Minutes

Board of Commissioners
December 1, 2010
3:30 P.M.

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The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on Wednesday, December 1, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Suite 100 of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Commissioners Present:	Jack Smith, Chairman (entered 3:45 pm) Herb Frady, Vice Chairman Lee Hearn Robert Horgan Eric Maxwell
Staff Present:	Jack Krakeel, County Administrator Scott Bennett, County Attorney Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk

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Vice Chairman Frady called the meeting to order. He announced that Chairman Smith would be a little late.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Commissioner Horgan made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. Chairman Smith was absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. PRESENTATION OF THE MONTHLY UPDATE ON THE COUNTY'S 2010 TRANSPORTATION WORK PLAN BY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR PHIL MALLON:

Director of Public Works Phil Mallon updated the Board on the County's 2010 transportation work plan. He discussed the status of Snead Road, asphalt resurfacing, right-of-way maintenance and various cold weather projects. A copy of the request and backup, identified as "Attachment No. 1", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

Commissioner Hearn suggested the Public Works Department set up a work plan for upcoming projects so that the Board could review this information during January and February, 2011. He said this plan would include all of the resurfacing, grading projects and right-of-way maintenance.

B. UPDATE ON THE 2010 COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND A SUMMARY OF THE RECOMMENDED PROJECTS AND POLICIES:

Chairman Smith entered the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Director of Public Works Phil Mallon updated the Board on the County's 2010 Comprehensive Transportation Plan and the summary of the recommended projects and policies. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment No. 2", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. He noted that this item will come back to the Board at the December 9th meeting for consideration and adoption of a Resolution supporting the plan.

C. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE CONCERNING A PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT RELATED TO THE INTERSECTION OF STATE HIGHWAY 92, HOOD AVENUE, AND STATE ROUTE 85:

After a discussion with City of Fayetteville officials including City Manager Joe Morton and Mayor Ken Steele regarding their transportation priorities, there was a consensus of the Board that this item be discussed further at the December 9th Board meeting. A copy of the request and backup, identified as "Attachment No. 3", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

NEW BUSINESS:

D. DISCUSSION OF STAFF'S REQUEST TO PROCEED WITH UPDATES TO THE COUNTY'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL SECTIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION OF NON-CITIZEN APPLICANTS FOR BENEFITS, INVESTMENTS, TRAVEL, AND BUDGET:

Chief Financial Officer Mary Holland briefly discussed the proposed updates to the County's policies and procedures manual sections for eligibility verification of non-citizen applicants for benefits, investments, travel, and budget. A copy of the request and backup, identified as "Attachment No. 4", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof. There was a consensus of the Board that this item will come back to the Board for consideration at the December 9th Board meeting.

E. DISCUSSION OF STAFF'S REQUEST TO PROCEED WITH UPDATES AND MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO VARIOUS HUMAN RESOURCES POLICIES CONTAINED WITHIN THE COUNTY'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL:

Assistant Director of Human Resources Lewis Patterson discussed the proposed updates and minor modifications to various human resources policies contained within the County's policies and procedures manual. A copy of the request and backup, identified as "Attachment No. 5", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof. There was a consensus of the Board that this item will come back to the Board for consideration at the December 9th Board meeting.

F. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR THE COUNTY TO ABANDON A PORTION OF JOHN STREET:

County Administrator Jack Krakeel discussed this item with the Board. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment No. 6", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. After a brief discussion, there was a consensus of the Board that this item will come back to the Board for consideration at the December 9th Board meeting.

G. DISCUSSION OF A REQUEST FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR FUNDING FOR REPAIRS IN THE SHOWER AREAS OF INMATE CELL BLOCKS IN THE JAIL:

Major Charles Cowart discussed this item with the Board. A copy of the request and backup, identified as "Attachment No. 7", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof. After some discussion, it was determined that this item would be discussed further at the December 9th Board meeting.

H. DISCUSSION OF A REQUEST FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE NEED AND COST FOR BRINGING THE FORMER JAIL FACILITY INTO TEMPORARY OPERATION:

Major Charles Cowart discussed this item with the Board. A copy of the request and backup, identified as "Attachment No. 8", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof. After some discussion, it was determined that this item would be discussed further at the December 9th Board meeting.

Commissioner Hearn called for a short recess at 5:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Frady reconvened the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

I. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM PEACHTREE CITY CONCERNING PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AT CROSSTOWN ROAD AND PEACHTREE PARKWAY; AND THE GATEWAY BRIDGE MULTI-USE PATH PROJECT:

Peachtree City Manager Bernie McMullen and Peachtree City Engineer Dave Borkowski presented a power point presentation and discussed proposed transportation projects at Crosstown Road and Peachtree Parkway and the Gateway Bridge Multi-use Path Project with the Board. A copy of the request and backup, identified as "Attachment No. 9", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

Commissioner Maxwell commented on the project at Crosstown Road and Peachtree Parkway and said he would not be in favor of a signal at that intersection. Mr. Borkowski said a traffic study was done and it indicated that a signal and turn lanes were warranted under the existing conditions of traffic flow.

Mr. McMullen said the plan that they were presenting to the Board was the concept plan that had been approved by the D.O.T. and members of the Peachtree City Council had indicated they were not in favor of a signal if there was a practical alternative and they intended to do more research before accepting a signal as the only alternative. Commissioner Maxwell said he would have a hard time approving the concept plan as presented. Chairman Smith asked the estimated cost of a scoping study to determine the alternatives before this Board voted to allocate funds to a project that seemingly was not what Council wanted. Mr. McMullen replied the cost would be approximately $25,000.

There was a consensus of the Board to allocate up to $25,000 to do a preliminary engineering design study on traffic routing at the Crosstown Road and Peachtree Parkway intersection. County Administrator Jack Krakeel said he would work on an Intergovernmental Agreement and put this item on the Board's December 9th meeting agenda for consideration.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: County Administrator Jack Krakeel reported to the Board a request from a property owner in the County wishing to donate approximately eight acres of land off Kay Road. After a brief discussion, there was no interest on the part of the Board.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: County Attorney Scott Bennett remarked on a Resolution that he would place on the Board's December 9th Agenda for consideration regarding abandonment of a small portion of right-of-way of Melanie Lane.

STAFF REPORTS:
None.

BOARD REPORTS: Chairman Smith reported that he had attended his last Atlanta Regional Commission meting today.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chairman Frady adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk

Vice Chairman Herb Frady

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 January 2011.

Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk