

Board of Commissioners October 5, 2011 3:30 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on October 5, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in the of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

**Commissioners Present:** Herb Frady, Chairman

Robert Horgan, Vice Chairman

Steve Brown Lee Hearn Allen McCarty

**Staff Present:** Jack Krakeel, County Administrator

Scott Bennett, County Attorney Carol Chandler, Executive Assistant Floyd Jones, Chief Deputy Clerk

#### Call to Order.

Chairman Frady called the Workshop Meeting to Order at 3:31 p.m. County Attorney Scott Bennett came to the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

### Acceptance of Agenda.

Commissioner Brown moved to Accept the Agenda as published. Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. County Administrator Jack Krakeel will provide the Board with an update on the County's upcoming Local Option Sales Tax renegotiations.

County Administrator Jack Krakeel provided the Board with an update on Fayette County's upcoming LOST renegotiations for revenue the County receives from the ongoing sales tax resulting from a 1980 referendum. Discussion followed.

The Board directed that the renegotiation efforts should begin in January 2012. The Board further directed Executive Assistant Carol Chandler to contact Councilman Larry Dell, who serves as Chairman of the Association of Fayette County Governments (AFCG), for the purpose of scheduling a meeting with the AFCG in November 2011 to discuss issues pertaining to the renegotiation efforts. The Board also asked for

1) staff to provide the current distribution formula; 2) staff to provide possible suggested formulas; 3) the County Attorney to overview Gwinnett County vs. the City of Loganville in relation to their LOST renegotiations; and 4) staff to identify who the negotiating team will be. The Board took no action on this item.

2. Further discussion of a request from Commissioner Brown to discuss the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance as it relates to cell tower regulations.

Director of Community Development Pete Frisina provided updated information to the Board about Fayette County's Zoning Ordinance as it relates to cell tower regulations. Discussion followed. The Board agreed that administrative authority for the approval of cell towers should be retained so long as cell-tower applicants meet the specified guidelines in the cell tower regulations.

The Board directed staff to return to the Planning Commission to obtain recommendations on what minimum, certain requirements must be included with an application to be considered complete, and to return to the Board during its December 7 Workshop Meeting. Commissioner Brown also suggested that the distance changes made to the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance, as they relate to cell towers' locations and residential offsets, should also be reexamined by the Planning Commission in order to determine if the Ordinance is still adequate. The Board took no action on this item.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

3. Discussion of staff's request for direction on whether or not to propose amendments to the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan regarding illegal nonconforming lots.

Director of Community Development Pete Frisina requested direction on whether or not to propose amendments to the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan regarding illegal nonconforming lots. Discussion followed.

The Board directed County Attorney Scott Bennett and Mr. Frisina to work together to provide the Board with further information and options pertaining to concerns with illegal nonconforming lots, and to return to the Board at a later date with their findings. The Board took no action on this item.

4. Consideration and discussion of a request from T-Mobile South to install a cell tower at Fire Station 1 located on Highway 279.

Fire Chief Allen McCullough and Deputy Fire Chief Tom Bartlett discussed the request from T-Mobile South to install a cell tower at Fire Station 1 with the Board. Deputy Chief Bartlett verified that T-Mobile is willing to pay Fayette County \$1,300 per month should their request be approved.

The Board gave their agreement to the concept proposed by T-Mobile, but it was concerned that the proposed monthly payment to the County was smaller than other similar arrangements. The Board directed staff to discuss other payment options with T-Mobile South, and to return to the November 2, 2011 Workshop Meeting. The Board took no action on this item.

5. Discussion of Fire and Emergency Services' recommendation to award Bid #790 for Short-Term Debris Removal to Tag Grinding Services, Inc.

Fire Chief Allen McCullough and Deputy Chief Tom Bartlett discussed staff's recommendation to award Bid #790 for Short-Term Debris Removal to Tag Grinding Services, and they requested permission to place this recommendation on the October 13, 2011 Agenda for a formal vote.

The Board consented to place this item on the October 13, 2011 Consent Agenda for a formal vote.

6. Discussion and consideration of the Environmental Health Department's request to increase its fees in order to meet a budgetary shortfall.

Environmental Health County Manager Rick Fehr discussed the Environmental Health Department's request to increase its fees in order to meet a budgetary shortfall with the Board.

The Board directed Mr. Fehr to provide additional information justifying the request, and to return to the Board early next year. The Board took no action on this item.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:**

There was no Administrator's Report.

### **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

The were no Commissioners' Reports.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Brown moved to adjourn the October 5, 2011 Workshop Meeting. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned its October 5, 2011 Workshop Meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Floyd L. Jones, Chief Deputy Clerk