

Board of Commissioners August 15, 2013 7:00 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on August 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Commissioners Present: Steve Brown, Chairman

Charles Oddo, Vice Chairman

David Barlow Jesse McCarty Randy Ognio

Staff Present: Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk

Tameca P. White, Deputy Clerk

Dennis Davenport, Interim County Attorney

Staff Absent: Steve Rapson, County Administrator

Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Brown called the August 15, 2013 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Barlow introduced Ms. Slma Shelbayah, representing the Islamic Community Center of Atlanta, offered the invocation.

Chairman Brown led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

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

PRESENTATION / RECOGNITION:

1. Proclamation of August 16, 2013 as Major General Theodore Franklin Mallory III Day.

Commissioner McCarty read the Proclamation of August 16, 2013 as Major General Theodore Franklin Mallory III Day.

2. Proclamation of August 19-23, 2013 as Telework Week in Fayette County.

Fayette County Intern Kyra Parks read the Proclamation of August 19-23, 2013 as Telework Week in Fayette County.

3. Recognition of Fire Apparatus Operator Russell Sharpe as the "American Legion Firefighter of the Year".

Fire Chief David Scarbrough and Mr. Denny W. Leander, representing American Legion Post 105, recognized Fire Apparatus Operator Russell Sharpe as the "American Legion Firefighter of the Year."

4. Recognition of Clerk of Juvenile Court Kathleen Cunningham for her work in obtaining a \$59,800 grant under the Juvenile Reinvestment Grant Program with the Justice Department.

Chairman Steve Brown recognized Clerk of Juvenile Court Kathleen Cunningham for her work in obtaining a \$59,800 grant under the Juvenile Reinvestment Grant Program with the Justice Department, and he complimented her and her fellow staff member Helen Trouth for their work in obtaining the grant.

5. Recognition of the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce's new "Chamber for Good" website.

Commissioner Oddo recognized the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce's new "Chamber for Good" website. Fayette County Chamber President Virginia Gibbs spoke about the "Chamber for Good" website and how to be involved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

There was no Public Hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one spoke under Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Oddo asked to remove Consent Agenda Item 7 for consideration.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 6-11 with the exception of Consent Agenda Item 7. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

- 6. Approval of staff's recommendation to continue the maintenance agreement between Fayette County and Motorola for the 800MHz ASTRO Simulcast System, and to authorize the Chairman to sign the renewal contract, in the amount of \$490,879.91, for the term of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.
- 7. Approval of staff's recommendation to adopt Resolution 2013-16 granting oversight to the 911 Communications Board of Fayette County of the Future Naming of Streets, to promote the public health, safety and welfare, and for other purposes.

Commissioner McCarty moved to approve staff's recommendation to adopt Resolution 2013-16 granting oversight to the 911 Communications Board of Fayette County for the Future Naming of Streets, to promote the public health, safety and welfare, and for other purposes. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 8. Approval of staff's request for the Board to declare six workstations as unserviceable, to authorize staff to sell the workstations either to the highest bidder or by utilizing the GovDeals website, and to return proceeds from the sales to 911's fund balance.
- 9. Approval of the Sheriff's request to authorize the Chairman to sign the Statewide Electronic Secondary Metals Recycler Database Agreement as required by the Georgia Sheriff's Association.
- 10. Approval of the disposition of tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Assessor's Office.
- 11. Approval of the August 7, 2013 Board of Commissioners Emergency Special Called Meeting Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

12. Discussion of proposed amendments to the Fayette County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20. Zoning Ordinance, Article IX Zoning Board of Appeals regarding illegal lots.

The Board consented to authorize staff to forward the proposed amendments to the Fayette County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20. Zoning Ordinance, Article IX Zoning Board of Appeals regarding illegal lots to public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS:

13. Consideration of a recommendation from Chairman Brown and Commissioner Ognio to appoint Mr. Todd Strickland to the Fayette County Development Authority, to fill State Court Judge Jason Thompson's unexpired term, and for said appointment to expire on April 9, 2014.

Commissioner Ognio moved to appoint Mr. Todd Strickland to the Fayette County Development Authority. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Intern Project: An Unified Approach to Motorized Cart Ordinances.

County Intern Jason Girolami gave a presentation on "An Unified Approach to Motorized Cart Ordinances".

Mr. David Kozusko, Ms. Lara Dial, Mr. Bob Carty; Mr. Scott Fabricius, Ms. Deanna Nelson and Mr. Sam Sweat commented on this topic.

The Board unanimously consented to direct Interim County Attorney Dennis Davenport to return to the Board with a review on mimicking the age limitations from Peachtree City for Fayette County, to look at registration of carts, to review offering of decal identifications with the registration, and that the County begins the process of talking to the other jurisdictions upon creating a reciprocal agreement that each jurisdiction recognizes the other jurisdictions' registrations.

15. Intern Project: Rural Resident Outreach.

County Intern Kyra Parks provided the Board on an update on Rural Resident Outreach. Discussion followed. The Board took no action on this item.

16. Consideration of staff's recommendation to adopt Resolution 2013-17 calling a referendum to seek authorization to permit and regulate Sunday Sales of Distilled Spirits or Alcoholic Beverages for Beverage Purposes by the drink; to promote the public health, safety and welfare, and for other purposes.

Commissioner Ognio moved to approve staff's recommendation to adopt Resolution 2013-17 calling a referendum to seek authorization to permit and regulate Sunday Sales of Distilled Spirits or Alcoholic Beverages for Beverage Purposes by the drink; to promote the public health, safety and welfare, and for other purposes. Commissioner Oddo seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Consideration of Commissioner McCarty's request for an ordinance modification allowing for up to one dozen (12) female chickens in all zoning districts except in those neighborhood associations that do not allow chickens.

The Board consented to create a committee on this topic, for Commissioner McCarty to serve as chairman of the committee, to look at possible options and to present some options to the Board. Discussion followed on associated issues the committee could review.

18. Approval of the July 15, 2013 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Ognio was not present for this meeting.

Commissioner McCarty moved to approve the July 15, 2013 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Commissioner Ognio abstaining from the vote.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

There was no Administrator's Report given.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Executive Session to Approve Executive Session Minutes: Interim County Attorney Dennis Davenport reported there was one item for Executive Session involving a review of Executive Session Minutes from June 27, 2013.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Barlow: Commissioner Barlow commented that one of Fayette County's great leaders has come under attack, and said he was taken aback by the unsubstantiated allegations being made against Water System Director Tony Parrott. He said as one who has come under vicious attacks, he knows what it is like to stand firm in one's convictions when it would seem that everyone else is against you. He said God's Word reads to "Put on the whole armor of God that we may be able stand against the wiles of the devil". He said as a member of the Board of

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Commissioners, who does not speak for others, but he does not and will not allow a politically expedient opportunity to take down one of Fayette County's finest. He said that he would not allow an attack against any of Fayette County's employees go unchallenged. He explained that his family name and its heritage is filled with warriors who fought for Christ. Commissioner Barlow displayed his family crest, and said it goes back to the 11th and 12th centuries. He explained that the crest pictured the Barlow's as bold as a lion, and that his family fought for Christ. He said he had no idea what the family crest stood for throughout his entire life, until after he turned his life over to Christ. He told everyone that the Barlow's are not easily intimidated, nor are the Barlow's easily defeated. He mentioned that on the evening of his salvation into God's kingdom a prophecy was spoken over him that at the time he did not understand, but that he was being called into spiritual warfare. He stated that the Barlow crest then took on meaning. Commissioner Barlow quoted Matthew 11:12 saying it was the verse that was spoken over him, and he said the word "violent" referenced in the Scripture means "those who are zealous in their faith". Commissioner Barlow said if the allegations against Mr. Parrott are proven true, then he would cast the second stone. But in the interim, he would stand firm against the enemy and defend Mr. Tony Parrott.

Commissioner Oddo: Commissioner Oddo noticed that the audience was pretty full and he appreciated everyone for coming. He thanked everyone for attending and all those watching on television. He encouraged them to keep coming to the meetings since there was no better way to learn what was going on in the County.

Chairman Brown: Chairman Brown pointed out that this month is an odd meeting schedule for the County since the Board typically meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. He explained that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, August 29. He added that there would also be a Special Called Meeting that would be held on September 5 at 7:00 p.m. for an official vote on the Core Infrastructure SPLOST referendum. He said that it pertained to the referendum that would be put on the November ballot in order to get some of the stormwater problems beneath the roads repaired.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session: Chairman Brown moved to recess into Executive Session. Commissioners Oddo and McCarty seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 8:30 p.m.

Executive Session Affidavit: Commissioner Ognio moved to exit Executive Session and for the Chairman to sign the affidavit. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No vote followed this motion and second.

June 27, 2013 Executive Session Minutes: Chairman Brown moved to approve the June 27, 2013 Executive Session Minutes as presented. Commissioner Oddo seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Brown moved to adjourn the August 15, 2013 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Oddo seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

The August 15, 2013 Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.