent easement where they would maintain the path.

Mr. Wismer stated that was correct.

Commissioner Oddo comments were inaudible.

Chairman Hearn asked how long the path would be and asked for an estimated cost for the path.

Mr. Wismer stated that it was approximately two miles long. He stated that once completed the study would provide cost analysis.

Commissioner Maxwell stated that he had received several calls regarding this project when it was initiated and noted that he had followed the progression of the project. He stated that for the most part, he approved of the project. Commissioner Maxwell stated that there were some aspects of the project he did not agree with, like the fact that the trail would go around the landfill. He concluded that there would always be some complaints regarding any project. He also suggested that the city conduct some public relations as the project moved forward.

Mr. Rapson concurred that the Board was ok that the City of Fayetteville to proceed with the study.

2017 Stormwater SPLOST Budget Overview: Environmental Management Director Bryan Keller presented the stormwater (SPLOST) budget overview. Mr. Keller stated that the approved budget for Category I: flooding and safety projects was \$6,451,657; the approved budget for Category II: Stormwater Infrastructure Tier 1 for projects needing immediate attention was \$3,705,373 and Category II Tier II was projects that needed replacement soon, was \$10,440,149. The approved budget for

Category III: Stormwater Infrastructure Preservation was \$1,651,211.

There are three main Stormwater SPLOST categories:

Category I included the replacement or rehabilitation of stormwater drainage systems where failure or improper operation may result in loss of property or probable loss of human life. These included dams classified by the Georgia Safe Dams program that are located within Fayette County right-of-way. There were 18 total projects in this category. Sixteen of these have been completed with the remaining two in the design phase.

Category II, Tier I systems included the deformation or damage of the system that may affect the drainage capacity or overall function of the structure that needed immediate attention. There were 14 total projects in this category five have been completed. Two of these projects are in the design phase and seven have been budgeted for but pending design. Mr. Keller explained that project review and analysis was critical. At times project prioritization had to change and the need to escalate the repair/replacement of a Tier II project over a Tier I project had occurred. Mr. Keller acknowledged that there would be projects that would carry over into the 2023 SPLOST.

Commissioner Rousseau expressed his frustration regarding having projects that would have to carry over into the 2023 SPLOST. He stated that this would be a concern to some citizens. Knowing that not only were there projects that needed to be completed from the 2017 SPLOST, along with the County proposing a 2023 SPLOST, may prove challenging for some to understand.

Mr. Rapson stated that the list of carry over projects would be minimal in comparison to the list of new projects proposed for the 2023 SPLOST. He stated that there would be an educational effort initiated to explain this to the public.

Commissioner Oddo stated that the County was in a much better position than they had been years prior and could show citizens the work that had been done via the numerous projects that had been completed.

Vice Chairman Gibbons stated that explaining to citizens that the work had to be done either way and outlining that it could either be done via revenue from high property taxes or through a cost-deferring SPLOST might be beneficial.

Category II, Tier II systems included the deformation or damage of the system that may affect the drainage capacity or overall function of the structure that needed replacement soon. There were 51 total projects in this category two had been completed. Six of these projects were in right-of-way acquisition, 13 projects were in the design phase, and 30 of these projects were budgeted pending design.

Category III systems included the deformation or damage of the system that may affect the drainage capacity or overall function of the structure. There were 153 total projects in this category 33 of which had been completed. Sixteen were in the design phase and 104 budgeted pending design.

Mr. Keller stated that an additional Category IV included functional improvements to stormwater drainage systems, such as paving inverts and replacing headwalls, catch basin lids, and drainage pipes that are currently inaccessible. Category IV may also include professional services, easement acquisition, and utility relocation/coordination tasks. There were two invert paving projects that had been complete and one stormwater system replacement project in final design. Mr. Keller encouraged everyone to visit the 2017 SPLOST website to review the status updates on these projects.

Break (9:49-10:09)

2023 SPLOST Proposed Projects

Mr. Keller stated that Fayette County Department heads worked together to comprise a list of projects within the county for the 2023 SPLOST. Mr. Rapson reviewed the list before submittal to the Board for final review and approval.

Mr. Rapson reiterated that this was not the final list and only a starting point for the Board to review. He stated that in looking at the 2023 proposed distribution figures, the original request submitted by staff totaled more than \$94 million. He was able to narrow down the request which was the list being presented to the Board. He stated that from there the Board would provide input and feedback, the feedback garnered through our public education efforts would be considered, then a comprised list would be presented for the voters.

Commissioner Maxwell stated that he wanted it to be clear that the proposed list being presented to the Board was only a draft and that the Board had not seen the list before today.

Mr. Rapson stated that was correct, this was only staff's recommendation to the Board for the proposed 2023 SPLOST. Mr. Rapson stated that the total allocation over a six-year period would be \$210,000,000. The distribution, if this SPLOST was approved, would be based on population which had been agreed upon with all the jurisdictions. The distribution amount for Fayette County was \$94.7M, Peachtree City was \$67.3 M, City of Fayetteville was \$33.4M, Town of Tyrone was \$13.5M, and Brooks was \$1M. He stated that every city was taking a different approach on how they would comprise their SPLOST list. Mr. Rapson provided an overview of the 2023 SPLOST County proposed projects which included projects in five distinct categories. These categories included: Justice Center Renovations, Public Safety, Parks, Recreation and Human Services, Stormwater Improvements, and Transportation Improvements. Mr. Rapson stated the Stormwater and Transportation improvements categories make up roughly 50% of the total allocation, with primary focus on the transportation projects. He stated that the remaining balance of \$47M would be broken down into thirds between the three remaining categories.

Vice Chairman Gibbon asked if the Health Department Building was being funded via Capital Improvement Project funds or via through General Fund dollars.

Mr. Rapson stated that current there was about \$10M set aside for the Health Department building. Current estimates are coming in at \$18M for the construction of the Health Department. That shortfall was not included in the proposal for the SPLOST. The Health Department building would be funded through General Fund tax dollars once final bids were received and via grant funds that may be available for health agencies. He stated that this was also a topic that garnered Board's input on how to proceed.

Vice Chairman Gibbons stated that he thought the Tactical Driving Course and the Firefighter Training Facility had already been funded through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds,

Mr. Rapson stated that was correct. Both those projects had been funded in the General Fund and with ARPA dollars and the remaining balance would be included in the 2023 SPLOST.

Chairman Hearn asked if the SPLOST would be added to the November 2022 election.

Mr. Rapson stated they SPLOST would be included in the March 2023 election.

Justice Center Renovation- David Yaeger with Mallett Consulting stated that his office functioned as the project management on the original Justice Center project. He stated that a Justice Center Taskforce was assigned to evaluate the Justice Center Complex and assess the current facilities, review current deficiencies, develop projection of future growth, develop a buildout concept for the vacant 3rd floor, and create a repurposing plan of vacated spaces. Since 1997 the need for space had become evident as the County population grew, the court system caseload would also increase. There was a need for additional courtrooms, auxiliary office, mediation suites, and meeting rooms for the various courts. Progress to date included roundtable discussion with relative courts and offices on needs. Departmental interviews were conducted in person to review the existing spaces and to discuss the "scope determination" questionnaire responses. The Project Manger developed a conceptual floor plan. Mr. Mallett stated that the vacant third floor had 47,000 sq. ft. of available space. Mr. Mallett stated that access to the flood was constructed as part of the original build with an elevator, elevator lobby, and stairwell already in place. He stated that the 3rd floor was planned to eventually accommodate courtrooms. The back of the building was designed with a knockout panel in anticipation of future design with the ability to use exterior construction elevator. This would be the primary construction elevator during the buildout. There would also be renovation and construction to other floors of the building as construction progressed

and different courts moved. Mr. Mallett briefly outlined the concept floor plan and provided the Board with an overview of where each court would be stationed within the Justice Center. The 3rd Floor would host Superior Courts, the District Attorney's Office and the Public Defender's Office; the 2nd Floor would host State Court, the Solicitor General, Juvenile Court, and Grand Jury, and the 1st Floor would host Magistrate Court, Probate Court, the Clerk of Court and Court Services. Mr. Mallett stated that next on the Taskforce agenda was to finalize the conceptual floor plans, gather and analysis of support data for future growth, and perform a site/parking evaluation. All of this would be provided to the Board for review as a needs assessment. He continued that then the concept phase would be presented to the Board for approval. Next would be the design phase which would include selection of Architect of Record, preparation of construction plans and specifications, and construction bid documents. Finally, would be the Construction Phase which would consist of selection of General Contractor, construction, inspections, and testing. He concluded that he hoped to remain the project manager throughout the entire project.

Transportation Improvements: Mr. Mallon stated that about \$750K a year was allocated toward roadway resurfacing/maintenance. \$150K was allocated to bridge work/repair, \$50K for right-of-way improvements which included repair to county roadway shoulders and drainage, by eliminating encroaching vegetation. These all were part of the infrastructure preservation and improvements.

Mr. Rapson added that this was as loose or vague as they could get. The allocation of \$4.5M would be for road maintenance and no specific roads would be identified.

Commissioner Oddo ask if a 2017 SPLOST comparison map could be created.

Mr. Keller stated that an online interactive map was being created.

Mr. Mallon stated the second category was corridor improvements which was an opportunity for the County to seek federal aid. He stated that \$2.5M was allocated to this category to implement some of the recommendations that came out of the corridor studies. The third category was for intersection improvements. The fourth category included pedestrian, bicycle, and multi-use path projects, and \$1M was allocated to the fifth category for planning studies/concepts reporting.

Commissioner Oddo expressed his desire to consider a corridor study that would help with traffic on the south end of the county near Atlanta Motor Speedway coming out of Henry County.

Mr. Mallon stated that project was not addressed in this, other than as a possible plan study.

Mr. Rapson stated that there were funds available for a planning study.

Public Safety: Sheriff Babb stated that more officer's loss their lives in the line of duty in their patrol vehicle than any other way, more than gun fire. With that in mind, the Tactical Driving Course was critical. It would provide additional driver training to deputies within the County to reduce the number of vehicular incidents/accidents and limit one of the highest risk / liability areas. Sheriff Babb noted that every other aspect of law enforcement had continual training except for vehicle operations. He stated that the Tactical Driving Course would place Fayette County as a top tier agency and a great recruiting tool.

Mr. Rapson stated that the Tactical Driving Course would be a multi-million dollar invest for the County Public Safety. Mr. Rapson added that there were two additional projects within the Sheriff's Office which were the configuration of the watch center and the jail camera system upgrade. These projects would total \$1.3M

Commissioner Maxwell asked if he anticipated other agencies asking to use the Tactical Driving Course, see its value.

Sheriff Babb stated that the big picture goal would be to become a regional facility. His initial focus would be to train deputies within the County then expand to other agencies.

Lunch (11:55am – 12:55pm)

The meeting recessed for lunch at approximately
The meeting resumed from lunch at approximately 12:49 p.m.

Public Safety – Sheriff & Fire Projects: Environmental Management Director Bryan Keller continued with presentations. He stated that the Fire and EMS proposed 2023 SPLOST project was the enhancement of the training facility, which would be located on the other side of the Sheriff's tactical facility. Formerly, the Links Golf Course. There are in-house construction plans in progress. The project also includes replacement of the Quint Apparatus. These trucks are the heaviest and most complete units in the fire fleet. The current trucks are at the end of their useful life span, 15 years. In addition, the project would replace the heavy rescue units, "jaws-of-life". Fire and EMS would like to replace the self-containment breathing apparatus. Scheduled replacement of this equipment is 2026. Finally, the replacement of the three ambulances which have reached the end of useful service.

The Watch Office upgrades are estimated to be \$325,815 and would include upgrades to the entire camera monitoring system. This would include Buildings A & B, which house the Support Services Division, Criminal Investigations and Field Operations, the Jail facility and the Justice Center. These are spread across three separate buildings located on roughly the same plot.

The County's 911 Center and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) proposal was to take the Water Treatment Plant and reconfigure it to be a backup 911 Center in case of an emergency evacuation, such as, natural, man-made or technological. The backup center will include consoles equipped to replicate all major functions available in the 911 Center and would be available to EOC should weather or a major incident damage the current location.

Parks, Recreation and Human Services:

Recreational Multiuse Facility: This proposed project was for the request of \$14 million to build a new multi-use facility. It would include two (2) small classrooms, one (1) kitchen, three (3) restrooms, two (2) storage areas and seven (7) areas for current staff. The current building would be demolished. The lower level would include multiuse areas and courts, community rooms, classrooms of various sizes, restrooms and lockers, storage areas and offices space for staff. The upper level would include the walking path and exercise area.

Recreation Director Anita Godbee stated that the Recreation Commission visited several facilities in the surrounding area. A contract was awarded for the architectural and engineering services to Lose Design. A kickoff meeting was held and the discussions with staff and the consultant was communication protocols, project scope, goals, programming timelines, budget and existing known conditions. She stated that it was important that the facility be multi-generational. The goal was that the facility would be busy all day. Other details such as the ventilation, noise impediments and roofing will be included. She stated that the Recreation Commission and staff toured facilities in DeKalb County, Atlanta and Clayton County to obtain ideas of different facility features and designs. The consultants were given the "must haves" and "nice to haves" and are creating a concept phase, preliminary plan and cost estimates. There will be public input meetings to share this information and gain feedback.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that this was a unique opportunity to invest in human capital in the county. Ms. Godbee thanked the Board for the support.

Senior Services Renovation & Transportation Vehicles:

Fayette Senior Services: Director Dan Gibbs spoke regarding three Senior Services Enhancement proposed projects. He stated that the first was to rejuvenate the van fleet. He stated that the vans are used for about 300,000 miles. Mr. Gibbs stated that he was not able to raise enough funds to bring the van fleet current. The second project was the expansion of the café. He stated that a minor renovation was completed, and it was done through fund raising. He stated that he would like to enclose the patio to expand the use of the patio for outside dining and use it as a multi-use activity room. The last project was an expansion of the Meals-on-Wheels program. The program serves 170 meals per day. Volunteers deliver these meals in their own vehicles, providing two meals per day. The proposed project would be to add a walk-in-refrigerator and freezer and enclose the walkway where meals are stored. Mr. Gibbs stated that this would also provide a backup when the café freezer was out of order.

In response to Chairman Hearn, Mr. Gibbs stated that there were 13 vans in operation to-date. He stated that one had 290,000

miles. He stated that the vans range between \$40,000 and \$50,000, depending on whether it was a wheelchair accessible van. He stated that the vans were equipped with satellite tracking, radios and cameras. He stated that he would be in need of at least twelve vans to be in rotation.

Mr. Rapson stated that this would be a project that was implemented over six years.

Starr's Mill Educational Facility: Mr. Keller stated that there was an opportunity to have an educational facility at the Starr's Mill location. He stated that it would entail having displays to show the water system processes and archeological artifacts from Horton Creek. He stated that the pump house would be renovated to a restroom and a septic system installed. The project did not include a trail.

Mr. Rapson stated that a trail could still be an option. He stated that this would address one of the concerns of a restroom at this passive park. He stated there were still discussions about a trail leading from Starr's Mill and going into the neighborhoods, but the County had not pursued that option.

Mr. Keller reminded the Board that when the bridge was built down Highway 85, we would lose access to Highway 85 leading to the other side.

Animal Shelter Master Plan: Mr. Keller stated that as of May 23, the Animal Shelter's Request for Proposal (RFP) will be "on the streets". He stated that the plan would include a walking trail to walk the animals and a livestock building.

Mr. Rapson stated that we have the money for the building, however this project would be to add a walking trail and a building to house livestock.

Stormwater Improvement Projects

Mr. Keller stated that the plan was to approach the 2023 SPLOST the same as the one in 2017. He stated that a lot of detail for the projects are added. There are cost estimates that include the right of way acquisition, environmental, utility relocation and construction. There were two (2) Category I projects, ten (10) Category II Tier I projects, forty-two (42) Category II Tier II projects and 115 Category II Tier III projects.

2023 SPLOST Timeline: Mr. Keller stated that there was a new website under construction for the projects. He stated that the website would have an interactive feature. Staff held a meeting with the cities on their projects and they were all in the preliminary phases. A QR code is provided as well for access to the website.

Mr. Keller stated that only a county can call for a SPLOST. He stated that there was a strict timeline for what needed to be completed and when. He stated that the County would have to call for the Special Election. He explained the timeline. He stated that he would like the Board's feedback on the information. He stated that the plan was to put the information on the website by June 1. He stated that the push for education will take place in December, after the General Election.

Future Consideration and Direction: County Administrator Steve Rapson lead the discussion and presentations.

Proposed Fee Revisions: Mr. Rapson stated that as part of the budget cycle, staff evaluated fees to determine if the fees needed to be revised or updated. He stated that Fire & EMS wanted to change the plan review fee from \$0.10 to \$0.15. The impact would be an additional \$5,000. Certification of Fire Safety Compliance fee from \$50 to \$100; about \$7,500 impact. And the Fire Alarm Plans for Commercial Systems only from \$0 to \$100. The fee increases are based on fee comparisons for Clayton, Coweta, Henry and Gwinnett counties. These fee increases would be included in the budget.

He stated that there was a cap on the amount that can be charged to a patient for ambulance transport per mile. He stated that the fee structure was low, and staff was requesting a 100% increase. Fire Chief Jeff Hill made a correction. He stated that it was not a 100% increase, but 150% of Medicare allowance for transport. These fee increases were compared to Peachtree City and Henry and Coweta counties. This would be about a \$237,000 impact. The fees have not been updated for over a decade.

Mr. Rapson stated that most of the Parks & Recreation fees would be implemented in the new multiuse building. The Board would not see the impact in the 2023 budget. He stated that most of the fee structure was a 70/30 split with the instructors. The County keeps 30% of the fee.

Ms. Godbee stated that for some of the rentals, they were in line with what was being charged for the picnic facilities. Mr. Rapson stated that if all rates were added together, it would total \$121,000. Staff and operations would be close to \$400,000. Ms. Godbee stated that the fees were compared to Peachtree City and Clayton and Henry counties. Mr. Rapson stated that any fee structure would be evaluated as the multiuse facility became operational.

Commissioner Rousseau asked how much was being paid to Peachtree City for use of their facility. Mr. Rapson responded that the County paid Peachtree City \$150,000. Commissioner Rousseau asked if that was in addition to fees. Mr. Rapson stated yes. Fayette County citizens pay whatever Peachtree City citizens pay for programs. He stated that the County paid the Town of Tyrone, \$18,000 for access to the soccer fields and other amenities.

Ms. Godbee stated that there will be a payment center for patrons to obtain a daily, weekly or monthly pass. Chairman Hearn asked if it would be payment by cash, card or check. Ms. Godbee stated yes. Chairman Hearn stated that he was concerned about cash payments and the safety and security. Ms. Godbee stated that there was a new registration system for online payments.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that the morning hour would be geared to seniors while kids were in school. He stated that he would like to look at extension of the building and having additional space long term.

Mr. Rapson stated that the County placed on the water bills, the sewer collection for the cities in 2014. It went from \$1.00 to \$1.62. The current rate of \$1.62 and the direct and indirect cost was about \$2.02. The proposed \$1.82 to the cities to collect their bills was a 10% discounted rate and would yield approximately \$33,000 to be incorporated into the Water System's budget beginning July 1. The Intergovernmental Agreements would be updated.

Mr. Rapson made presentation regarding the meter connection proposed fee increase. He stated that the fees have not been updated for thirty years.

Ms. Tigert stated that the fees were compared to Clayton, Coweta, Forsyth and Henry counties. She stated that the County was not recouping all the cost. She stated that the rate may change when the AMI was installed.

Mr. Rapson stated that the tap and accessibility fees are based on the size of the meter. He stated that there was a significant jump in fee and that the majority were non-residential, commercial fees. The miscellaneous fees were for reconnects, return items, tampering or late fees of customers.

Commissioner Rousseau left the Board Retreat at approximately 1:45 p.m.

The last proposed fee increase for the Water System was the irrigation meter rates. Ms. Tigert stated that this fee was required by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (Metro Water District). She stated that it was required in 2017 to increase the irrigation rates. It was part of the conservation model. Based on the County's rate structure the recommendation from the Metro Water District was to double the rates. This would only affect homeowners who have irrigation meters. Ms. Tigert explained how the irrigation meters work for residents.

Chairman Hearn stated that it was important to reiterate that this was at the recommendation of the Metro Water District. Ms. Tigert stated that it would affect 690 accounts currently.

Water System Interconnectivity Update: Ms. Tigert stated that there were five initiatives starting with the compliance with the

Interconnection, Redundancy and Reliability Act, a safe yield analysis to determine adequacy of water supply during drought conditions, determining long-term demand, designing a pressure model and determining a rate structure for the wholesale rate. She stated that safe yield analysis was conducted by taking stream flow and precipitation, the output and evaporation and required releases and based it on the drought records from 2008, 2009, 2012 and 2013. Ms. Tigert stated that there was change from the previous conditions for each of the reservoirs. The projects were based on estimated population (177,849), residential demand (12.08 MGD (million gallons per day)), non-residential demand (4.03 MGD) and economic development buffer (0.54 MGD), out to the year 2070 for a future demand of 16.65 MGD. She stated that Fayette County has sufficient water supply in severe drought conditions to share/sell. She stated that staff was still working on the Hydraulic Model. She explained the calculated wholesale rate components. The new wholesale rate (kgal) was \$2.67. This revenue stream will be allocated for Capital Improvements to the Water System and help mitigate future rate increases. It started with the interconnectivity with Coweta County.

Commissioner Hearn asked how Fayette County's wholesale rates compared to the City of Atlanta, Spalding County and Clayton County.

Ms. Tigert stated that Fayette County was a lot less than the City of Atlanta. She stated that she would investigate what was Spalding County's rate. The wholesale rate increase would be the equivalent of a 20% residential tax rate increase.

Commissioner Hearn stated that he would like to know.

Mr. Rapson stated that the point of this increase was to keep rates down. He stated that the County was in the process of notifying the City of Fayetteville that the rate will be increasing.

Ms. Tigert stated that the Water System was in the process of developing a 10-year Water System Master Plan and to evaluate the retail rate based on the wholesale rate and master plan.

Parliamentary Procedures Overview

County Attorney Dennis Davenport briefed the Board on an overview of the parliamentary procedure. He stated that if the Board did something a certain way and the rules say to do it a different way, that was fine if that was what the Board agreed to do. He stated that if the Board asked him, "what the rules say was the procedure" he would chime in. He stated that there were a few things he was having some issues with.

He asked the Board to keep the motion simple and gave examples. It was important that the people listening understand the motion. He stated that the other thing was combining multiple things in one motion. He stated that it makes things complicated. He asked the Board to rethink doing multiple things in one motion. He stated that the Board agreed to make a motion to start discussion. He stated that when discussions start before making a motion, the discussion was not a focus discussion. He stated that a second must occur before a discussion starts. Make the motion, then make the second. He encouraged the Board to look at the incidental motions provided.

Mr. Davenport stated that if a Board member was absent for a meeting, that Board member can still vote for the minutes of that meeting. He addressed abstaining. The Board agreed that abstaining required a reason for abstaining. He reminded the Board that it was important to record the vote of the Board by speaking clearly and/or by show of hand. He explained the importance of showing who voted and how they voted. He informed the Board that a chart was included in the presentation to show what action was needed for each motion.

A copy of the action chart will be placed on the dais for reference.

Mr. Davenport stated that "call the question" was a motion and the next thing that should happen was that there was a vote to call the question. If the vote was unanimously or a majority, then the only thing that happened was the "call the question". If there was a motion on the floor, then the next vote was on the motion made.

Commissioner Maxwell stated that he enjoyed working with Mr. Davenport over the past years. He stated that he enjoyed doing

things the way the Board was doing things. He stated that he did not like getting into saying someone cannot call the question. He stated that the current Board got along. He stated that he did not want to have to address the Chairman each time he wanted to say something. He stated that he did not want to have another meeting where the County Manager was not present.

Chairman Hearn stated that he appreciated that the Board looked out for each other. He stated that he did not want anyone on the Board to look bad and he wanted to be sure to do the right thing. He stated that each member was their own individual that worked well together. He stated that he enjoyed working with the group and looking out for one another.

Signature Capital Project Overview

Mr. Rapson stated the Tactical Driving Course would have a viewing tower, cones, straightaway and stop signs to make it have the same characteristics of the roadways. He stated that Commissioner Rousseau spoke of some recreational area. He showed the area on the map.

Mr. Keller stated that the lake in the northern area had been drained.

Mr. Rapson stated that the driver and shooting simulators would be added. He stated that the \$2.5 million had to do with the track, safety barriers, security fencing, gas trucks, storage and other costs.

Fire/EMS Training Facility

Mr. Rapson stated that this would be a shared straightaway with the Sheriff's office. He stated that the training building was a five-story structure with a two-story search area. He walked the Board through the features of the training building. Mr. Rapson stated that the road realignment would be done in-house.

Health Department Building Update

County Nurse Manager Beverly Ming was present.

Mr. Rapson stated that right now the project was at \$18 million and that there was a \$1.8 million in contingency. He stated that if the contingency was not needed then it would be about \$16 to \$17 million.

Vice Chairman Gibbons stated that as a member of the Health Board, the methodology of the project manager for his project was to make supply purchases as they became available. As the large materials were available to purchase, they would purchase it. He stated that this was so that when it was time to build, the contractor would have the materials to build. He stated that it was the most cost-effective way to handle the project.

Mr. Rapson stated that the building will house, the Health Department, Environmental Health, the WIC (Women, Infants and Children) office, and McIntosh Trail (addictive diseases, mental health, developmental disabilities and specialty). There will be employee parking similar to the Justice Center. He stated that most recent cost was \$415 per square foot. He stated that there was a big shortfall for the health building still left to figure out.

Animal Control Building Update

Mr. Rapson stated that the County and Peachtree City completed the sale of the current shelter location and purchased the Peachtree City Water and Sewer Authority (WASA) property in late 2021. The new site plans and revised site plans were sent to Peachtree City for review. He stated that we shifted the building and that slowed down the project. He stated that we were scheduled to let the project on May 23.

Elections Renovation (Fire Station #4) Update

Mr. Rapson gave an overview of the project. He stated that one half of the building was Elections, and the other half was the Public Defender. He stated that the Elections side will be painted with the awning. He stated that the revision to the floor plan was done with Elections. He stated that the project cost was \$961,200. It included major plumbing and electrical. The demolition will be completed in-house with Building & Grounds. The estimated completion of the project is November 2022.

911 Radio System Update

Mr. Rapson stated that a nest of endangered birds, called Osprey, have located on top of the cell tower at Mud Bridge. He stated that Osprey typically stop nesting around September or October. He stated that it delayed the tower equipment install. He showed the difference in the current portable talk-out inside the building and what it would look like after the towers at the nine sites were operational.

Truck Route Policy Overview

Mr. Keller stated that the reason for the discussion was citizen's complaints, truck traffic was increasing, established design criteria for roads and funding opportunities. The Transportation Committee made recommendations to the Board. The Board's directive at the January 13, 2022 meeting was to discuss options for a truck route. There were three regulatory strategies to be used: 1) Encourage use of truck routes – no prohibitions, 2) Prohibit truck use on select roads (exceptions provided for material pick-ups, deliveries, vehicle repair, etc.), or 3) Designate truck routes and prohibit trucks on all other roads (same exception as #2). He referenced a map that showed the existing no-truck routes, the proposed no-truck routes and state routes. He stated that the recommendation from staff was to select road for no-truck routes and have the Board let staff know if no-truck route was favorable.

Mr. Keller explained what trucks were considered on the no-truck routes. That was any truck with three axles or more. The existing restrictions were Buckeye Road, Jenkins Road, Brogdon Road, Gingercake Road and Newton Road. The proposed restrictions were Ebenezer Church, Redwine Road, Hampton Road (west), Lowery Road W. McIntosh Road and Hwy 85C. Staff recommended that Buckeye Road and Brogdon Road, be removed from the restricted road list and Redwine Road and Hwy 85C not impose a restricted road. He explained that Buckeye Road be removed from the list because there was no incentive for trucks to use this road and discouraging all cut-through traffic was inconsistent with how other public roads were handled in the County.

Mr. Rapson asked Chairman Hearn how he would like to handle these recommendations. He stated that he needed a vote of the Board of how to proceed based on the interest of the Board.

Chairman Hearn stated that he asked the Transportation Committee how many trucks per day were on Goza and Hampton Roads compared to a year ago. He stated that he was told the truck traffic was doubled. He stated that this was his district. He stated that he had not received complaints on Lowery Road or West Hampton except from people who were attending the Transportation Committee. He stated that he traveled West McIntosh often. He stated that Spalding County had a truck restriction, and he was not sure if anything needed to be done on West McIntosh. He stated that he agreed with staff that a no truck restrictions were not needed on that road. He stated that he believed Hwy 85C should remain a truck route.

Chairman Hearn moved to take no further action regarding the No thru truck ordinance. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Rousseau was not present.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Hearn moved to adjourn the May 13, 2022 Board of Commissioners retreat. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Rousseau was not present.

Marlena M. Edwards, Chief Deputy County Clerk

Lee Hearn, 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 June 2022. Attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

Marlena Edwards, Chief Deputy County Clerk