

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Lee Hearn, Chairman  
Edward Gibbons, Vice Chairman  
Eric K. Maxwell  
Charles D. Rousseau  
Charles W. Oddo



## FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

Steve Rapson, County Administrator  
Dennis A. Davenport, County Attorney  
Tameca P. Smith, County Clerk  
Marlena Edwards, Chief Deputy County Clerk

140 Stonewall Avenue West  
Public Meeting Room  
Fayetteville, GA 30214

## MINUTES

March 13, 2025  
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 13, 2025, Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

#### **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Charles Rousseau**

Commissioner Charles Rousseau 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 Charles Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Elaine Kilgore** expressed her interest in Fayette County establishing a citizen informational/engagement class similar to the "101 Class" program initiated in the Town of Tyrone where citizens get a better understanding of "County" business and operations. This program would help familiarize the public with the on-goings and business functions of local government and elected officials. Ms. Kilgore also asked the Board to look into initiating a recycling program to encourage citizens to keep Fayette beautiful and maintain our community.

**Lynn Lasher** expressed her frustration with the County's Human Resource policy regarding leave of absences, specifically prolonged periods of leave. She stated that in her opinion there was room for improvement because there was a specific department that had been functioning insufficiently because key leadership staff was absent. She asked if this policy could be evaluated.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

1. **Approval of Board of Assessors' recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Vicki Adams, in the amount of \$1,969.56 for tax year(s) 2022 and 2023.**
2. **Approval of Board of Assessors' recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Noah VanOosterhout, in the amount of \$2,206.77 for tax year 2023.**
3. **Approval of Board of Assessors' recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund for Monica Realty Inc. in the amount of \$1,741.03 for tax year 2023.**
4. **Approval of Board of Assessors' recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Kristin Smith, in the amount of \$2,511.88 for tax year 2024.**
5. **Approval of Board of Assessors' recommendation to deny tax refund submitted by Richard Moye based on retroactive homestead exemption request.**
6. **Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Fayetteville allowing for the Fayette County Board of Elections to act as Superintendent of Elections for all elections held in City of Fayetteville in 2025.**
7. **Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Peachtree City allowing for the Fayette County Board of Elections to act as Superintendent of Elections for all elections held in Peachtree City in 2025.**
8. **Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Tyrone allowing for the Fayette County Board of Elections to act as Superintendent of Elections for all elections held in Town of Tyrone in 2025.**
9. **Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Brooks allowing for the Fayette County Board of Elections to act as Superintendent of Elections for all elections held in Town of Brooks in 2025.**
10. **Approval of request from City of Fayetteville to grant a sewer easement across Fayette County property at 245 Booker Avenue (Parcel 0524 04001), to extend City sanitary sewer service to a new development located adjacent to Fayette County's property.**
11. **Acknowledgment of Sheriff Barry H. Babb's decision to liquidate county vehicles at auction.**
12. **Approval of the February 27, 2025, Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

13. **Consideration to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between Fayette County and the City of Fairburn to supply potable water to residents and businesses within the City of Fairburn and for the City of Fairburn to pay an additional \$2,500,000 for supply this capacity.**

Water System Director Vanessa Tigert stated that in 2022, the Board adopted an IGA with Coweta County to sell water. The item before the Board was a similar agreement between Fayette County and the City of Fairburn to supply potable water to residents and businesses within the City of Fairburn and for the City of Fairburn to pay an additional \$2,500,000 for supply of this capacity. The City of Fairburn approached Fayette County Water System in early 2024 to explore the possibility of supplying the city with 1.5 million of gallons of water per day for a minimum of five years.

Chairman Hearn stated that the IGA would allow a line connection between FCWS and the City of Fairburn. Additionally, it would allow the City of Fairburn to pay one third the cost of installing a one-million-gallon elevated storage tank with their contribution not exceeding \$2,500,000.

Ms. Tigert noted that the one-million-gallon elevated storage tank was needed to fulfill the request.

Chairman Hearn continued that the County had property available to house the tank. He also asked how much revenue this IGA would generate.

Ms. Tigert stated that it would generate about \$1.74M in revenue annually.

Commissioner Oddo wanted it noted that the agreement included a clause that the County could activate to not sell the water.

Ms. Tigert stated that was correct. Initiation of that clause would be at Fayette County Water System's discretion.

Mr. Rapson stated that this agreement was calculated at the whole sale rate used with the City of Fayetteville as well as with Coweta County. He stated that the \$1.7M would be dovetailed into the 5-year capital improvement program, placing those funds into infrastructure, ensuring it is not used for operations. He stated that it was a pretty good agreement with \$2.5M coming from the City of Fairburn and \$2M from the Development Authority, because this was a Fayette County Development Authority project. He noted that the shortfall would be covered by the Water System with 67% being paid via the two contributions.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between Fayette County and the City of Fairburn to supply potable water to residents and businesses within the City of Fairburn and for the City of Fairburn to pay an additional \$2,500,000 for supply this capacity. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

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

Mr. Rapson stated in response to comments regarding developing a citizen informational/engagement class that Commissioner Rousseau had requested the development of a "Citizen Academy" which would address those exact topics. He noted that a draft format of the academy would be present before the Board at the annual retreat in May.

Mr. Rapson advised that the Transfer Station was back operational as of March 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Notice of Executive Session:** County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that there were two items for Executive Session. One item involving real estate acquisition, and the review of the February 27, 2025 Executive Session Minutes.

#### **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

**Vice Chairman Gibbons** extended a kudos and job well done to Fire Chief Jeff Hill and his team. In review of the annual Fire Report, he was amazed and proud of the extensive work and dedication of Fayette County Fire and Emergency Services staff. He highlighted the number of calls, rescues, fires that was responded to throughout the County.

**Commissioner Rousseau** extended his appreciation to the library services and the initiation of the added feature with the Meals on Wheels program to extend the reach of reading to those who may be home bound. He thanked Mr. Rapson for mentioning the developing "Citizen Academy" that will be discussed during retreat.

**Chairman Hearn** stated that the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) sponsored a youth leadership program where they involved hundreds of students in experiential learning with the region's leaders and experts in transportation, natural resource sustainability, community development, and more. He suggested Mr. Rapson reach out to the contact for the program for more

information. He also noted that at the recent ARC meeting a highlighted topic was regarding trucking and its effects on the roadways and traffic. He concluded advising the Board of an upcoming "Regional Assembly" event in June for elected officials. Chairman noted as an FYI that there was a speaking card - QR code added to the meeting agendas for those interested in making public comments. He asked that staff add to the next agenda as an item to discuss Peachtree City Parks and Recreation non-residents fees.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**One item involving real estate acquisition, and the review of the February 27, 2025 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 5:24 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 5:46 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 February 27, 2025 Executive Session Minutes:** Commissioner Oddo moved to approve February 27, 2025 Executive Session Minutes. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Oddo moved to adjourn the March 13, 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting. Chairman Hearn seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The March 13, 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 5:46 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025. Attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

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Marlena Edwards, Chief Deputy County Clerk