

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia met in a Special Called Meeting on Saturday, March 19, 2005, at 6:00 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
Peter Pfeifer
A.G. VanLandingham

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Herb Frady

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

Chairman Dunn called the meeting to order.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-06 - OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED LEGISLATION
REGARDING THE MANNER IN WHICH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE
ELECTED:**

Chairman Dunn said he would like to remark on the purpose for this special called meeting. He said the Board wanted to take a position on the Legislation that Representative Virgil Fludd had put forth in the House of Representatives in the great State of Georgia. He said this Legislation was attempting to require that the County of Fayette redistrict their County Commissioners and vote as districts rather than at large which was currently being done. He felt it was fair to state that everybody on this Board and almost everyone who had spoken to the Board about this issue preferred to keep the government of Fayette County, Georgia just the way it was.

Chairman Dunn said he was now going to make a personal comment on this issue. He said it appeared to him that this was nothing but a political deal. He said it appeared to him that there was a small number of people in the county who were trying to achieve through Legislation what they could not achieve at the ballot box. He said it was as simple as that to him. He said the Board was very proud of the way Fayette County stacked up against all of the other jurisdictions in the State of Georgia. He said the Board saw no reason at this point to change that in order to satisfy a small number of people living in this county. He said the other notion that he had about this issue and one that he finds particularly egregious was that only three people of the seven Legislators had voted in a meeting to do this and only one of those people lived in Fayette County. He said this really came down to was one citizen representing Fayette County and two citizens who did not live here trying to help this person accomplish this. He said he finds this to be noxious at best. He felt what he was trying to tell people was

that the State of Georgia has a home rule section of the Constitution which in general terms stated that the government closest to the people should be making decisions rather than the State House. He asked if anyone else wished to make a statement and there were none.

Chairman Dunn said the Board had a Resolution that it would now vote on. He said this would tell every Legislator in Atlanta that the Board did not feel that this was local legislation because the local government did not want it. He said the Board also felt like there was no need to do it and there was nothing good to be achieved if the Board did do this. He asked for the Board's pleasure in this matter.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to adopt Resolution No. 2005-06 as presented, discussion followed.

Chairman Dunn said he wanted to point out that Commissioner Frady was not present tonight because he was out of town. He said Commissioner Frady had been telephonically contacted and he agreed with this Resolution. He said this would be a unanimous vote of 4-0 for those present but if Commissioner Frady was present it would be a 5-0 vote in favor of this Resolution.

The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Frady was absent for the vote. A copy of Resolution No. 2005-06, identified as "Attachment No. 1", 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 6:10 p.m.

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 6th day of April, 2005.

Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk