Minutes

Board of Commissioners
June 12, 2008
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Commissioners Present:	Jack Smith, Chairman Herb Frady, Vice-Chairman Robert Horgan Eric Maxwell Peter Pfeifer
Staff Present:	Jack Krakeel, Interim County Administrator Scott Bennett, County Attorney Carol Chandler, Executive Assistant Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk

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Chairman Smith called the meeting to order.
Commissioner Pfeifer offered the Invocation.
Pledge of Allegiance.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:
Commissioner Horgan made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Commissioner Frady seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING:
DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET:

A. Consideration of the County's proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Chief Financial Officer Mary Holland gave an overview of the proposed budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009. She presented the Board with a summary for the proposed budget. A copy of the summary, identified as "Attachment No. 1", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. She noted that there was one change since the Board's last discussion and that was a reduction in the expenditures of $6,262 in regard to the Griffin Judicial Circuit, and this reduction had been incorporated in the summary. She also pointed out that there was a 6.1% reduction in the total budget as compared to last year's budget. She said staff would be presenting a Resolution for the Board's consideration and approval at the June 26th Commission meeting.

Chairman Smith asked if there were any members of the public who wished to comment on the budget. Hearing none, he asked the Board if there were any comments.

Commissioner Frady commended staff for a great job in preparing the County's budget.

Commissioner Pfeifer remarked on the various percentages recently awarded County employees for salary and benefits as a result of the pay and classification study. He said the average increase was 9.5%. He remarked that all of the departments he listed had no addition in staff or their hours and there were no promotions. He said the Federal cost of living adjustment or C.O.L.A. for this past year was 2.3%. He questioned how many Fayette County employers had received increases such as 7.5%, 8.3%, 9.1% or 17.4%. He felt this was a budget designed for the current employees and not designed for the Fayette County taxpayers. He said if these salary increases were removed, there would be room to cut the proposed budget and reduce the millage rate in taxes. He said he intended to vote against the budget and in the future he would resist hiring any new employees because the current County administration felt like the current twenty open positions did not need to be filled.

Commissioner Maxwell said he had a problem with Commissioner Pfeifer grandstanding his opposition in this meeting on the proposed budget and noted that the Board had already discussed this issue several times in budget meetings where Commissioner Pfeifer had voiced no opposition. He said the proper time for Commissioner Pfeifer to make these kinds of comments was during the many budget discussions prior to this meeting.

Commissioner Pfeifer said the proper time was during the discussion of the salary increases and he had voted against the pay and classification study.

Chairman Smith asked if there were any further comments. Hearing none, he declared the public hearing closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Maxwell requested item no. 1 be removed for discussion and Commissioner Pfeifer requested item no. 5 be removed for discussion. Commissioner Horgan made a motion to approve the consent agenda item nos. 2, 3, and 4 as presented. Commissioner Frady seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

WATER COMMITTEE - FLINT RIVER PUMP STATION ADDITIONAL PUMPING CAPACITY BID:

1. Approval of the Water Committee's recommendation to award the bid for the Flint River Pump Station additional pumping capacity to the low bidder All South Constructors, Inc. in the amount of $372,203.

Commissioner Maxwell asked Water System Director Tony Parrott to give a brief presentation on this bid award.

Mr. Parrott remarked that the Water System's pump station located on the Flint River was installed approximately twelve years ago and the original withdrawal permit was 10,000,000 gallons per day. He said now the withdrawal permit was 16,000,000 gallons per day. He said the current two pumps will not pump the 16,000,000 gallons that were available. He said they were requesting a variable speed pump that would allow pumping of a combination with the existing pumps plus the new pump to permit the 16,000,000 gallons or less. He said the Water Committee was recommending a 10,000,000 gallon per day variable speed pump to provide this versatility. He said the funding would come from the Water System Renewal and Extension Fund and there would be no modification of the budget. He said these were funds that were saved just for this type of project.

Commissioner Maxwell made a motion to approve consent agenda item no. 1 to award the bid for the purchase of the Flint River Pump Station additional pumping capacity to the low bidder All South Constructors, Inc. in the amount of $372,203. Commissioner Frady seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment No. 2", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT - BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:

2. Approval of a budget adjustment to accept $290 as reimbursement from Outdoor Concepts, Inc. and to increase the Parks and Recreation Department's Vehicle Repair Account by $290. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment No. 3", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

PUBLIC WORKS - G.D.O.T. CONTRACT FOR RESURFACING PROJECTS:

3. Approval of annual contract with Georgia Department of Transportation for Local Assistance Road Program (LARP) resurfacing projects. A copy of the request and contract, identified as "Attachment No. 4", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE - INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT:

4. Approval of intergovernmental contract with the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service for the County's annual budget contribution for salaries and benefits for Fayette County Extension Service employees. A copy of the request and the contract, identified as "Attachment No. 5", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

MINUTES:

5. Approval of minutes for Board of Commissioners' Budget Meeting held on May 20 and the Board of Commissioners' meeting held on May 22, 2008.

Commissioner Pfeifer remarked that the minutes were still in a form that he had not approved and he would be voting in opposition.

Commissioner Horgan made a motion to approve consent agenda item no. 5 as presented. Commissioner Frady seconded the motion, discussion followed.

Chairman Smith asked if any of the official action of the Board that was omitted from these minutes and Commissioner Pfeifer replied no, not to his knowledge.

Chairman Smith asked if there were any errors in the official actions of the Board which were included in these minutes and Commissioner Pfeifer replied no, not to his knowledge.

The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Pfeifer voting in opposition.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

REFINANCING OF EXISTING WATER BONDS: Interim County Administrator Jack Krakeel updated the Board on staff's meetings with various firms regarding the refinancing of existing water bonds and the potential for savings in the refinancing of those bonds. He said this process was concluded this afternoon and staff was in the process of putting together its formal recommendation to the Board with respect to the firm that staff believes would provide the County with the greatest net savings in refinancing of existing revenue bonds as well as outstanding loans from the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority. He said staff would be presenting a formal recommendation to the Board at the June 26th meeting and information would be provided to the Board prior to that meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

CONTRACT FOR ASPHALT RESURFACING WITH FULL DEPTH RECLAMATION: County Attorney Scott Bennett asked for the Board's consideration to authorize the Chairman to execute the asphalt resurfacing with full depth reclamation contract awarded to The Miller Group in the amount of $672,567.

Commissioner Pfeifer made a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the asphalt resurfacing with full depth reclamation contract awarded to The Miller Group in the amount of $672,567. Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. A copy of the contract, identified as "Attachment No. 6", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

STAFF REPORTS:

None.

BOARD REPORTS:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Frady made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk

Jack R. Smith, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 26th day of June, 2008.

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Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk