

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Eric Maxwell, Chairman
Randy Ognio, Vice Chairman
Steve Brown
Charles W. Oddo
Charles D. Rousseau

FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

Steve Rapson, County Administrator
Dennis A. Davenport, County Attorney
Tameca P. White, County Clerk



140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

MINUTES Special Called

January 5, 2017

6:00 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.

ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION:

The swearing in ceremony began at approximately 6:07 p.m.

1. **Probate Court Judge Ann S. Jackson to administer the Loyalty Oath and Official Oath of County Commissioner of the State of Georgia to Commissioner-Elect Eric Maxwell.**

Probate Judge Ann Jackson welcomed everyone. Judge Jackson proceeded with the swearing in of Commissioner-Elect Eric Maxwell. After being sworn into office Commissioner Maxwell thanked Judge Jackson, his parents and his brother and sister. He stated that he was happy to be working with County Attorney Dennis Davenport who was his high school classmate, as well as Superior Court Judge Scott Ballard, who was also his classmate. He thanked his friends and his office staff for their support. He stated that he looks forward to working with and hearing from the county staff. He concluded by thanking those who voted for him and stated that he was going to try to do all that he can to earn the citizen's votes. He stated that he looks forward to working with the Board.

2. **Probate Court Judge Ann S. Jackson to administer the Loyalty Oath and Official Oath of County Commissioner of the State of Georgia to Commissioner-Elect Charles Oddo.**

Judge Jackson proceeded with the swearing in of Commissioner-Elect Charles Oddo. After being sworn into office Commissioner Oddo stated that he was honored to serve another four years. He stated that it was a privilege to be re-elected. He thanked the citizens for the opportunity to serve another term.

3. **Probate Court Judge Ann S. Jackson to administer the Loyalty Oath and Official Oath of County Commissioner of the State of Georgia to Commissioner-Elect Randy Ognio.**

Judge Jackson proceeded with the swearing in of Commissioner-Elect Randy Ognio. After being sworn into office Commissioner Ognio thanked his family for their support and the citizens who re-elected him. He stated that he looks forward to the next four years and that it was an honor to serve.

Call to order

County Attorney Dennis Davenport called the Special Called Organizational meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 6:21 p.m.

4. Election of Board Chairman for the year 2017.

Mr. Davenport opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Steve Brown nominated Commissioner Eric Maxwell.
Commissioner Charles Rousseau nominated Commissioner Charles Oddo.
Commissioner Charles Oddo nominated Commissioner Randy Ognio.

Commissioner Oddo moved to close the nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Brown seconded. No discussion. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Brown moved to elect Commissioner Eric Maxwell as Chairman. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. No discussion. The motion passed 3-2 with Commissioners Oddo and Ognio voting in opposition.

Commissioner Maxwell was named the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the year 2017 and proceeded with the nominations for Vice-Chairman.

5. Election of Board Vice Chairman for the year 2017.

Commissioner Oddo nominated Commissioner Ognio.
Commissioner Rousseau nominated Commissioner Oddo.

Commissioner Brown moved to close the nominations for Vice Chairman. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. No discussion. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to elect Commissioner Oddo as Vice Chairman. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Commissioner Brown moved to elect Commissioner Ognio as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Oddo seconded. No discussion. The motion passed 5-0.

6. Acceptance of Agenda.

Commissioner Brown moved to accept the agenda as written. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. No discussion. The motion passed 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

7. Approval of the December 8, 2016 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he had some changes to the minutes. He stated that the first change appears on page one, item #25 in the first paragraph. The changes included changing the word "of" to "on", the word "requestor's" to "petitioner's", striking the word "he" and again changing the word "of" to "on". He stated that the other changes are on page 14 under his Commissioner's comments. The changes included changing the word "despairing" to "disparate", adding the word "political" after the word "crossing", and including the quote, "If we can help, I am raising my hand to assist."

Commissioner Rousseau moved to accept the December 8, 2016 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes with the changes presented. Commissioner Brown seconded. No discussion. The motion passed 3-2. Chairman Maxwell and Vice Chairman Ognio abstained because they were not present at the December 8 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

8. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to appoint a position to the Board of Health.

Chairman Maxwell asked if anyone on the Board would like to serve on the Board of Health. Commissioner Brown suggested Commissioner Rousseau. Commissioner Rousseau agreed to serve on the Board of Health.

Vice Chairman Ognio moved to appoint Commissioner Rousseau to the Board of Health. Commissioner Brown seconded. No discussion. The motion passed 5-0.

9. Consideration of a recommendation from the Selection Committee, comprised of Commissioner Randy Ognio and Commissioner Steve Brown, to re-appoint John Culbreth to the Fayette County Planning Commission for a term beginning January 1, 2017 and expiring December 31, 2019.

Commissioner Brown acknowledged that Mr. Culbreth was in the audience and he stated that Mr. Culbreth was serving an unexpired term and he has done a wonderful job.

Commissioner Brown moved to re-appoint John Culbreth to the Fayette County Planning Commission for a term beginning January 1, 2017 and expiring December 31, 2019. Vice Chairman seconded. Discussion followed.

Vice Chairman stated that the County received a great number of candidates, but there are only limited positions. He encouraged the applicants to continue to apply for other positions.

Commissioner Brown moved to re-appoint John Culbreth to the Fayette County Planning Commission for a term beginning January 1, 2017 and expiring December 31, 2019. Vice Chairman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

10. Consideration of a recommendation from the Selection Committee, comprised of Commissioner Randy Ognio and Commissioner Steve Brown, to re-appoint Brian Haren to the Fayette County Planning Commission for a term beginning January 1, 2017 and expiring December 31, 2019.

Commissioner Brown acknowledged that Mr. Haren was in the audience and he stated that Mr. Haren had done a magnificent job on the Planning Commission and that he was working on the committee for the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Brown moved to re-appoint Brian Haren to the Fayette County Planning Commission for a term beginning January 1, 2017 and expiring December 31, 2019. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. Discussion followed.

Vice Chairman reiterated that there were great applicants, but limited positions.

Commissioner Brown moved to re-appoint Brian Haren to the Fayette County Planning Commission for a term beginning January 1, 2017 and expiring December 31, 2019. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Chairman Maxwell asked were there any other comments.

County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that there is a Special Called meeting scheduled for January 6 at 6:00 p.m. with the municipalities to review the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) projects. He continued that staff is

monitoring the weather closely and that a press release for inclement weather would be distributed if needed. He concluded that each Commissioner received a copy of the SPLOST projects on the dais.

Commissioner Rousseau asked Mr. Rapson to explain the SPLOST interactive map.

Mr. Rapson explained that on the County's website there is an interactive map of all the projects within the county. He stated that citizens can click on the map to see the locations. He encouraged citizens to reach out to the County and Municipalities if they have questions.

Commissioner Oddo congratulated Chairman Maxwell and Vice Chairman Ognio and stated that he will work closely with each one of them and the entire Board. He stated that Sam Wellborn from GDOT asked if he could come before the Board on a quarterly basis to discuss transportation projects. He stated that he informed Mr. Wellborn that the County has a new Transportation Committee and asked staff to get him the schedule.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Brown moved to adjourn the January 5, 2017 Special Called Organizational Meeting. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. No discussion. The motion passed 5-0.

The January 5, 2017 Special Called Organizational Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Tameca P. White, County Clerk

Eric K. Maxwell, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 12th day of January 2017. Referenced attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

Tameca P. White, County Clerk