Minutes

Board of Commissioners
March 27, 2014
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on March 27, 2014 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 Randy Ognio
Commissioner Absent:	Allen McCarty
Staff Present:	Steve Rapson, County Administrator Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk Tameca P. White, Deputy Clerk Dennis Davenport, County Attorney

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Call to Order, Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Brown called the March 27, 2013 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Commissioner Barlow introduced Ms. Rene Dodson, a home-school student who participates in the American Legion Oratorical Competition and who will represent the State of Georgia in the nationals, and he asked Ms. Dodson to speak on the Freedom of Religion in the United States. Ms. Dodson then spoke about Freedom of Religion. Commissioner Barlow then presented Ms. Dodson with a certificate recognizing her accomplishments. A copy of the certificate, identified as “Attachment 1", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Commissioner Barlow asked Pastor Al Meade from New Hope Baptist Church to offer the Invocation, and Pastor Meade did so.

Chairman Brown led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

Chairman Brown moved to accept the Agenda as printed with two additions by adding the Proclamation for Earth Day as Agenda Number 7b and to add a requested meeting change by changing the meeting time for the April 10, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting as Agenda Number 12b. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Commissioner McCarty being absent from the meeting.

PRESENTATION / RECOGNITION:

1. Recognition of Fayette County's 2014 All-County Girls and Boys Basketball Team.

Chairman Steve Brown and Mr. Christopher Dunn, Sports Editor of the *Fayette Daily News*, introduced the 2014 All-County Girls and Boys Basketball Team. The following players and individuals were recognized:

2014 Honorable Mention Team All-County Girls Basketball Players

Christine Cerezola– McIntosh High School
Sydney Jarmon–Sandy Creek High School
Maddie O'Rourke– McIntosh High School
DeLayne Rotolo–McIntosh High School

2014 Honorable Mention Team All-County Boys Basketball Players

Chib Emefo– Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School
Dylan Terrell– Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School
Albert Wilson- Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School
Javon Jackson- Sandy Creek High School
Justin Sumpter- Sandy Creek High School
Kevel Smith– Fayette County High School

2014 Second Team All-County Girls Basketball Player

Jasmine Jones– Sandy Creek High School

2014 Second Team All-County Boys Basketball Players

Brandon Lindsey– Sandy Creek High School
Dishon Lowery– McIntosh High School
William Washington– McIntosh High School

2014 First Team All-County Girls Basketball Players

Kayla Smith- Fayette County High School
Cassidy Williams– McIntosh High School
Jada Coggins– Whitewater High School

2014 First Team All-County Boys Basketball Players

Jordan Lyons– McIntosh High School
Christian Turner–Sandy Creek High School

Mr. Dunn briefly spoke about 2014 County Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year John Strickland, 2014 County Boys Basketball Coach of the Year Willie Reese, 2014 County Girls Basketball Player of the Year Katie Wilson, and 2015 County Boys Basketball Player of the Year Philip Cofer. Copies of the request and

Certificates of Recognition, identified as "Attachment 2," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

2. Recognition of Carter and Olivia, the founders of One More Generation.

Commissioner David Barlow introduced Carter and Olivia, the founders of One More Generation, to the Board and the audience, and he read a resolution recognizing One More Generation. Olivia and Carter spoke briefly about One More Generation. Copies of the request and the Recognition of One More Generation, identified as "Attachment 3", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

3. Proclamation recognizing April 2014 as "Confederate History and Heritage Month" and April 26, 2014 as "Confederate Memorial Day."

Commissioner David Barlow read a proclamation recognizing April 2014 as "Confederate History and Heritage Month" and April 26, 2014 as "Confederate Memorial Day." Mr. Scott Gilbert spoke about the importance of Confederate History and Confederate Memorial Day. A copy of the request and proclamation, identified as "Attachment 4," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

4. Recognition of Mr. Brad Boemanns as the 2014 Fayette County Firefighter of the Year.

Fayette County Fire Chief David Scarbrough, along with several firefighters and Public Safety personnel, recognized Mr. Brad Boemanns as the 2014 Fayette County Firefighter of the Year. The Board and audience congratulated Mr. Boemanns for his recognition with a standing ovation. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 5," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

5. Recognition of Nina Madrid, Business Systems Administrator, and Dianne Crownover, Permits Technician, for being selected to receive the Team Player Award.

Commissioner David Barlow spoke briefly about the Team Player Award. He then asked Permits and Development Director Joe Scarbrough to speak about Permits Technician Di Crownover, who received the award. Information Systems Director Phil Frieder was then asked to speak on behalf of Business Systems Administrator Nina Madrid who also received the Team Player Award. The Board congratulated each lady on being awarded with the Team Player Award. Copies of the request and the certifications presented to both ladies, identified as "Attachment 6," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

6. Presentation by Fayette County's auditing firm, Nichols, Cauley & Associates, LLC., of the results of the Fiscal Year 2013 annual audit.

Chairman Brown announced that the Board had an updated audit presentation which incorporates a change to the County's financials. He stated that the updated material had been provided to the Board of Commissioners, the County Administrator, the County Attorney, and members of the press. He stated that the members of the public could obtain the updated material by contacting Ms. Tameca White in the County Clerk's office. He added that the updated Fiscal Year 2013 Comprehensive Financial Annual Report (CAFR) could be located on the county's website, and that copies of the updated Fiscal Year 2013 CAFR were provided to each Commissioner at their dais.

Mr. William Sammons and Mr. Greg Chapman, representing Nichols, Cauley & Associates, LLC., gave a PowerPoint presentation concerning the Fiscal Year 2013 annual audit to the board and made the following points about the audit:

- Mr. Sammons stated that the Independent Auditor's Report was duel-dated since there was a change in the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds used for the Hood Avenue extension right-of-way, which will be the City of Fayetteville's property. He said it has been considered as construction in progress and was moved from capitalized asset to intergovernmental expenses. Mr. Sammons said the net effect was that it reduced the assets from the government-wide basis, reduced the net assets on a go-forward basis, and that there was no change in the net, unrestricted net assets of the County.

- Mr. Sammons reported that both the Independent Auditor's Report on the County's Financial Statements and the Independent Auditor's Report on the Water System's Financial Statements were unmodified. He stated that the reports are considered "unmodified" due to a verbiage change, and that the reports used to be referred to as "unqualified" reports or clean opinion.

- Mr. Sammons informed the Board that there were no compliance or control deficiencies that could be reported to the Board with respect to the internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters based on an audit of the financial statements performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

- Mr. Sammons commented that the Report on Compliance with requirements of OMB Circular A-133 saying the major program that has to be audited is a federal assets forfeiture program. He said the auditors had to test for compliance, and that the report showed that there were no instances of noncompliance of material or significant deficiencies.

- Mr. Sammons stated that another report that was issued was on the Procedures Report on the County's Compliance with the Financial Assurance Provisions of the Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Criteria under Subtitle D of the Resource Conservation Recovery Act, and that the firm found no changes.

Mr. Sammons spoke about the required communications to the Board and he told about the adjustments that had to be made. He said his firm did not have a disagreement with the County's management. Mr. Greg Chapman then briefly spoke about the County's financial statements.

The Board did not comment or ask questions of the auditors. The Board did not take a formal vote on this matter. Copies of the request and the PowerPoint presentation, identified as "Attachment 7", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

7b. Proclamation of April 26, 2014 as Fayette County's 7th Annual Earth Day.

Commissioner Charles Oddo read the proclamation of April 26, 2014 as Fayette County's 7th Annual Earth Day, and he recognized many of the volunteers who have contributed to this and previous Earth Day events. The Board then recognized several employees and citizens who have worked for and contributed to the Earth Day festivities past and present. The Board did not take a formal vote on this matter. Copies of the request and the proclamation, identified as "Attachment 8, "follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

8. Presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Award for Fayette County's annual budget document for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

Chairman Brown, the Board, and County Administrator Steve Rapson recognized the County's Finance staff, including Budget Officer Sergio Acevedo, on receiving the Distinguished Budget Award. Chief Financial Officer Mary Parrott also spoke about Mr. Acevedo's consistent and quality work on behalf of Fayette County. The Board did not take a formal vote on this matter. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 9, " follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

PUBLIC HEARING:

There were no Public Hearing Items on the Agenda for consideration.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Barlow moved to accept the Consent Agenda as read. Commissioners Ognio and Oddo seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Commissioner McCarty being absent from the meeting.

9. Approval of staff's recommendation to implement the proposed grade changes and resulting salary adjustments for the Water Production Division of the Fayette County Water System, as prepared by The Carl Vinson Institute of Government and the University of Georgia. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 10," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

10. Approval of staff's request to obtain an enclosed trailer from District 4 Public Health for the storage and transportation of emergency shelter supplies for the Fayette County Fire and EMS Department. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 11," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

11. Approval of staff's recommendation to add Southmill Subdivision to the Fayette County Street Light Program. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 12," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

12b. Approval of staff's request to change the April 10, 2014 Board of Commissioners' meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Chairman Brown explained that the reason the meeting time was requested to be changed was because the Board had training courses to take during the morning of April 11, 2014, and that it was about a five-hour drive time to get to the training location. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 13," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

13. Approval of a request from Promise Place to authorize the Chairman to sign a Local Government Approval Form, as required by the Department of Community Affairs, affirming the organization's efforts to obtain funding through the Emergency Solutions Grant. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 14," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

14. Approval of the March 11, 2014 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were no Old Business Items on the Agenda for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS:

15. Consideration of staff's recommendation to increase the sewer billing fees that the Water System charges to the Peachtree City Water & Sewerage Authority, the City of Fayetteville, the Town of Tyrone, and the Town of Brooks from $1.00 to $1.62.

County Administrator Steve Rapson informed the Board that staff had completed an analysis that basically took both the direct and indirect costs for the County to process bills on behalf of the stated municipalities, that he has spoken with the representatives for the municipalities, and that the representatives are okay with the rate adjustments.

Commissioner Barlow moved to accept staff's recommendation to increase the sewer billing fees that the Water System charges to the Peachtree City Water & Sewage Authority, the City of Fayetteville, the Town of Tyrone, and the Town of Brooks from$1.00 to $1.62. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. Mr. Rapson asked the Board to amend the motion so that the rate adjustments would become effective on July 1, 2014.

Commissioner Barlow amended his motion to accept staff's recommendation to increase the sewer billing fees that the Water System charges to the Peachtree City Water & Sewage Authority, the City of Fayetteville, the Town of Tyrone, and the Town of Brooks from$1.00 to $1.62 and with said increases to become effective on July 1, 2014. Commissioner Ognio seconded the amended motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Commissioner McCarty being absent from the meeting. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 15," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

16. Consideration of staff's recommendation to adopt Ordinance 2014-05 revising provisions pertaining to Motorized Carts within unincorporated Fayette County.

Chairman Brown stated that the Board had additional documents on the dais, specifically, it was the ordinance itself and a version of the ordinance without the notations. He stated that the additional information could be provided by the County Clerk's office.

County Attorney Dennis Davenport informed the Board that this was an ordinance that was an offshoot from the interns that served Fayette County during the summer of 2013. He stated that the interns had suggested that it would be a good idea to try and have consistency of application of ordinances that regulate golf carts. He said that the Board was provided an ordinance that is pretty much what is already on the books for the Town of Tyrone and substantially what is already in place for the City of Peachtree City. He asked the Board to look at Section 10-42 since it required the Board to make a decision as to how to effect the registration if the ordinance were to be adopted. He pointed out that Option #1 and Option #2 was being presented to the Board for consideration, and he explained that Option #1 presented the type of registration that currently exists in the Town of Tyrone and that Option #2 presented the type of registration that exists for the City of Peachtree City. He then pointed out the differences between the two options. He stated that either option would work, and it was up to the Board how it wanted to registration handled.

Commissioner Ognio asked, concerning Option #2, about a $60.00 registration fee for the unincorporated portion of the County, and he suggested that the language would not apply in this instance. Chairman Brown agreed that the language would have to be stricken from the ordinance. Mr. Davenport agreed that the language for Option #2,if it was the option taken by the Board, would have to be conformed so that it would be appropriate for Fayette County.

Chairman Brown said he had worked on this matter for a while, and that it was great working with the interns. He said the interns' recommendation was that the County proceeds with trying to come up with some sort of universal standard. He said that Peachtree City has been working with this issue for so long that they have become the universal standard. He explained that the County was trying to mimic what the City of Peachtree City was doing so that if someone crossed boundary lines from unincorporated Fayette County into Peachtree City then that person would not be in violation of the law. He said this ordinance would give the County the ability to standardize the process. He added that the Town of Tyrone was already "in the ballpark" and that the City of Fayetteville may make adjustments pending the Board's decision. He stated that the path system is now becoming a countywide system, and that the path system could be made available to everyone. Chairman Brown stated that the proposed ordinance does allow twelve-year-olds to drive golf carts with a licensed adult, and for fifteen0year olds with a learner's permit to drive the cart by themselves, and that the Board wanted to make sure everyone knew it would be strictly enforced with consequences.

Chairman Brown moved to approve staff's recommendation to adopt the ordinance as written, using Option #2 for Section 10-42(b), and to strike the language related to the unincorporated portion of the County. Commissioners Barlow and Oddo seconded the motion. Chairman Brown then opened the floor for public comment. *(Note: Due to persistent audio problems during the meeting, not all names may have been clearly recorded. Every attempt has been made to record the speakers as accurately as possible.)*

Mary Rathje and Marylyn Tamminen: Ms. Rathje and Ms. Tamminen approached the public comment podium jointly. Ms. Tamminen and Ms. Rathje spoke about the challenges and difficulties experienced with driving from one jurisdiction to another. Ms. Rathje asked the Board to approve the proposed ordinance so she could get to school easily.

Viam Na: Mr. Na asked if the paths could be used for bicycling or walking, and Chairman Brown replied that while there are restrictions on what could be used on the paths, bicycling and walking certainly is allowed.

Gabby Knight and Rachel Terrell: Ms. Knight and Ms. Terrell approached the public comment podium jointly. Ms. Knight thought it would be better for Starr's Mill students to be allowed to drive their golf carts since it would provide a greater convenience while cutting down on traffic. Ms. Terrell said she lived across from the Rising Starr complex, and she asked for golf cart passage across State Route 74 to Starr's Mill High School.

Aubrey Garner: Mr. Garner, President of the Highgrove Subdivision, said the Highgrove Subdivision fully supported the proposed ordinance. He asked that the ordinance be enforced to the letter.

Bob Madrinich: Mr. Madrinich, representing the Woodcreek Homeowners Association, said he supported the ordinance. He said it made perfect sense and he hoped it would lead to the ability for schools to accept students driving golf carts to their facilities.

Tim Marlow: Mr. Marlow, President of the Longboat Homeowners Association, spoke in favor of the ordinance. He also supported extending the cart paths throughout the county, and in doing so making the County "one whole" county.

Merlin Myers: Mr. Myers, a representative of the Brechin Park Home Owners Association, spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance. He asked for mutual recognition from the other jurisdictions, and Chairman Brown replied that the mutual recognition was in the ordinance. Mr. Myers spoke about an upcoming golf cart path extension, and he asked about the possibility of crossing at pedestrian crossings across State Route 74. He said the residents in his neighborhood would be pleased to have the ability to make those types of crossings. Chairman Brown reminded Mr. Myers that there are several tunnels under State Route 74 where crossings could be made.

Eileen Craner and Ms. Ann (last name not recorded): Ms. Craner and Ms. Ann approached the podium jointly, although Ms. Ann did not make any comments. Ms. Craner supported the ordinance and asked about access to the Star's Mill High School complex, and she asked if golf carts could be driven on the sidewalks during school zone hours when the speed limit reduces to 45 miles-per-hour. Chairman Brown replied that the question really involved the Georgia Department of Transportation and what that Department would allow, but he added that there are paths in various areas of Peachtree City that are near the highways that the Department has allowed. Chairman Brown added that if people are in subdivisions with connectivity issues that they could feel free to contact him or County Administrator Steve Rapson. Ms. Craner then asked about what measures would be taken to allow for parking at Starr's Mill and create paths to Starr's Mill. Chairman Brown replied that the principal at Starr's Mill High School is in favor of bringing golf carts to Starr's Mill so long as it is done in a safe and orderly fashion. He added that this ordinance was the giant first step in a long process. He stated that there was still a lot of planning to be done, and that work was ongoing with connectivity and crossings, but that this measure was a first step to getting people into the system.

The motion to approve staff's recommendation to adopt the ordinance as written, using Option #2 for Section 10-42(b), and to strike the language related to the unincorporated portion of the County passed 4-0-1 with Commissioner McCarty being absent from the meeting. Copies of the request and Ordinance 2014-05, identified as "Attachment 16," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Emory McHugh: Mr. McHugh, referring to the comments made during the recognition of One More Generation, agreed that one person can make a difference, and he suggested that he was one person who could make a difference. He asked the people in the audience, and particularly the students who were sitting the audience, if they understood what had happened earlier in the meeting when the two auditors talked about the county's financial statements. He asked the audience and the students how many of them understood that what the auditors said was that the county has produced financial statements that are materially misstated. Chairman Brown asked Mr. McHugh to address his comments to the Board. Mr. McHugh then asked how many people sitting on the Board attacked him the last time he spoke in an attempt to take away his constitutional right of freedom of speech. He stated that he wanted everyone to understand that Mr. Emory McHugh actually came by with a real concern that the Board was driving Fayette County financially into the abyss. He stated that the Board had sent a set of financial statements to the Municipal Securities rule-making board where they will use the information to buy securities, to the Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG) where others will look at financial statements every day, and place it on the County's website. He stated that the information was all misleading and lies.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Department of Family and Children Services Board: County Administrator Steve Rapson informed the Board that Ms. Carol Colon had resigned from the Department of Family and Children Services Board. He stated that the resignation would become effective on May 14, 2014. He asked for the Board to establish a Selection Board for applicants to the open position. The Board consented to allow Chairman Brown and Commissioner Oddo to serve on the Selection Committee for the position to the Department of Family and Children Services Board.

Public Facilities Authority: County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that the Board needed to reestablish the Public Facilities Authority. He reminded the Board that the Public Facilities Authority was seated last year, but the terms last for only one year. He told the Board that the current members to the Public Facilities Authority are Commissioner Ognio, himself, and Ms. Letitia "Tish" Naghise. He stated that three positions would expire on May 22, 2014 and that the positions would be readvertised.

Fayette County Hospital Authority: County Administrator Steve Rapson reported that the Fayette County Hospital Authority is pending some action, and that a meeting was scheduled on April 2, 2014. He stated that the Hospital Authority has not met for a couple of years, and he advised that the County not advertise for possible positions on the Hospital Authority until the meeting is held. The Board agreed to his recommendation.

Smoke-free County Policy: County Administrator Steve Rapson reported that the County was enacting a smoke-free policy beginning April 1, 2014. He said this issue had been beaten to death at the Department Head level, but he wanted to ensure that everyone was notified that the County would be a smoke-free entity. Chairman Brown asked what being a smoke-free entity meant. Mr. Rapson replied that it meant that no one could smoke inside the facilities, outside of the facility, in the parking lot, or any property adjacent to County facilities that are county-owned properties. Commissioner Ognio asked if that included electronic cigarettes. Mr. Rapson replied that it included electronic cigarettes and chewing tobacco.

Board of Commissioners' Retreat: County Administrator Steve Rapson reminded the Board and the audience that the Board of Commissioners' Retreat would be held on Friday, April 4, 2014. He stated that it would take place at New Hope Baptist Church's South Campus. He stated that the public would be welcome to attend.

Recognition of Commissioner Oddo as a Certified Commissioner: County Administrator Steve Rapson recognized and congratulated Commissioner Oddo for completing the requirements and being officially recognized as a Certified County Commissioner by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government and the University of Georgia. The Board congratulated Commissioner Oddo for his hard work and achievement.

Response to Mr. Emory McHugh's Comments: County Administrator Steve Rapson responded to Mr. McHugh's statements saying everyone is entitled to their opinion, but, as he saw it, people needed to review the standards for government. He stated that when it comes to finance and budgeting, those standards are met by the County. He reminded the Board that the County has received the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Award, and just this evening the County received the budget presentation award. He told the Board that neither award is just handed out. He added that the County had received a clean, unqualified audit, which is a big deal in this day and age. He stated that Fayette County has bond attorneys' comments and commentary in regards to the treatments of the County's bonds. He stated that the state auditors have also weighed in on the matter. He concluded that both he and Chief Financial Officer Mary Parrott are Certified Public Accountants, and that either everybody is wrong or they are not.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Four Real Estate and Review of the March 11, 2014 Executive Session Minutes: County Attorney Dennis Davenport reported that he had four items of real estate matters for discussion in Executive Session as well as the review of the March 11, 2014 Executive Session Minutes for Executive Session.

Update on the Public Facilities Authority Legislation: County Attorney Dennis Davenport reported that the Georgia Legislature did amend the Public Facilities Authority to expand the ability for the County to use that Authority, if need be, for stormwater projects. County Administrator Steve Rapson added that this work was accomplished by Mr. Davenport, and the Board thanked Mr. Davenport for his work.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner David Barlow: Commissioner Barlow quipped that County Administrator Steve Rapson did not acknowledge it when he became certified. Mr. Rapson replied that he would get Commissioner Barlow a Team Player button. Commissioner Barlow stated that Mr. McHugh is a disgruntled ex-employee that was fired for not complying with his job description and following instructions from his supervisors. He stated that Mr. McHugh had been fired twice throughout his employment with Fayette County. He stated that the County tried to rehabilitate him and bring him back in because he is "the best financial mind in Fayette County," but that Mr. McHugh has a peculiar personality that if someone disagrees with him then he will become hateful and spiteful; which is too bad. He concluded that the people would probably see Mr. McHugh from time to time. Commissioner Barlow thanked all of the employees of Fayette County. He said he had the privilege of going to Environmental Management's department meetings, to go to the Water System's staff meeting, and to as many staff meetings as possible. He said he is constantly amazed at the quality of the County's people, and that he has become the "ambassador of goodwill for Fayette County." He stated that he takes pride in the fact that the County has such quality people working for it, and that the people could take pride in what goes on in Fayette County. He stated that Fayette County is unique and is better than a lot of the surrounding communities because of everyone tries very hard. He stated everyone is approachable, and that is not the way it is in many counties. He again thanked the employees and the residents who come to the meeting, and he said it was always a pleasure to serve.

Commissioner Randy Ognio: Commissioner Ognio thought that the Fayette County Finance Department had done a good job, and he said he did not know where Mr. McHugh is coming from. He stated that Mr. McHugh comes to the meetings and "spews his stuff out," but he does not have any really specific thing to say that is true and that he can put his finger on. He stated it was hard for him to understand Mr. McHugh's motivation. He told the audience that in reviewing the Fiscal Year 2013 audit, which was the audit prior to passing the Fiscal Year 2014 budget, and that the 2013 audit revealed that the 2013 budget was "upside-down." He added that the Fiscal Year 2014 budget will be balanced. He stated that he looked forward to getting the audit for the Fiscal Year 2014 budget.

County Administrator Steve Rapson added that there was a meeting with the Association of County Commissioners Georgia (ACCG) in regards to the County's pension plan, and out of the 159 counties in Georgia, Fayette County has the only pension plan that is currently over-funded.

Commissioner Charles Oddo: Commissioner Oddo agreed that Mr. McHugh does have credentials and that he should be proud of them. He pointed out that, in Georgia, Certified Public Accountants have peer review, meaning that other Certified Public Accountants will do random investigations on other Certified Public Accountants. He said the purpose behind peer reviews was to keep everybody ethical. He was sure that Nichols, Cauley & Associates, LLC., has gone through peer review. He stated that when the auditors come to a Board of Commissioners meeting and make a statement, then it should be known that they have been researched by other Certified Public Accountants. He stated that someone could disagree, since accounting is not an exact science and since it leaves

room for interpretation, but that it does not mean that everything is all wrong. He told the Board that he was very pleased which "what our group is doing here," and that they have done as good a job as possible to move the County forward. Commissioner Oddo quipped that he had new found respect for Spud Webb, the shortest man to play in the NBA, after taking pictures with basketball players.

Chairman Steve Brown: Chairman Brown informed the students in the audience that the County has a couple of opportunities that will be coming up. He said one was the Model Atlanta Regional Commission (MARC) and that three of Fayette County's elite high school students just completed the program. He told the students that they would get to serve at the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) in Atlanta, and that the program lasted for about eight weeks. He said the students would get to learn every facet of regional government, about what is being done with the environment, transportation, senior services, and other functions. He said the County would love for the students to apply and that information would be coming out in the newspaper. The second opportunity for students, he explained, was a high school internship program for rising juniors and seniors. Chairman Brown said if the students were interested that they should know it is a summer program and that the golf cart ordinance that was just passed was due to a project from a student from Starr's Mill High School. He stated that students who want to make their mark in Fayette County should think about doing the internship program.

Mr. Viam Na, who spoke earlier in the meeting in regards to Ordinance 2014-05 Motorized Vehicle Ordinance, returned to the public comment podium, pointing out that Mr. McHugh had stated that the County's expenditures were higher than the revenues. He asked what items or initiatives did the County make expenditures on that were higher than the County's revenues. County Administrator Steve Rapson replied that primarily Mr. McHugh's complaint has to do the fact that Fayette County has historically had deficit budgeted. He stated that the current sitting Board has eliminated deficit budgeting, and he suggested that Mr. Na should come to the April 4, 2014 Retreat to find out more on the matter. Chairman Brown added that essentially what was happening for several years were that the expenses were higher the incoming revenue, and that there were various expenditures since the county does a lot of various projects related to roads, public safety, law enforcement, running a landfill, and other expenses required to run a county government.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Four Items of Real Estate and Review of the March 11, 2014 Executive Session Minutes: Commissioner Oddo moved to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Commissioner McCarty being absent from the meeting.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 9:39 p.m.

Return to Official Session and Approval to Sign an Executive Session Affidavit: Commissioner Ognio moved to exit Executive Session and for the Chairman to sign an Executive Session Affidavit. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Commissioner McCarty being absent from the meeting. A copy of the Executive Session Affidavit, identified as "Attachment 17," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Approval of the March 11, 2014 Executive Session Minutes: Chairman Brown moved to approve the March 11, 2014 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioners Ognio and Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Commissioner McCarty being absent from the meeting.

Purchase of 340 Hewell Road, Jonesboro, Georgia: Chairman Brown moved to approve the purchase of 340 Hewell Road in Jonesboro, Georgia, that is in east Fayette County, for the sales price of $1,425,000.00, and to extend the time period within the contract to sixty days to allow for environmental studies, the owners of the property being Nancy M. Campbell and Jean Desrosiers, and for the county to provide earnest money in the amount of $140,000.00. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Commissioner McCarty being absent from the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Oddo moved to adjourn the March 27, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Commissioner McCarty being absent.

The March 27, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk

Steve Brown, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 10th day of April 2014.

Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk