

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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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

August 14, 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 August 14, 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 5:13 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present. Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons and Commissioner Charles Oddo were absent.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Lee Hearn

Chairman Lee Hearn gave the Invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

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

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1. Consideration of staff's recommendation to approve a new 2025 Retail Alcohol Beer and Wine License (M25-04038) for Dhruv Patel, Fayetteville Chevron Foodmart 15 Inc, doing business as Fayetteville Chevron Foodmart, which is located at 1488 Hwy 92 N, Fayetteville, GA 30214.**

Chief Marshall Lem Miller stated that this request was seeking Board approval for a new 2025 Retail Alcohol Beer and Wine License (M25-04038) for Dhruv Patel, Fayetteville Chevron Foodmart 15 Inc, doing business as Fayetteville Chevron Foodmart, located at 1488 Hwy 92 N, Fayetteville, GA 30214. He stated that the agenda request form for this item stated a 2021 Retail Alcohol Beer and Wine License however that was a typo and should be 2025. Chief Miller stated that Mr. Patel applied for review, the application met all requirements per the Fayette County Code of Ordinances and was approved by all applicable departments. Chief Miller stated that there were no outstanding violations prohibiting this applicant from being considered before the Board of Commissioners for approval.

No one spoke in favor or opposition.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve a new 2025 Retail Alcohol Beer and Wine License (M25-04038) for Dhruv Patel, Fayetteville Chevron Foodmart 15 Inc, doing business as Fayetteville Chevron Foodmart, which is located at 1488 Hwy 92 N,

Fayetteville, GA 30214. Commissioner Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Debbie Carroll of Fayetteville expressed her frustration regarding appropriation of funds for the Fayette County Animal Control. She stated that there should be more funds allocated towards animal shelter food.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

2. **Acknowledgment of / and authorization from the Board of Commissioners to sign the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Annual Certification as required by the US Department of Justice and the US Department of the Treasury.**
3. **Approval of July 24, 2025 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

4. **Request to award Bid #2593-B, Contract #26001-S, Medic Trucks, to Frazer, Ltd. for two new (2) Medic Trucks in the amount of \$821,744.00 and an additional \$222,000.00 for equipment for a total of \$1,043,744.00; for project P23AE.**

Fire Chief Jeff Hill stated that this request was seeking approval to award Bid #2593-B, Contract #26001-S, Medic Trucks, to Frazer, Ltd. for two new (2) Medic Trucks.

Chairman Hearn asked what the lead time on receiving these trucks would be.

Chief Hill stated the lead time was estimated at seven months in comparison to the previous two-year time frame.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve to award Bid #2593-B, Contract #26001-S, Medic Trucks, to Frazer, Ltd. for two new (2) Medic Trucks in the amount of \$821,744.00 and an additional \$222,000.00 for equipment for a total of \$1,043,744.00; for project P23AE. Commissioner Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

County Administrator Steve Rapson expressed his appreciation to the Board for the hard work and diligence of Chief Hill. He noted that the seven-month lead time was due to the efforts he extended.

5. **Request to award Contract #2576-S; Sages Plan Review, Permitting and Inspection Software to Sages Network Inc. contract for a five-year term ending June 30, 2030, at an annual cost of \$130,000, for a total five-year contract value of \$650,000.**

Building Safety Director Leslie Nieber stated that the item before the Board was seeking approval to award Contract #2576-S; Sages Plan Review, Permitting and Inspection Software to Sages Network Inc. contract for a five-year term ending June 30, 2030, at an annual cost of \$130,000, for a total five-year contract value of \$650,000.

Chairman Hearn asked how the SAGES system was working for the County.

Ms. Nieber stated that the system was functioning very well. She noted that it was customized and designed around all our [the County's] internal processes, adhering to ordinances and requirements making it a complex system and doing a great job in meeting the needs of the citizens, contractors and all involved in various building projects around the county.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that several years ago he had heard complaints, but he was glad to see improvements in using this system knowing that the process had become more integrated and user friendly. He commended all involved in developing this system. Commissioner Rousseau stated that he was pleased to see, in reviewing the vendor satisfaction report, that they had a quick response time in handling questions, concerns and issues.

Commissioner Maxwell moved to approve to award Contract #2576-S; Sages Plan Review, Permitting and Inspection Software to Sages Network Inc. contract for a five-year term, ending June 30, 2030, at an annual cost of \$130,000, for a total five-year contract value of \$650,000. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

6. Request to approve Ordinance 2025-03 to amend Fayette County Code of Ordinance Chapter 18 - PARKS AND RECREATION, regarding applicability of provisions, providing parking fees for Lake Kedron, and providing minor revisions to existing language.

Parks and Recreation Director Anita Godbee stated that this request was a housekeeping measure and seeking approval of Ordinance 2025-03 to amend Fayette County Code of Ordinance Chapter 18 - PARKS AND RECREATION, regarding applicability of provisions, providing parking fees for Lake Kedron, and providing minor revisions to existing language.

Commissioner Maxwell moved to approve Ordinance 2025-03 to amend Fayette County Code of Ordinance Chapter 18 - PARKS AND RECREATION, regarding applicability of provisions, providing parking fees for Lake Kedron, and providing minor revisions to existing language. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Mr. Rapson advised that a selection committee was needed for a newly vacant Board of Health position.

This item was tabled to the August 28, 2025 BC meeting.

Hot Projects

Mr. Rapson stated that he provided the Board with the Hot Topics with updates to the Parks and Recreation Multi-Use Facility, Starrs Mill Tunnel, Coastline Bridge Improvements, North Bend Ct. Culvert Replacement, and the QTS Traffic Signal and guardrail project.

Mr. Rapson concluded by introducing the new Assistant County Administrator Jason Tinsley.

Mr. Tinsley stated that he was honored to have been selected for the position. He noted that this was his third week on the job learning Fayette County and he was amazed by the staff and their expertise. He concluded stating that this was a great team and he was "pleased to be joining the ranks".

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Notice of Executive Session: County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that there were seven items for Executive Session. Three items involving threatened litigation, one item involving pending litigation, two items involving real estate acquisition, and the review of the July 24, 2025 Executive Session Minutes.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxwell

Commissioner Maxwell made comments regarding statements made during public comments about the allocation of funds for animal shelter food.

Mr. Rapson stated that in discussions with the Animal Shelter Director he was advised that a box truck would be dropping off food for the shelter the very next day, which was not unusual. He noted that in times past the shelter had so much food that they had to give some away to ensure it did not expire or go bad. Mr. Rapson stated that the medical budget for the shelter was over \$100K so the animals would be well taken care of if a specialized diet was needed. He concluded by stating that there had never been a food problem in the eleven years he's been here.

Chairman Hearn reiterated that the Board did not get into the weeds of each line item of the Budget but relied on the expertise of staff recommendations based on their training and day-to-day engagement in their departments. He concluded stating that "the animals will always be feed".

Commissioner Rousseau

Commissioner Rousseau asked for a confirmed opening date for the Coastline Bridge project.

Mr. Mallon advised he would get that information to the Board.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he had had the opportunity to tour with Congresswomen Lucy McBath who was impressed with the advancements in Fayette County i.e. the Fayette County the Health Center and upcoming Recreational Facility. He noted that she was willing to help with lending support with federal grants and could be used as an advocate for the County at the federal level. He expressed his appreciation for staff working with McIntosh Trail Community Service Board.

Chairman Hearn

Chairman Hearn reviewed some informative fact discussed at the recent Atlanta Regional Commission meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Three items involving threatened litigation, one item involving pending litigation, two items involving real estate acquisition, and the review of the July 24, 2025 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Rousseau moved to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 5:39 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 6:38 p.m.

Mr. Davenport amended the number of Executive Session items from 7 items to 8 items which included: four items involving threatened litigation, one item involving pending litigation, two items involving real estate acquisition, and the review of the July 24, 2025 Executive Session Minutes.

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

Approval of the July 24, 2025 Executive Session Minutes: Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve July 24, 2025 Executive Session Minutes. Chairman Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Hearn moved to adjourn the August 14, 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Vice Chairman Gibbons and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

The August 14, 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Marlena Edwards, Chief Deputy County Clerk

Edward Gibbons, Vice Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 28th day of August 2025. Attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

Marlena Edwards, Chief Deputy County Clerk