Minutes

Board of Commissioners
May 8, 2014
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on April 24, 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 David Barlow Allen McCarty Randy Ognio
Commissioner Absent:	Charles Oddo, Vice Chairman
Staff Present:	Steve Rapson, County Administrator Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk Tameca P. White, Deputy Clerk Patrick Stough, Assistant County Attorney

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Call to Order, Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Brown called the May 8, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Commissioner Barlow gave a short PowerPoint presentation on the Supreme Court's ruling allowing elected bodies to hold invocations at the beginning of their meetings. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation, identified as "Attachment 1," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Commissioner Barlow introduced Mr. Paul Shultz, a practicing Buddhist, who explained what Buddhist's believe and who offered a Buddhist chant.

Chairman Brown led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

Chairman Brown moved to accept the Agenda as written with two additional items, adding New Business Item #17 as a Code Enforcement issue for a Noise Disturbance Permit for the Sams School and New Business Item #18 as a Code Enforcement issue for a Noise Disturbance Permit for Kathy McCoy. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Commissioner Oddo being absent from the meeting.

PROCLAMATION / RECOGNITION:

1. Proclamation of Saturday, May 17, 2014 as "Armed Forces Day in Fayette County."

Commissioner McCarty read the proclamation declaring May 17, 2014 as "Armed Forces Day in Fayette County." Copies of the request and proclamation, identified as "Attachment 2," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

2. Recognition of six outgoing Fayette County Development Authority Board Members.

Chairman Brown recognized the six outgoing Fayette County Development Authority Board members. Since many of the members could not attend the meeting, Ms. Emily Poole of the Fayette County Development Authority accepted the recognition on their behalf. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 3," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

3. Proclamation to be presented to the Fayette County Farm Bureau recognizing Tuesday, May 13, 2014 as Farmer Appreciation Day.

Commissioner Barlow read the proclamation of May 13, 2014 as Farmer Appreciation Day. Mr. Rick Minter thanked the Board for the proclamation, and he spoke about the farming community and its contributions in Fayette County. Copies of the request and proclamation, identified as "Attachment 4," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

4. Recognition of Andrew Fleming, a local 7-year-old, who will host a food drive for Fayette Samaritans on Saturday, May 10, 2014.

Commissioner McCarty recognized Andrew Fleming on behalf of the Board. Copies of the request and recognition, identified as "Attachment 5," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

5. Recognition of the J.C. Booth Middle School's Science Olympiad Team's state championship win.

Chairman Brown recognized the J.C. Booth Middle School's Science Olympiad Team for its state championship win. The team then played *It's a Small World* for the audience on instruments built by the students. Copies of the request and recognition, identified as "Attachment 6," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

PUBLIC HEARING:

There were no items for Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

6. Approval of Resolution 2014-12 adopting the "Fayette County 2013 Annual Report on Fire Services Impact Fees (FY2013), including Comprehensive Plan amendments for updates to the Capital Improvements Element and Short-Term Work Program (FY2014-FY2018)." A copy of the request and Resolution 2014-12, identified as "Attachment 7," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

7. Approval of staff's recommendation to award annual Bid #872 to E.R. Snell Contracting of Tyrone, in an amount not to exceed $1,643,319.00, for the purchase of asphalt for Fiscal Year 2015. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 8," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

OLD BUSINESS:

8. Discussion of recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Department and the Planning Commission concerning amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, Land Use Plan Map and the Zoning Ordinance for the area along the State Route 74 South Corridor.

Community Development Director Pete Frisina reminded the Board this topic was addressed in November 2013 when a property owner asked the Board to consider looking at the Land Use Plan on State Route 74 in the area south of Redwine Road and north of State Route 85. He said the Board directed staff and the Planning Commission to look at the matter, and that each have had a number of meetings with input from a number of property owners and most of the subdivisions through their Home Owners Associations. He stated that the efforts have produced a recommendation for location. He stated that the areas colored in pink on the map were recommended for Office-Institutional uses on the Land Use Plan. He said the area is made of 15 parcels of an aggregate of 68 acres. He said one parcel has an existing daycare center developed in A-R zoning. He said ten of the parcels contain single-family homes and the remaining zones are undeveloped. He said the recommendation is that the County would use its existing General State Route Overlay Zone requirements that are used for most of the other highways, and it would give the same residential character similar to what is on State Route 54. Mr. Frisina said State Route 74 is a recently widened four-lane highway, and when the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) widened the highway they built sidewalks from south of Redwine Road and also created a rural area which is interspersed with urban areas. He said the recommendation was that as the properties are developed for office-institutional use that they have to build their section of the sidewalk. Mr. Frisina said the problem is that the GDOT would like the sidewalk to be behind the ditch, meaning the sidewalk is outside of the right-of-way. He said the thought was that the county could acquire additional right-of-way or, since the County has a 50-foot landscape that is required and that the sidewalk could be put at the far reaches of that landscape next to the right-of-way with easements. He concluded that staff would have to work with GDOT, but the intention was to have new sidewalks that connect with the existing sidewalks along that portion of State Route 74.

Chairman Brown suggested that this effort may be accomplished through grants. He mentioned that there is a Safe Routes for School program that might be able to be utilized in this effort. Mr. Frisina agreed that it could be a possibility, and he informed the Board that there were some areas that would not be fully developed. He then asked the Board for direction on how to proceed.

Commissioner Ognio pointed out that there was a strip of land on the northeast side, and he asked if it was big enough for an office. Mr. Frisina replied that it was big enough for Office-Institutional uses since it allows for an existing structure to stay as it is. He added that the area was sufficient for smaller officers.

Chairman Brown said he liked the recommendation since it was a good use for the property and since it was not an obvious impact on the area. He said it would not interfere with the southside of Peachtree City, and that it would work out for the betterment of property owners in the area.

Commissioner Barlow asked if New Hope Baptist Church had been consulted. Mr. Frisina replied that they had been consulted and that they were not opposed to the proposed plan.

Frank Gardner: Mr. Frank Gardner said he had heard a lot about golf carts, and that no comment was made about golf carts in the area. He thought it was advisable to enact plans that would allow golf carts to access the schools in the area.

Chairman Brown replied that he was very certain golf carts would be in the plan. Mr. Frisina replied that golf carts were not in the plans since there are no golf cart paths, but that there may be alternatives to be considered in this matter.

The Board directed staff to move the recommendations forward to the Planning Commission

The Board directed Mr. Frisina and staff to proceed with taking the recommendations through the public hearings process. 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

9. Consideration of Zane and Audrey Ardis' request to amend the Agricultural-Residential (A-R) Zoning District to allow weddings and events as a Conditional Use.

Zane and Audrey Ardis said after reviewing the A-R ordinances there was no provision to allow weddings and special events. Mr. Ardis asked for a conditional use to be created to allow for weddings and special events in A-R zoning. He pointed out that the Board recognized Farmer Appreciation Day, and that he would still operate an active hay farm. Mr. Ardis said there were many different types of venues like this including one in Newnan, Georgia.

Chairman Brown asked if new facilities had to be put up. Mr. Ardis replied that the existing facilities would be used, and that he actually had his wedding at the farm. He added that he would upgrade the buildings to meet County Code and the Fire Marshal's requirements. Chairman Brown pointed out that farm weddings were becoming a popular trend.

Commissioner McCarty said he has nephews who came into possession of a farm in Fulton County. He said the barn is provided for the wedding and a refurbished cabin that is also located on the property is provided for overnight stays if needed. He said this effort had been very successful for his neighbors. Mrs. Ardis spoke about the benefits of farm weddings.

Commissioner Ognio asked what other events would take place. Mr. Ardis replied that parties such as birthday parties and anniversary parties would take place. Commissioner Ognio asked about restroom capacity, and Mr. Ardis stated he would bring in portable bathrooms. Commissioner Ognio asked about parking and Mrs. Ardis replied that there was more than sufficient room to park at the farm.

Chairman Brown asked Community Development Director Pete Frisina for comments on this matter. Mr. Frisina replied that staff needed to look into how to accomplish allowing this type of use. He said he has reviewed an ordinance in Coweta County since that county allows for special exceptions. He said the County is getting more and more of these types of requests, and he suggested that the County could allow for these uses on a case-by-case basis as opposed to making broad rules. He informed the Board that this effort would dilute A-R zoning to some degree, and while rural weddings are not highly commercial that the county would need to keep control of the zoning and other requirements such as sanitation, parking, and food requirements. He said there were a lot of issues to consider but that staff was willing to look into this matter and come back to the Board. Discussion followed.

Rick Minter: Mr. Rick Minter said he is already having Farm Heritage Days at his farm. He said people come because it is a farm, and if the farm is changed then the whole nature changes. He asked to participate in working on this project in an effort to move this matter forward.

The Board directed Mr. Frisina and staff to review the request and to include the Farm Bureau in the discussions. The Board did not take a formal vote on this matter. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 10," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

10. Consideration of a citizen's request to amend the Fayette County Code and Zoning Ordinance concerning Farmers Markets, Flea Markets and Craft Fairs.

This item was not considered by the Board since the citizen had conveyed to County staff that he did not intend to bring this issue to the Board at the May 8, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting. The Board did not provide direction and did not take action on this request. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 11," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

11. Recognition of Dr. William Adcox and Dr. Brian K. Nadolne regarding their work in promoting total health.

Commissioner Barlow gave a brief PowerPoint presentation about his family's history with obesity, and he introduced Dr. William Adcox and Dr. Brian K. Nadolne to the Board who also gave a PowerPoint presentation on their work in promoting total health. District 4 Health Director Olugbenga O. Obasanjo also spoke about obesity epidemic and its effects.

The Board did not take any action and did not provide direction in this matter. Copies of the request and of both PowerPoint presentation, identified as "Attachment 12," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

12. Consideration of a request from the Georgia Department of Transportation for an intersection improvement at Harp Road, Seay Road and State Route 92 and approval for the Chairman to sign the letter of support (GDOT PI 0009972).

Public Works Director Phil Mallon reminded the Board that in January he came to the Board about a proposed project from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to install a possible roundabout at State Route 92 and Antioch Road, and that during the conversation the Board mentioned that it would be nice to make this a more comprehensive study for the intersection of Seay Road, Harp Road, and State Route 92 and to provide the condition of obtaining County Board approval once the concept has been prepared. He said GDOT has agreed to the request that they have expanded their study, and that they are

asking for a letter of support to expand the study. Mr. Mallon stated that at this point there is no idea what GDOT will recommend or what options they will come back with, but that there could be large, comprehensive solutions or that only minor improvements will be recommended. Mr. Mallon then showed a vicinity map to Board.

Commissioner Ognio said he wanted to see GDOT's suggestions so long as they are willing to put the money into the project and so long as the projects come back to the Board for approval. Commissioner Barlow asked Mr. Mallon what he thought GDOT could come back with since Harps Road Baptist Church is in the middle of the proposed area. Mr. Mallon replied that he did not know and that he was reluctant to provide ideas on what GDOT would do.

Bo Mullins: Mr. Bo Mullins commented about this project saying he understood that there were plans at one time to four-lane State Route 92 all the way to Griffin, Georgia. He asked if those plans had fallen through the cracks and if the state still intended to four-lane the road.

Chairman Brown replied that the money is few and far between, so unless the County is begging for that and since the County is not begging for it to happen, that four-laning the road probably would not happen. He said GDOT had not brought the matter up to him at the regional level. Chairman Brown added that if there was the slightest hint of four-laning the road that it would be in the forthcoming report from GDOT.

Commissioner Barlow moved to accept the request from the Georgia Department of Transportation for an intersection improvement of Harp Road, Seay Road and State Route 92 and approval for the Chairman to sign the letter of support (GDOT PI 0009972). Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion.

Commissioner Ognio stated that he is still against roundabouts on State Route 92.

The motion to accept the request from the Georgia Department of Transportation for an intersection improvement of Harp Road, Seay Road and State Route 92 and approval for the Chairman to sign the letter of support (GDOT PI 0009972) passed 4-0-1 with Commissioner Oddo being absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 13," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

13. Consideration of staff's recommendation to approve a request from Fayetteville First Baptist Church for a curb cut on the access drive to the Sheriff's Office and to provide an easement to the church for the driveway cut with the church being responsible for maintaining the driveway cut.

Mr. Bo Mullins, representing Fayetteville First Baptist Church, provided a map for the Board's review. He said the church is growing, but that the church has a parking lot with two restrictive parking lots that empty onto Johnson Avenue East. He added that there is a pedestrian crossing to the parking lot, and that any Sunday morning there are about 150 to 200 cars in the parking lot. He stated that for a number of years, Mr. Addison Lester had spoken to the Board about the possibility of allowing vehicles to enter the parking lot through the rear of the parking lot utilizing access to an adjourning road. He said that Mr. Frisina researched the matter and found that the road belongs to the county. He asked for an ability to have an entrance and exit onto the county road from the rear of the parking lot, saying that ability would eliminate about half of the traffic trying to exit onto Johnson Avenue while providing safety for the pedestrians crossing Johnson Avenue.

The Board indicated that it had no problem with the request. Commissioner Ognio pointed out that the Board had information from Sheriff Babb stating he had no problem with the request. Chairman Brown said Mr. Mullins could go back to the church, work up a proposal with Community Development Director Pete Frisina, and to bring the formal proposal to the Board for a vote. Discussion followed.

The Board asked Mr. Mullins to the church to work with county staff to put the proposal on the map and to present the proposal to the Board for a formal vote. The Board did not take a formal vote on this matter.

County Administrator Steve Rapson suggested that the church could co-use the parking lot with the county during the weekdays outside of typical church hours for those doing business with the Sheriff and the Public Defenders' Office. Mr. Mullins replied that he would take that request back to the church for consideration. Chairman Brown added that the county could provide precise information on what is being asked for. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 14," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

14. Consideration of staff's recommendation to adopt Ordinance 2014-09 pertaining to Chapter 13 of the Fayette County Code of Ordinances concerning Pawnbrokers, Dealers in Precious Metals and Gems, and Flea Market Operators.

Code Enforcement Officer Kathy Hobbs informed the Board that it was brought to the County's attention, after a new pawn shop located in Fayette County, that the previous ordinance had never been enforced on two previous pawn shops. She stated that in coordination with the Sheriff's Office and the County Attorney's Office, the recommended Ordinance 2014-09 was coming to the Board for consideration. Officer Hobbs explained to the Board that the recommended ordinance did not have significant changes, but that it does eliminate the cash bond that most counties require since it is a civil issue and not necessary for the county to be involved in civil issues. She added that the required automatic reporting could be done online.

Chairman Brown asked if Officer Hobbs had spoken to the pawn shops about this recommendation. Officer Hobbs said the Sheriff's Office would enforce the ordinance, and that a detective had discussed this matter with the pawn shops.

Officer Hobbs asked for the ordinance to have an extension until January 2015 so that the pawn shops would have six months to come into compliance.

Chairman Brown moved to adopt Ordinance 2014-09 pertaining to Chapter 13 of the Fayette County Code of Ordinances concerning Pawnbrokers, Dealers of Precious Metals and Gems, and Flea Market Operators with an extension granted to January 2015 for electronic reporting compliance. Commissioners McCarty and Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Commissioner Oddo being absent from the meeting. Copies of the request and Ordinance 2014-09, identified as "Attachment 15," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

15. Consideration of the April 9, 2014 Joint Meeting Minutes of the Fayette County's Board of Commissioners and the City of Fayetteville's City Council, and consideration of the April 10, 2014 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes. Commissioners McCarty and Ognio were not present for these meetings.

Chairman Brown pointed out that there was not an available quorum able to vote on these minutes due to Commissioner Oddo's absence.

Commissioner Ognio moved to table the April 9, 2014 Minutes and the April 10, 2014 Minutes to the next available Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Commissioner Oddo being absent.

16. Consideration of the April 24, 2014 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Oddo was not present for this meeting.

Commissioner McCarty moved to approve the April 24, 2014 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Commissioner Oddo being absent.

17. Approval of staff's recommendation to approve a Noise Disturbance Permit for the Sam's School, located at 508 Antioch Road, Fayetteville, Georgia, with said permit to be effective on Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. until midnight.

County Administrator Steve Rapson spoke about the Noise Disturbance Permit for the Sam's School and for Kathy McCoy, and he informed the Board that a third permit request was received by the county this morning. He briefed the Board on how permits were approved in the past and the need to bring these requests to the Board, and he asked the Board to consider giving him temporary authority to approve noise disturbance permits until the ordinance could be changed. He added that the permits had been reviewed and agreed to by the Sheriff's Office and the Code Enforcement Department.

Commissioner McCarty moved to approve the Noise Disturbance Permit as read. Commissioners Ognio and Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Commissioner Oddo being absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 16," follows these minutes and

18. Approval of staff's recommendation to approve a Noise Disturbance Permit for Kathy McCoy for a five-acre home located at 1373 Highway 85 North, with said permit to be effective on Friday, May 16, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Commissioner Ognio moved to approve a Noise Disturbance Permit for Kathy McCoy for a five-acre home located at 1373 Highway 85 North, with said permit to be effective on Friday, May 16, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Commissioners Barlow and McCarty seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Commissioner Oddo being absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 17," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Chairman Brown moved to authorize the County Administrator the administrative authority to approve Noise Disturbance Permits for a thirty day period without coming to the Board of Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Commissioner Oddo being absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one spoke under Public Comment.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Recreation Commission: County Administrator Steve Rapson informed the Board that there were two vacancies on the Recreation Commission, that they have not been advertised yet, and that historically the vacancies are based on the district posts, and that those posts belong to Commissioners Ognio and McCarty. Chairman Brown added that the Board was doing what was done for other boards and authorities by advertising at-large for the positions. Chairman Brown and Commissioner Ognio agreed to serve on the Selection Committee for the Recreation Commission.

Hospital Authority: County Administrator Steve Rapson informed the Board that three positions were becoming vacant, but based on how the Authority was established; the Board would interview applicants and make selections that would be sent to the Hospital Authority. He stated that the Hospital Authority would validate the positions. He also suggested allowing Mr. Michael Burnett, Chief Executive Officer of Piedmont Fayette Hospital, to participate with the Selection Committee since he would make the recommendations to the Hospital Authority. Discussion followed. Mr. Rapson clarified that the Selection Committee would want to pick more than just three nominees to provide to the Hospital Authority for consideration since the Hospital Authority has the ability to reject nominees. The Board agreed to have Chairman Brown and Commissioner Barlow on the Selection Committee and for Mr. Burnett to participate with the Selection Committee in interviewing applicants.

Budget Calendar: County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that when the Budget Calendar was established two meetings ago it was stated that the presentation to the Board of Commissioners would take place on May 15, 2014 and that budget hearing would be held on May 29, 2014 for outside agencies. He corrected the dates saying May 15, 2014 is for internal meetings between himself and the Department Heads. He said he would have a meeting with Constitutional Officers on May 29, 2014 and outside agencies. Mr. Rapson said the actual submittal of the budget to the Board of Commissioners would occur on June 5, 2014. He wanted to make sure that everyone understood that the budget would not be presented to the Board by May 15, 2014.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

March 27, 2014 Executive Session Minutes: Assistant County Attorney Patrick Stough informed the Board that the March 27, 2014 Executive Session Minutes needed to be reviewed in Executive Session.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Barlow: Commissioner Barlow commended Deputy County Clerk Tameca White and County Clerk Floyd Jones for the continuing use of technology during the meetings. He also thanked the people for coming to the meeting. Commissioner Barlow commented on the Supreme Court's ruling allowing prayer at county and city meetings. He credited County Attorney Dennis Davenport for advising him on how the County Commission could avoid issues pertaining to invocations, and that Mr. Davenport stated that all that had to be done was to embrace the communities of faith. Commissioner Barlow stated that the Board has had adherents to Christianity, Mormonism Islam, Judaism and Buddhism come to Board, and that the Board is always on the lookout for participation the community of faith in Fayette County.

Commissioner Ognio: Commissioner Ognio reminded everyone that early voting had begun and that early voting would be held on Saturday. He asked everyone to do their homework and to vote.

Commissioner McCarty: Commissioner McCarty thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and he said it was great to serve the people of Fayette County.

Chairman Brown: Chairman Brown spoke about the unveiling of two art projects that are at the back of the building. He stated that Fayette County High School took some images of all the different cities and high schools and put them on the billboards that formerly had pictures that were aged and deteriorating. He thanked Graphic Signs, Incorporated for giving professional services and for donating their work, and he thanked them for their contribution in keeping the county's history alive. Chairman Brown also read the following letter from Commissioner Oddo into the record:

5/4/2014

Greetings All,

At times life throws one curve after another. How we handle those curves is ultimately what counts. This year a lot of curves have been thrown our way, and my wife and I have had our share. We've handled them as they've come, but nearly a month ago, life hurled a wicked one at us. We are handling it, but because of it I have been unable to attend in person this Board of Commissioners meeting, nor the past meeting.

Many of you may remember my wife's mother. One of her dreams was to become a resident of the United States. Her daughter, my wife Pily, helped make that dream come true. On January 1, 2013, in her 84th year, Mamá flew to the United States with her brand new Permanent Resident visa, and on January 2, 2013, saw her son-in-law sworn in as a proud Fayette County Commissioner. Over the course of the year Pily and I enjoyed her company and the pleasure of having the matriarch of her family with us.

But earlier this year shortly after Christmas, Pily's mom began to complain of a backache and stomach pains. Various doctors could determine no serious problems. But Mamá postponed her return to Fayetteville while she looked for relief. Then, nearly a month ago, life took a terrible turn when Pily received an early morning call from her brother. Their mom fell during the night. They rushed her to the hospital. Pily and I immediately flew to Colombia to be near her. An MRI was performed. What started out as a backache has since been diagnosed as Stage IV cancer, along with the incredible impact of hearing the word no one is ever prepared to hear. What a jolt for us as we have watched a vibrant lady become bed ridden in such a short time. Her doctors have reached the sad conclusion that they can do no more for her.

Now, it is God's will be done.

As those who have experienced such illness can attest, and others can imagine, Mamá is in terrible pain. Those moments when the pain subsides are like a gift from Heaven, but there are fewer and fewer. The feeling of helplessness as we watch her suffering is beyond words, especially knowing how much she enjoys life and loves her family. I am doing my best to help and support the family during this crisis. Amidst their tears and disbelief, the children and grandchildren have been marvelous, never leaving her side, day or night.

As a member of this Board of Commissioners, and the honor and pleasure I have to serve our wonderful citizens and county, I relate these events so you will understand my recent absence from our BOC meetings. Thanks to the miracle of technology, I am able to continue with the daily workload, keeping in constant communication with my fellow Commissioners, County Administrator, County Attorney, and Administration Staff, as well as with my family and business here in Fayetteville.

Now, if we could just have one more miracle for Mamá, all would be well.

As Pily, her family, and I, adjust to this terrible curve that life threw our way, please keep our mom in your prayers. I thank you, Pily thanks you, and our family in Colombia thank you for your understanding and I look forward to returning soon and to all here in our wonderful Fayette County home.

With deepest appreciation,

Chuck and Pily Oddo

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Review of the March 27, 2014 Executive Session Minutes: Chairman Brown moved to recess into Executive Session to review the March 27, 2014 Board of Commissioners Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Commissioner Oddo being absent.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 8:48 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 8:54 p.m.

Executive Session Affidavit: Commissioner Ognio moved to exit Executive Session and to authorize the Chairman to sign an Executive Session Affidavit. Commissioners McCarty and Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Commission Oddo being absent. A copy of the Executive Session Affidavit, identified as "Attachment 18," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Approval of the March 27, 2014 Executive Session Minutes: Chairman Brown moved to approve the March 27, 2014 Executive Session Minutes as amended. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 3-0-2 with Commissioner McCarty abstaining from the vote and Commissioner Oddo being absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioners McCarty and Barlow moved to adjourn the May 8, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Commissioner Oddo being absent.

The May 8, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 8:55 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 22nd day of May 2014.

Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk