

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Marlena Edwards, Chief Deputy County Clerk

140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

MINUTES

July 25, 2024

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.

OFFICIAL SESSION:

Call to Order

Chairman Lee Hearn called the July 25, 2024, Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present. Commissioner Eric Maxwell and Commissioner Charles Rousseau were absent.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Charles Oddo

Commissioner Charles Oddo offered the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons moved to accept the agenda as written. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Rousseau were absent.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

1. Update from Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) Work Source Atlanta Regional.

Fayette County Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) citizen representative Bob Reeves introduced Rob LeBeau, Director of the ARC -Workforce Development Board. Mr. LeBeau presented the Board with a plaque in coordination with AARP certifying Fayette County becoming more age friendly and being accepted as a member of the AARP network of age friendly states and communities.

Mr. LeBeau continued presenting a brief Workforce update to the Board. This update discussed the mission of the ARC- Work Source Georgia initiative, population growth, population forecast, and employment data, along with noting economic trends and industry forecast for Fayette County. He highlighted the Workforce Development and its goal, service delivery areas, and services/programs for the community.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2. Consideration of Ordinance 2024-03 amending Chapter 110. Zoning Ordinance, Article V. Conditional Uses; amending Sec. 110-169. Conditional use approval; (2) Conditional uses allowed; mm. Recreation centers owned by nonprofit organizations as so registered with the Georgia Secretary of State Office; to add a provision for outdoor athletic facility lighting. This item was tabled at the June 27, 2024 meeting.

Fayette County Zoning Administrator, Deborah Sims, stated that this request was to amend Chapter 110. Zoning Ordinance, Article V. Conditional Uses; amending Sec. 110-169. Conditional use approval; (2) Conditional uses allowed; mm. Recreation centers owned by nonprofit organizations as registered with the Georgia Secretary of State Office; to add a provision for outdoor athletic facility lighting. She noted that this item had been tabled at the June 27, 2024 meeting. Ms. Sims stated that recreation centers and similar institutions owned by nonprofit organizations, as registered with the Secretary of State office, are allowed as a conditional use in A-R zoning. A-R zoning also allowed athletic facilities associated with private schools as a conditional use. Athletic facilities associated with private schools are also allowed to have lights until 10:00 p.m.; however, currently, there was not a provision for lighting of athletic fields associated with recreation centers. This revision is to create alignment and continuity in the ordinance and would provide for lighting for nonprofit-operated recreation centers.

No one spoke in favor or opposition.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve Ordinance 2024-03 amending Chapter 110. Zoning Ordinance, Article V. Conditional Uses; amending Sec. 110-169. Conditional use approval; (2) Conditional uses allowed; mm. Recreation centers owned by nonprofit organizations as so registered with the Georgia Secretary of State Office; to add a provision for outdoor athletic facility lighting. Commissioner Oddo seconded the motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Eric Maxwell and Commissioner Charles Rousseau were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Animal Shelter

Bobby Jones expressed his concern regarding failures within the county that he felt needed urgent care, specifically the Animal Shelter, issues related to the QTS data center, and the Starrs Mill gas station project. He also expressed his disappointment and frustration related to a recent call he received from Chairman Hearn.

Cynthia Saracino, Stacia Godwin, Laura Line, and Tammie Hurst made public comments.

Commenters: thanked and congratulated the Board for hiring an amazing and experienced Animal Shelter Director. They also expressed concerns and frustration regarding disappointment with the size and number of kennels and issues with the RO/holding area; the need for combination locks/proxy card access to the shelter for volunteers, interest in outdoor cat runs, and the need for continued county and citizen/community engagement and teamwork.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Vice Chairman Gibbons to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Oddo moved seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Rousseau were absent.

3. **Approval of disposition of tax refund, as requested by Deanna Sterling, in the additional amount of \$2,562.94 for tax year(s) 2021, 2022 and 2023.**
4. **Approval of Contract #1229-P: Radio Communications System Consultant; Change Order #5 in the amount of \$159,975.**
5. **Approval for staff to create a new project number out of 2017 SPLOST 17TAG - Intersection Improvements for the intersection improvement at Sandy Creek Road and Ellison Road for \$8,000.**
6. **Approval to increase the amount to be paid by Trilith Development, LLC for construction costs of the FCWS-Trilith Studios Elevated Water Storage Tank, Contract #2314-B. The related change orders increase the Trilith Development, LLC. donation of \$1,250,000 to \$1,285,857.29.**
7. **Approval of the July 11, 2024 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

8. **Request to award Bid #2409-B: Heavy Rescue to NAFECO, Inc. for one (1) Rosenbauer Heavy Rescue in the amount of \$1,095,135 plus \$50,000 contingency funds for a total bid amount of \$1,145,135, and to allocate a not to exceed amount of \$25,000 to apparatus safety equipment to supply updated rescue tools to the Heavy Rescue.**

Fire Chief Jeff Hill stated that this request was to award Bid #2409-B: Heavy Rescue to NAFECO, Inc. for one (1) Rosenbauer Heavy Rescue in the amount of \$1,095,135 plus \$50,000 contingency funds for a total bid amount of \$1,145,135, and to allocate a not to exceed amount of \$25,000 to apparatus safety equipment to supply updated rescue tools to the Heavy Rescue.

Vice Chairman Gibbons asked for a brief overview of a Heavy Resue truck.

Chief Hill advised that the Heavy Resue truck was the one vehicle in the County that responded to excavation, all heavy rescue, and/or entrapments; and was equipped to refill SCBA air breathing bottles/cylinders for firefighters.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve to award Bid #2409-B: Heavy Rescue to NAFECO, Inc. for one (1) Rosenbauer Heavy Rescue in the amount of \$1,095,135 plus \$50,000 contingency funds for a total bid amount of \$1,145,135, and to allocate a not to exceed amount of \$25,000 to apparatus safety equipment to supply updated rescue tools to the Heavy Rescue.

Chairman Hearn asked what the expected delivery time for the vehicle was.

Chief Hill advised it was 690 days from the date the chassis was delivered to Rosenbauer.

Chairman Hearn thanked Chief Hill for his forethought in planning for the County's needs.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve to award Bid #2409-B: Heavy Rescue to NAFECO, Inc. for one (1) Rosenbauer Heavy Rescue in the amount of \$1,095,135 plus \$50,000 contingency funds for a total bid amount of \$1,145,135, and to allocate a not to exceed amount of \$25,000 to apparatus safety equipment to supply updated rescue tools to the Heavy Rescue. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Rousseau were absent.

9. **Request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Fayette County and the US Soccer Federation (USSF) to enhance five soccer fields at McCurry Park South for the shared use of USSF team training camps and the County.**

County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that this item was a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Fayette County and the US Soccer Federation (USSF) to enhance five soccer fields at McCurry Park South for the shared use of USSF team training camps and the County. The MOU would affect the five south soccer fields at McCurry Park. It would allow the USSF to host/participate in team camps and was essentially an extension of the current partnership already established. Mr. Rapson stated that the USSF would provide up to \$367,000 to the County to cover the scope of services for the proposed enhancements on McCurry Park South's five fields; and up to \$100,000 to cover upgrades to McCurry Park South Concession and Restrooms facilities and to construct a new storage building. He added that the USSF would provide a donation of up to \$50,000 for sports equipment.

Commissioner Oddo reiterated that this memorandum would not interfere with current youth soccer programs but would enhance the fields for soccer to benefit from in the future.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Fayette County and the US Soccer Federation (USSF) to enhance five soccer fields at McCurry Park South for the shared use of USSF team training camps

and the County. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Rousseau were absent.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

A: Contract 2000-P: Advanced Metering Infrastructure; Change Order 4: Rate Tables & Scope of Work Standardized Solutions

B: Contract 2249-S: Seaquest Renewal 1

C: Contract 2250-S: Purate Renewal 1

D: Contract 2256-S: Carusol-20 (Sodium Permanganate) Renewal 1

E: Contract 2257-S: Lime Renewal 1

F: Contract 2258-B: Utility Locates Renewal 1 – Large Project Locates

G: Contract 2376-A: Annual Firefighter Physicals

H: Contract 2378-S: Water System Engineer of Record; Task Order 25-01: FY25 On-call Support Services

I: Contract 2382-A: Grass Cutting – Water System

J: Contract 2415-S: Stryker Maintenance Agreement

K: Contract 2442-S: Motorola (Spillman) Annual Maintenance

L: Contract 2355-A: Inman, Lee's Lake and Lester Road Roadside Pruning

ACCG Legislative Conference

Mr. Rapson advised that a voting delegate for the ACCG Legislative Conference was needed.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to appoint Commissioner Oddo as the ACCG Legislative Conference voting delegate. Chairman Hearn seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Water System – Private Water System Acquisition

Mr. Rapson proudly advised that the Water System completed its first acquisition of a private water system- Woodland Road Water Association.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Notice of Executive Session: County Dennis Davenport stated that there were five items for Executive Session. Three items involving threatened litigation, one item involving pending litigation and the review of the July 11, 2024, Executive Session Minutes.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Three items involving threatened litigation, one item involving pending litigation and the review of the July 11, 2024, Executive Session Minutes. Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Rousseau were absent.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 5:52 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 6:08 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 3-0. Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Rousseau were absent.

Approval of the July 11, 2024 Executive Session Minutes: Commissioner Oddo moved to approve July 11, 2024 Executive Session Minutes. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Rousseau were absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Oddo moved to adjourn the July 25, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Rousseau were absent.

The July 25, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 6:08 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 8th day of August 2024. Attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

Marlena Edwards, Chief Deputy County Clerk