

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

MINUTES

April 14, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Welcome to the meeting of your Fayette County Board of Commissioners. Your participation in County government is appreciated. All regularly scheduled Board meetings are open to the public and are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Chairman Oddo called the April 14, 2016 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Invocation by Commissioner Charles D. Rousseau

Commissioner Rousseau offered the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Acceptance of Agenda

Chairman Oddo asked to remove Consent Agenda #8 from the Agenda.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve the Agenda as published and to remove Consent Agenda #8 from the Agenda. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

1. Proclamation of April 10-16, 2016 as "National Telecommunicators' Week."

Chairman Oddo and the Board proclaimed April 10-16, 2016 as "National Telecommunicators' Week." 911 Director Bernard Brown commented on the important work that Telecommunicators do on behalf of the citizens and the county's first responders. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 1," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

2. Recognition of Communications Officer Racheal Hurley as the 2015 911 Communications Officer of the Year.

Chairman Oddo, the Board, and 911 Director Bernard Brown recognized Communications Officer Racheal Hurley as the 2015 911 Communications Officer of the Year. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 2," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

3. Proclamation of April 22, 2016 as "Earth Day" and April 23, 2016 as Fayette County's celebration of Earth Day.

Commissioner Barlow and the Board proclaimed April 22, 2016 as "Earth Day" and April 23, 2016 as Fayette County's celebration of Earth Day. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 3," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

4. Recognition of Ms. Amelia Lord for her graphic design work on creating the Water Guardians logo and t-shirt.

Commissioner Brown and the Board recognized Ms. Amelia Lord for her graphic design work. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 4," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

5. Recognition of Senior Financial Analyst, Lee Ann Bartlett, for earning the Level 1 Local Finance Officer Certification in pursuing professional development in governmental finance, accounting, budgeting, and public finance topics.

Chief Financial Officer Mary Parrott and the Board recognized Senior Financial Analyst, Lee Ann Bartlett, for earning the Level 1 Local Finance Officer Certification in pursuing professional development in governmental finance, accounting, budgeting, and public finance topics. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 5," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

6. Presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Award for Fayette County's annual budget document for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

County Administrator Steve Rapson, Chief Financial Officer Mary Parrott, and the Board presented the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Award to the Finance Department and they thanked Budget Officer Sergio Acevedo and Financial Analyst Amanda Schoonover for their work on the Fiscal Year 2017 budget. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 6," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

PUBLIC HEARING:

There was no Public Hearing item on the Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Ognio asked to remove Consent Agenda Item #7 for discussion.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Consent Agenda excluding Consent Agenda Item #7. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 5-0.

7. Approval of staff's request to authorize the Chairman to sign a Stormwater Pipe Replacement Agreement between Fayette County, Georgia and Country Lake Home Owners Association, Inc., for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, repairing and maintaining a 24" stormwater pipe located within the Country Lake Subdivision in an amount not-to-exceed \$25,000.00.

Commissioner Ognio stated that the Agenda Request Form included a sentence that should be removed, namely, the sentence that reads "Ownership of the 24" stormwater pipe will be shared by the County and Country Lake." He then stated that he read through the contract and he thought there should be language that would require the selected contractor to add Fayette County as an additional insured on their insurance. He stated it was a normal procedure to have a party added as an additional insured party. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Ognio moved to approve the Stormwater Pipe Replacement Agreement between Fayette County and Country Lake Home Owners Association, Inc., for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, repairing and maintaining a 24" stormwater pipe located within Country Lake Subdivision in an amount not-to-exceed \$25,000 with the changes just made. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. Some discussion followed. The motion passed 5-0. Copies of the request and agreement, identified as "Attachment 7," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

- 8. Approval of the recommendation to fund the Fayette Chamber of Commerce's "Fayette Visioning" initiative, in the amount of \$25,000.00, for the purpose of developing a county-wide brand and for implementing a marketing strategy for economic development and talent recruitment.**

Consent Agenda #8 was removed from the Agenda during the approval of the Agenda. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 8," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

- 9. Approval of the County Attorney's recommendation for the County Administrator to execute a "Release of All Claims" between Fayette County and ACCC Insurance Company, and for Fayette County to be reimbursed in the amount of \$3,034.90 conditioned upon the execution of the release, and authorization for the County Administrator to sign all future "Release of All Claims" at or less than \$5,000. Copies of the request and the release, identified as "Attachment 9," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.**
- 10. Approval of Resolution 2016-07 to adopt the "Fayette County 2015 Annual Report on Fire Services Impact Fees (FY2015), including Comprehensive Plan amendments for updates to the Capital Improvements Element and Short-Term Work Program (FY2016-FY2020)" and authorization for staff to transmit said resolution to the Atlanta Regional Commission. Copies of the request and Resolution 2016-07, identified as "Attachment 10," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.**
- 11. Approval of staff's recommendation to approve the purchase of two new 5075M John Deere mowing tractors from Georgia Tractor and Mowers, utilizing a state contract, at an aggregate cost of \$69,755.60, and for said tractors to replace two 1995 5640 Ford tractors. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 11," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.**
- 12. Approval of County Administrator's one-time 2% incentive.**

Commissioner Brown stated that Consent #12 was approved as part of the existing contract, but since recently there were adjustments to the contract this request was on the Agenda in order to make sure everything was being done properly. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 12," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

- 13. Approval of the March 24, 2016 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 14. Consideration of a recommendation from the Selection Committee, comprised of Commissioners David Barlow and Charles Rousseau, to appoint Tony Parrott to the Fayette County Library Board to serve an unexpired term beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2016.**

Commissioner Barlow recommended that the Board accept Mr. Parrott per the Selection Committee's recommendation. He said Mr. Parrott was interviewed by the Selection Committee and Library Director Chris Snell, and he stated that Mr. Parrott made several suggestions that were "exactly right."

Commissioner Barlow moved to approve the recommendation from the Selection Committee, comprised of Commissioners David Barlow and Charles Rousseau, to appoint Tony Parrott to the Fayette County Library Board to serve an unexpired term beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2016. Commissioner Rousseau seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-2 with Commissioners Brown and Ognio voting in opposition. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 13," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

- 15. Consideration of a recommendation from the Selection Committee, comprised of Vice Chairman Randy Ognio and Commissioner Steve Brown, to appoint Martin Sas to the Fayette County Transportation Committee to serve a term beginning April 1, 2016 and expiring March 31, 2017.**

Commissioner Ognio stated there were great applicants for the position and it was a pleasure to interview the citizens. He said the selection was difficult since there were many great applicants, but he felt Mr. Sas would be great on the committee.

Commissioner Ognio moved to appoint Martin Sas to the Fayette County Transportation Committee to serve a term beginning April 1, 2016 and expiring March 31, 2017. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion.

Commissioner Brown stated that the hardest problem is turning people away when there is only one spot. He said it was difficult to turn down someone who would be the star on anyone else's board, but that person is turned down since there is another person who is elevated even higher. He stated that Mr. Sas brings an extensive transportation background with many contacts with the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA), the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), and other transportation agencies.

The motion to appoint Martin Sas to the Fayette County Transportation Committee to serve a term beginning April 1, 2016 and expiring March 31, 2017 passed 5-0. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 14," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

- 16. Consideration of a request from The Heritage of Peachtree to connect to the City of Peachtree City's Water and Sewerage Authority's sewage system while the annexation process by the City of Peachtree City is progressing.**

County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that the City of Peachtree City has a two-step process for an annexation to go forward and that the applicant was working on step two of that process. He said the Peachtree City Council has already unanimously approved the request and that Peachtree City's Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) has also already approved the request. He said there is a lot of construction that has to take place with the project and there are a lot of septic related issues for this assisted living facility. He stated that the assisted living facility is already paying up to \$3,000 per month. He said this request would help make the connection occur prior to annexation. He said he contacted the City of Peachtree City and confirmed the city was in favor of the request.

Commissioner Brown stated that this request would normally be considered as putting the cart before the horse, but with this facility there are medically fragile people and there are sanitation concerns. He said it was a logical choice since the structure is already there, and he was surprised that this location was not annexed with the last annexation.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the request from The Heritage of Peachtree to connect to the City of Peachtree City's Water and Sewerage Authority's sewage system while the annexation process by the City of Peachtree City is progressing. Commissioners Barlow and Ognio seconded the motion.

Commissioner Ognio stated he was surprised they waited as long as they did since they have dealt with the problems for a year. He said if they had started the annexation last year they would have been through it and it would have been done. He said they had spent a lot of money with the septic system and he hoped it would help them out.

The motion to approve the request from The Heritage of Peachtree to connect to the City of Peachtree City's Water and Sewerage Authority's sewage system while the annexation process by the City of Peachtree City is progressing passed 5-0. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 15," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

17. Consideration of the City of Peachtree City's annexation of a 6.71 acre lot located at 1361 South State Route 74, and to rezone said property from A-R (Agriculture-Residential) to O-I (Office-Institutional).

Community Development Director Pete Frisina stated that this is a 6.71 acre parcel on State Route 74 that contains a childcare / preschool facility called Starr's Mill Academy. He said the academy has been in place since around 1999 and that about two years ago the property behind the academy was annexed into the city. He said that gave the academy the ability to be contiguous to the city and to seek annexation. Mr. Frisina stated it would give the academy access to sewer. He stated that the property is zoned A-R but is used as a daycare facility and land used for office-institutional. He said this annexation would not increase density and therefore staff did not recommend an objection to the annexation.

Commissioner Brown asked if there had been reoccurring problems with the septic system. Mr. Frisina replied he was unaware of many septic problems but that it gives more options to utilize.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the request for the annexation of a 6.71 acre lot located at 1361 South State Route 74, and to rezone said property from A-R (Agriculture-Residential) to O-I (Office-Institutional). Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 5-0. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 16," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

18. Consideration of the Water System's request for assistance from the Public Arts Committee to issue a Call for Artist, in an amount not-to-exceed \$5,000, for the purpose of painting a mural in the Crosstown Water Treatment Plant's entrance foyer.

Water System Director Lee Pope stated this concerned another beautification project at the Crosstown Water Treatment Plant with the intention of painting an aquatic theme at the plant's foyer. He noted that this was part of the remodeling effort at the water plant and that funds had been budgeted for this request. He explained that the plant is toured by the schools in the area as well as by the residents, and the effort was to improve the first impression one receives when they visit the plant. He added that the effort would likely help improve the moral of those who work at the water plant on a daily basis. He clarified that his request was for the Public Arts Committee to assist in making recommendations for the project. Mr. Pope then showed some pictures of the current condition of the plant's foyer and some examples of what could be recommended.

Commissioner Brown stated this is not a Public Arts Committee project and that it was being funded from the Water System's budget. He stated that several of the projects at the end of the Agenda deal with county facilities that have a very austere, institutional, bland appearance. He said it was the first thing some see when people come to the county, and when people see white cinder-block walls it looks like one is entering into a prison facility. He explained that the Public Arts Committee would help write the Call for Artists and would help write the specifications of what could be done in the foyer.

Commissioner Barlow stated that two weeks ago he went on a tour with the Association of County Commissioners Georgia and that part of the tour had them stop at the Go Fish Education Center in Perry, Georgia. He said when he looked at the pictures at the Crosstown Water Plant he envisioned the Go Fish Education Center. He said he looked forward to seeing the renovation since it would remind him of the Go Fish Education Center.

Carol Carver: Ms. Carver recommended that in the selection process that an independent juror be hired for the selection process. She suggested that her recommendation would provide complete transparency.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Water System's request for assistance from the Public Arts Committee to issue a Call for Artist, in an amount not-to-exceed \$5,000, for the purpose of painting a mural in the Crosstown Water Treatment Plant's entrance foyer. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion.

Commissioner Ognio asked if the artwork would be seen before it was installed or if the artwork would come back before the Board for approval. Commissioner Brown replied that the artists will turn in their designs of which about three designs will be selected. He stated that the selected designs would then be brought before the Board of Commissioners with a preference. He added that the recommendations may change based on how the Board decides.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that County Attorney Dennis Davenport was still working on how to deal with artists in terms to their rights. Mr. Davenport reminded the Board that several meetings ago it spoke about the need for a foundational document common to all type projects, and that foundational document was the General Liability Waiver. He said it would be appropriate as a starting point to have "Exhibit A" which is a description of the project. He said it appeared this request was developing an "Exhibit A" with the Call for Artists but that there would need to be an "Exhibit A" in order to be consistent with previous direction given by the Board.

Chairman Oddo mentioned that what was also discussed was a concept sheet that would be provided with a basic outline of what is suggested including costs. He said the concept sheet was not provided. He said it would be nice to have the concept sheet to start with these projects in order to know the concept to make sure it is something the Board wants to proceed with. Commissioner Brown stated this request was a little different since it was a call for artists to provide their ideas to the county. He said the photos displayed by Mr. Pope were just broad, general ideas, but it was up to the artists to bring their suggestions to the county. He said if there is nothing presented from the artists that is amenable to the Board then the matter would stop with the possibility of trying again. He said this process would allow the artists to present their projects. Chairman Oddo said he understood but that the Board did set up a system where a concept would be brought to the Board with information provided. He said the system was not followed but that a recommended cost for the project was made with no idea of how the cost was arrived at. He stated there was no idea of who would approve the work and that there was no Liability Agreement. Commissioner Brown replied that the Board would make the final approval of the work and that there was a process in place in which the Public Arts Committee would assist the Water System in sorting through the different artists and their selections. He said the cost was an estimate of what it would take to paint a mural on the walls. Chairman Oddo repeated that there was a system in place and that it should be used. Commissioner Brown replied that the system could not be used in this instance. Chairman Oddo stated that he was not going to push the issue but that this effort was going around the system that was established.

County Administrator Steve Rapson stated part of the confusion is this is not really a Public Arts Committee project. He said this project is really something that is typically handled by staff and that all this request was for experts to identify the artists. He said once the artists are identified and once the Board approves the artwork, then the Water System will determine what is needed and it will go through the procurement process.

Chairman Oddo stated that he did not disagree with Mr. Rapson's statement but he wanted to make sure everyone understood that the Public Arts Committee has a system in place and he did not want people to lose sight of the system. Mr. Rapson stated that once an artist is selected there would be the same type of issues in regards to having that person come onto county property and paint on the walls. He said there would still have to be a contract and the liability waiver. He stated that once the recommended painting were selected then they would be brought back to the Board for approval. Chairman Oddo asked if the motion should be amended to allow for recommendations to be brought back to the Board for approval. Commissioner Brown said he was fine with that recommendation.

Commissioner Brown amended his motion to allow for the recommended paintings to be brought to the Board for approval. Commissioner Barlow seconded the amended motion.

The motion to approve the Water System's request for assistance from the Public Arts Committee to issue a Call for Artist, in an amount not-to-exceed \$5,000, for the purpose of painting a mural in the Crosstown Water Treatment Plant's entrance foyer and for the recommended paintings to be brought back to the Board for approval passed 5-0. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 17," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

19. Consideration of the Fayette County Public Art Committee's Chalk Art Project that will occur on May 15, 2016 in tandem with Fayetteville's Taste of Fayette, and authorization to utilize \$3,110 from the Public Arts Committee's budget.

Commissioner Brown thanked Heather Cap and Kate Lafoy from the Public Arts Committee for their good work. He said this request was exciting. He said this event began being talked about two years ago but, since the Public Arts Committee is made up of volunteers, no one was willing to take the lead on this opportunity. He said Ms. Heather Cap stepped up and said she had done this before and he asked Ms. Cap to brief the Board on the opportunity.

Ms. Cap stated that the community artists, amateur and professional artists, the young, old, children, families, groups, and individuals to create their own chalk work. She stated that the work would be family friendly and that each participant would get their own chalk block. She said each person would be given a space and over the course of the day they would create their own piece of art. She said the art was not permanent because it will be done in chalk. She stated that everyone has a good time doing the artwork and everyone who does it is excited. She stated that a professional chalk artist from the Georgia Chalk Artists Guild members would participate in the event. Kate stated that the purpose of the event was to bring in kids, students, and professional artists to have a good time with colors utilizing an impermanent medium. She suggested everyone would have a good time.

Commissioner Barlow asked if someone would set up a video to make a slow-motion video of the chalk artists to be displayed on the county's website. He suggested it would be something the citizens would enjoy seeing. Commissioner Brown stated he had seen this in Atlanta. He added that the Savannah College of Art and Design does chalk art on the sidewalks in Savannah around the squares. He said this event would give people room to work and would be better than the competitors in Atlanta and Savannah. Commissioner Barlow said he would make the video and it would be a fine production.

Frank Gardner: Mr. Gardner spoke in support of this request. He compared downtown Fayetteville to downtown Newnan, Georgia. He asked for someone to take the lead for making the City of Fayetteville beautiful like it is in Newnan.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Fayette County Public Art Committee's Chalk Art Project that will occur on May 15, 2016 in tandem with Fayetteville's Taste of Fayette, and authorize to utilize \$3,110 from the Public Arts Committee's budget. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion.

Commissioner Brown stated Mr. Gardner was "dead-on" and he was talking about the issues addressed in the Public Arts Committee. He said there is great joy in having kids and parents building scarecrows and painting fire hydrants and doing things without being required to go to Atlanta to do it. He said that is what the Public Arts Committee was trying to do. Commissioner Barlow added that having the hot air balloons would also help and people would enjoy it.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he supported the initiative. He asked who would be the custodians of the tarp and where would they be stored. He suggested that the city would provide for public safety meaning the Marshals would not have to be used unless required. He asked who would be able to use public property once it is purchased. He suggested that there must have been some methodology of choosing one professional chalk artist over another. Commissioner Brown stated that Public Works Director Phil Mallon helps store the items and provides assistance as needed.

Chairman Oddo said he loved the idea and he liked the three-dimensional chalk art. He noted that there would be a professional chalk artist and he asked if there was a Liability Agreement signed with the professional chalk artists. Commissioner Brown replied that there would be a signed Liability Agreement. Chairman Oddo suggested that this matter was being handled in reverse. He stated it was not up to the Board to decide what can and cannot pertain to Public Arts initiatives since the system has already been agreed to by the Board. Chairman Oddo asked how insurance would be handled on this type of request. Commissioner Brown replied insurance would be handled in the same way other events are insured and he mentioned Fayette County is self-insured. Chairman Oddo stated there was a long discussion about these types of requests about a month ago. He understood that it was already in the works and that time was of the essence on this request, but if this matter was not discussed now then it would not be discussed in the future.

The motion to approve the Fayette County Public Art Committee's Chalk Art Project that will occur on May 15, 2016 in tandem with Fayetteville's Taste of Fayette, and authorize to utilize \$3,110 from the Public Arts Committee's budget passed 5-0. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 18," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

20. Consideration of the Public Arts Committee's request to proceed with the Animal Shelter Art Project to paint various animal-themed aluminum signs that will be displayed on the outside of the Animal Shelter's building as a way to promote interest both in pet adoption and public art, to authorize an initial expenditure of \$575 utilizing Public Arts funds.

Commissioner Brown displayed a picture of the Animal Shelter as it currently exists and he pointed out that it is one of the most non-descript buildings. He said the county is desperately trying to get people to adopt stray dogs and cats so they do not have to be euthanized, and yet the building looks drab and without hope. He said the Public Arts Committee asked how to use creative talents in Fayette County to create interest in a facility that is uninteresting. He said the county is spending a lot of money to spruce up the inside of the building. He said the Public Arts Committee spent considerable time and energy in trying to determine what is the best kind of material to put the images on the side of the building. He said the images were designed to create interest in the building where people would come see the animals. He said it might start their visit on a good note. He said the Public Arts Committee looked at plywood and other items, but ultimately decided the best material is what the county uses every day, namely, aluminum sign panels. He said the images would be rotated throughout the years allowing for multiple artists to do multiple works. He explained that the artists would work free of charge out of love for the community and the pets. He explained there were many who were excited about this effort including the Fayette County Humane Society and several adoption agencies since they see it as something that is innovative, creative, and out-of-the-box. Commissioner Brown mentioned that the façade on the

building would soon be replaced and, by allowing for the panels to be installed now, it would give Public Works the opportunity to experiment on the old façade prior to the new façade being installed. Commissioner Brown closed his comments describing the cost and size of the aluminum panels.

Chairman Oddo asked County Administrator Steve Rapson if there was a timeframe of when the new façade would replace the old façade on the building. Mr. Rapson verified that there was interior work occurring in the building and that the intent was to have up to \$130,000 for a full renovation. He suggested that the funding would be included in the Fiscal Year 2017 capital budget meaning the funds would not be available until July. He stated that he spoke with Building and Grounds Director Carlos Christian at length about how to attach the aluminum panels and he reported that Mr. Christian said he could do whatever the Board directed. Mr. Rapson stated that most of the focus, based on the recommendation, would occur inside the facility as well as dog runs on the backside of the facility. He stated that the current effort was working to renovate the inside of the building and there is no real current effort to renovate the outside of the building. Commissioner Rousseau stated that he understood that a renovation effort was on the drawing board but that there was no plan to replace the façade, but rather just an upgrade to the façade. Mr. Rapson replied that was correct, and he pointed out that at some point someone would need to anchor them to the building. Commissioner Rousseau said he was apprehensive of fixing anything when anticipated upgrades to the structure are on the table.

Commissioner Brown stated it is better to do the work with the old façade since this work has not been done before. He said staff would install hanging brackets that would hold the panels and he wanted staff to figure it out on the old façade rather than experimenting on the new façade. He added that it is not a major deal to remove the brackets. Commissioner Barlow stated he saw an offset from the wall that would create a shadowbox effect. He said the aluminum panels could be easily replaced or adjusted.

Donna Thompson: Ms. Thompson spoke for approximately six minutes. She said she was supportive of working with the Animal Shelter. She expressed concern that this project has been considered by the Public Arts Committee since April 2015 and she asked why there was such a push at the very end of the existing committee to get this project complete. She stated that a Call for Entry does not allow an artist do just what they want. She stated that the new Public Arts Committee be established in six weeks and that the old Public Arts Committee would be disbanded. She asked, given those six-weeks, who would take the responsibility of the artwork at the Animal Shelter. Ms. Thompson spoke about the Call for Entry process and how the results should be handled. She stated that those who make the selections from the Call for Entry process should be unbiased jurors who are unaffiliated with the Public Arts Committee since it would provide for transparency. She said if the project is approved it would exceed the responsibility of the current Public Arts Committee.

Carol Carver: Ms. Carver asked how much the aluminum panels weigh. Several people replied that the aluminum panels do not weigh much.

Ms. Vicki Turner provided examples of painted aluminum panels for the Board and the citizens to see.

Mr. Rapson stated that the application process for members of the Public Arts Committee ends on April 22, 2016. He said the ordinance enacting the new Public Arts Committee was adopted on March 10, 2016 and it becomes effective sixty days later which makes it May 10, 2016. He said the ordinance calls for the new Public Arts Committee to be installed on June 1, 2016 at which time the old Public Arts Committee would disband. He said the Board still has to go through the selection process and that all of the applicants will not be available until April 22.

Commissioner Brown addressed Ms. Thompson saying no one has ever complained about the Scarecrow Competition and how it was judged and how the fire hydrants were judged, so he did not see the need to bring in independent judges for these items. He suggested that independent judges may be used for the mural projects. He disputed that this item was rushed since it had been in the works for a year. He suggested that the new Public Arts Committee would simply pick up the project and move it forward. He did not understand why the project would be killed when there are volunteers who have spent time painting and researching materials.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Public Arts Committee's request to proceed with the Animal Shelter Art Project to paint various animal-themed aluminum signs that will be displayed on the outside of the Animal Shelter's building as a way to promote interest both in pet adoption and public art, to authorize an initial expenditure of \$575 utilizing Public Arts funds for five 4"x6" aluminum panels at a cost of \$115 each. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion.

Mr. Rapson requested for the motion to be amended to not exceed \$1,000 in order to purchase brackets and other needs. Commissioner Brown amended the request as recommended. Commissioner Barlow seconded the amended motion.

Commissioner Rousseau asked about the "initial expenditure." Commissioner Brown pointed out that the effort would eventually require more than five aluminum panels but that the request for more panels would come back before the Board at a future date.

Chairman Oddo noted that there was no concept sheet and there was no breakdown of cost. He asked how much staff time this would require. He stated that the idea behind the concept sheet was to answer questions about staff time or if there were any restrictions on the type of art to be displayed. Commissioner Brown replied that no advertising would be allowed and that the pictures would have to be child and family friendly. Chairman Oddo asked where that information was provided. Commissioner Brown added that the art panels would belong to the county and it can do with the paintings what it wants. Chairman Oddo asked if there would be a Liability Waiver in the future. Commissioner Brown replied the artists would have to sign a Liability Agreement. Chairman Oddo asked if the Board would see the Liability Waiver prior to Board approval. Commissioner Brown replied the Board would absolutely see the waivers and that the County Attorney was working on the agreement, and he suggested that each artwork would be similar. Chairman Oddo replied that the cases were specific and that is why they needed an "Exhibit A" and a General Liability Waiver. Commissioner Brown replied they would "have one." Chairman Oddo stated he would approve the request pending receipt of "Exhibit A" and the General Liability Waiver.

Commissioner Brown amended his motion to not issue the first artist to do the first project until "Exhibit A" has been reviewed by each one of the Board members and approved. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the Public Arts Committee's request to proceed with the Animal Shelter Art Project to paint various animal-themed aluminum signs that will be displayed on the outside of the Animal Shelter's building as a way to promote interest both in pet adoption and public art, to authorize an initial expenditure not-to-exceed \$1,000 utilizing Public Arts funds for five 4"x6" aluminum panels at a cost of \$115 each and for other material, and to not issue the first artist to do the first project until "Exhibit A" has been reviewed by each one of the Board members and approved passed 5-0. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 19," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Richard Mix: Mr. Mix spoke about his campaign to be elected to the United States Congressional seat that is being vacated by Representative Lynn Westmoreland.

Denise Ognio: Mrs. Ognio stated that on April 19, April 21, April 25, and April 26 the people can hear from the Republican candidates for office. She stated that those interested can visit Fayette County's GOP website for more information. She stated that Mr. Mix will have an opportunity to speak at the April 26th meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Historic County Courthouse and Heritage Park Fountain: County Administrator Steve Rapson addressed Mr. Gardner's comments saying that the Historic County Courthouse renovation included adding music to the square and having the trees light up at night. He added that the fountain at Heritage Park was undergoing a redesign and that staff was testing the pumps earlier in the day which is why spray was going all over the fountain and bricks. He suggested that there may be two pumps, one to shoot the water high and the other to pump around the circumference of the fountain.

Commission Meeting Rescheduled to Tuesday, April 26, 2016: County Administrator Steve Rapson reminded the Board that the next Board meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 as opposed to Thursday, April 28, 2016. He stated that the Board was scheduled for training in Savannah and that prompted the need to reschedule the meeting.

Update on Heritage Parkway: County Administrator Steve Rapson reported that Heritage Parkway, located behind the County Administrative Building leading toward the Library, was temporarily closed since it was determined that there was a stormwater drain that had failed underneath the road and that was impacting the integrity of the intersection of the road and State Route 85. He said two truckloads of flowable fill was pumped into the site. He said the flowable fill would set during the night and the road would be reopened on Friday.

Lake Peachtree: County Administrator Steve Rapson reported that Lake Peachtree is at full pool.

Report on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report: County Administrator Steve Rapson reported that the County had received the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) with no comment. He said that was like sending a contract to the County Attorney and not getting any changes. He said it was a very rare animal and the Finance staff was to be commended for putting together the CAFR, which is the most technical financial report put together by a governmental entity. He stated that the reply back from the state was that the CAFR needed no corrections.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Notice of Executive Session: County Attorney Dennis Davenport reported that he had one item of Pending Litigation and review of the March 24, 2016 Executive Session Minutes for consideration in Executive Session.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Ognio:

Equestrian Park: Commissioner Ognio asked the Board for approval to request from the Board of Education to get their attorney to work with the County Attorney to see if there is a possibility to use the property at Inman Park, with a reversion clause, for an equestrian park. He stated he had looked into the park and that "they wanted a covered park but if we could get the property and get a driveway into the property, we may start with just horse riding trails" before constructing a building. The Board agreed to the request so long as it was a discussion matter only. County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated he could reach out to the Board of Education's attorney to find out what level of interest they have. Commissioner Ognio stated it would be beneficial to the Board of Education since, should the property ever revert back to the Board of Education it would revert with a driveway.

Zika Virus: Commissioner Ognio asked the citizens to make sure they do not leave standing water outside that would attract mosquitos and help spread the Zika virus.

Consideration of Limiting Campaigning during Public Comment: Commissioner Ognio asked the Board to do something to limit campaigning during Public Comment. He stated that there was one person campaigning during Public Comment earlier today and he saw others taking the opportunity to do campaigning. Chairman Oddo said he was agreeable to the suggestion since the venue was for public interest and items, not for campaigning. Commissioner Brown stated he was hesitant to that request since if one is allowed to speak then all should be allowed to speak. Commissioner Ognio said he did not have a

problem with allowing those running for office to say their name and what office they are running for, but when they are allowed to provide details of their race that was different. He said allowing campaigning would tie up staff time and there needed to be a limit. Commissioner Brown stated that it was public comment and if they are Fayette County citizens they should be allowed to speak. Chairman Oddo stated that at forums the candidates are given three minutes to give their presentation, and he suggested that if three minutes are sufficient at a forum they should be sufficient during a public meeting. Commissioner Rousseau said there was an inherent danger due to the issue of equal time where those who do not come to the meeting are not given the same advantages of those who do. He suggested this was a slippery slope and he thought there needed to be good dialogue on this matter. He mentioned that any of the Commissioners who are running for office could step down as a citizen and speak of their campaign during public comment, which would not bode well. He asked County Attorney Dennis Davenport if there was a proper mechanism that would not discourage free speech but would limit campaigning. Mr. Davenport replied that this matter could be discussed at the upcoming County Retreat. The Board agreed to address this item at the County Retreat.

Commissioner Rousseau:

Recognition of County Staff and 911 Communications Officers: Commissioner Rousseau congratulated staff for the recognition that they received and for the work and dedication they give daily. He especially commended 911 Communications Officers as unsung heroes who are often unseen. He said people do not see the stress and high magnitude of responsibility that the people give to the residents of Fayette County.

Zika Virus: Commissioner Rousseau thanked Commissioner Ognio for bringing up the issue of the Zika virus. He encouraged everyone to visit the county's website to obtain additional information on the virus. He encouraged the county to continue exploring options on how to get the message out concerning the virus since it was becoming a very serious threat to the public's health and safety. Commissioner Rousseau asked for an advisory notice to run on the public access channel providing information on the virus and how to avoid it.

Commissioner Barlow:

Zika Virus: Commissioner Barlow thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He agreed with Commissioner Ognio's comments about the Zika virus. He reminded everyone that he is the Chairman of the Fayette County Board of Health and that the alerts have gone out about the virus. He said the virus can be transmitted through mosquito bites, sexual activity, and through kissing. He said the virus was easy to spread and very difficult virus to contend with.

Two Interventions by the Armed Forces Mission Board: Commissioner Barlow stated that he was on the Armed Forces Mission Board whose mission is to prevent suicide in the Armed Forces. He said he received a text that the Major Koon, who heads up the Board and who is a certified counselor, had two more interventions this week. Commissioner Barlow stated that each day the United States loses twenty-two veterans to suicide. He asked to keep Major Koon in prayer.

Keep People in Prayer: Commissioner Barlow stated that he learned of a director who has been diagnosed with cancer, and he asked for the people to keep each other in prayer.

Commissioner Brown:

"Maker Space": Commissioner Brown stated both he and Commissioner Rousseau met with top officials at the Board of Education in order to review the "maker space" located at the Invention Studio at Georgia Tech. He said they have one of the finest "maker spaces" in the United States. He explained a maker space is an area where the finest tools known to man are gathered together. He said the machines are tools are prohibitively expensive for just one person to use, but the cost is defrayed by allowing multiple people use the tools and the participants are trained on how to use the tools. Commissioner Brown stated that the program is run entirely by students and that the faculty's only involvement is in setting its budget. He said there is a good possibility that some industrial designers and engineers who are in Fayette County will help establish something like a maker space in Fayette County.

“Suds on the Square”: Commissioner Brown stated that on Saturday, April 16, Suds on the Square will be held at the Historic County Courthouse. He stated the event would take place from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and all proceeds would go to local charitable organizations. He thought there were 150 regional beers represented and 40 to 50 wines will be represented.

Chairman Oddo:

Recognition of County Staff: Chairman Oddo stated Fayette County has an incredible staff. He said staff is very efficient and do a good job from top to bottom.

Historical Events on April 14: Chairman Oddo stated that on April 14, 1865 Abraham Lincoln was shot. He stated that on April 14, 1912 the unsinkable *Titanic* sank. He added that on April 14, 1917 his mother was born.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pending Litigation and Review of the March 24, 2016 Executive Session Minutes: Commissioner Barlow moved to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 9:18 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 9:34 p.m.

Return to Official Session and Executive Session Affidavit: Commissioner Ognio moved to return to Official Session and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Executive Session Affidavit. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. A copy of the Executive Session Affidavit, identified as “Attachment 20,” follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Approval of March 24, 2016 Executive Session Minutes: Commissioner Ognio moved to approve the March 24, 2016 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Ognio moved to adjourn the April 14, 2016 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioners Barlow seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The March 24, 2016 Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 9:34 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 26th day of April 2016. Referenced attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk’s Office.

Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk