

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia met in Official Session on Wednesday, May 2, 2001, at 3:30 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  
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

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

**PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS:**

The Board presented an employee service award to Earl Williams of the Marshal's Office for his five years of service to the county.

Chairman Dunn remarked that Sergeant Williams was not someone who was unfamiliar to him. He said on a personal level he had watch Sergeant Williams do his job. He said Sergeant Williams had one of those personalities that was service oriented and he very easily handles serious situations with people very well. He said he was in Post 105 of the American Legion and Sergeant Williams was the first Deputy Marshal in the county to receive a Public Safety Award from Post 105. He said he was very proud of Sergeant Williams on two levels.

Chief Marshal Butch Hall remarked that Sergeant Williams was born in Syracuse, New York and served four years in the United States Marine Corps and one tour in Vietnam. He said when he returned to the States he worked for Eastern Airlines for a while. He said Sergeant Williams then went to the Clayton County Sheriff's Department for the next five years and afterward came to work for the Fayette County Marshal's Office in 1996. He said in 1997 Earl was promoted to Sergeant in charge of the evening shift and the next year he was elected by his peers for Officer of the Year Award for the Marshal's Office. He said he wanted to take this opportunity to thank Earl for his dedication and loyalty to the county.

Chairman Dunn remarked that Firefighter Patrick Ryckeley was unable to attend but was also receiving an award for his five years of service to Fayette County.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF THE IMPACT FEE ORDINANCE, THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT, AND AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY**

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**FACILITIES ELEMENT AND SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM, PERTAINING TO  
IMPACT FEES FOR FIRE SERVICES. TABLED FROM MARCH 22, 2001 COMMISSION  
MEETING.**

Attorney Dennis Davenport remarked that the county had previously held the two required public hearings in regard to the fire impact fees. He said this item had been tabled from the March 22, 2001 Commissioner's meeting to today's date to determine what action if any to take with respect to these fees. He said if the Board had any questions about those fees, he would be glad to answer them at this time.

Chairman Dunn remarked that the Board's actions were somewhat inter-related with the three cities of Brooks, Woolsey and Tyrone. He said it was his understanding that Brooks and Woolsey have completed their public hearings and also approved the ordinance which will begin their impact fee collection and dispersion. He asked for the status of Tyrone.

Attorney Davenport replied that the Town of Brooks had passed their ordinance on April 18<sup>th</sup> with an effective date of May 7<sup>th</sup>. He said the Town of Woolsey had passed their ordinance on April 24<sup>th</sup> with an effective date of May 7, 2001. He said his best information available was that Tyrone had held one public hearing and had their second public hearing scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Dunn said the one piece of the puzzle to complete this was Tyrone's final approval and they were scheduled to have a meeting May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. He said he felt a little bit reticent about approving this from the Board's standpoint without having all of the cities on board already. He said the Board could not adopt this without all of the cities being in line. He suggested that this item be tabled to a future date until the Board could find out when and what action Tyrone was going to take.

On motion made by Chairman Dunn, seconded by Commissioner Frady to hold a special called meeting on Friday, May 4, 2001 at 8:00 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room to discuss this matter further, discussion followed.

Commissioner Frady asked if advertisement of this meeting would have to be done again or could it just be tabled to another meeting.

Attorney Davenport replied that the advertisement was actually for the last public hearing and the notice was given by the Board's tabling to today's date. He said if the Board was going to table this item to give him a date certain to which the Board would address this again so that there would be proper notice.

Commissioner Frady questioned tabling this to the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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Chairman Dunn replied May 10<sup>th</sup> was the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. He questioned if the effective date of Brooks and Woolsey was May 7<sup>th</sup> to start the program, would the Board have to approve this before May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Attorney Davenport replied that it would be best to have an effective date that agreed with all jurisdictions. He said the three day difference might not be that big of a problem but to make it clean the preference would be for all jurisdictions to have the same effective date.

Commissioner VanLandingham said he would agree with a Friday called meeting.

Chairman Dunn said if the Town of Tyrone did not approve this tomorrow night then all of the cities and the county would have to reset their dates waiting on action by Tyrone.

Attorney Davenport responded that there would have to be some changes if this was not passed tomorrow night in Tyrone.

Chairman Dunn said he was in favor of tabling this to Friday but if the Town of Tyrone did not act the Board would be wasting its time meeting and would have to reschedule another date.

Attorney Davenport said it was easier to call a meeting and then cancel than to wait until the last minute to call one. He said the Board would then be invoking emergency issues that would be needed to call a meeting on such short notice. He said if it was the Board's desire to have a called meeting on Friday and Tyrone did not approve this, the Board could cancel the called meeting before it took place.

Commissioner Wells suggested the meeting be held at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

The motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM EMERGENCY 911 DIRECTOR CHERYL ROGERS TO PURCHASE HTE PAGING SOFTWARE:**

Director of Emergency 911 Cheryl Rogers remarked that she was requesting the Board's consideration for the purchase of paging software for their CAD system. She said the purpose of the paging software would be to allow a more efficient dispatch. She said currently when there were situations where the key personnel were dispatched the operators have to dispatch the call to the field units and stop what they are doing and page the chiefs. She said HTE had a program that would allow the CAD to page as they were dispatching. She said they had made this part of the package initially for the CAD when it was purchased but because the other bidders did not have such a package in their requests, this was not considered. She said the Communications Board which was comprised of the Chiefs, had requested that this issue be revisited. She said the money was available and had been

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brought forward from the purchase of the CAD for this and additional monies would not be needed for this purchase.

County Administrator Chris Cofty said he had given the Board his position earlier. He said he agreed with Cheryl. He said this would really make their job more efficient and allow them to dispatch emergency calls at one time. He said this money had been carried forward from 1999 and 2000. He said the money was there and he recommended the Board approve this request.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the request from Emergency 911 Director Cheryl Rogers to purchase HTE Paging Software, discussion followed.

Chairman Dunn asked for the approximate cost of the GCIC interface and Ms. Rogers replied \$14,000.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked if this meant that the Fire Chief did not carry his radio with him all of the time and would rely on this system.

Ms. Rogers replied that he would have to address that question to the Chief.

Commissioner VanLandingham said he wondered if the Chief did not carry a radio would he carry his beeper.

Ms. Rogers responded that the Chief always has his beeper.

The motion carried 4-0.

**HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR CONNIE BOEHNKE TO DISCUSS THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR SHELTON ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES' REQUEST FOR A \$1.00 INCREASE PER EMPLOYEE PER MONTH:**

Human Resources Director Connie Boehnke said she had received a request from Shelton Administrative Services to increase their administration fees by \$1.00 per employee per month. She said the initial contract with Shelton was June 1, 1998. She said since that time there had been two postage increases that amounted to \$.03 per mailing. She said Shelton mails approximately 20,000 mailings to the employees, physicians and vendors and this did not include the statements where checks were issued. She said this comes to 40,000 plus. She said Shelton Administrative had also indicated that due to the rising increase in office supplies and miscellaneous supplies they had requested this increase.

Commissioner Frady asked if certain information from Shelton could be e-mailed to employees and human resources.

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Mrs. Boehnke responded if the employee and the physician had e-mail addresses this might be possible. She remarked that the individual explanation of benefits were not forwarded to the Human Resources Department. She said these were mailed directly to the employee and the provider.

Commissioner Wells felt this would be a matter of privacy. She said there would also be manpower issues as far as dissemination.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to approve the Third Party Administrator Shelton Administrative Services' request for a \$1.00 increase per employee per month, discussion followed.

Chairman Dunn questioned the PPO access fee. He said this fee was \$2.00 in 1998/1999, \$1.50 in 1999/2000 and \$3.90 in 2000/2001.

Mrs. Boehnke responded that in fiscal year 2000 the county only had the hospital network. She said when the full PPO was incorporated for physicians also there was a greater fee for that. She said the volume was greater. She said there were more physicians' charges than there were hospital charges. She said hospital charges dictate the majority of the big expense items.

Chairman Dunn clarified that individual physicians and hospitals were in that same fee now.

Mrs. Boehnke replied yes, the county has a full PPO.

The motion carried 4-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

**MID SOUTH AWARDED BID TO REPLACE STONEWALL COMPLEX ROOF:**

Approval of recommendation by the Director of Maintenance Jim George to award low bidder Mid South to replace the roof of the Stonewall Administrative Complex in the amount of \$82,073.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:** Approval of request from Public Works Director Lee Hearn to re-classify the Right of Way Agent position to Equipment Operator II with the salary and benefits being the same for each position.

**HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT:** Approval of request from Human Resources Director Connie Boehnke to approve Amendment VI of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners Employee Health Benefit Plan.

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**“BARK IN THE PARK” FUNDRAISER APPROVED:** Approval of request from the Fayette County Humane Society’s request to place a sign on the old courthouse lawn from September 8<sup>th</sup> through September 22<sup>nd</sup> advertising the “Bark in the Park” fundraiser to be held on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at McCurry Park.

**TOWN OF TYRONE RESURFACING AGREEMENT:** Approval of Fayette County Agreement with the Town of Tyrone on resurfacing and authorization for the Chairman to sign the Agreement. A copy of the Agreement, identified as “Attachment No. 1”, follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

**FAYETTE COUNTY YOUTH FOOTBALL REQUEST FOR SIGNS:** Approval of request from the Fayette County Youth Football Association to place two temporary signs from May 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 19<sup>th</sup> at McCurry Park and also at the Recreation Department building announcing the early registration dates for the upcoming fall season.

**CONKLE’S TREE SERVICE AWARDED BID - VEGETATIVE DEBRIS GRINDING AT THE TRANSFER STATION:** Approval of recommendation from the Director of Engineering Ron Salmons to award bid to low bidder Conkle’s Tree Service in the lump sum of \$13,800 and authorize up to 8 additional hours at \$470 per hour for a total cost of \$16,560 for vegetative debris grinding at the transfer station yard waste area.

**FAYETTE CUSTOM MILLWORK AWARDED BID FOR RENOVATION OF SOUTH ENTRANCE OF OLD COURTHOUSE:** Approval of recommendation from the Director of Maintenance Jim George to award bid to low bidder Fayette Custom Millwork for renovation of the South entrance way of the old courthouse in the amount of \$13,848. The funds for this project will need to come from the contingency fund.

**SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT - TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** Approval of request from the Sheriff’s Department to transfer \$820.21; \$3,196.87 and \$289.60 from the General Fund to the Sheriff’s Department Budget Account 130-5433 (Vehicle Maintenance). Insurance companies have compensated the County for accidents involving Sheriff’s Department vehicles.

**APAC-GEORGIA, INC. AWARDED BID FOR ASPHALT:** Approval of recommendation from Director of Public Works to award the entire bid for Asphalt to APAC-Georgia, Inc.

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT - TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** Approval of recommendation from Director of Maintenance Jim George to transfer \$75,421 from

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the contingency line item 119-5795 to the Parks and Recreation Department line item 160-5435 for Building Maintenance Services for remodeling of the Fowler house.

**SOUTHERN POWER & EQUIPMENT AWARDED BID - TRENCHER:** Approval of recommendation from the Water System Director Tony Parrott to award bid to low bidder Southern Power & Equipment for a trencher in the amount of \$23,998.

**ALLIANCE PEST CONTROL AWARDED BID - PEST CONTROL FOR STONEWALL COMPLEX:** Approval of recommendation from Director of Maintenance Jim George to award bid to Alliance Pest Control for the entire treatment of the Stonewall Administrative Complex including the areas of active infestation in the amount of \$6,397 less 3% discount if the invoice is paid within 30 days.

**WATER COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:** Approval of Water Committee recommendations as follows: (A) Recommend to budgetfunds to paint the small water tank in Peachtree City in the fiscal year 2002. There are no funds in the current fiscal year budget; (B) Recommend to bid air conditioning for the pump house at Lake Horton; and (C) Recommend to bid fencing several Water System properties (Highway 85 tank site, Porter road tank site and additional property acquired at Brooks Creek Wetland site).

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS COMMITTEE REQUEST TO USE HERITAGE PARK - LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN:** Approval of request from the Recreation Department to allow the Fayette County Special Olympics Committee to use Heritage Park for a brief ceremony for the Law Enforcement Torch Run on Wednesday, May 30, 2001 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

**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 public comment.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**SIGNAGE FOR QUARTERS ROAD:** County Administrator Chris Cofty remarked that at a recent Commission meeting the Board was approached by residents of Quarters Road to look at two issues. He said the Board had asked him to look into one of the issues regarding placing of signs to prohibit heavy trucks using Quarters Road. He said he had received a memorandum from Public Works Director Lee Hearn today. He said Mr. Hearn had consulted with the Engineering Office as well as Major Wayne Hannah of the Sheriff's Department about

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the possibility of putting a restriction on heavy trucks on Quarters Road. He said Mr. Hearn had made a recommendation that the county proceed in doing that. He said Major Hannah had indicated that the county would have to give a thirty day grace period before it could be enforced. He asked for the Board's consideration in placing signs at both ends of Quarters Road prohibiting large heavy trucks as thru traffic down Quarters Road. He said the signage would not prohibit garbage trucks and things of that nature but merely prohibit the large heavy trucks from using Quarters Road as a short cut.

Chairman Dunn remarked on all of the construction in the Highgrove Subdivision. He said all of the construction trucks would have to go through the development.

Mr. Cofty responded that the majority of Highgrove Subdivision was actually located off Quarters Road. He said he assumed that they would use Quarters Road to go to the lot where a home was being built in Highgrove. He said this was merely to prohibit trucks from shortcutting between Ebenezer and Redwine Road.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the placing of signs at both ends of Quarters Road prohibiting large trucks as thru traffic. The motion carried 4-0.

**COMMISSIONER WELLS:** Commissioner Wells questioned the information at the podium regarding the remodeling of the Fowler house. She asked if the Board needed to take action on that today or was it merely for informational purposes.

Mr. Cofty remarked that the information was the same information as listed under the consent agenda item no. 11 in the Commissioners' books.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Dunn adjourned the meeting at 4:55 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2001.

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Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk