

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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140 Stonewall Avenue West  
Public Meeting Room  
Fayetteville, GA 30214

## MINUTES

March 28, 2024

5:00 p.m.

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Welcome to the meeting of your Fayette County Board of Commissioners. Your participation in County government is appreciated. All regularly scheduled Board meetings are open to the public and are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

### OFFICIAL SESSION:

#### **Call to Order**

Chairman Lee Hearn called the March 28, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 5:00 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**

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

### PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

#### **1. Update from Southern Crescent Technical College.**

Dr. Irvin Clark, Southern Crescent Technical College President, provided the Board a brief overview of the work and programs at Southern Crescent Technical College as well as future plans for the college in Fayette County and the impact it was having on the community. Dr. Clark stated that currently there was over 6,000 students registered at Southern Crescent Technical College. He reviewed the Fayette County Center, outlining the Dual Enrollment and adult education programs, and the partnership with Fayette County schools, Clayton State University, Fayette County Chamber of Commerce, and the Fayette County Development Authority, who all helped facilitate these programs and courses. He discussed their strategic plan for 2024-2028, enrollment data, high demand industry sector initiatives promoting the CDL- Entrepreneurship program for graduating seniors, the LPN-Paramedic to registered nurse (RN) Bridge program, and apprenticeship programs. He also outlined their Southern Crescent Talent Strong program, and Capital Outlay, highlighting the RAAME Center which was a cutting-edge facility designed to offer top-tier training features and academic programs, equipping students and enterprises to thrive while aligning seamlessly with industry workforce demands. He thanked the Board for their support and noted that he was excited to return in the coming year to relay student success and growth of the various programs.

Commission Maxwell expressed his appreciation for the programs and the work Southern Crescent Technical College was doing in Fayette. He also asked what programs Southern Crescent Technical College offered for the aviation industry.

Dr. Clarks stated that aviation programs had to be regulated through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and currently they did not have a FAA registered program. However, they did offer a Machine Tool program that had a direct relationship with the aviation community. He noted that they work closely with Delta who recruits students from the Machine Tool program.

Commissioner Rousseau thanked Dr. Clark for his presentation and asked how the Board could assist Southern Crescent Technical College in their efforts to serve the community.

Dr. Clark stated that the Board could provide support via advocacy – continuing to discuss with their constituency about Southern Crescent Technical College and the programs available- specifically those offered at the Fayette County Campus.

Commissioner Rousseau asked about Emergency Management Services (EMS) training and if they had been in communication with Fayette County Fire Department Chief.

Mr. Clark stated yes, he had. In fact, Southern Crescent Technical College and Fayette County Fire and EMS were in partnership and would be signing an EMS/ Paramedic articulation agreement in the coming month.

Commissioner Rousseau expressed his concern regarding the current and future crisis in allied/public health and recruitment in this industry for these type professions. He suggested that Dr. Clark reach out to public health officials in the community. He continued that he was open to partnership, specifically for outreach to the youth and developing connections and resource networks. He asked about opportunities and options for re-entry citizens who, after serving their time, are searching for ways to re-enter the workforce and penetrate a market but needing appropriate training to do so.

Dr. Clark state that this was not something that had been directly discussed in Fayette County; however, he would be open to looking at these options.

Chairman Hearn thanked Dr. Clark for his passion and the service provided to Fayette County.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Fayette County Attorney Dennis Davenport advised the Board, as a point of clarification, that at the February 22, 2024 meeting there was an active motion presented by Commissioner Maxwell to approve Petition No. 1338-24 with three conditions, seconded by Chairman Hearn. He added that before a vote was taken, another motion was made to table, which was what brought the item to this meeting. With this in mind, the active motion needed to be settled considering also that the initial three conditions had changed and there were now eight (8) conditions.

Commissioner Maxwell withdrew his motion to approve Petition No.1338-24, Jerry Battle, Jr., and Melissa Battle, owners, Randy Boyd, agent, request to rezone 2.14 acres from A-R to R-72 for the purposes of creating a legal, conforming lot to build a single-family home; property located in Land Lot 252 of the 4th District and fronts on McBride Road, with the three outlined conditions. Chairman Hearn withdrew his second.

*Planning and Zoning Director Deborah Bell read the Introduction to Public Hearings for rezonings.*

- 2. Consideration of Petition No.1338-24, Jerry Battle, Jr., and Melissa Battle, owners, Randy Boyd, agent, request to rezone 2.14 acres from A-R to R-72 for the purposes of creating a legal, conforming lot to build a single-family home; property located in Land Lot 252 of the 4th District and fronts on McBride Road. This item was tabled at the February 22, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting.**

Ms. Bell stated that on February 1, 2024, Planning Commission voted 5-0 to recommend conditional approval. As defined in the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan, Rural Residential - 2 was designated for this area so the request for R-72 zoning was appropriate. However, at the last Board of Commissioners meeting, the petitioner made a statement that triggered staff to conduct additional research into the parcel. Following said research, staff determined that this parcel was classified as an illegal

parcel because it was a remnant parcel in a plat recorded in 1987. As a result, staff recommended denial of the rezoning petition. The parcel should be presented to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a request to be deemed a nonconforming lot under Sec. 110-242. Once the illegal status has been corrected, the parcel would be eligible to be considered for rezoning. Ms. Bell noted that the two older accessory structures that exceeded the square footage allowed in R-72 have been removed. The unapproved business operation has ceased, and the applicant understands that this will not be permitted at this location. The applicant applied for a building permit for the shop. The issuance and approval of this permit was pending the correction of the deficiencies of the existing house and parcel. If this rezoning was approved, staff recommended the following conditions:

### **RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS**

1. The owner/developer shall dedicate right-of-way, as needed, to provide 40 feet of right of way as measured from the existing centerline of McBride Road. The required right-of-way donation shall be provided to the County within 60 days of the approval of the rezoning request.
2. Applicant must, within 120 days of the rezoning, obtain a variance for the side yard setback encroachment of approximately 1 foot (1') of the existing house or remove the structure.
3. Applicant must, within 120 days of the rezoning, obtain a variance for the front yard setback encroachment of approximately 33.8 feet (33.8') of the existing house or remove the structure.
4. If the setback variances are approved, the applicant must, within 60 days of that approval, obtain a building permit to expand the house to meet R-72 standards, or obtain a demolition permit and remove the structure.
5. Expansion of the house, or its removal, must be completed within 6 months of obtaining the building permit.
6. Applicant must obtain a variance for an additional 20 square feet for the remaining accessory structure (1,820 SF shop) or remove the structure within 120 days of approval of rezoning request.
7. Applicant must, within 60 days of approval of the accessory structure size variance, obtain a building permit for the accessory structure (1,820 SF shop) or remove the structure.
8. If the applicant does not obtain a building permit to expand the existing house, or alternatively, a permit to build a new house, then the accessory structure (1,820 SF shop) shall be removed within 90 days of the house setback variance approvals.

Mr. Randy Boyd, petitioner representative, expressed his frustrations stating that both his application and in his presentations to the Planning Commission and the Board, he was forthcoming and articulated that this lot was a non-conforming "illegal" lot, and it was reiterated several times. He stated that he never tried to withhold this information. The Battle family went to the Planning and Zoning Office in good faith in late November turning their application in, as early as December, and nothing was mentioned about this issue of the illegal lot, nor was it brought up as an issue at any of subsequent meetings, until today. Mr. Boyd asked, "Why?" He noted that he wanted to make sure he and his client followed the proper process, but it was frustrating that it took this long before the issue was brought to their attention. If successful, this process would not be completed until October 2024, eleven months since his initial application. Again, Mr. Boyd asked how this happened and noted that this was not fair for his clients. In an effort to not make any additional errors, Mr. Randy Boyd requested to have Petition No. 1338-24 withdrawn.

Commissioner Rousseau asked as a point of clarification if this was technically the same request that had been presented at the February 22 Board meeting, since conditions had changed. And if that was the case, is it properly before the Board or should it be presented to the Planning Commission first for a recommendation.

Mr. Davenport stated that the Board had the ability to make a decision this evening based upon the analysis presented before the Board recommended to them from the Planning and Zoning Director.

Commissioner Rousseau asked would tabling this item or recommending it be re-processed before the Planning Commission again be an option.

Mr. Davenport stated that if that was decided by the Board it would be making the process longer for the applicant because based on the lot being characterized as an illegal lot, there was not anything the Planning Commission could do to fix the problem. The Zoning Board of Appeals was the jurisdiction with the proper authority to fix the issue.

Commissioner Rousseau asked if the Board should finish the formal public hearing process or could he move forward in making a motion.

Mr. Davenport stated that based on the applicants request to rescind the application. The Board was open to accepting that withdrawal and making a motion to that effect or proceeding with the public hearing.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve withdrawal of Petition No. 1338-24. Commissioner Oddo seconded.

Commissioner Maxwell expressed his frustration and stated that he was sorry about how things unfolded. He stated that they should not have been attacked by surprise and noted that this should have come up well before now in this process. Commissioner Maxwell stated that it was concerning that the initial three conditions have been met, but now there were eight additional conditions.

Mr. Boyd stated that there was a similar rezoning request approved in January 2024. He noted that their seemed to be a flaw and/or inconsistencies in the process, specifically related to having an illegal lot.

Commissioner Oddo apologized for how things happened. He also stated that although illegal lots were unusual, they did occur and when they did come up, these issues had to be fixed.

Mr. Boyd thanked Commissioner Oddo for his comments but added that if that was the case, it would be helpful for residents/applicants to have an official process in place that outlined exactly how a homeowner would go about getting the "illegal" lot into compliance. Mr. Boyd asked, because this issue was not caused by his client, and due to no fault on their part, was there any way and/or process for them to move forward without having to start completely over. He reiterated his request to have Petition No. 1338-24 withdrawn.

County Administrator Steve Rapson admitted that this was missed and added that the process had been modified to ensure this did not happen again in the future. He stated that this was not due to an error on the part of the applicant, and it should have been caught sooner.

Mr. Boyd asked if the County could refund the application fee, which he noted would be fair.

Mr. Rapson stated that a refund had been discussed but legal advised against this position.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve withdrawal of Petition No. 1338-24. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**3. Consideration of Petition No. 1344-24, Stephen Willoughby Homes, LLC, owner; Richard Lindsey, Attorney, agent; request to rezone 41.10 acres from A-R to R-40 for the purposes of developing a single-family residential subdivision; property located in Land Lot 230 of the 5th District and fronts on Kenwood Road and Longview Road.**

Ms. Bell stated that the property was a single tract with one (1) single family home. It was a legal lot of record and is zoned A-R. There is no history of prior rezoning; it was not located in an overlay district. She stated that the existing home did meet dimensional standards for R-40. Per the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan, the area was designated for low density residential (1 unit per 1 acre), so the request to rezone to R-40 did align with the Future Land Use Map and Comprehensive Plan.

The Planning Commission and staff recommended conditional approval of the request; subject recommended conditions as follows:

**RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:**

1. Kenwood Road is a minor arterial on the Fayette County Thoroughfare Plan. The developer shall dedicate land, as needed, to provide 50 feet of right-of-way as measured from the existing centerline of Kenwood Road. The corner at the intersection of Kenwood Road and Longview Road shall be chamfered 20 feet along tangent legs.
2. Longview Road is a collector on the Fayette County Thoroughfare Plan. The developer shall dedicate land, as needed, to provide 40 feet of right-of-way as measured from the existing centerline of Longview Road.
3. Submittal of all warranty deed(s) and legal descriptions for right-of-way dedications shall be provided to the County within 60 days of the approval of the rezoning request, or prior to the submittal of a development site plan, whichever comes first.
4. The development shall have no more than eight (8) homes with direct road frontage onto Kenwood Road and Longview Road.
5. Any new road constructed to access lots shall be built with a deceleration lane and acceleration taper per the Fayette County Entrance and Striping Detail.

Ms. Bell provided an overview description of the property location within the County and surrounding zoning.

Tom Lassy applicant representative thanked staff for their assistance with processing this petition and stated that his client was fine with the conditions as stated. He reiterated that the request was seeking rezoning from AR to R-40 and complied with both the county's Land Use Plan and Comprehensive Plan. He noted that the subject property was 41.1 acres; however, a portion of the property could not be developed due to environmentally sensitive areas. The proposed development would consist of 29 homes or less and these would be well appointed luxury homes with a projected selling price of \$800k and up. He noted that the small subdivision would be an asset to the local area and generate additional economic activity. He noted that his applicant planned to have all the homes face internally and not be directly accessible to Kenwood Road or Longview Road, but not knowing what the land would dictate, the request asked for the ability for no more than eight (8) face either Kenwood Road or Longview Road. He concluded that he hoped this request met the Board's approval.

No one spoke in favor.

The following citizens made comments in opposition to the rezoning:

Eloise Delaine, Darrel Carlson, Liewellyn Bryant, Cynthia Cunningham, Kimberly Ball, Bonnie Crutchfield, Harvie Delaine, Melonece Bryant. Comments included concerns regarding increased traffic, construction parking, a diminished quality of life and tranquility to the community, environmental run-off/flooding issues, and major concerns regarding safety along Kenwood Road and the potential for a road widening project of Longview and its affect to the area.

Mr. Lassy stated in response to some of the comments, that some of their concerns were addressed in the conditions. Condition #5 did discuss deceleration lane and acceleration taper, which would help with speeding issues on the roadway. He also pointed out that conditions #1 and #2 addressed concerns related to road widening and right-of-way acquisition. He acknowledged that there would be more cars if approved, however via staff review, this would be about an 8% increase in traffic. He concluded again asking for the Board's favorable approval.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve Petition No. 1344-24. Commission Oddo seconded.

Commissioner Oddo stated that he appreciated the concerns as noted by residents in the area. However, the Land Use Plan allowed for this use in that area and the Board could not deny the applicant's use of the property. The applicant had the right to request to have the property rezoned and there was no reason to deny the request.

Commissioner Rousseau asked if his client owned the land or had an option on the land. He stated that he believed he owned the land. Commissioner Rousseau stated that he shared some of the same concerns as expressed by the residents in the area, related to safety, traffic, flood plains and wet issues.

Commissioner Rousseau asked what the layout of the development would be.

Ms. Bell stated that that was currently unknown. They had the option to build a small subdivision with an internal street or create a minor plat with lots that have frontage on the existing roads. However, because of the concerns about traffic engineering asked

that a condition be included that would limit the number of curb cuts and lots with direct access to what was allowed under the current zoning.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that this was something he would be open to looking at further. Because developers were not required to provide pre-liminary plans, it was difficult for the surrounding neighbors to know exactly what was being planned.

Commissioner Rousseau noted that there would be major construction happening in the coming months at the nearby dam that would also create some heightened activity and increased congestion, which should be on the radar of those in area. He also stated that he was concerned about the impact this development could potentially have on the school in the area and noted that it was his desire to develop plans for trails and a path system on the north side of the County that would create access to the schools and the parks in the area. Although not directly related to this request, it would be in the general area this pathway system would encompass. Commissioner Rousseau stated that this request was in alignment with the Land Use Plan, but he would like to discuss adding a pre-design element to rezoning requests.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve Petition No. 1344-24. Commission Oddo seconded. The motion passed 3-2, with Chairman Hearn and Commissioner Rousseau voting in opposition.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Darrel Carlson asked if there was a citizen appeal process in place for rezonings.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

4. **Approval to add Paislee Park subdivision to Fayette County's Street Light Program.**
5. **Approval to accept a supplemental grant award for the DUI Accountability Court in the amount of \$51,546 for Treatment and Drug Testing.**
6. **Approval of the March 14, 2024 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

7. **Consideration of a request from Rod Wright, developer of Paislee Park, seeking authorization for the use of motorized cart travel on all streets within the subdivision in accordance with Fayette County Code; Chapter 26-Traffic and Vehicles; Article III.-Motorized Carts.**

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve request from Rod Wright, developer of Paislee Park, seeking authorization for the use of motorized cart travel on all streets within the subdivision in accordance with Fayette County Code; Chapter 26-Traffic and Vehicles; Article III.-Motorized Carts. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

8. **Consideration of a request from United States Soccer Federation National Training and Headquarters to connect to the City of Fayetteville's sewer system.**

Vice Chairman Gibbons asked if there was any objection from the city of Fayetteville.

Ms. Bell stated no there was not. She stated that the City of Fayetteville provided a letter of sewer availability confirming that the city would construct the necessary infrastructure needed to support the request.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he had received some calls regarding unapproved activity on the site, such as boring and operating in the right-of-way. He stated that he wanted to ensure compliance before he approved this.

Environmental Management Director Bryan Keller stated that there had been some land disturbance issues, that had since been resolved and the developers were now in better communication with the county on activity at the site.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve request from United States Soccer Federation National Training and Headquarters to connect to the City of Fayetteville's sewer system. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**9. Request to award Bid #2357-B: 2017 SPLOST; Stormwater Category II, Tier II, 19SBM Ridge Way Culvert Replacement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Piedmont Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$300,958.14 and to transfer \$141,286.00 from 17SAS - CAT IV.**

Mr. Keller stated that this request was to award Bid #2357-B: 2017 SPLOST; Stormwater Category II, Tier II, 19SBM Ridge Way Culvert Replacement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Piedmont Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$300,958.14 and to transfer \$141,286.00 from 17SAS - CAT IV. This culvert project was located in the Parkhill subdivision off of Hilo Road near State Route 92 South.

Chairman Hearn asked if they were going to be able to maintain access for the properties located on the dead end.

Mr. Keller stated yes, they would. This was part of the contract.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve to award Bid #2357-B: 2017 SPLOST; Stormwater Category II, Tier II, 19SBM Ridge Way Culvert Replacement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Piedmont Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$300,958.14 and to transfer \$141,286.00 from 17SAS - CAT IV. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**10. Request to award IFB #2358-B to Headley Construction Corporation in the amount of \$299,977.68 for Kiwanis Park Pickleball Construction and approval to transfer \$120,000.00 from Kiwanis Park Restroom Facility Budget 37560110 541210 236AC to the Kiwanis Park Pickleball Construction budget 37560110 541210 226AE to fully fund the Pickleball Court Construction project.**

Parks and Recreation Director Anita Godbee stated that this request was for construction of four dedicated pickleball courts at Kiwanis Park. The courts would be located adjacent to the tennis courts currently at the park. Some preliminary work was done to keep cost down. She stated that an Invitation to Bid was issued to construct four pickleball courts at Kiwanis Park. Five companies responded and submitted bids, with one withdrawing their bid because they did not perform some of the items outlined in the Invitation to Bid.

Mrs. Godbee requested approval to award this project to the recommended lowest bidder, Headley Construction Corporation in the amount of \$299,977.68 for Kiwanis Park Pickleball Construction and approval to transfer \$120,000.00 from Kiwanis Park Restroom Facility Budget 37560110 541210 236AC to the Kiwanis Park Pickleball Construction budget 37560110 541210 226AE to fully fund the Pickleball Court Construction project.

Commissioner Maxwell asked about the transfer of funds from the Kiwanis Park Restroom Facility Budget and if this would create an issue where porta-johns would have to be utilized.

Mrs. Godbee stated that those funds were allocated for an additional third restroom facility at the park. The Recreation Committee would continue to study and evaluate if there was a need for it, to determine if it could be added to a future year's budget. She noted that currently, the two restroom facilities were adequate to house normal season operation.

Commissioner Maxwell asked if there were porta-johns at any of the parks.

Mrs. Godbee stated there were none at any of the parks, and the only time that might happen was if a restroom went down and was out of order.

Mr. Rapson added that Starrs Mill was the exception. There are porta-johns there.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve to award IFB #2358-B to Headley Construction Corporation in the amount of \$299,977.68 for Kiwanis Park Pickleball Construction and approval to transfer \$120,000.00 from Kiwanis Park Restroom Facility Budget 37560110 541210 236AC to the Kiwanis Park Pickleball Construction budget 37560110 541210 226AE to fully fund the Pickleball Court Construction project. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:**

**A: Contract 2128-B: Annual Contract for Waterline Extension Task Order 24-07: Burch Rd. Vault Replacement**

**B: Contract 2379-S: Public Health Camera Installation**

#### **AT&T Boring**

Mr. Rapson advised that there was some AT&T boring being done on Veterans Parkway and just wanted the public to be aware.

#### **McIntosh Trail Service Board**

Mr. Rapson advised that he needed a selection committee for the McIntosh Trail Service Board to fill one vacancy.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve to nominate Vice Chairman Gibbons and Commissioner Rousseau to serve on the McIntosh Trail Service Board selection committee. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

#### **ACCG certification**

Mr. Rapson proudly advised that Brady Krakeel and Phil Mallon received their CORE Association of County Commission of Georgia (ACCG) certifications. The following staff received specialty track certifications: Jeff Hill-County Operations & Management in Leadership, Vanessa Tigert-Intergovernmental Relationships & Management in Leadership, and Steve Rapson-Intergovernmental Relationships.

#### **Animal Control**

He advised that Animal Control received their certificates of occupancy today and that the grand opening was scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup> beginning 3 p.m. A community grand opening ceremony was scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Hot Projects**

Mr. Rapson stated that the Hot Projects report was forwarded to the Board and included updates on the Parks and Recreation multi-use facility, Redwine Road multi-use path, Redwine Road/Bernhard Road/Peachtree Parkway roundabout, Coastline Bridge improvements, and the Animal Shelter facility, and a Water System update.

#### **Fayette County Ranking**

Mr. Rapson shared recent analysis on Fayette County's ranking in the State taking #3 for best counties for families, #3 for counties with the best public schools, and #4 for best county in Georgia.

#### **Tunnel Project Update**

Mr. Rapson stated that he sent a complete tunnel project update to the Board for review.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:**



**Notice of Executive Session:** County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that there were three items for Executive Session. One item involving real estate acquisition, the review of the revised January 25, 2024 Executive Session Minutes, and the review of the March 14, 2024 Executive Session Minutes.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

**Commissioner Maxwell**

Commissioner Maxwell stated that former Development Authority Chairman Randy Haynes was gravely ill but recently took a positive turn coming out of a coma. He extended his well wishes on a speedy recovery.

Commissioner Maxwell proudly highlighted recent analysis from a survey conducted by Niche.com where Fayette County was ranked 16<sup>th</sup> as one of the top places to live in America based on public schools, cost of living, job opportunities and local amenities.

**Commissioner Oddo**

Commissioner Oddo wished everyone a Happy Easter. He also stated that part of the job of the Board was to make decisions. He noted that they did the best they could using the best reasoning available, judging multiply perspectives, which was difficult at times.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**One item involving real estate acquisition, the review of the revised January 25, 2024 Executive Session Minutes, and the review of the March 14, 2024 Executive Session Minutes.** Commissioner Oddo moved to go into Executive Session. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 6:51 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 7:03 p.m.

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

**Approval of the revised January 25, 2024 Executive Session Minutes:** Commissioner Oddo moved to approve the revised January 25, 2024 Executive Session Minutes. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

**Approval of the March 14, 2024 Executive Session Minutes:** Commissioner Oddo moved to approve March 14, 2024 Executive Session Minutes. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Oddo moved to adjourn the March 28, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The March 28, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Marlena M. Edwards, Chief Deputy County Clerk

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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 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024. Attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

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Marlena Edwards, Chief Deputy County Clerk