



Minutes

Board of Commissioners
May 28, 2015
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in an Official Meeting on May 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Commissioners Present:

Charles Oddo, Chairman
Pota Coston, Vice Chair
David Barlow
Steve Brown
Randy Ognio

Staff Present:

Steve Rapson, County Administrator
Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk
Tameca P. White, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Dennis Davenport, County Attorney

Call to Order

Chairman Oddo called the May 28, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Invocation by Vice Chair Coston

Vice Chair Coston introduced Reverend Dr. Augustus T. Curry of Cornerstone Church and she asked him to offer the Invocation. Reverend Curry offered the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Reverend Curry led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

Commissioner Brown moved to accept the Agenda. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 5-0.

PROCLAMATION /RECOGNITION:

1. **Recognition of Dixie Wing, designated as the 83rd Commemorative Air Force unit, and its flight over the Washington Mall in honor of the 70th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day.**

Commissioner Brown and the Board recognized Dixie Wing. Representatives from Dixie Wing spoke about its work and upcoming events. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 1," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

2. **Recognition to the members of Team Fayette County Fire who participated in the American Lung Association's Fight for Air Climb.**

Fire Chief David Scarbrough and the Board recognized the members of Team Fayette County who participated in the American Lung Association's Fight for Air Climb. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 2," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

3. **Recognition of Fayette County Road Department Assistant Director, Bradley Klinger, as recipient of the Team Player Award.**

Commissioner David Barlow presented the Team Player Award to Road Department Assistant Director Bradley Klinger. Road Department Director Steve Hoffman commended Mr. Klinger for his work and constant willingness to help. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 3," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

4. **Presentation from Mr. Mike Conaway regarding the 2015 Global Leadership Summit.**

Commissioner Barlow asked Mr. Mike Conaway to speak to the Board about the 2015 Global Leadership Summit. Mr. Conaway gave his presentation and he answered questions from the Board. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 4," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

5. **Presentation by the Georgia Forestry Commission concerning the Forest Action Plan, Georgia Forestry Services, and other opportunities that might serve other Fayette County needs.**

Ms. Joanna Warren, Communications and Public Affairs Specialist of the Georgia Forestry Commission, presented information about the Forest Action Plan, Georgia Forestry Services, and other opportunities. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 5," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

PUBLIC HEARING:

6. **Public Hearing of Petition No. 1244-15, ALH DGT Investments, LLC, Owner, and Robert Rolader, Agent, request to rezone 77.45 acres from A- R to C-S to develop a Single-Family Residential Conservation Subdivision with said property being located in Land Lots 223 & 224 of the 4th District and fronting on Bernhard Road. The Applicant has requested to withdraw the rezoning application.**

Community Development Director Pete Frisina briefly explained to the Board why the applicant requested withdrawal of the rezoning application.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the rezoning request.

Commissioner Ognio moved to withdraw Petition No. 1244-15, ALH DGT Investments, LLC, Owner, and Robert Rolader, Agent. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 5-0. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 6," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Ognio moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7 through 12. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 5-0.

7. **Ratification of the emergency replacement by Diversified Electronics, Inc. of the high-band antenna at E911 for the amount of \$11,542.43 and approval of the transfer of funds from E-911 project contingency for this purpose. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 7," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.**
8. **Approval of staff's recommendation to reappoint Deputy Fire Chief Thomas F. Bartlett and Division Chief Steven G. Folden to the West Georgia Region IV Emergency Medical Services Council for a two-year term. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 8," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.**
9. **Approval of the Tax Assessor's Office recommendation to deny the disposition of tax refunds. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 9," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.**
10. **Approval of staff's recommendation to enter into an agreement with Centennial Contractors Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$14,368.00 from renewal and extension funds, to replace the existing wooden deck at Starr's Mill, and authorization for the County Administrator sign the contract and any related documents.**

Commissioner Brown asked if staff ensured the work would not comprise the historical integrity of Starr's Mill. County Administrator Steve Rapson briefly explained that the historical integrity of Starr's Mill would not be compromised. Copies of the request and agreement, identified as "Attachment 10," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

11. **Approval of the Water Committee's recommendation to approve the Radio Control Sailboat Regatta at Lake McIntosh, from September 12 to September 13, to waive parking fees for participants, to name this year's regatta the "Second Annual Sailboat Event."**

Commissioner Brown invited the public to attend the regatta. He said there are seven, eight-foot remote-controlled sail boats at the event and he said children love the regatta. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 11," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

12. **Approval of the May 14, 2015 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

OLD BUSINESS:

13. **Consideration of staff's request to establish a two-year corporation/businesses decal charge, at \$1.00 per decal, which would allow corporations and businesses to use both Lake McIntosh Park and Lake Horton Park Monday through Friday.**

County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that this issue was discussed at the April 23, 2015 Board of Commissioners Meeting, and he said staff received direction during the meeting to bring consistency at all the parks. He said the Marshal's Department and the Parks and Recreation Department made recommendations to make both Lake McIntosh and Lake Horton available Monday through Friday without time limitations, to incorporate a two-year corporate decal that is available for \$1.00 for two years, and to have non-county residents still pay \$5.00 per visit or pay the \$50.00 annual pass.

Commissioner Barlow moved to approve staff's request to establish a two-year corporate/business decal charge, at \$1.00 per decal, which would allow corporations and businesses to use both Lake McIntosh Park and Lake Horton Park Monday through Friday. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion.

Commissioner Brown asked Commissioner Barlow to include an amendment to the motion including the 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. timeframe.

Commissioner Barlow amended his motion to approve staff's request to establish a two-year corporate/business decal charge, at \$1.00 per decal, which would allow corporations and businesses to use both Lake McIntosh Park and Lake Horton Park Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Carlotta Ungaro: Ms. Carlotta Ungaro, representing the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Board for the efforts it has taken so far saying "it is a great step in the right direction," but she asked for the Board to eliminate the residence requirements for the park. She stated that this recommendation was made based on the Fayette Visioning initiative, and that it would send the message that Fayette County is an open community.

Dawn Oparah: Ms. Oparah thought about 60-70% of the Fayette County population leave Fayette County to go to work in other counties, and in so doing use other counties' parks for free. She thought that since Fayette County citizens enjoy others' parks for free, Fayette County should reciprocate and provide its parks for free.

Chairman Oddo stated that he did not see a real purpose for having a starting and ending time, and he said it did not make sense to patrol the park before 8:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays.

Commissioner Brown replied that the proposed cost for attending the park was minimal. He also spoke about the need to maintain exclusivity with the County's park by giving the businesses and corporations a break while creating exclusivity during traditional non-working hours. He stated the County did not want to reduce exclusivity to the point where Fayette County citizens could not use the parks. He added that if the effort did not work then it could be changed.

Commissioner Ognio stated he received an email from a citizen who was concerned about the numbers of people at Lake McIntosh Park. He said the intention was not to exclude non-county citizens, but the intention was to give ample availability for Fayette County citizens to use the parks.

Commissioner Barlow agreed that this effort was a great start, and he agreed with the Fayette Chamber of Commerce.

Chairman Oddo pointed out that the amended motion would not relieve the County of patrolling before 8:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m. He stated that he was in favor of the original motion that was made, but that he would vote against the current motion since he did not favor the time schedule.

The motion to approve staff's request to establish a two-year corporate/business decal charge, at \$1.00 per decal, which would allow corporations and businesses to use both Lake McIntosh Park and Lake Horton Park Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. passed 4-1 with Chairman Oddo voting in opposition.

Mr. Rapson stated that staff would begin enforcing the policy but that it needed to create a corporate decal. He added that the work of enforcing the policy would begin first thing in the morning. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 12," follow these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

14. Staff is requesting approval to continue recording county minutes as discussed and approved by the Board of Commissioners on August 1, 2012.

Chairman Oddo stated that this issue was discussed extensively during the May 14, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting, and that he sent an email to County Administrator Steve Rapson stating that he wanted to move forward on this item.

Commissioner Ognio moved to continue producing the minutes as they have been produced from August 1, 2012. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 13," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

NEW BUSINESS:

15. Consideration of staff's recommendation to authorize Task Order Proposal FC018 with CH2M Hill for improvements at the Crosstown Water Treatment Plant, in the amount of \$442,103.00, and authorization for the County Administrator to sign all related documents.

Water System Director Lee Pope stated this request was for construction management of the project just released to bid for the filter upgrade at the Crosstown Water Treatment Plant, and he reminded the Board that this item was discussed during the April 3, 2015 Board of Commissioners Retreat.

Commissioner Brown pointed out that this involved a very extensive project, and Mr. Pope added that the project was both extensive and detailed. Mr. Pope stated that by allowing CH2M Hill to work with the contractor it would streamline the work while making it efficient. Commissioner Brown asked how long it would take to complete the project, and Mr. Pope replied that it would take about twelve or thirteen months.

County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that this was the final, major project associated with the Environmental Protection Division's Consent Order that would eventually allow for normal business in the Water System.

Commissioner Barlow noted the large amount of hours of supervision and the tremendous amount of effort involved. He noted that Mr. Pope had already brought an enormous amount of attention to the Water System, and this project would bring pride to Fayette County.

Commissioner Barlow moved to accept staff's recommendation to authorize Task Order Proposal FC018 with CH2M Hill for improvements at the Crosstown Water Treatment Plant, in the amount of \$442,103.00, and authorization for the County Administrator to sign all related documents. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 5-0. Copies of the request and Task Order Proposal FC018, identified as "Attachment 14," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roy Bishop: Mr. Bishop, a resident on Westbridge Road, spoke about his problems that he continues to experience at his residence due to road construction along Westbridge Road. He spoke about how his septic system is not in compliance due to the road construction. Mr. Bishop asked the Board to remove the project from the Road Department and to take efforts to address the problems he is experiencing.

Tom Waller: Mr. Waller reminded the Board that the West Fayetteville Bypass is not completed and he stated that the County had spent too much money to forget it.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Notice of Emergency Procurement: County Administrator Steve Rapson notified the Board of an Emergency Procurement in the amount of \$4,200.00 for the grounding of consoles in the E-911 Communications Center.

Brooks Fire Station Closing: County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that the County received notification from the Town of Brooks wants to move forward with purchasing the Brooks Fire Station, and he said he would work on getting the closing set up for the fire station.

DRI Review Notification from the ARC for Pinewood Atlanta Studios: County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that he had forwarded an email pertaining to the DRI Review Notification to each of the Commissioners earlier in the day, and he asked the Commissioners to send their comments to Community Development Director Pete Frisina by the June 10, 2015 deadline.

Special Called Meeting on June 2, 2015: County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that there was a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and it is a "Roundabout Forum." He stated it was a second meeting pertaining to proposed Georgia Department of Transportation's intersection improvements at the intersection and vicinity of Antioch Road and State Route 92.

Contract with the Gordian Group for the Historic County Courthouse Exterior Refurbishment project: County Administrator Steve Rapson reminded the Board that it had earlier approved the realignment of the Historic County Courthouse. He said that there is a delay in getting the slate for the Historic County Courthouse so work is proceeding on other areas. He informed the Board that he approved a contract for the Historic Courthouse Exterior Refurbishment for \$71,856.29, and he said the contract was to fix the wood, railings, and drainage for the Historic County Courthouse. A copy of the contract, identified as "Attachment 15," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Closing the Advertisement for the E-911 Communications Director Position: County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that the position for E-911 Communications Director would be closed. He stated that the County has received thirty-eight applications, and those applications will be reduced to the top eight or nine applicants. He stated that the interviews of the top applicants would happen around late June.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Notification of Executive Session: County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that he had one item of Pending Litigation, one item of Real Estate Disposition, and review of the May 14, 2015 Executive Session Minutes for consideration in Executive Session.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Barlow: Commissioner Barlow explained that he missed the May 14, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting since he was at a state conference for the twenty-six Community Service Boards throughout the State of Georgia. He spoke about the Community Service Boards and of what he learned about mental illness. He added that he attended the ribbon-cutting of a new Behavioral Health Crisis Center, and he spoke about the impact of mental illness in the community. He mentioned that one out of four people in the United States suffers from some form of mental illness, and he commended those people and agencies who work with those who have mental illness.

Commissioner Brown: Commissioner Brown stated that he had received a couple of recent complaints about the recordings saying the sound goes in and out. He also asked for the West Fayetteville Bypass to be added to an upcoming Agenda in order to let people know "from top to bottom" what is going on since it has been an ongoing project. Commissioner Brown said he was concerned that Mr. Bishop's septic system was out of compliance and he asked for a solution to be found to the problem as quickly as possible.

Commissioner Ognio: Commissioner Ognio stated that he went to the Fayetteville City Council Meeting last week, and he said in the meeting there was a representative from Comcast who said high-speed internet service was coming to the city. He said he followed the representative out of the meeting and asked why the same high-speed internet service could not be provided to the county instead of just the city. Commissioner Ognio said the representative assured him they would work with the County, and he thought it was a move in the right direction since people who live in the outskirts of the County need better internet service.

Vice Chair Coston: Vice Chair Coston stated that she was happy to be back, that there were exciting things happening at the County, and that she looked forward to working with everyone.

Chairman Oddo: Chairman Oddo reminded everyone that there would be a Special Called Meeting on June 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. He reminded everyone that at the May 14, 2015 meeting, a family spoke who was looking for a missing child. He stated that the child was found the following day and that the child was safe. He asked everyone to keep the people of Texas in their prayers due to the heavy rain and floods.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pending Litigation, Real Estate Disposition, and Review of the May 14, 2015 Executive Session Minutes: Commissioner Brown moved to recess into Executive Session. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 8:23 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 9:05 p.m.

Return to Official Session and Authorization to Sign the Executive Session Affidavit: Commissioner Ognio moved to exit Executive Session and for the Chairman to sign the Executive Session Affidavit. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Executive Session Affidavit, identified as "Attachment 16," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Town of Brooks to Purchase the Fayette County Fire Station Located in Brooks: County Attorney Dennis Davenport reminded the Board that it had extended an offer to the Town of Brooks to determine whether or not the town wanted to purchase the fire station in Brooks. He said the town had agreed to purchase the fire station with the following terms and conditions set by the Board of Commissioners, namely: 1) to pay the purchase price of \$5,000.00, 2) pay all costs for the transfer of the title of property from Fayette County to the Town of Brooks, and 3) that a reversion clause could be included in the deed so that if the property ceased to be used for town purposes it would revert back to the County.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the agreement as stated by the County Attorney. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of the May 14, 2015 Executive Session Minutes: Commissioner Ognio moved to approve the May 14, 2015 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Ognio moved to adjourn the May 28, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 5-0.

The May 28, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk

Charles W. Oddo, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 11th day of June 2015. Referenced attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk