Minutes

STORMWATER TOWN HALL MEETING

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 25, 2013

7:00 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in an Official Town Hall Meeting on March 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Board Members:	Steve Brown, Chairman
	Charles Oddo, Vice Chairman
	David Barlow, Commissioner
	Allen McCarty, Commissioner
	Randy Ognio, Commissioner
Staff:	Steve Rapson, County Administrator
	Vanessa Birrell, Stormwater Director
	Tony Parrot, Water System Director
	Bryan Keller, Stormwater Program Engineer
	Phil Mallon, Public Works Director
	Ted Burgess, Purchasing Director
	Tameca P. White, Executive Assistant

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1. Call to Order

Chairman Brown called the March 25, 2013 Stormwater Town Hall Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. He told the audience that the meeting would be live-streamed on Channel 23, and he spoke about how Commissioner McCarty had worked, along with several others, to get to the point where the meeting would be live-streamed.

Commissioner McCarty informed the audience that if they did not want to be on camera they would need to move to the back row since there was a good chance everyone would be on camera. He also spoke about how other meetings would be broadcast live on Channel 23. He said the ultimate goal would be to stream meetings online. Commissioner McCarty thanked the audience for coming.

2. Prayer

Commissioner Barlow offered the Invocation.

3. Pledge

Commissioner Ognio led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Stormwater PowerPoint Presentation -- Chairman Steve Brown

Chairman Brown had handouts of a PowerPoint presentation given to the audience, and he stated that the presentation would be on the County's website. Chairman Brown then went through the PowerPoint presentation with the audience. He explained some of the findings and results from the March 4, 2013 Stormwater Town Hall meeting.

5. Open Discussion (Public Input)

The following people commented and provided input during the Town Hall Meeting:

1) Rick Minter, 283 Hills Bridge Road, Fayetteville
2) Ed Burry, Fletcher Ford Road
3) Mike Gaddy, Sandy Creek Road
4) Mickey Harp
5) Bill McNeal, Adams Road, Fayetteville
6) Jennie Parker, Price Road, Brooks
7) Jerry Jones, 2433 Highway 85, Fayetteville
8) Larry Wright, Stanley Road, Fayetteville
9) Darren Kendrie, Windsor Estate Subdivision (name provided on the recording is unclear)
10) Michael (no last name or address provided)
11) Dennis Chase
12) Frank Gardner, 459 Lester Road, Fayetteville
13) Al Learn, Highway 85 (name provided on the recording is unclear)
14) Johnny Cochran
15) 185 County Line Court, Fayetteville (no name provided)
16) Charles Fulles (name provided on the recording is unclear)
17) Ed Tanner, 120 Woodstream Point, Fayetteville
18) Cheryl Lussens (name provided on recording is unclear)
19) Glen Marshal, resident of Coweta County with property in Fayette County
20) Eugenia McKnight, intersection of Ebenezer Church Road and Bridger Point (name provided on the recording is unclear)
21) Andy Range, 319 Adams Road
22) Larry Hipp (name provided on the recording is unclear)
23) Larry Corbin
24) Randy Marberry (name provided is unclear)
25) Tim Thoms
26) Roger Brill, 438 Price Road, Brooks
27) Gene Adams, 150 Bridger Point Road, Fayetteville
28) Leonard Terrell
29) Mary (no last name or address provided)
30) Paul Arnold, 209 Price Road, Fayetteville

31) Leonard Terrell (spoke for the second time)
32) Gloria Furr, Mayor Pro Temp of the Town of Tyrone
33) Joe Mowell, Highway 279
34) Charlie Edwards, Darren Drive

Five speakers did not provide a name or address for the record.

The following suggestions were provided by those who spoke:

1) Some consideration should be given for more credit "than just five acres".

2) Many citizens operate under soil and water conservation plans approved by the U.S. Soil and Water Conservation Service, and those citizens ought to receive some credit for that.

3) Quit talking about how millage rates will not be raised, and if taxes need to be raises—raise them. Raise taxes so that they can be written off the income tax.

4) All the people of Fayette County own the roads and therefore should have responsibility to pay for road maintenance, and that the burden of maintaining the County's roads should not fall solely on the people who live in unincorporated Fayette County.

5) Ability needs to be provided to allow for oversight of what is being proposed. The stormwater department needs to concern itself with water quality and management since they are focusing their attention on the wrong things. Culverts need to be addressed by the Road Department, not the Stormwater Management Department.

6) Move the Stormwater Management Department into the Public Works Division so that expenses can be paid from the County's General Fund.

7) Corrugated pipes do not need to be taken care of all at one time, but they need to be taken care of in a systematic manner year after year after year. Establish a regular maintenance schedule.

8) Provide other options that the citizens can vote, alongside the proposed SPLOST, so that the county would receive a percentage of the stormwater fees paid by the City of Fayetteville and the City of Peachtree City to pay for county roads that the cities drive on.

9) Funds for the stormwater maintenance should be charged as a tax, and let every person who owns property pay those taxes.

10) Learn to use the money you have to correct the problems. The nation and the county needs to return to God for His provision.

6. Adjournment

Chairman Brown adjourned the March 25, 2013 Stormwater Town Hall Meeting at 9:11 p.m.

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Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk