

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia met in Official Session on Thursday, February 14, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in the public meeting room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Greg Dunn, Chairman
Linda Wells, Vice Chair
Herb Frady
Peter Pfeifer
A.G. VanLandingham

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris W. Cofty, County Administrator
Carol Chandler, Executive Assistant
William R. McNally, County Attorney
Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk

Chairman Dunn called the meeting to order, offered the Invocation and led the Pledge to the Flag.

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF INTERIM OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES TO THE FAYETTE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN TO BE UTILIZED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:

Chairman Dunn remarked that the Board needed more time to review this issue. He stated this item would be tabled to the February 28th, 2002 Commission meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA: On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED FOR THE ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE CIP AND STWP FOR FIRE SERVICES: Approval of Resolution adopting the annual update of the Capital Improvements Element (CIP) and the Short Term Work Program (STWP) for Fire Services Impact Fees in compliance with Georgia's Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures. A copy of the Resolution, identified as "Attachment No. 1", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

BROOKS FESTIVALS, INC.: Approval of request from Brooks Festivals, Inc. to hold the 20th Annual Brooks Day Festival on Saturday, May 11, 2002 in the Brooks City/County Park area from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

MINUTES: Approval of minutes for Board of Commissioners' meeting held on February 6, 2002.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public are allowed up to three minutes each to address the Board on issues of concern other than those items which are on this evening's agenda.

There was no one to speak under public comment.

STAFF REPORTS:

WATER SYSTEM TO PURCHASE A TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON ANALYZER: Water System Director Tony Parrott asked for the Board's consideration for a budget adjustment in order for the Water System to purchase a Total Organic Carbon Analyzer (TOC). He said the analyzer would be used to test both the finished water and the raw water and would be better technology for the water plant. He said this was the same type of system that the Clayton County Water Department and the State Lab had to run TOC samples. He said the price of the TOC was approximately \$25,000.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked if the price would include the training and certification process for personnel to use the equipment.

Mr. Parrott replied that the Water System had a separate training budget. He said the price included onsite set up and training. He said additional training would be available through the Water System's standard budget. He said the \$25,000 did not include all of the training that would be necessary.

Commissioner Pfeifer asked Mr. Parrott who would be trained.

Mr. Parrott replied that there was a lab analyst at the Crosstown water treatment plant who was a State Certified Analyst and a Class I Operator and he would receive this training.

Chairman Dunn remarked that it was his understanding that this system would give the county the capability of doing daily testing at all intake facilities. He said this would mean that the county could test water from Whitewater Creek, Line Creek, Lake Horton and the Flint River and would give the county the ability to test the county's water better than what the county was capable of doing today. He said this had been alright in the past but the county had learned recently that it would be nice to know a little earlier if something was happening that somebody outside of the county was doing to the water. He said there was no secret here that if the county had this piece of equipment perhaps the county would have known earlier that there was a problem that the City of Atlanta and Hartsfield Airport did not warn the county about. He said he thanked God that it was not of any consequence as far as health was concerned in the county. He said he understood that the water would be pulled out and sampled with this piece of equipment which would be able to tell the county a lot more as well as any changes in the water.

Mr. Parrott remarked there was a base amount of total organic compounds in the water at all times. He said if there was a sample that showed up as a 14 instead of a 3 then personnel would know that there was an abnormal amount of something in the water. He said that sample would then be taken to a certified lab and broken down to find out what the difference was.

Chairman Dunn remarked that this would be like an early warning system for the county. He said the county was cognizant of what the daily measurement of the water was supposed to be and if that changed or spiked a decision could be made.

Mr. Parrott remarked if the water measurement changed or spiked the Water System could make a decision at that point to turn the pump off at any location. He said the Water System had the ability most of the time to not use one of its sources.

Chairman Dunn interjected that this would still not tell the county what it was but it would tell the county that the water was not normal at that time. He said the county would then take the samples of the water and have them tested.

Commissioner Pfeifer clarified that the types of things that could be seen would be petroleum-based compounds, gasoline spills, sewage, anything carbon based and insecticides.

Mr. Parrott commented on insecticides and said this would pertain to some of them. He said there was a wide range of insecticides. He said this was total organic compounds and be anything carbon based. He said this would be a majority of what was being dealt with. He said technology had reached a point where some synthetics were not carbon based and there would still be some things that were tested that would not show. He said this would get a majority of compounds that it would be suspected to find.

Chairman Dunn clarified that this would be state of the art as far as water systems were concerned. He said the county could not test for every chemical every day but it would give the county the idea that something was different on a certain day, shut the system off and determine the problem.

Mr. Parrott said one of the things with this equipment was an automatic sampler because it takes eight minutes a piece just to run one of these samples. He said the lab analyst would be able to set these up and run each one of the samples daily. He said the Water System was ready. He said there were already seventeen sites in the county that were being tested on a quarterly basis to give them background on the county water. He said this would just be an addition to that.

Chairman Dunn said he wanted to make sure that he understood. He said if the county had done this and there was glycol in the water, this would say to the county that the water was different. He said the county would not know what it was and it would still have to take that sample where it was taken the last time and have it tested, but the county would know right away as soon as it was taken that day to shut the water off until it could be figured out.

Mr. Parrott agreed.

Commissioner VanLandingham said it would also enable the county to call the E.P.D. and see if there had been a spill reported upstream. He said this would be another step that the county could take.

Mr. Parrott said if the county were to shut an intake down and get private lab samples the Water System would notify the E.P.D. that this was being done. He said this would be the proper thing for the Water System to do so that the E.P.D. could notify other water users on the Flint River.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked Mr. Parrott if he had corresponded with Spalding County or Griffin on their process. He asked if they were going to do this too.

Mr. Parrott said he had not spoken with Griffin but had spoken with the Clayton County Water Department.

Commissioner VanLandingham said if Griffin was in this loop it would give Fayette County a little more information. He asked Mr. Parrott to speak with the City of Griffin and see if they would be part of the loop.

Commissioner Frady asked Mr. Parrott to check with the systems upstream.

On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Wells to authorize a budget adjustment for the Water System to purchase a Total Organic Carbon Analyzer (TOC) in the amount of \$25,000 which would include onsite set up and some training. The motion carried 5-0.

INMATE AGREEMENT WITH PEACHTREE CITY: Attorney McNally announced that an agreement had been reached with the City of Peachtree City for the housing of municipal prisoners in the county jail facility based on the principles that the Board had previously outlined. He asked for the Board's consideration in authorizing the Chairman to execute the agreement on behalf of the county.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer to authorize Chairman Dunn to execute the inmate agreement with the City of Peachtree City for the housing of municipal prisoners in the county jail facility, discussion followed.

Commissioner Frady said he had not seen the agreement yet.

Attorney McNally interjected that this was the contract the Board had to review. He said there were no changes.

Commissioner Frady asked if anything was going on with the others regarding this.

Attorney McNally replied that the inmate agreement was not a part of the lawsuit. He said those cities had not as yet agreed to terms.

Commissioner Frady said he guessed the cities were happy with it since they signed it.

Attorney McNally remarked that only Peachtree City had signed it.

The motion carried 5-0. A copy of the Agreement, identified as "Attachment No. 2", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Attorney McNally requested an executive session to discuss two legal items and one real estate acquisition matter.

COMMISSIONER WELLS: Commissioner Wells asked Attorney McNally to do a point of clarification on a statement that he just made.

Attorney McNally clarified for the record that although the inmate agreement was not a part of the filing of the lawsuit, it was undertaken in the mediation process. He said this was and is a part of the mediation process.

Commissioner Frady said the process was used that was set down by the mediator.

Attorney McNally remarked that this was an issue brought up by the cities and the county did not have any objection to it being included in an attempt to reach agreement on these issues. He said it was a big help in bringing this forward.

ENLARGEMENT OF COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM: Commissioner VanLandingham said there had been discussions of enlarging the Commissioners' conference room. He said recently this area had become overcrowded and there had not been enough space for people to participate in some of the county department activities. He said staff had put together prints and a cost to enlarge the Commissioners' conference

room. He said this would necessitate reconfiguring the Commissioners' offices. He remarked that the price for material would be \$11,220. He said the job would take approximately two weeks at night with a contingency of 10%. He said he would like to present this in the form of a motion.

On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve staff proceeding with the enlargement of the Commissioners' conference room, discussion followed.

Chairman Dunn said he would not support this motion. He said he felt the facilities that the County Commission had right now were adequate and certainly better than most people have for offices. He said while the conference room might not be the largest in the world, it was only crowded once and a while. He said he was not in favor of spending any more taxpayer money on doing anything with the office space. He said this office space had been adjusted many times in the past and he did not see any need to start doing it again. He said he would not support the motion.

Chairman Dunn asked if there were any other comments and there were none.

The motion carried 4-1 with Chairman Dunn opposing the motion.

Chairman Dunn interjected that he wished he had been consulted on this issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer to adjourn to executive session to discuss two legal items. The motion carried 5-0.

LEGAL: Attorney McNally briefed the Board on a legal matter.

On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Commissioner Wells for Attorney McNally to reject the offer to settle the matter. The motion carried 5-0.

LEGAL: Attorney McNally updated the Board on a legal matter.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Chairman Dunn to authorize Attorney McNally to proceed in this matter. The motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT: On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer to authorize the Chairman to execute the Executive Session Affidavit affirming that two legal items were discussed in executive session. The motion carried 5-0. A copy of the Affidavit, identified as "Attachment No. 3", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

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Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk

Gregory M. Dunn, 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 February, 2002.

Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk