

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia met in Official Session on January 24, 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  
Dennis Davenport, Asst. County Attorney  
Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2002-05 - QUALIFYING FEES ADOPTED FOR 2002 ELECTIONS IN FAYETTE COUNTY:**

Executive Assistant to the Board Carol Chandler remarked that according to the Secretary of State's Office the Board of Commissioners must set and publish qualifying fees by February 1, 2002. She asked for the Board's consideration in adopting these fees and authorizing the Chairman to execute Resolution No. 2002-05.

Chairman Dunn clarified that there was no choice in the amount of these fees. He said they were based on a percentage of the pay for each office.

On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Frady to adopt the qualifying fees for 2002 elections in Fayette County and authorize the Chairman to execute Resolution No. 2002-05 as presented. The motion carried 5-0. A copy of Resolution No. 2002-05, identified as "Attachment No. 1", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

**BELINDA McCASTLE APPOINTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES' BOARD:**

Executive Assistant to the Board Carol Chandler remarked that she had been contacted by members of the Department of Family and Children Services' Board requesting that the Commission appoint an additional Board member at this time. She stated that the law provided for up to seven members. She said the D.F.C.S. Board had asked that Belinda McCastle be appointed to the Board for a five year term.

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Chairman Dunn remarked that the Board appreciated Ms. McCastle's willingness to serve in this capacity for the next five years. He said she was currently a county school resource officer.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to appoint Belinda McCastle to serve on the Department of Family and Children Services' Board with said five year term commencing on January 24, 2002 and expiring on January 24, 2007. The motion carried 5-0.

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

**FRIENDS OF THE FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY - SIGN REQUEST:**

Approval of request from Friends of the Fayette County Public Library to place a sign on the north corner of S.R. 85 and S.R. 54 on the courthouse lawn from February 10<sup>th</sup> through February 16, 2002 and two signs, one at the northwest entrance and one at the southeast entrance to the County Administration Complex only on the day of the sale announcing a book sale scheduled for February 16, 2002 at the Library.

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:** Approval of request from the Sheriff's Department to appropriate \$900 from the contingency fund to #130-5695 for other motorized equipment.

**HOME SCHOOLERS' ASSOCIATION - SIGN REQUEST:** Approval of Home Schoolers' Association to place a sign on the courthouse lawn from February 17<sup>th</sup> through February 23, 2002 to advertise their consignment sale.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT - BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:** Approval of request from Finance Director Mark Pullium for approval of budget adjustments not budgeted in FY'2002. A copy of these adjustments, identified as "Attachment No. 2", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

**BID AWARD NO. 336 - APPROVED FOR VEHICLES IN COUNTY'S VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FUND AND WATER SYSTEM BUDGET:** Approval of recommendation from the Director of Public Works Lee Hearn regarding Bid Award No. 336 for the purchase of nine vehicles; seven vehicles are in the County's Vehicle Replacement Fund and two vehicles are covered in the Water System's budget.

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**BID AWARD NO. 337 - APPROVED TO PEACH STATE TRUCK CENTERS FOR WATER SYSTEM DUMP TRUCK:** Approval of recommendation from the Director of Public Works regarding Bid Award No. 337 and awarding this bid to Peach State Truck Centers in the amount of \$53,734 for a single axle dump truck for the Water System.

**WATER COMMITTEE 2002 MEETING SCHEDULE APPROVED:** Approval of Water Committee's meeting schedule for 2002.

**PEACHTREE CITY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY - REQUEST FOR WATER SYSTEM BILL INSERT:** Approval of request by the Peachtree City Water and Sewer Authority to place an insert in the March Fayette County Water System bills regarding an increase in sewer rates. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment No. 3", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

**BILLING AGREEMENT BETWEEN FAYETTE COUNTY WATER SYSTEM AND PEACHTREE CITY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY:** Authorization for the Chairman to execute the Billing Agreement between the Fayette County Water System and the Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority. A copy of the Agreement, identified as "Attachment No. 4", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

**APPROVAL TO HIRE CONSULTANT TO NEGOTIATE UTILITY COSTS FOR THE NEW JAIL AND JUSTICE CENTER:** Approval to proceed in hiring a consultant to negotiate utility costs for the new jail and justice center.

**APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH PROJECT NO. STP-164-1(30):** Approval of recommendation from Water System Director Tony Parrott to approve Project No. STP-164-1(30), Coweta-Fayette Counties P.I. #322060, Widening and Reconstruction of S.R. 34 and 54.

**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.

Chairman Dunn asked if anyone wished to speak under public comment and there was none.

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**STAFF REPORTS:**

**WATER SYSTEM SECURITY:** Water System Director Tony Parrott remarked that the Board had requested that the Water Committee review security options for the Water System. He said the Water Committee had recommended adding a six foot fence to the back and side property lines of the South Fayette Water Treatment Plant. He said the Committee also recommended option #4 provided by the security consultant. He asked for the Board's consideration in this matter.

Chairman Dunn asked how these measures would enhance security at this location.

Mr. Parrott replied that the site currently did not have a six foot fence all the way around it.

Commissioner Frady asked if that was phase I.

Mr. Parrott responded that this was not included in any of the options. He said this was just something in addition to the option.

Commissioner Frady asked Mr. Parrott if there were video scanners at the treatment plant.

Mr. Parrott replied that the first option basically dealt with access to the buildings and that type of thing. He said the report did discuss putting in additional fencing, video, and security enhancements at the plant if the Board wanted to do one of the other three options.

Commissioner Frady asked what was being done to protect the intake to the river.

Mr. Parrott responded that was not part of the fourth option and would come later.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked if there were any plans or ideas on how the intake could be protected from the river.

Mr. Parrott replied that the security consultant in part of the package addressed the intake pump house like the one at Lake Horton because one would have the option to get to this by water. He said the difficulty in doing something like that would secure the site from the water.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked if water was pumped into a holding basin that could not be treated or used.

Mr. Parrott replied there would be two options. He said it could either be pumped into the reservoir itself or pump into the holding pond.

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Commissioner VanLandingham asked if the water was pumped into the holding pond, would there be a way to reverse that flow to evacuate the pond outside of the system.

Mr. Parrott replied no.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked if the water was tested first when it was put into the holding pond.

Mr. Parrott responded that the water was tested as it was pumped to be treated.

Commissioner Frady said it was his intent to let the public know that the county does have a plan for security. He said it would take time to implement it but the county was putting a plan in place for protection at the water plant. He said that certainly involved more than just putting up a fence. He said this would be the first phase.

On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve the recommendation to place a six foot fence to the back and side property lines of the South Fayette Water Treatment Plant as well as option #4 for additional building security, discussion followed.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked if the county was anticipating going beyond these measures.

Mr. Parrott replied that this would be at the Board's discretion as to how many different options would be implemented. He said this was just the first phase.

Chairman Dunn remarked that there was a cost effectiveness factor and a likelihood of success factor that goes into everything that the county would want to do. He said the county could not really secure the Flint River or Whitewater Creek, but it could secure its own parts of the process. He said he wanted to take a moment to thank Mr. Parrott, his staff and the Water Committee and what they had done with the recent water problem that was reported in the newspaper. He said there was a very minuscule deicer chemical trace in the county water. He said Mr. Parrott and his staff had gone far beyond what would be normal in any of these circumstances on behalf of the people in the county. He said the water system coming from the Flint River was shut off along with other things. He said although there was no danger to the community, Mr. Parrott and his staff went far beyond what most communities would ever have done. He said Mr. Parrott had the ability, expertise and technical knowledge to do this and not one person was in danger of anything during this "crisis" as it had been reported in some newspapers. He said he was very pleased with Mr. Parrott's response, the testing and the subsequent testing which showed no trace of anything in the water. He commended Mr. Parrott for a great job.

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The motion carried 5-0.

**ATTORNEY MCNALLY:** Attorney McNally remarked that the county had proceeded with a G.I.S. system. He said the Engineering Department, Planning Department and the Board of Tax Assessors had recommended that the work on the G.I.S. system be concluded by Pond & Company. He said the total fee for the initial data conversion services would be \$24,000 maximum. He said this would be a conversion of the aerial photography, conversion of G.I.S. data, parcel editing software and training and map quality control and updates. He said these funds were remaining in that account from the prior authorization. He asked for the Board's consideration in authorizing the Chairman to execute the contract to proceed to conclude these services for this tax appraisal system.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to authorize the Chairman to execute the contract to proceed with initial data conversion services in the maximum amount of \$24,000 to Pond & Company. The motion carried 5-0. A copy of the contract, identified as "Attachment No. 5", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to adjourn to executive session to discuss five legal items and one real estate acquisition matter. The motion carried 5-0.

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

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to approve staff's recommendation in regard to this legal matter. The motion carried 5-0.

**LEGAL:** Assistant County Attorney Dennis Davenport updated the Board on a legal matter.

It was the consensus of the Board that Attorney Davenport not proceed in this matter.

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On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to proceed with settlement in this matter. The motion carried 5-0.

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**LEGAL:** Assistant County Attorney Dennis Davenport updated the Board on a legal matter.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to authorize Attorney Davenport to proceed with settlement in this matter. The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner VanLandingham opposing the motion.

**REAL ESTATE:** Attorney McNally briefed the Board on a matter of real estate acquisition.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to authorize Attorney McNally to proceed with exploration of this issue. The motion carried 5-0.

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

Commissioner Frady made a motion to take certain action regarding this issue. The motion failed for lack of a second.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer to authorize Attorney McNally to proceed with the Board's wishes in this matter. The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner VanLandingham opposing the motion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT:** On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to authorize the Chairman to execute the Executive Session Affidavit affirming that five legal items and one real estate acquisition matter were discussed in executive session. The motion carried 5-0. A copy of the Executive Session Affidavit, identified as "Attachment No. 6", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Dunn adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

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Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk

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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 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2002.

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Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk