

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 24, 2025
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 24, 2025, Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present. Commissioner Eric Maxwell was absent.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Charles Oddo

Commissioner Charles Oddo gave the Invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

Commissioner Charles Oddo moved to approve the agenda as written. Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

- 1. Recognition of Fayette County Youth Baseball All-Star Teams for competing in the USSSA Recreation World Series.**

Parks and Recreation, Director Anita Godbee, stated that after the Fayette County Youth Baseball regular season, standout players earned spots on the 10U, 12U, and 14U All-Star teams chosen because of their skill, hustle, and love for the game. All three teams won their regional tournaments and finished as State Runner-Up at the USSSA State Tournament. Fueled by that success, they advanced to the USSSA Recreation World Series to compete at the next level. Mrs. Godbee stated that these teams deserved recognition for their incredible play, dedication, and sportsmanship. Their hard work, along with the support of coaches and families, brought pride to our community. Mrs. Godbee extended congratulations to all the players, coaches, and supporters of the 10U, 12U, and 14U All-Star teams, stating that they made Fayette County proud.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following citizens: Diana Dietz, George Dietz, Micheal Holt, Jennifer Barber, Rich Matthews, Kesha Scott, Robert McBarton, made comments regarding crypto mining and the need for the Board to be mindful of its potential negative effect on the community. The speakers encouraged the Board to establish an ordinance banning crypto mining and noted that with the new data centers in the area, and with the interest for more data centers, a precedent could be established, if allowed.

Lottie Commerford expressed her concerns regarding issues at the Animal Shelter specifically regarding pet meals/food, increased cat care, lack of volunteer appreciation, and lack of appropriate budget allocations.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.

2. **Approval of a Lease Extension Option Term of raw land from Piedmont Fayette Hospital, for a tower located at 1255 Hwy 54 West, Fayetteville, Georgia 30214, for \$10.00 per month, commencing October 1, 2025 and expiring September 30, 2030.**
3. **Approval of the Board of Assessors' recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Chris Guy, in the amount of \$460.91 for tax year(s) 2022, 2023, and 2024.**
4. **Approval of the Board of Assessors' recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Bryan Hallock, agent for Adam & Kathleen Hallock, in the amount of \$791.79 for tax year(s) 2023 and 2024.**
5. **Approval of the Board of Assessors' recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Mark Oldenburg, Agent for Ronald Lynch and Deborah Cuddy, in the amount of \$3,404.26 for tax year 2024.**
6. **Approval of the Board of Assessors' recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Sheneen Wilborn, in the amount of \$1,269.99 for tax year 2024.**
7. **Approval of July 10, 2025 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

8. **Request to approve reallocation of \$76,390.85 from 2017 SPLOST #17TAG (Intersection Safety Improvements) to #25TAB (Intersection of Sandy Creek Road and Ellison Road) for completion of concept phase with two alternatives.**

Public Works Director Phil Mallon stated that based on Board direction received at the 2025 Retreat, this item was seeking approval to reallocate 76,390.85 from 2017 SPLOST #17TAG (Intersection Safety Improvements) to #25TAB (Intersection of Sandy Creek Road and Ellison Road), for completion of concept phase with two alternatives, and doing so would put Fayette County in a position to receive Federal grant funding, if approved. He stated that in the grant submittal, Fayette County committed to initiating design immediately after submission, using local funds. This proactive approach was intended to help meet the federal requirement of completing construction within five years if grants and funds are received.

Vice Chairman Gibbons asked what the likelihood of the County was to receive the grant.

Mr. Mallon stated that he had no idea but did know that it was a very competitive national grant and completing the conceptual phase would put the County in a good position.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve the reallocation of \$76,390.85 from 2017 SPLOST #17TAG (Intersection Safety Improvements) to #25TAB (Intersection of Sandy Creek Road and Ellison Road) for completion of concept phase with two alternatives. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.

9. **Request to award Contract 2563-B, Annual Contract for Water Distribution and Stormwater Infrastructure Annual On-Call Contract for Fiscal Year 2026 to the low responsive bidder, Shockley Plumbing, with a not-to-exceed or fixed prices established for each project as assigned.**

Water System Director Vanessa Tigert stated that this item was seeking approval to award Contract 2563-B, Annual Contract for Water Distribution and Stormwater Infrastructure Annual On-Call Contract for Fiscal Year 2026 to the low responsive bidder, Shockley Plumbing, with a not-to-exceed or fixed prices established for each project as assigned.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve to award Contract 2563-B, Annual Contract for Water Distribution and Stormwater Infrastructure Annual On-Call Contract for Fiscal Year 2026 to the low responsive bidder, Shockley Plumbing, with a not-to-exceed or fixed prices established for each project as assigned. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.

10. Request to award Bid #2596-B, Annual Asphalt Contract to C.W. Matthews Inc., in the not-to-exceed amount of \$395,643.33.

Mr. Mallon stated that this contract was used to identify vendors for the procurement of various asphalt mixes during the FY2026 paving season, seeking approval to award Bid #2596-B, Annual Asphalt Contract to C.W. Matthews Inc., in the not-to-exceed amount of \$395,643.33.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve to award Bid #2596-B, Annual Asphalt Contract to C.W. Matthews Inc., in the not-to-exceed amount of \$395,643.33. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.

11. Request to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Brooks, allowing for the County to resurface Morgan Mill Road, to provide labor and equipment at no cost to the Town of Brooks, and authorize the Chairman to execute said agreement.

County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that this item was on previous Board agendas but had to be pulled for review. Upon review, it was determined that there was a conflict in the language outlined in paragraphs 1 and 5. He noted that paragraph 1 outlined a general cost and if exceeded, the Town of Brooks would pay the higher cost. However, paragraph 5 stated the opposite and noted an actual not-to-exceed amount. Mr. Davenport stated that before the Board was an updated agreement with that conflict removed.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Brooks, allowing for the County to resurface Morgan Mill Road, to provide labor and equipment at no cost to the Town of Brooks, and authorize the Chairman to execute said agreement. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

A: Contract 2099-A: Dried Residuals Removal Renewal 1; Change Order 2: Additional Disposal at SFWTP-revised

B: Contract 2225-B: Grass Cutting Services; Renewal 2

C: Contract 2256-S: Carusol-20 (Sodium Permanganate); Renewal 2

D: Contract 2271-A: Annual Hauling Contract; Renewal 2

E: Contract 2376-A: Annual Firefighter Physicals; Renewal 1

F: Contract 2462-A: Asphalt Milling; Renewal 1

G: Contract 2525-B: Grass Cutting Services for Kiwanis, Brooks, and Kenwood

H: Contract 2527-B: Lake Kedron Telescoping Valve

I: Contract 2531-P: Business Personal Property Compliance Audits

J: Contract 2540-A: Waste Disposal Services

K: Contract 2542-A: Firefighter Uniforms-revised

L: Contract 2570-S: Lime

M: Contract 2595-A: Annual Rock Contract

N: Contract 2585-A: Lake Peachtree Pump Station

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Notice of Executive Session: County Dennis Davenport stated that there were three items for Executive Session. One item involving threatened litigation, one item involving pending litigation, and the review of the July 10, 2025 Executive Session Minutes.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Rousseau

Commissioner Rousseau extended his congratulations and kudos to Eddie McEachern for his 46 years of dedicated service to Fayette County.

Commissioner Rousseau also expressed his concern and desire for staff to analyze the use of Meta glasses, with the increased risk in security and data breach issues. He stated especially as it related to those who worked from home and handled confidential/sensitive documents, this may pose a potential risk.

Mr. Rapson stated that currently there were no concerns or thoughts regarding meta glasses, but staff would do some research.

Vice Chairman Gibbons

Vice Chairman Gibbons stated that he attended the graduation ceremony for the US Army Officer Candidate School Class 6-25. He stated that it was a privilege and honor to be in attendance and he was looking forward to seeing the advancements these brave men and women would make over the course of their careers.

Chairman Hearn

Chairman Hearn stated that there had been a flurry of activity on social media related to the tunnel at Redwine. He encouraged Mr. Mallon and his team to do all they could to get this project completed. He stated that some mirrors in that area may be helpful.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

One item involving threatened litigation, one item involving pending litigation, and the review of the July 10, 2025 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Rousseau moved to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 5:49 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 6:26 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 4-0. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.

Approval of July 10, 2025 Executive Session Minutes: Commissioner Oddo moved to approve July 10, 2025 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Rousseau seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Oddo moved to adjourn the July 24, 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting. Chairman Hearn seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Eric Maxwell was absent.

The July 24, 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Marlena Edwards, 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 14th day of August 2025. Attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.