

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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140 Stonewall Avenue West  
Public Meeting Room  
Fayetteville, GA 30214

## MINUTES

October 24, 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 October 24, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present. Commissioner Eric Maxwell and Commissioner Charles Oddo were absent.

#### **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Lee Hearn**

Chairman Lee Hearn offered the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Acceptance of Agenda**

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

Chairman Hearn read a statement issued by Commissioner Oddo regarding his absence. He stated that although he would normally be in attendance at the Board meeting, he was out of town supporting his niece who was graduating from the Naval Training School in Pensacola, FL. He noted that because her parents were unable to attend, he and his wife was proudly representing the family and celebrating her accomplishments.

### PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

#### PUBLIC HEARING:

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

#### **1. Consideration of Resolution 2024-11 adopting the 2024 Property Tax Millage Rate.**

Chief Finance Officer Sheryl Weinmann made a presentation to the Board regarding the 2024 Property Tax Millage rate. This hearing was advertised on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> per state requirement. She also noted that because a rollback was being proposed only one public hearing was required.

Ms. Weinmann stated that at the end of 2023, the Digest was \$9.3 billion. She stated that the real property increased by less than 1% and totaled about \$87M. Personal property increased by 9.75% and totaled \$65,657,479. She stated that motor vehicle, which had been decreasing over the last several years, decreased by 6.39%. There was also an increase in the "other" category

by 133%. This category included mobile homes, heavy duty equipment, and timber, leading to a total increase in the Digest of 1.68%.

There was an increase in the exemptions of 1.13% which decreased the digest. Ms. Weinmann stated that Reassessments (Real Property) were increased by \$687,299,093 or 7.32%. The 2024 Digest totaled \$10.2 billion.

The proposed 2024 millage rate was 3.763, which was a full rollback, and a 6.718% decrease. Fire Services (3.070), Emergency Medical Services (0.500), and 911 Services (0.210) remained the same.

Ms. Weinmann offered examples of a residential tax bill for a \$480,000 home value for unincorporated Fayette County, Town of Brooks, Peachtree City, City of Fayetteville and Town of Tyrone showing the distribution of each to Board of Education, County M&O, Fire District, EMS District and 911 District appropriately. She noted that on average this rollback would be a savings of \$50.68 for County residents.

Ms. Weinman also noted that Fayette County was the only local municipality not proposing an increase in the millage rate for 2024. She stated that if the millage rate had remained the same since 2014 the county would have collected another \$101.4 million. Instead, this was a savings of \$101.4M to the citizens.

Ms. Weinmann concluded the presentation asking for the Board to approve Resolution 2024-11 adopting the 2024 Property Tax Millage Rate to levy the County property tax.

Mr. Rapson stated that this year's Budget was predicated on a full rollback with no tax increases and that was being delivered via this millage rate.

Commissioner Rousseau extended condolences to Ms. Weinmann for the recent loss of her loved one. Expressing appreciation for her and her team for an outstanding job in performance. He asked what type of impact the property tax referendum currently on the ballots, would have on operations, if passed.

Ms. Weinmann stated that it would impact the amount of funds collected next year. Basically, the 2024 rates would be the value going into next year and from there, the Department of Revenue would determine the 2025 CPI (Consumer Price Index) number, which would be used to cap the digest. She noted that if there was inflation in the reassessment of a home the millage rate would be floating for everyone. As a result, each resident's value would have to be reevaluated which would probably lead to increases in the future.

Commissioner Rousseau asked if she anticipated belt tightening in the future.

Ms. Weinman stated yes.

Mr. Rapson stated that historically the County had only increased the budget three times [since being County Administrator], leaving the millage rate the same as the year before, each time. He noted that those increases were related to retention and Public Safety. He continued that the County operated within the growth increase, as a result the CPI number should be fairly close to that for the County. Mr. Rapson stated that the County was in pretty good financial shape. Mr. Rapson stated that he did not foresee it [the property tax referendum] having a huge impact. He advised that there was a 3-month window available to opt-out; however, it was not staff's recommendation to do so.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that while he agreed, this was how the County should operate, he was not confident in the clarity of the language of the property tax referendum and as a result there was potential for huge consequences, if passed.

Chairman Hearn thanked staff for a job well done and noted that he felt the citizens appreciated the full rollback.

No one spoke in favor or opposition.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve Resolution 2024-11 adopting the 2024 Property Tax Millage Rate. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

- 2. Consideration of Petition No. 1353-24, The Estate of Richard N. Cates/Carol Denise Cates Mercer, Executrix; request to rezone 4.86 acres from A-R (Agricultural-Residential) to C-C (Community Commercial) for the purpose of constructing a convenience store w/fuel pump; property located in Land Lot 151 of the 5th District, fronts on Banks Rd and Hwy 54. This petition was tabled at the September 26, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting.**

Planning and Zoning Director Deborah Bell stated that this petition had been tabled from the September 26, 2024 Board of Commissioners Meeting, due to the lack of a full Board. However, the applicant's agent Mr. Galloway submitted a request for a deferral due to a scheduling conflict. Mr. Galloway requested that the hearing be referred to the November 14, 2024 BOC meeting at 2:00 p.m. which was the scheduled time for that meeting. Ms. Bell advised that staff had enough time to readvertise, if approved.

Commissioner Rousseau asked as a point of clarification if this was the second delay.

Ms. Bell stated yes, it was initially tabled due to the lack of a full Board, and this was a request for a deferral.

Commissioner Rousseau asked Assistant County Attorney Ali Cox if this was good.

Ms. Cox stated, "yes this was good."

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to defer Petition No. 1353-24, The Estate of Richard N. Cates/Carol Denise Cates Mercer, Executrix; request to rezone 4.86 acres from A-R (Agricultural-Residential) to C-C (Community Commercial) for the purpose of constructing a convenience store w/fuel pump; property located in Land Lot 151 of the 5th District, fronts on Banks Rd and Hwy 54. To the November 14, 2024 meeting

Mr. Rapson advised as a reminder that the November 14<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup> Board meetings would be held at 2:00 p.m., which had been set as part of the 2024 meeting schedule last year.

Commissioner Rousseau asked if the applicant would be available/willing to meet later, considering the earlier meeting time and the heightened interest in this item.

Chairman Hearn asked if it was appropriate to hear citizen comments regarding this item since there was a number present for this discussion, even if the item was not being considered.

Ms. Cox stated that would be at the discretion of the Board.

Vice Chairman Gibbons withdrew his motion to move the hearing to a later date.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to defer Petition No. 1353-24, The Estate of Richard N. Cates/Carol Denise Cates Mercer, Executrix; request to rezone 4.86 acres from A-R (Agricultural-Residential) to C-C (Community Commercial) for the purpose of constructing a convenience store w/fuel pump; property located in Land Lot 151 of the 5th District, fronts on Banks Rd and Hwy 54, to the January 23, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

- 3. Consideration of Petition No. 1355-24, Andrea Pope Camp and Jordan Camp, Owners; Randy Board, Agent, request to rezone 41.78 acres from A-R to R-75 for the purpose of creating additional lots without any new infrastructure; property located in Land Lot 28 of the 7th District and fronts on Davis Road and Huiet Drive. This petition was tabled at the September 26, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting.**

Planning and Zoning Director Deborah Bell stated that this petition had been tabled from the September 26, 2024 Board of Commissioners Meeting, due to the lack of a full Board. However, the applicant's agent Mr. Boyd submitted a request for a deferral due to a scheduling conflict. Mr. Boyd requested that the hearing be referred to the November 14, 2024 BOC meeting at 2:00 p.m. which was the scheduled time for that meeting. Ms. Bell advised that staff have enough time to readvertise, if approved.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to defer Petition No. 1355-24, Andrea Pope Camp and Jordan Camp, Owners; Randy Board, Agent, request to rezone 41.78 acres from A-R to R-75 for the purpose of creating additional lots without any new infrastructure; property located in Land Lot 28 of the 7th District and fronts on Davis Road and Huiet Drive to January 23, 2025 meeting. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

- 4. Consideration of a Development Plan for a Manufactured Home Park for property consisting of three (3) parcels (#0704 002; #0704 004; 0704 052), with a combined area of 26.74 acres, located in Land Lot 26 of the 7th District and fronts State Route 54 West.**

Ms. Bell stated that the applicant submitted a request for a withdrawal of the Development Plan. She noted that both staff and the Planning Commission recommended approving the withdrawal application.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve the withdrawal of a Development Plan for a Manufactured Home Park for property consisting of three (3) parcels (#0704 002; #0704 004; 0704 052), with a combined area of 26.74 acres, located in Land Lot 26 of the 7th District and fronts State Route 54 West. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

##### **Petition No. 1353-24 comments:**

**Darryl Hicks of Fayetteville** stated that he was speaking as the HOA President of his subdivision and on behalf of neighboring communities. He asked how many times an applicant could defer a hearing. He noted that this could be intentional, and a strategy used by the applicant to wait out the community and may be something the Board could evaluate when reviewing the public hearing process.

**Arnold Martin of Fayetteville** asked as a point of clarity that comments made tonight would only be for the sake of commenting, but the Board would not be voting this evening.

Chairman Hearn stated that was correct.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that comments made would also be a part of the record.

Arnold Martin stated that he wanted to ensure his comments as well as his neighbors were not only heard but counted as a part of the discussion and vote and would save his comments for the Public Hearing in January.

**Sandra Lee Quiry of Fayetteville** stated that she would return for the Public Hearing in January to ensure her voice was heard because this was a very important matter and noted that she was deeply committed to maintaining the peaceful enjoyment of her health and home. She asked for Board support in making that happen.

**John Maurer of Fayetteville** listened to the presentation of this item and did not hear anything related to storm water runoff and asked for an extensive storm water evaluation to be conducted. John's concern was about the potential for flooding at and around their property if this project was approved.

**Lori Martin of Fayetteville** stated that this project did not align with the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan. She noted that that the Comprehensive Plan was established to assist the Board in making sometime difficult decisions in the best interest of the County. Ms. Martin acknowledged that the property did need to be sold however it did not have to be sold for this project. She thanked the Board for hearing her comments.

### **Animal Shelter**

Lotte Commerford, Cynthia Saracino, Lynne Lasher made public comments.

Commenters expressed appreciation for the continued commitment of the Animal Shelter Director Tracy Thompson and the initiation of new programs at the shelter to encourage adoption. They also expressed concerns and frustration regarding disappointment with the size and number of kennels, lack of Board engagement, need for additional staff, capacity concerns, and the need for continued county and citizen/community engagement and teamwork. Commenters also expressed concern regarding defamatory remarks made on Facebook [by a member of the Board] and requested they stop immediately.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of item 12. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

- 5. Approval to award Change Order #8: Preventive Maintenance for Existing Radios to E.F. Johnson and to allocate \$144,841.95 from Contingencies and Enhancements in the Public Safety Radio System (#1428-P) to Maintenance and Support for additional preventative maintenance services to secure services and equipment for existing radios.**
- 6. Approval of Board of Assessors' recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Joseph Redley, in the amount of \$354.89 for tax year(s) 2023.**
- 7. Approval of Board of Assessors' recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Steven Kruczek, in the amount of \$1,209.84 for tax year(s) 2021, 2022, 2023.**
- 8. Approval of Board of Assessors' recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by John Terrell (Terrick Holdings), in the amount of \$3,543.12 for tax year(s) 2021, 2022, 2023.**
- 9. Approval of disposition of tax refund, as requested by Joel P. Volle, in an adjusted amount of \$318.33 for tax year(s) 2021, 2022 and 2023.**
- 10. Approval of a supplemental federal grant for the DUI Accountability Court from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, in the amount of \$35,000.**
- 11. Approval to increase the current fee schedule allowing for the Fayette County Environmental Health Department to adjust fees comparable to surrounding counties.**
- 12. Approval of the September 26, 2024 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

Chairman Hearn stated that the approval of the Executive Session minutes should be for September 26, 2024 and not September 22, as originally presented.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve the September 26, 2024 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes, with updated correction. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
**NEW BUSINESS:**

**13. Request to approve the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Fayette County and Clayton County for the Roundabout Project at South Jeff Davis, County Line, Inman, and North Bridge Roads (2004 SPLOST R-8A).**

Public Works Director Phil Mallon stated that this item was seeking approval to advance a project that was initiated with the 2004 SPLOST, originally a part of the East Fayetteville Bypass, to construct a roundabout at South Jeff Davis, County Line, Inman, and North Bridge Roads. Mr. Mallon stated that this item was asking for the Board to consider an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Fayette County and Clayton County which spelled out the terms and conditions of the project. The IGA outlined that Fayette County would be fully responsible for the project paying for all of it except for the right-of-way acquisition in Clayton County and roadway improvements – sidewalks and curb and gutter. There will be a reimbursement that would cover work conducted in Clayton County's jurisdiction.

Chairman Hearn asked if Clayton County had already signed the agreement.

Mr. Mallon stated that to his knowledge it had not been signed by the Clayton County Board Chairman but had been reviewed by their attorney and cleared by staff.

Chairman Hearn added that in the past when the County partnered with Clayton County, they have always been good partners to work with.

Commissioner Rousseau asked if Clayton County did not approve the agreement would that place a hardship on the County in moving forward with this project.

Mr. Mallon stated if Clayton County were not to approve the agreement, the project would need to be reevaluated. He noted that Fayette County could not do the project without access to Clayton County's property inside the right-of-way.

Commissioner Rousseau asked Mr. Mallon if he was comfortable proceeding without a signed agreement from Clayton County.

Mr. Mallon stated, "yes he was".

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Fayette County and Clayton County for the Roundabout Project at South Jeff Davis, County Line, Inman, and North Bridge Roads (2004 SPLOST R-8A). Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

**14. Request to award Bid #2428-B, Fayette County Resurfacing Program FY 2022 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, ER Snell Contractor Inc., for the amount of \$3,530,969.02 (2017 SPLOST 21TAC), contingent upon concurrence from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).**

Mr. Mallon stated that this item was seeking Board approval to award Bid #2428-B, Fayette County Resurfacing Program FY 2022 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, ER Snell Contractor Inc., for the amount of \$3,530,969.02 (2017 SPLOST 21TAC). He noted that this project would include the resurfacing of over 11.94 miles throughout the County, 8.58 miles are in

unincorporated Fayette County and include Highway 85 Connector, New Hope Road, and Banks Road. The remaining miles would consist of roadway in Peachtree City, Tyrone, and a small section of Fayetteville.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve to award Bid #2428-B, Fayette County Resurfacing Program FY 2022 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, ER Snell Contractor Inc., for the amount of \$3,530,969.02 (2017 SPLOST 21TAC), contingent upon concurrence from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

Chairman Hearn extended kudos to the Purchasing Department for advertising this project. And to staff for comprising a well detailed project proposal.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve to award Bid #2428-B, Fayette County Resurfacing Program FY 2022 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, ER Snell Contractor Inc., for the amount of \$3,530,969.02 (2017 SPLOST 21TAC), contingent upon concurrence from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

**15. Request to award Contract #2461-B HA 5, High Density Mineral Bond to Holbrook Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$299,495.02.**

Mr. Mallon stated that this item was seeking Board approval to award Contract #2461-B HA 5, High Density Mineral Bond to Holbrook Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$299,495.02.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve to award Contract #2461-B HA 5, High Density Mineral Bond to Holbrook Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$299,495.02. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

**16. Request to approve the revision to Fayette County Code Chapter 104-Development Regulations; Article IV. Floodplain Management; Sec. 104-87- Provisions for flood damage reduction to maintain the county's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Community Rating Service level.**

Environmental Management Director Bryan Keller stated that this item was seeking approval to a revision to the Flood Plan Ordinance. Mr. Keller stated that Fayette County participated in the FEMA Community Rating System (CRS) program. In order to meet the requirements of this program, an update to the current Floodplain code was required to maintain the county's current rating level of six (6), which afforded a twenty percent (20%) discount on flood insurance to the citizens of Fayette County. Mr. Keller stated that in 2021, the CRS manual was changed for higher regulatory standards. As a result, the County's current ordinance does not meet that standard. He noted that in policy they have been practicing this standard as presented, however in order to maintain rating level 6 a revision in the ordinance was required.

In section 104-87.4(b), Provisions for flood damage reduction, the language was required to remove the word "either" and to change the word "or" to "and" in order to clarify the requirements.

Chairman Hearn thanked Mr. Keller for his hard work and that of his team, as well as the Building Safety Department to ensure citizen safety and appropriate compliance.

Commissioner Rousseau asked, knowing that flood insurance was expensive, how was the information regarding the 20% discount being advertised to citizens so they could take advantage of it. He noted that this would be information he would be sharing.

Mr. Keller stated that there was information regarding the discount noted on the County website, however there was not anything residents needed to do to receive it. Upon applying for insurance, the discount would automatically be applied.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve revision to Fayette County Code Chapter 104-Development Regulations; Article IV. Floodplain Management; Sec. 104-87- Provisions for flood damage reduction to maintain the county's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Community Rating Service level. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

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

**A: Contract 2378-S: Water System Engineer of Record; Task Order 25-03: Trilith Booster Pump Station**

**B: Contract 2378-S: Water System Engineer of Record; Task Order 25-04; Chlorine Disinfection Upgrade**

#### **Economic Development Trip**

Mr. Rapson stated that he along with Commissioner Rousseau and Phil Mallon would be attending an economic development trip on Monday, October 28-30.

#### **BOC Meeting Reminders**

Mr. Rapson advised as a reminder that the November 14th and December 12th BOC meetings would be held at 2:00 p.m., which had been set as a part of the 2024 meeting schedule last year.

Mr. Rapson acknowledged the following staff for receiving recent certifications: Anita Godbee, Jeff Hill, Steve Hoffman, Le Ann Barlett, Bill Lackey, Kayte Vogt, Sheryl Weinmann, Sherry White, Vicki Orr, Sharon Miller, and Marlene Edwards.

#### **Hot Projects Update**

Mr. Rapson stated that the Hot Projects report was forwarded to the Board and included updates on the Parks and Recreation multi-use facility, Coastline Bridge improvements, and a Water System AMI project update, Hot-in Place Recycling on Goza Road, the Public Health Building. He noted that there had been a ribbon cutting for Parks and Recreation pickleball courts, which were open and in use. As well as a ribbon cutting for the culvert replacement at Ridge Way which came in under budget.

Commissioner Rousseau asked about issues with receiving power at the new Public Health Facility.

Mr. Rapson stated that there had been an issue receiving a transformer from Georgia Power but it had arrived and in the process of being installed and connected. He stated that there were some concerns that this delay would affect the completion of the facility, however, according to the project manager this would not affect the timeline, yet.

#### **Finance Department Award**

He acknowledged that the Finance Department, received notice of the annual comprehensive financial awards. This would be the 30<sup>th</sup> year receiving this award for the General Fund and the 15<sup>th</sup> year receiving it for the Water System.

#### **Elections**

Mr. Rapson stated that early voting had exceeded expectations in Fayette County. As of today, there had been 36,534 citizens to early vote, which represented 60% of those who voted in 2020. He extended his appreciation to the Elections Office in their management and handling of this election- a job well done.

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

Ms. Cox advised that there needed to be a correction to the vote for item #12.

County Clerk Tameca Smith stated that the motion should be to approve the September 26, 2024 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes, correcting the typo approving the September 22, 2024 Executive Session Minutes to the September 12, 2024 Executive Session Minutes.



Chairman Hearn moved to approve the September 26, 2024 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes, correcting the typo approving the September 22, 2024 Executive Session Minutes to the September 12, 2024 Executive Session Minutes. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

**Notice of Executive Session:** Assistant County Ali Cox stated that there were nine items for Executive Session. Four items involving threatened litigation, one item involving pending litigation, three items involving real estate acquisition, and the review of the September 26, 2024, Executive Session Minutes.

### **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

#### **Commissioner Rousseau**

Commissioner Rousseau thanked county citizens for exercising their right to vote. In reviewing the progress of the new Public Health Facility and evaluating potential delays, Commissioner Rousseau asked if the FF & E had been ordered.

Mr. Rapson stated yes.

#### **Vice Chairman Gibbons**

Vice Chairman Gibbons stated in response to Commissioner Rousseau's comments regarding the new Public Health Facility that Georgia Power was the reason for the recent delay. He noted that he attended the Public Health Board Meeting where they received a detailed update of the project. The updated highlighted that the transformer had been received and with its installation the project would be completed December 2024.

#### **Chairman Hearn**

Chairman Hearn stated that he had an opportunity to tour the new Public Health Facility and was excited and ready to get this project completed. Chairman Hearn encouraged everyone to get out and vote. He noted that he had a great experience voting at the Elections Office. It was a smooth and easy process and extended kudos to the Elections team for their hard work and professionalism.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Four items involving threatened litigation, one item involving pending litigation, three items involving real estate acquisition, and the review of the September 26, 2024, Executive Session Minutes.** Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to go into Executive Session. Chairman Hearn seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 6:08 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 6:42 p.m.

**Return to Official Session and Approval to Sign the Executive Session Affidavit:** Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to return to Official Session and for the Chairman to sign the Executive Session Affidavit. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

**Approval of the September 26, 2024 Executive Session Minutes:** Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve September 26, 2024, Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Rousseau seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to adjourn the October 24, 2024, Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

The October 24, 2024, Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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Marlena 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024. Attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

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Marlena Edwards, Chief Deputy County Clerk