

Board of Commissioners June 25, 2015 7:00 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in an Official Meeting on June 25, 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

David Barlow Steve Brown Randy Ognio

Commissioner Absent: Pota Coston, Vice Chair

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 June 25, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Invocation by Commissioner David Barlow** 

Commissioner Barlow offered the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Barlow led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Update on the storm that damaged the Whispering Pines Mobile Home Community in Tyrone, Georgia:

Chairman Oddo asked Fire Chief David Scarbrough to show pictures of the storm damage that occurred on June 24, 2015 in Tyrone, and the Board thanked the first responders who responded to the storm. Chief Scarbrough stated that the Fire Department would take calls from those who desire to help the residents of the Whispering Pines Mobile Home Community.

#### **Acceptance of Agenda**

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Agenda as published. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0 with Vice Chair Coston being absent.

## PROCLAMATION /RECOGNITION:

1. Recognition of the outstanding volunteers of the Fayette County Public Library who strive to make a difference in the Fayette community.

Commissioner David Barlow and Library Director Christeen Snell recognized the volunteers of the Fayette County Public Library. The members of the Fayette County Library Board were also recognized. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 1," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

2. Presentation of Government Finance Officers Association Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fayette County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

Chairman Oddo, County Administrator Steve Rapson and Chief Financial Officer Mary Parrott spoke about the hard work that the Finance staff performs in order to obtain the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificates of Achievement for Excellence. Senior Financial Analyst Bonnie Jones and Human Resources Analyst Brady Every, who formerly worked in the Finance Department, were recognized for earning the Certified Local Government Finance Officer- Level 1 Certificate from the University of Georgia. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 2," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

# **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Community Development Director read *Introduction to Public Hearings for the Rezoning of Property* into the record and he introduced Public Hearing #3 to the Board. A copy of the *Introduction to Public Hearings for the Rezoning of Property*, identified as "Attachment 3," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

3. Public Hearing on staff's recommendation to transfer an existing 2014 Retail Alcohol, Beer and Wine License (License #C14-000465) from Marvell Group, LLC, to Zainulabdin Gillani, doing business as DJ One Stop, which is located at 1850 S SR 85, Fayetteville, Georgia 30215.

Community Development Director Pete Frisina informed the Board that staff had reviewed the request to transfer the existing Retail Alcohol, Beer, and Wine License and reported that the applicant had met all requirements.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to this request.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve staff's recommendation to transfer an existing 2014 Retail Alcohol, Beer and Wine License (License #C14-000465) from Marvell Group, LLC, to Zainulabdin Gillani, doing business as DJ One Stop, which is located at 1850 S SR 85, Fayetteville, Georgia 30215. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0 with Vice Chair Coston being absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 4," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

4. Public Hearing of Petition No. 1245-15, Doyle C. Lindsey, Owner, and Randy Boyd, Agent, request to rezone 6.206 acres from A- R to R-70 to develop a Single-Family Residential Subdivision with said property being located in Land Lot 227 of the 5th District and fronting on New Hope Road and Kenwood Road, with two (2) conditions.

Community Development Director Pete Frisina briefed the Board on Petition No. 1245-15, and he stated staff and the Planning Commission recommended approval with two conditions. Mr. Frisina stated the lot had two existing single-family homes that are grand-fathered, and he said Mr. Lindsey wished to rezone the property so he can subdivide it with a house on each property. Agent Randy Boyd spoke to the Board about the petition and he stated that the applicant agreed to the two conditions located in the petition request.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to Petition No. 1245-15.

Commissioner Barlow moved to approve Petition No. 1245-15, Doyle C. Lindsey, Owner, and Randy Boyd, Agent, request to rezone 6.206 acres from A-R to R-70 to develop a Single-Family Residential Subdivision with said property being located in Land Lot 227 of the 5th District and fronting on New Hope Road and Kenwood Road with two (2) conditions. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Brown read the two conditions into the record and asked Mr. Boyd to confirm that the applicant agreed to the conditions. Mr. Boyd reconfirmed that the applicant agreed to the conditions. Mr. Boyd mentioned that the applicant would seek Option #2 of the second condition.

The motion to approve Petition No. 1245-15, Doyle C. Lindsey, Owner, and Randy Boyd, Agent, request to rezone 6.206 acres from A-R to R-70 to develop a Single-Family Residential Subdivision with said property being located in Land Lot 227 of the 5th District and fronting on New Hope Road and Kenwood Road with two (2) conditions passed 4-0 with Vice Chair Coston being absent. Copies of the Request, Ordinance 1245-15 and Resolution 1245-15, identified as "Attachment 5," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

5. Public Hearing of Petition No. 1246-15, Wayne M. Williams, Owner, and Tony Harris, Agent, request to rezone 51.29 acres from A- R to R-50 to develop a Single-Family Residential Subdivision with said property being located in Land Lot 252 of the 13th District and fronting on Kite Lake Road. The Applicant has requested to withdraw the rezoning application.

Community Development Director Pete Frisina briefed the Board on Petition No. 1246-15, and he stated staff and the Planning Commission approved of withdrawing the petition.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the petition.

Commissioner Ognio moved to accept the withdrawal of Petition No. 1246-15, Wayne M. Williams, Owner, and Tony Harris, Agent, request to rezone 51.29 acres from A- R to R-50 to develop a Single-Family Residential Subdivision with said property being located in Land Lot 252 of the 13th District and fronting on Kite Lake Road. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0 with Vice Chair Coston being absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 6," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

6. Public Hearing of Petition RDP-012-15, Fland Land, LLC, Owner, request to revise the Development Plan for Elysian Fields Conservation Subdivision with said property being located in Land Lots 47, 79 & 80 of the 7th District and fronting on Lee's Lake Road and Coastline Road.

Community Development Director Pete Frisina briefed the Board on Petition RDP-012-15. Mr. Frisina stated that the property was rezoned a couple of months ago and is a C-S Subdivision. He said the developer found rock on the property and wants to revise the Development Plan that includes moving roads and lots in the conversation area.

Agent Donna Black spoke in favor of Petition RDP-012-15. She said the request was to slightly realign the roads without increasing density. She said there were some conditions that applied when the property was first rezoned, and she maintained that the applicant would keep the conditions.

No one else spoke in favor of or in opposition to the petition.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Petition RDP-012-15, Fland Land, LLC, Owner, request to revise the Development Plan for Elysian Fields Conservation Subdivision with said property being located in Land Lots 47, 79 & 80 of the 7th District and fronting on Lee's Lake Road and Coastline Road. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed 3-1 with Commissioner Ognio voting in opposition and Vice Chair Coston being absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 7," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

7. Public Hearing on the County's recommended annual budget for Fiscal Year 2016 which begins July 1, 2015 and ends June 30, 2016, and adoption of Resolution 2015-09 establishing the annual operating, capital, and CIP budgets for Fiscal Year 2016.

Chief Financial Officer Mary Parrott gave a PowerPoint presentation on the recommended Fiscal Year 2016 budget, and she presented three options, based on feedback from the Board, pertaining to the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). County Administrator Steve Rapson and Mrs. Parrott explained how redirecting or eliminating the COLA would impact various funds.

Commissioner Ognio expressed several concerns with approving a COLA. Those concerns were: 1) private businesses are no longer giving COLAs, 2) Fayette County's aging population is not getting a 2% COLA, 3) the recommended budget would provide a 4% increase to employees made up of a 2% COLA and 2% incentive pay; 4) government employees, in general, received 29% COLA increases from 1998 to 2008 while the private sector received 19% COLA increases, 5) there is no true determination on how to calculate COLAs, 6) governments compete with each other resulting in rising salaries, and 7) uncertainty on how the COLA would effect future budgets.

Mr. Rapson and Mrs. Parrott explained that COLAs were recommended for employee retention. They also stated that the 2% COLA was not recommended to recapture the lost 10.4% of COLAs from previous years that were provided but rather was intended to maintain the 10.4% lost COLA. Commissioner Ognio replied that employee retention is often not based on employee pay but on the employees' work environment. He also suggested additional funds could be provided to the Road Department for various projects.

Chairman Oddo opened the floor to the public.

Emory McHugh: Mr. McHugh spoke for approximately thirteen minutes on his concerns about the recommended Fiscal Year 2016 budget and the "impending fiscal cliff" Fayette County is heading toward. Among several issues, Mr. McHugh stated that no Capital Projects were designated for the Sheriff's Department that would be funded by the General Fund as part of the Capital Improvements Plan and that "dwindling reserves in the Vehicle and Replacement Fund" were being used to balance the budget. Mr. McHugh stated that the Fiscal Year 2016 budget recognized forfeited funds from the Defined Contribution Plan in order to offset the 2% COLA and 2% one-time pay increase, and he questioned the funding of the Defined Benefit Plan. Mr. McHugh also suggested that additional Deputy Sheriff's would have to be hired to man the Old Jail once it is renovated.

No one else spoke in favor of or in opposition to the recommended Fiscal Year 2016 budget.

Commissioner Barlow moved to accept Option #1 as recommended by staff which would include the 2% COLA to County employees in good standing effective July 1, 2015 and would fund a 2% one-time payment to County employees in good standing to be paid in the second half of the fiscal year conditioned on positive budget performance. Commissioner Oddo seconded the motion.

Commissioner Barlow stated that leaders invest in people and that the employees deserve what is available in Option #1. He spoke about how the employees were treated under a previous County Commission Board, and he wanted to see employees who have passion for Fayette County be compensated.

Chairman Oddo stated there is more to consider with a COLA than just its financial aspects. He reminded the Board that staff had been understanding of the County's situation but that staff had stepped up and done its job. He pointed out that the County had not completed a Compensation and Classification Study for several years meaning "we really don't know where we are these years." He expressed concern about losing valuable employees resulting in additional training costs for new employees while losing efficiency. Chairman Oddo stated that the County has excellent staff, that everything was funded, and that it would be difficult not to support the COLA as presented in Option #1 since it would be an investment in Fayette County.

Commissioner Ognio pointed out that the County had absorbed some of the increased costs for employees' healthcare meaning the employees were getting an increase along with the 2% one-time incentive.

Commissioner Brown asked Mr. Rapson to respond to Mr. McHugh's comments regarding the Sheriff's Office's use of unassigned funds for Capital Projects, using reserve funds for Vehicle Replacement, and of revenues not meeting expenditures. Mr. Rapson stated that the Sheriff's funds are funded from Vehicle and Equipment Funds and that there is a \$655,000.00 transfer from the General Fund for that purpose. Concerning reserves, Mr. Rapson stated there is a fundamental disconnect where Mr. McHugh believes

that the County should add up all the vehicles and equipment and that funds should be set aside for the total amount of all the vehicles and equipment to replace those assets. He agreed that all vehicles and equipment need to be replaced eventually but explained that the only time 100% funding is needed is when every vehicle and piece of equipment must be replaced simultaneously. He said the County was budgeting for vehicle replacements, and he briefly explained how Fayette County budgets for vehicle and equipment replacement. Concerning revenues not meeting expenditures, Mr. Rapson stated that Mr. McHugh has a fundamental disagreement with how Fayette County handles its fund balance and that Fayette County funds its Capital Improvement Plan with a portion of a rolling 5-year Capital Improvement Plan that is allocated as part of that fund balance.

Commissioner Brown said he had three concerns; namely, the impact on the taxpayers, worries about what is not being accomplished, and a desire that as true and transparent process is being run as possible. He stated that if a person considers the COLAs that have been provided in previous years and the 2% incentive payments, then the County has exceed the COLA indexes. Commissioner Brown stated that when he first came to the County he saw a "real flat" operation with no momentum, no progression, morale in the tank, and employees who should not be at the County. He said it really bothered him and he knew people needed to think differently if they were going to accomplish better things. He said he was in favor of the "early things" since the County needed "momentum builders." He stated, concerning the incentives, that meeting the budget is expected so the incentive should be awarded for finding innovative ways to cut costs while increasing productivity. He understood that some departments are running on a skeleton, but that other departments need a push that can be motived by incentives. He suggested that savings need to be turned into the next project. Commissioner Brown then listed the following "systemic issues" that gave him concern:

- a) The County has a difficult time executing projects.
- b) Marketing for Economic Development needs greater emphasis in Fayette County.
- c) The Board does not have real control on the County's Policies and Procedures that effect costs and productivity.
- d) Compliance with state law in government contracts.
- e) The need to enter into a contractual arrangement with the County Attorney's law firm.
- f) The need to revise the County Administrator's contract removing the Administrator from receiving employee pay increases with the employees. This allows for objectivity and credibility.

Chairman Brown acknowledged that the County has made progress and has greater financial stability than in previous years, but he stated that needs cost money so the COLA expenses and incentive expenses would have to be used to address the concerns. Commissioner Brown suggested that there needed to be greater attention paid to the Vehicle Replacement Fund. He also understood that the county employees did

not receive COLAs for several years, but he recalled that many people did not get raises and millions of people lost their jobs during the recession. He thought the County did not react enough during the recession and that means there is a catch-up period for the county.

Mr. Rapson stated that Commissioner Brown did not attend the first budget meeting and that many of his observations were addressed at that hearing. The General Fund is rolling back the millage rate and not impacting the taxpayers. He stated he did not know how the county could be more transparent since policies and procedures and all procurements are online. He said he shared the concern with projects not being done and that is why a Project Coordinator position is in the Fiscal Year 2016 budget. Mr. Rapson mentioned that some of the projects, such as Redwine Road's Golf Cart Path, had not yet been funded but they would be funded with the approval of the Fiscal Year 2016 budget. Mr. Rapson agreed with Commissioner Brown's concern about marketing and pointed out that the funding to the Fayette County Development Authority was being increased with the Fiscal Year 2016 budget. He stated that the county has become more efficient, has leveraged technology, and works with fewer employees. Commissioner Brown suggested that projects can no longer be done "in house" and that it would involve a change in the county's culture. Mr. Rapson closed his remarks stating that the County was projected to have positive growth in the coming years so the COLA would have minimal impact on future budgets.

Chairman Oddo said he did not want Fayette County to be in a position where it is training employees for other counties and that concern is what was helping him support the COLA.

The motion to accept Option #1 as recommended by staff which would include the 2% COLA to County employees in good standing effective July 1, 2015 and would fund a 2% one-time payment to County employees in good standing to be paid in the second half of the fiscal year conditioned on positive budget performance failed 2-2 with Commissioners Brown and Ognio voting in opposition and with Vice Chair Coston being absent.

Commissioner Barlow moved to accept Option #3 with no COLA for County employees and to accelerate the 2% one-time payment for County employees to be implemented July 1, 2015. Chairman Oddo seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion failed 2-2 with Commissioners Brown and Ognio voting in opposition and with Vice Chair Coston being absent.

Commissioner Brown moved to accept Option #3 and to keep the incentive pay as recommended. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0 with Vice Chair Coston being absent.

Mrs. Parrott asked the Board to adopt Resolution 2015-09 with total budgeted funds being \$93,595,728.00, which is Option #3.

Commissioner Brown moved to adopt Resolution 2015-09 with the dollar figures as stated. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0 with Vice Chair Coston being absent. Copies of the request and Resolution 2015-09, identified as "Attachment 8," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Brown asked to remove Consent Agenda #17b.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Consent Agenda #8-17a. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion.

Commissioner Ognio asked for the Intergovernmental Agreements for Elections to be revised so they do not have to come before the Board every other year. County Attorney Dennis Davenport agreed to research that possibility.

The motion to pass Consent Agenda #8-17a passed 4-0 with Vice Chair Coston being absent.

- 8. Approval of staff's request to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Brooks allowing the Fayette County Board of Elections to act as Superintendent of Elections for all elections held in Brooks in 2015, and authorization for the Chairman to sign said Intergovernmental Agreement. Copies of the request and Intergovernmental Agreement, identified as "Attachment 9," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.
- 9. Approval of staff's request to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Fayetteville allowing the Fayette County Board of Elections to act as Superintendent of Elections for all elections held in Fayetteville in 2015, and authorization for the Chairman to sign said Intergovernmental Agreement. Copies of the request and Intergovernmental Agreement, identified as "Attachment 10," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.
- 10. Approval of staff's request to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Peachtree City allowing the Fayette County Board of Elections to act as Superintendent of Elections for all elections held in Peachtree City in 2015, and authorization for the Chairman to sign said Intergovernmental Agreement. Copies of the request and Intergovernmental Agreement, identified as "Attachment 11," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

- 11. Approval of staff's request to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Tyrone allowing the Fayette County Board of Elections to act as Superintendent of Elections for all elections held in Tyrone in 2015, and authorization for the Chairman to sign said Intergovernmental Agreement. Copies of the request and Intergovernmental Agreement, identified as "Attachment 12," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.
- 12. Approval of staff's request to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Woolsey allowing the Fayette County Board of Elections to act as Superintendent of Elections for all elections held in Woolsey in 2015, and authorization for the Chairman to sign said Intergovernmental Agreement. Copies of the request and Intergovernmental Agreement, identified as "Attachment 13," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.
- 13. Approval of staff's recommendation to purchase a policy for property and casualty insurance from OneBeacon, for Fiscal Year 2016, through Apex Insurance, formerly Public Risk Underwriters, for an amount of \$582,585.00, and authorization for the Chairman to sign the policy and related documents. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 14," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.
- 14. Approval of staff's recommendation to adopt Resolution 2015-08 and, in so doing, accepting the updated 2015 Fayette County Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. Copies of the request and Resolution 2015-08, identified as "Attachment 15," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.
- 15. Approval of staff's recommendation to award annual Bid #969-B to E.R. Snell Contracting of Tyrone as primary vendor and to C.W. Matthews of Tyrone as secondary vendor, in an aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$1,363,485.00 for the purchase of asphalt during the 2016 Fiscal Year. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 16," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.
- 16. Approval of the disposition of tax refunds, in the aggregate amount of \$328.83, as recommended by the Tax Assessor's Office. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 17," follows these minutes and are made an official part hereof.
- 17. Approval of the June 2, 2015 Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting Minutes and the June 11, 2015 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the June 11, 2015 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 3-0-1 with Commissioner Brown abstaining from the vote and with Vice Chair Coston being absent.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

There were no Old Business Items on the Agenda.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

18. Consideration of the Fayetteville annexation of 200 Hunters Glen and 100 S. Morning Dove Drive in Quail Hollow Subdivision, and the rezoning of said property from R-40 (Single-Family District) to R-40 (Single-Family District).

Chairman Oddo stated that his property was adjacent to the property under consideration and therefore he would recuse himself. Chairman Oddo left the meeting room as New Business #18 was considered. County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated this was a unique situation since both the Chairman and Vice Chair were not present for the vote. He stated that the Board did have a quorum but it needed to vote on a presiding officer for New Business #18.

Commissioner Ognio moved to elect Commissioner Steve Brown as presiding officer of the agenda item. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 3-0 with Chairman Oddo being recused and Vice Chair Coston being absent.

Community Development Director Pete Frisina briefed the Board on the annexation request. Commissioner Ognio understood that the property had septic problems but he asked if the property had exhausted all its options before requesting to tap into the city's sewer system. Mr. Frisina replied that they probably had exhausted all their options due to the age of the subdivision.

Commissioner Brown moved to not object to the annexation request and to forward the decision to the City of Fayetteville. Commissioners Barlow and Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 3-0 with Chairman Oddo being recused and Vice Chair Coston being absent.

Chairman Oddo returned to the meeting after the vote was taken. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 18," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

19. Consideration of the Fayetteville annexation of 467 Veterans Parkway and the rezoning of said property from R-70 (Single-Family District) to PCD (Planned Community Development).

Community Development Director Pete Frisina briefed the Board on the annexation request and he answered questions from the Board.

Commissioner Brown moved to not object to the Fayetteville annexation of 467 Veterans Parkway and the rezoning of said property from R-70 (Single-Family District) to PCD (Planned Community Development). Commissioners Barlow and Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0 with Vice Chair Coston being absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 19," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

20. Consideration of staff's recommendation to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between Fayette County and the Town of Tyrone for the provision of Code Enforcement Services.

Chief Marshal Harold Myers briefed the Board on staff's recommendation. Commissioner Brown expressed concerns about the possibility of selective enforcement, over-extension of the Marshal's Department and Code Enforcement Officers, and how complaints would be filtered to Code Enforcement through the Town of Tyrone's Town Hall. Chief Marshal Myers and County Administrator Steve Rapson addressed the concerns about over-extending staff by saying the responsibility would primarily involve Code Enforcement staff for ten hours per week, that the town manager and his staff would vet complaints before passing complaints to Code Enforcement, and that code enforcement would be handled for the town on a referral-type basis just as it is for Fayette County. Mr. Rapson suggested this initiative could be re-evaluated after 180 days to determine if it is truly effective. Commissioner Brown said he was concerned that the department would get a "black-eye" since citizens might complain that Code Enforcement was not adequate in Tyrone. He concluded that he did not have a problem with the request even though he has reservations. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Brown moved to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between Fayette County and the Town of Tyrone for the provision of Code Enforcement Services with the ability to retract the services if it does not work out. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0 with Vice Chair Coston being absent. Copies of the request and Intergovernmental Agreement, identified as "Attachment 20," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Roy Bishop:** Mr. Bishop reported that there were still problems with the septic system and fill line at his house on Westbridge Road. He stated that staff had emailed him several other options after he spoke at a previous meeting. Mr. Bishop stated that a soil scientist had come to his property but was unable to find a solution. He said he only wanted to keep the Board informed of the progress.

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**Mayor Greg Clifton:** Fayetteville Mayor Greg Clifton said a request was coming to the Board on the July 9, 2015 Agenda to modify the existing Intergovernmental Agreement to re-purpose the funds to build a roundabout on Veterans Parkway in lieu of a tunnel, and he spoke about the safety and aesthetic benefits of a roundabout as compared to a tunnel. He thanked the Board for voting to not object to the annexations on the Agenda.

**Tom Waller:** Mr. Waller reminded the Board that he had asked for a status report on the West Fayetteville Bypass that he had a commitment that it would be addressed at the meeting. He asked that when the presentation is given that a time-line also be provided so that people could see where the project is "bogged down." Mr. Waller also commented on the tunnel under Sandy Creek Road saying that the main reason for building a tunnel was to allow people at Pinewood Studios to get from one side of the road to the other. He said Pinewood was doing good when it bought the \$10 million school for \$5 million, and he did not believe the county should subsidize Pinewood Studios anymore.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS**:

**Selection Committee for the Public Facilities Authority:** County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that the Board needed to establish a Selection Committee for the Public Facilities Authority. The Board appointed Commissioners Barlow and Brown to the Selection Committee.

**Voting Delegate for the 2015 Legislative Leadership Conference:** County Administrator Steve Rapson asked the Board to appoint a Voting Delegate for the 2015 Legislative Leadership Conference. The Board appointed Commissioner Barlow as the Voting Delegate.

Response to Mr. McHugh's Comments: County Administrator Steve Rapson replied to some of the concerns expressed by Mr. McHugh earlier in the meeting. He stated that Defined Contribution forfeiture money was incorporated into the budget, and he stated that the Defined Benefits Plan is still over-funded. Mr. Rapson reminded the Board that Mr. McHugh spoke about the Old Jail Renovation for \$1.86 million and he stated the Sheriff is committed to utilizing existing staff to operate the old jail once refurbished.

**Response to Mr. Waller's Comments:** County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that he sent an earlier email to the Board concerning the West Fayetteville Bypass. He said the update would be delayed until September.

**Update on the Lake Peachtree and the Spillway:** County Administrator Steve Rapson informed the Board that Fayette County has liaisoned with the City of Peachtree City regarding where they will have the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display and he confirmed there will be fireworks on July 4. Mr. Rapson gave a brief update on the ongoing dredging work for Lake Peachtree saying Battery Park had been completed. He said the current dredging work was in areas 1, 2, and 3 that are adjacent to State Route 54, and he told of additional areas that need to be accessed. Mr. Rapson explained that the has completed the repairs for the spillway and he said there are some areas in the

spillway that did not need to be caulked and sealed since the seals were not broken. He said the city asked the county to delay the sealing of the project but to conduct a post-construction evaluation of the spillway with Piedmont Geotechnical Consultants. He said the evaluation would be provided to the Board and to Peachtree City Council. Mr. Rapson stated that Commissioner Brown had mentioned the CRR Report that goes with the water bill, and he said the Water System would work with the Environmental Protection Division to draft an explanation of those areas in violation. He closed his report saying a press release would be issued within the next week.

# **ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:**

**Notification of Executive Session:** County Attorney Dennis Davenport notified the Board that of nine items of Pending Litigation and the review of the June 11, 2015 Executive Session Minutes needed to be considered in Executive Session.

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

**Commissioner Barlow:** Commissioner Barlow said he was sad that the Board did not approve the COLA for the employees. He spoke about how the previous administration "ripped off the county" by enacting early retirement. He said the positions were not replaced that those who remained had to step up and do 140% or 150% of their job requirements. He said tonight was a chance to reimburse the employees for the work they have been doing, and he wanted the Fayette Chamber of Commerce to take note of his position. He said the employees deserved the COLA and he said he would work diligently to give it to them.

Commissioner Brown: Commissioner Brown asked for "State of the Bypass" at the next meeting. County Administrator Steve Rapson replied that the update was planned for the next meeting, but based on the upcoming traffic study could dramatically impact the report. He stated that the traffic study would be completed in August so the report would be coming in September. Commissioner Brown asked for an update at each meeting on the Lake Peachtree dredging project. He pointed out that for every day there is rain the dredging is delayed for several days since there is standing water. Commissioner Brown asked Water System Director Lee Pope to provide an update on the drinking water since he is getting phone calls from people who read the report in their water bill. Commissioner Brown spoke about a possible solution for Mr. Bishop's septic system that was utilized in Peachtree City. Commissioner Brown stated that the Board needed to seriously look at the proposed City of Fayetteville roundabout and he expressed several concerns with the roundabout.

**Commissioner Ognio:** Commissioner Ognio stated his daughter is dating a fireman so he went by Fire Station #11 where the firemen renovated the kitchen. He said they did a "really nice" job and that he was impressed with their work. He thanked the firemen for their efforts in making that happen. Commissioner Ognio wished everyone to have an enjoyable and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

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**Chairman Oddo:** Chairman Oddo wished everyone a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday and mentioned that there would be a parade in Peachtree City. He commended staff for its work on the budget. He stated that the budget did not meet with universal acclaim this year, but he thanked staff for working on it. He asked the people to double-check their cars for people or pets and to look in on elderly neighbors since it is so hot during the summer.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Nine Items of Pending Litigation and Review of the June 11, 2015 Executive Session Minutes:** Commissioner Brown moved to recess into Executive Session. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0 with Vice Chair Coston being absent.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 9:53 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 10:26 p.m.

Return to Official Session and Authorization for the Chairman to Sign an Executive Session Affidavit:

Commissioner Ognio moved to return to Official Session and for the Chairman to sign an Executive Session

Affidavit. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0 with Vice

Chair Coston being absent. A copy of the Executive Session Affidavit, identified as "Attachment 21," follows these
minutes and is made an official part hereof.

**Approval of the June 11, 2015 Executive Session Minutes:** Commissioner Ognio moved to approve the June 11, 2015 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0 with Vice Chair Coston being absent.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Brown moved to adjourn the June 25, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 4-0 with Vice Chair Coston being absent.

The June 25, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m.	
Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk	Charles W. Oddo, Chairman

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The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 9th day of July 2015. Referenced attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk