

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

MINUTES

July 13, 2023

5:00 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 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Chairman Lee Hearn called the July 13, 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons

Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons offered the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

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

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

1. **Recognition of Matthew Bergen, Environmental Management Project Manager, for being selected as the Statewide County appointment, to the Georgia Underground Facility Protection Act Advisory Committee.**

Public Works Director Phil Mallon, on behalf of the Board, recognized Matthew Bergen, Environmental Management Project Manager, for being selected as the Statewide County appointment, to the Georgia Underground Facility Protection Act Advisory Committee. This committee assists the Public Service Commission when a violator disputes the ruling of the Public Service Commissioners. Mr. Mallon stated that Mr. Bergen would serve as the sole representative for all 159 counties in the state. He continued that he would describe Mr. Bergen as professional, knowledgeable, thorough, and passionate which were all qualities needed to be successful in this position. Mr. Mallon concluded that appointment to this committee was well deserved. The Board congratulated Mr. Bergen for being selected as the Statewide County appointment, to the Georgia Underground Facility Protection Act Advisory Committee.

Mr. Bergen expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve in this position and thanked numerous individuals that assisted him throughout his career.

PUBLIC HEARING:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chelsea Ivy of Fayetteville expressed her concern regarding item #14 regarding the request for two noise disturbance permits for 189 Hills Bridge Road, Fayetteville, GA 30215 for family gatherings on July 22, 2023 and August 26, 2023 between 7:00 p.m.

and 9:45 p.m. for both dates. Mrs. Ivy stated that these events were not, to her knowledge, actual “family event” as noted in the request. She stated that she lived near the property where similar events occurred and have been disruptive to her family. She stated that these events have prevented her husband, who was a police officer, from getting adequate sleep before his shift. These events have also disrupted the sleep schedule for her children one of which was special needs. Mrs. Ivy stated that these events included concerts where loud music was played, which in her opinion broke the County’s noise ordinance.

Douglas Bratley Jr. of Fayetteville reiterated past comments he made regarding a sink hole issue at his property on Honeysuckle Lane. He emphasized the need for the County to re-consider their position regarding his concerns and stated that this was a County problem due to water run-off causing a dangerous sink hole. He stated that he was aware of a pending lawsuit regarding this issue involving his neighbor which he encouraged her to pursue. Mr. Brantley stated that he had hydrologist walk his property analyzing the issue and stated that they advised “this was the county’s fault.” He concluded urging the Board to help fix the issues regarding the sink hole on his property.

Rick Minter of Fayetteville stated that he was concerned about how the County was starting to deal with noise disturbance permits. He continued that he was a promoter for the Inman Farm Heritage Days events and expressed his concerns regarding the changing and mounting conditions and rules for various events. Mr. Minter stated that it was their goal to preserve the history and heritage of farming in the community. He asked the Board to please consider agritourism venues/organizations like his when establishing rules and regulations as it related to special events within the county.

Holly Lognio of Fayetteville stated that she was the owner of Free Bird Farms and the requestor of item #14. She explained that the events outlined in the request were for family, friends, and neighbors and was not open to the public. She continued that typically they have hosted about 70 guests, were guest range in ages from children to 75 years of age. There was music played at these events, but these were not concerts with excessively loud music. Ms. Lognio expressed her desire to be a good neighbor and wanted to ensure her events were not disruptive to her community. She stated that she was aware of the one complainant but wanted to continue to do all she could to ensure she was working in accordance with County rules and ordinances.

Larry Younger of Fayetteville expressed his concerns regarding large parties and events that violated County ordinances within his Northridge subdivision. Mr. Younger stated that there had recently been a large pool party where participants blocked both sides of the roadway impeding traffic. He asked for assistance from the Board regarding his concerns.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

2. **Approval to acquire all fee simple right-of-way, easements, and appraisals for the proposed realignment at the intersection of Ebenezer Church, Ebenezer, & Spear Roads (2017 SPLOST 17TAN).**
3. **Approval of Contract #1867-P: TO #22-14, Change Order #1, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$164,141, for Arcadis to provide additional engineering and design services as well as bid document development and tank construction management tasks for the Trillith elevated water distribution storage tank.**
4. **Approval of a Billing Services Agreement between Fayette County and Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority to set a sewer billing rate from \$1.62 per customer to the county approved billing cost per customer per month.**
5. **Approval of the Second Amendment to Billing Services Agreement between Fayette County and Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority to set a sewer billing rate from \$1.62 per customer to the county approved billing cost per customer per month.**
6. **Approval of the June 22, 2023 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

OLD BUSINESS:
NEW BUSINESS:

7. **Consideration of a recommendation of the Selection Committee, composed of Vice Chair Edward Gibbons and Commissioner Charles Rousseau, to appoint Candice Aaron to the Region Six Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases Regional Planning Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025.**

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve to appoint Candice Aaron to the Region Six Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases Regional Planning Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

8. **Consideration of a recommendation from the Selection Committee, comprised of Commissioner Charles Rousseau and Commissioner Charles Oddo, to re-appoint Joshua Shelton to the Fayette County Department of Family and Children Services Board for a term beginning July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2028.**

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve to re-appoint Joshua Shelton to the Fayette County Department of Family and Children Services Board for a term beginning July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2028. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded.

Commissioner Oddo noted that Mr. Shelton had applied for this same position years before and although not selected then maintained the desire to serve the community. Commissioner Oddo thanked Mr. Shelton for his persistence and willingness to serve, he noted that he was an exceptional candidate, and he was happy to recommend him for this position.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve to re-appoint Joshua Shelton to the Fayette County Department of Family and Children Services Board for a term beginning July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2028. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

9. **Request to approve Renewal #1 of Contract #2128-B: Annual Contract for Waterline Extensions, to Shockley Plumbing, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2024, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,057,880.00.**

Water System Director Vanessa Tigert stated that this request was primarily a housekeeping item. She stated that having this contract in place enabled the Water System to immediately attend to emergencies and expedite waterline installations.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve Renewal #1 of Contract #2128-B: Annual Contract for Waterline Extensions, to Shockley Plumbing, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2024, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,057,880.00. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

10. Request to approve Contract #2128-B: Annual Contract for Waterline Extension; Task Order #24-01, in the amount of \$263,100 for Shockley Plumbing, Inc. to install approximately 1,500 feet of 8-inch water main on Stearman Road.

Ms. Tigert stated that items #10 and #11 were related and involved waterline extension installation. She explained that Stearman Road and Mayfair Lane were part of the Woodland Water Association. Mr. Tigert stated that in 2021 she provided the Board with an analysis of the private water systems within unincorporated Fayette County. From that analysis, six of the residential private water systems were identified as interested in being acquired and agreed to being evaluated. She stated that based on the analysis of each private water system's total number of wells, feet of pipe, potential residential connections, and fiscal impact of acquiring, connecting, and upgrading each system, the Woodland Road Water Association was top acquisition priority. Staff worked with the County Attorney to acquire all the appropriate paperwork to make the connections possible. The request before the Board was to move forward with this installation.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve Contract #2128-B: Annual Contract for Waterline Extension; Task Order #24-01, in the amount of \$263,100 for Shockley Plumbing, Inc. to install approximately 1,500 feet of 8-inch water main on Stearman Road. Chairman Hearn seconded.

Commissioner Oddo asked as a point of clarification if this request was authorization for the installation only.

County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that this approval would be the crest of finishing the first private water system acquisition. If approved, this would be the final step to move forward with the installation. The residents would immediately be notified and would have to verify to do their connections to the service line. He also stated that staff would be working to get an easement to close the well and working to obtain notification from Environmental Protection Division (EPD) that the permit was transferred over to Fayette County. Mr. Rapson stated that all of these things would be happening simultaneously behind the scenes but would have to be completed before the lines were laid. He added that once the notice to proceed was received he would provide the Board, as well as residents, a timeline of next steps. Mr. Rapson stated that this was a long time in the making and took a lot to complete successfully.

Chairman Hearn stated that these 8-inch lines not only allowed for drinking water but also met the needs for fire flow for fire protection, which was a contributing factor to the costs.

Commissioner Rousseau asked who the owner was of the well.

Ms. Tigert stated that the Woodland Road Water Association were the owners of the system, specifically ten residents on Stearman Road.

Commissioner Rousseau asked how much it cost to acquire this system.

Mr. Rapson stated that there was no purchase price for this system. The County's cost would be replacing the entire system. The private water system permit would be transferred over to the County and once operational would become a part of Fayette County Water System.

Commissioner Rousseau asked who issued these permits.

Ms. Tigert stated that Environmental Protection Division (EPD), was the permitting state agency.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that from his knowledge most of the ground water subdivisions, in more cases than not, had owners, and we operated under the notion that to acquire their system, it would have to be purchased from the respective owners.

Ms. Tigert stated that was correct. She added that she contacted all 12 private water systems within the County and only six expressed an interest in selling.

Commissioner Rousseau continued that these were unique circumstances, where the system owner(s) were open to the opportunity the County was offering to take over their system at no cost except for the construction of the line and allowing it to become part of the Fayette County Water System. Commissioner Rousseau asked if each line at each property would have to be replaced.

Ms. Tigert stated yes, they would also have meters installed and their ground water well would have to be plugged.

Commissioner Rousseau asked if these customers would be the first to receive the new meters.

Ms. Tigert stated no.

Commissioner Rousseau asked why not.

Ms. Tigert stated that they would get the new meters and it was included in the cost.

Mr. Rapson stated that this item was an acquisition of a private water system. Based on previous direction given by the Board, the County would install the truncated lines, meters, backflows, and pressure reducer valves. He stated that the resident would have to pay for the line from their home to the connection. This in essence would replace this entire private water system.

Commissioner Maxwell expressed his concerns regarding the cost of this project. He asked how much each individual resident would pay the County for this project.

Ms. Tigert stated that each resident would pay for water consumption received.

Commissioner Maxwell stated that he understood that, but wanted to know how much each resident would pay the County for the installation of the line.

Ms. Tigert stated that they would not, there was no cost.

Commissioner Maxwell stated that according to his calculations the cost of this project per residence was about \$28K. He asked how these expenses would be recaptured.

Mr. Rapson stated that the County would not recapture these funds.

Commissioner Maxwell asked how many other residents that were connected to private wells were receiving this type of treatment/improvements to their connection.

Ms. Tigert stated, "none".

Commissioner Maxwell asked how many similar property owners throughout the County were there in this type of scenario.

Ms. Tigert stated that she did not know the exact number of private water system customers.

Ms. Rapson stated that there were 11 other private water systems within the County, and range between 100-200 customers. He stated that there were roughly 32,000 water system customers that make up the Water System. In essence the County would be using retained earnings from the Water System to Fund Balance to acquire this private system. Mr. Rapson stated that typically they would not approach buying a private system unless the well went dry and the County was notified by Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to step in and take over the system. He explained that this process was a "new animal" and stemmed from Board direction to review and analyze these private water systems and prioritize them. From that analysis the Woodland Water Association was determined to be the easiest with only 15 customers. Mr. Rapson advised that in order for us to proceed with an acquisition of a private water system, 100% of its customers had to agree to giving up the private system at no cost. He noted that of the other systems in the County only two were open to these terms and these systems cost were double, if not triple the price. This was a very complicated process and project to undertake. Mr. Rapson acknowledged that there was a substantial cost associated with this project and noted that the residents that would be receiving this benefit was not paying into the existing system. He concluded that this was the time for the Board to decide if they wanted to move forward with this project or not.

Commissioner Maxwell asked how the County would respond to a resident on other private water systems requesting to receive a similar service.

Mr. Rapson stated that he would have to explain this process highlighting that the resident was not part of the Fayette County Water System. He would further explain that 100% of their private water systems customers had to agree to giving up the private system at no cost.

Chairman Hearn asked if there had been a fund earmarked for this project.

Mr. Rapson stated yes, \$250K was earmarked and \$500k was currently available to fund this project.

Chairman Hearn stated that this project had been appropriately planned for with funding set aside for use.

Mr. Rapson stated that this system was also unique, in the fact that, the person who serviced the system under the permit was ready to part with the system. He added that even if not approved by the Board today, it could be deemed as a shelf ready water system project. When the time came in the future, and the County was notified by Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to take on this system, the leg work and logistics would already be in place.

Further discussion continued.

Commissioner Maxwell expressed his angst and hesitation of potentially giving \$28K per residents and receiving nothing in return. He stated that this project was going to be very expensive, if approved; and spreading the cost out to the rest of the Water System customers, did not seem fair.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that that he did not want it to go unacknowledged that other communities have reached out regarding assistance with their private water systems. He added that he initiated this project or was intimately involved when approached by community leaders concerned about appropriate fire suppression measures that were lacking as a result of being a part of the private water system and inadequate piping not able to accommodate fire safety. He expressed his appreciation to the Water System for their analysis but noted that he did not believe all the private waters countywide had an opportunity to be evaluated and or weigh-in on this discussion, to his knowledge. Commissioner Rousseau stated, although he did not want anyone to be in an unhealthy situation, he concurred with his colleague noting that the cost was astronomical vs the return or lack thereof. He concluded that he also had some concerns even though he was a proponent of this type of project.

Mr. Rapson stated as a point of clarification that each private water system needed to have agreement from 100% of the private water system residents/customer; 100% agreement from the owner(s), and approval from the person who had the permit so it can be relinquished to the County, to be considered for acquisition.

Commissioner Oddo stated that this Board agreed to pursue the possibility of acquiring these private water systems. He noted that a lot of these same concerns were raised at that time and were still concerns he had now. He stated that what made this system unique was that its owners and customers were willing and ready to give the private system over to the County at no cost. Commissioner Oddo stated that if it had been a situation where the owners wanted to sell the system that would change the dynamics of the request for him. He concluded that this item was being presented based on direction from the Board. He acknowledged that local government was not in the business of making a profit but in place to cover a cost. Commissioner Oddo stated that based on these factors for this case he would be in favor of supporting this project. He added the caveat that this does not mean he would automatically support the future purchases as it related to private water line extensions.

Commissioner Rousseau asked if the \$9M American Rescue Plan Act funds be used for this project.

Mr. Rapson stated, "no".

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve Contract #2128-B: Annual Contract for Waterline Extension; Task Order #24-01, in the amount of \$263,100 for Shockley Plumbing, Inc. to install approximately 1,500 feet of 8-inch water main on Stearman Road. Chairman Hearn seconded. The motion passed 3-2, with Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Rousseau voting in opposition.

- 11. Request to approve Contract #2128-B: Annual Contract for Waterline Extension; Task Order #24-02, in the amount of \$157,840, for Shockley Plumbing, Inc. to install approximately 700 linear feet of 8-inch diameter water main on Mayfair Lane.**

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve Contract #2128-B: Annual Contract for Waterline Extension; Task Order #24-02, in the amount of \$157,840, for Shockley Plumbing, Inc. to install approximately 700 linear feet of 8-inch diameter water main on Mayfair Lane. Commissioner Oddo seconded.

Commissioner Maxwell dittoed his previous comments regarding the waterline extension.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve Contract #2128-B: Annual Contract for Waterline Extension; Task Order #24-02, in the amount of \$157,840, for Shockley Plumbing, Inc. to install approximately 700 linear feet of 8-inch diameter water main on Mayfair Lane. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 3-2, with Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Rousseau voting in opposition.

12. Request to award Contract #2237-S: Audio-visual Equipment Modernization - Judicial, to Sound Principles, for the not-to-exceed amount of \$610,663, to provide and install audio-visual equipment in the courtrooms.

Mr. Rapson stated that this request was for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funds for the purpose of audio-visual equipment modernization. He noted that the actual grant request was for \$852K however the total grant awarded to Fayette County was \$610K for upgrades for three superior courts, state court and magistrate court.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve to award Contract #2237-S: Audio-visual Equipment Modernization - Judicial, to Sound Principles, for the not-to-exceed amount of \$610,663, to provide and install audio-visual equipment in the courtrooms. Chairman Hearn seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

13. Request to consider a Noise Disturbance Permit for 483 Massengale Road, Brooks, Georgia 30205 for a family gathering on July 21, 2023 through July 23, 2023 between 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. each night.

Chief Marshal Lem Miller stated that this request was for a noise disturbance permit for a family reunion at 483 Massengale Road, Brooks, Georgia 30205 between 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 21, 2023 and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 23, 2023. Noises would be lowered by 10:00 p.m. each night. The reunion would include outdoor activities and music. Chief Miller stated that a survey of surrounding neighbors was done and there was no opposition to the permit being issued. He stated that he recommended approval of the request.

Commissioner Maxwell stated that he did not recall approving noise permits in the past.

Mr. Rapson stated that previously he, as the County Administrator, was reviewing and approving noise permits. But upon review of the County ordinances, it was determined that they should have come before the Board for approval.

Commissioner Maxwell stated that he was not 100% sure why this process was in place. He asked if this was a part of the Rick Ross fallout.

Mr. Rapson stated that staff was currently reviewing the special use permitting process and the noise permits was a separate offshoot of that. He stated that the noise permit should probably be eliminated from the county code, based on legal guidance because it was difficult to determine that there was a noise violation before the event occurred.

Commissioner Maxwell stated that part of the Rick Ross fallout effected a local church that requested a similar permit and ended up in a situation. He noted that he was happy they proceeded with their event and felt embarrassed about being placed in the middle of that situation. Commissioner Maxwell stated that he felt some of these permit requirements were creating unnecessary issues for residents. He admitted that he had never even thought about requesting a noise permit to entertain guest at his residence.

Mr. Rapson stated that there had been several noise permits that had been approved over the last 10-years since he served as County Administrator. He added that throughout the course of the years, there was not many complaints. However, with the permitting process in place, it allowed neighbors to provide input which could create an issue.

Commissioner Maxwell stated that he was against residents being disruptive towards their neighbors with loud music and events that blocked roadways preventing safe passage but was also concerned that residents would have to unnecessarily request a permit just to entertain guest "at their private residence to listen to music".

Vice Chairman Gibbons stated that from his understanding of this process the permit was imposing punishment or denying a resident the ability to do something before it happen.

Mr. Rapson stated that was partially correct. The abatement also, if approved, allowed the requestor to violate the ordinance.

Vice Chairman Gibbons stated that, in his opinion, the issue was that the current ordinance for noise did not have enough "teeth in it" or carry enough weight or harsh enough penalty. As a point of clarification, he asked Chief Miller what the max fine for a noise violation was.

Chief Miller state that any ordinance violation carried the max fine of up to \$1,000 and/or 30 days in jail.

Vice Chairman Gibbons stated that a large event habitual violator, could in fact, write the check out in advance and merely pay the fine. He added that he would like to develop and/or establish a nuisance violators ordinance that dealt with egregious events like loud pool parties. Not only would the Sheriff/Marshalls Office come out and shut down the event, they would also have in place stiffer penalties to counteract these types of activities.

Commissioner Rousseau echoed Vice Chairman Gibbons sentiments adding that those were the types of complaints and issues that had most recently occurred in the Northridge subdivision, as mentioned in public comment. He added that residents noted concerns of blocking the roadway impeding traffic and excessive noise. Commissioner Rousseau also noted that the individual hosting these events in the area was a repeat offender even to the point of being arrested and simply scoffed at the fine and penalty and proceeded as they pleased. Commissioner Rousseau stated that he agreed with reviewing the ordinance and giving it "more teeth". He stated that he had this same issue in other subdivisions in the area. Commissioner Rousseau stated that he would be interested in reviewing a revised ordinance with increased penalties and enforcement measures.

Commissioner Oddo concurred with previous comments and noted that it was difficult for him to reason why the Board would be making decisions about noise before an event even occurred. He continued stating that he didn't feel like this was an issue that should be heard before the Board. Commissioner Oddo stated that in his opinion this should be an ordinance issue only and when a violation occurred, the Sheriff/Marshalls Office should be called out and the ordinance regulation should be enforced. He stated that he did not feel the Board should be voting on this at all.

Mr. Rapson stated as a point of clarification that the request before the Board had no complaints against it, item #14 was the request that comments were made in opposition.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve Noise Disturbance Permit for 483 Massengale Road, Brooks, Georgia 30205 for a family gathering on July 21, 2023 through July 23, 2023 between 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. each night. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to direct the County Attorney and staff to examine the County nuisance ordinances, to include those involving excessive noise, proposing charges that gives the County more enforcement authority and imposes greater penalties as appropriate. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- 14. Request to consider two Noise Disturbance Permits for 189 Hills Bridge Road, Fayetteville, GA 30215 for family gatherings on July 22, 2023 and August 26, 2023 between 7:00 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. for both dates.**

Chief Marshall Lem Miller stated that this request was for two noise disturbance permits for 189 Hills Bridge Road, Fayetteville, GA 30215 for family gatherings on July 22, 2023 and August 26, 2023 between 7:00 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. for both dates. He added that a survey was conducted of nine surrounding neighbors of those five neighbors had no objection, one neighbor objected, and three had no replies to the fliers. He recommended approval of this request.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve two Noise Disturbance Permits for 189 Hills Bridge Road, Fayetteville, GA 30215 for family gatherings on July 22, 2023 and August 26, 2023 between 7:00 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. for both dates. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

A: Contract #2247-A: Elections Parking Lot Paving

Hot Projects

Mr. Rapson stated that the Hot Projects report was forwarded to the Board and included updates on the Redwine Road multi-use path, Inman Road culvert replacement, Lakeview culvert replacement, Redwine Road/Bernhard Road/Peachtree Parkway roundabout, Parks and Recreation multi-use facility, and the Elections building renovation.

Public Comment Response

Mr. Rapson stated in response public comments regarding ordinance disturbances that the most critical thing for residents to do was call the Sheriff/Marshall Office at the time of the event, so that it could be addressed in real time, especially in cases where there were egress concerns and excessive noise complaints.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS: None

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Vice Chairman Gibbons expressed his congratulation to Matt Bergan for his being selected as the Statewide County appointment, to the Georgia Underground Facility Protection Act Advisory Committee. He also recognized Collin Yarborough, with the Fayette County Water System, as an outstanding young man and expressed appreciation for his dedication and hard work for Fayette County. Vice Chairman Gibbons concluded giving kudos to the Water System leadership and management team for a job well done in supporting their staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Oddo moved to adjourn the July 13, 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The July 13, 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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 27th day of July 2023. Attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.