Minutes

Board of Commissioners
August 1, 2012
3:30 P.M.

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The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on August 1, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room 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, Interim County Administrator Floyd Jones, County Clerk
Staff Absent:	Scott Bennett, County Attorney

Call to Order.

Chairman Frady called the August 1, 2012 Board of Commissioners Workshop meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Acceptance of Agenda.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Further discussion of amending the County's Land Use Plan on State Route 138 between State Route 279 and State Route 314 near the Clayton and Fayette County line.

Community Development Director Pete Frisina updated the Board concerning a request, which was discussed by the Board at the June 6, 2012 Workshop, to amend the County's Land Use Plan on State Route 138 between State Route 279 and State Route 314. He informed the Board that staff had discussed the request with the Planning Commission, that they had reviewed several approaches to the request, and that the Planning

Commission and staff were seeking direction from the Board on whether they could continue with amendments to the Future Land Use Plan for State Route 138 as a Commercial area. Mr. Frisina then answered questions from the Board. Discussion followed.

The consensus of the Board was to continue with amendments to the Future Land Use Plan for State Route 138 as a Commercial area, and for Mr. Frisina to return to the Board later with recommendations on amending the Future Land Use Plan and Overlay Zone for State Route 138. The Board did not take formal action on this request. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 1", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of the Final 2012 Tax Digest and Proposed Millage Rates.

Finance Director Mary Holland reported that the Fiscal Year 2012 Tax Digest had been finalized and submitted to the County by the Tax Commissioner. She reminded the Board that the next step was to advertise for the August 23, 2012 Public Hearing for consideration to adopt the millage rates. Ms. Holland then briefed the Board on the new Tax Digest and available options for adjusting the millage rates, before both she and Interim County Administrator Jack Krakeel answered questions from the Board and asked direction on how to proceed. Discussion followed.

The Board directed staff to advertise for a 3.03 mil increase to the Fire Fund, and to use the current millage rates for the remaining funds. Commissioners Brown and McCarty did not support the direction. The Board took no formal action on this request. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 2", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

2. Discussion by Buildings Permits and Inspections Director Joe Scarborough concerning his recent invitation to represent Fayette County, on a national level, by serving as an alternate on the International Code Council's (ICC) 2012 Building Exam Development Committee, for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2014.

Buildings Permits and Inspections Director Joe Scarborough informed the Board that he had been appointed by the International Code Council's Board of Professional Standards to be an alternate on the 2012 Building Exam Development Committee. He explained the importance of the appointment and said "to be recognized by one's peers at the highest level is a significant accomplishment", before he asked permission to represent Fayette County, at a national level, at periodic meetings. Discussion followed.

The Board consented to Mr. Scarborough's request to represent Fayette County as an alternate on the 2012 Building Exam Development Committee. The Board took no formal action on this request. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 3", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

3. Update on Stormwater Management's Utility billing progress.

Stormwater Management Director Vanessa Birrell updated the Board on Stormwater Management's current Utility billing progress, and the remaining steps to complete before bills could be mailed in the next four to six weeks. The Board gave no direction and took no formal action on this issue. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 4", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

4. Discussion by the County Clerk concerning the production of the County's minutes.

County Clerk Floyd Jones spoke to the Board concerning the passage of House Bill 397 as it pertains to Open Meetings and Open Records, highlighted problems associated with producing lengthy minutes, gave four recommendations on how to produce efficient minutes, and answered questions from the Board. Commissioner Brown expressed concerns about the recommendations. Discussion followed.

The Board directed the County Clerk to proceed with the four recommendations as presented. Commissioner Brown did not support the direction. The Board took no formal action on this request. A copy of the request and recommendations, identified as "Attachment 5", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Resumes for the County Administrator's Position: Interim County Administrator Jack Krakeel reminded the Board that several days ago he had submitted a packet of resumes, along with a memo, for the position of County Administrator. He then informed the Board that he had received two more resumes and placed both of them in the Commissioners' in-boxes. He also reminded the Board that, in his memo, he had requested that the Board have a discussion at today's meeting on how to proceed with the appointment proceed.

The Board directed staff to continue advertising for the position of County Administrator until the completion of the August 21, 2012 run-off elections, and to form a committee to review available resumes at that time. The Board took no official action on this request.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

There was no Attorney's Report.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

There were no Commissioners' Reports.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Brown moved to adjourn the August 1, 2012 Board of Commissioners Workshop meeting. Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Commissioners adjourned the August 1, 2012 Workshop meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Floyd L. Jones ,County Clerk

Herbert Frady, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 23rd day of August 2012.

Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk