

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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## FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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140 Stonewall Avenue West  
Public Meeting Room  
Fayetteville, GA 30214

## MINUTES

November 9, 2017

6:30 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

### Call to Order

Chairman Eric Maxwell called the November 9, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. All Board members were present.

### Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Steve Brown

Commissioners Steve Brown offered the Invocation and led the audience and Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Acceptance of Agenda

Vice Chairman Randy Ognio moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the discussion of Antioch and Goza Road intersection as item #17. Commissioner Charles Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

### PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

1. **Recognition of awardees for the Fayette County Public Arts Committee "2017 Scarecrow Competition".**  
Public Arts Committee Chair Donna Thompson introduced Committee Member Martha Aiken who presented the winners of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Scarecrow Competition. The winners:

Honorable Mention – "A Murder of Crows"- Emily Brown

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – "Can find what starts with an 'A'" - Fayette Montessori School

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – "Girl Scouts Go Camping" – Girl Scout Troop 15017

1<sup>st</sup> Place- "Natural Beauty" – Fayette County UGA Extension Master Gardener Volunteers

2. **Recognition by Commissioner Steve Brown and Mr. Gordon Rogers of the Flint Riverkeeper of the staff and citizen volunteers for their participation in the Water Guardians program.**

Commissioner Steve Brown stated that the Water Guardian program was created to keep the Fayette County reservoirs clean. He stated that the volunteers clean one reservoir a month during the warm months. He and Mr. Gordon Rogers of the Flint Riverkeeper presented staff, citizen volunteer Leah Williamson and CH2M Project Engineer Michael Diaz with a "Friend of the Flint River Basin" oar for participation in the Water Guardians program. Mr. Rogers thanked the staff and gave an overview of the Flint Riverkeeper program and the role that the Water Guardians played in the water ways for all citizens beyond Fayette County.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**3. Consideration of Resolution 2017-18 for the abandonment of property located at the intersection of Sandy Creek Road and Veterans Parkway.**

County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that this was an abandonment issue for an old roadbed that was owned by the county that required a public hearing to receive input from the public. He stated that the area was at the corner of Pinewood Studios and was made into a T-intersection. The roadbed was still owned by the county and in 2012 the county approached the Board of Education to have a small piece of property, adjacent to the old roadbed, conveyed to the county for right-of-way purposes.

Public Works Director Phil Mallon stated that "this portion of Sandy Creek Road was shown on the record of plat as "cease to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial purpose is served by it and its removal from the county's road system was in the best public interest."

Mr. Davenport stated that when a county abandons a roadbed, if the city desires to accept the abandon roadbed, they would have the "first right of refusal." He stated that the City of Fayetteville had been contacted and they would like to accept the roadbed. He stated that there was no need to convey the roadbed, other than the city accepting it, because it would be used to construct a roundabout at that intersection which would incorporate this area from the old roadbed of Sandy Creek and from the right-of-way obtained from the school board.

No one spoke in favor or in opposition.

Mr. Davenport stated that in Mr. Mallon's statement he stated that the roadbed ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial purpose was served by it, and its abandonment would be in the county's best interest. He stated that the statement would need to be certified by the Board.

Commissioner Charles Oddo moved to certify the statement, that this portion of Sandy Creek Road was shown on the record of plat as "cease to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial purpose is served by it and its removal from the county's road system was in the best public interest.". Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Consent Agenda as written. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- 4. Approval of the Public Arts Committee's request for Final Approval for the Five Senses Pop-up Event.**
- 5. Approval of a request from the Griffin Judicial Circuit Adult Felony Drug Court to apply for a supplement grant award from the Funding Committee of the Council of Accountability Court Judges in the amount of \$123,495 with a 10% match of \$13,721.**
- 6. Approval of a request from the Fayette DUI Court to apply for supplemental grant award for 2018 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) of up to \$167,450 and to authorize the expenditure of 10% local matching funds in the amount up to \$18,605.**

7. **Approval of staff's recommendation to authorize the Fayette County Solicitor's Office to accept a continuing grant award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in the amount of \$68,000.00 with the continuing grant award period beginning October 1, 2017 and expiring September 30, 2018, and authorization for the Chairman to sign all grant related documentation.**
8. **Approval of the proposed 2018 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) project list for unincorporated Fayette County and authorization for the Chairman to sign the LMIG Application and related documents.**
9. **Approval of the October 26, 2017 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

10. **Consideration of staff's recommendation regarding a Non-Profit Policy.**

County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that at the Board retreat, the Board directed staff to bring a recommendation for a non-profit policy. He stated that after evaluating all the different issues associated with a non-profit policy, staff recommended not to enter into an agreement with non-profits due to the evaluation factors outlined in the agenda package. He stated that the issue was that contractually "picking and choosing" was the primary concern.

Fayette FACTOR Director Becky Smith stated that FACTOR had stakeholders within the non-profit, that are brought together to improve the county. She stated that for fifteen years FACTOR had been addressing issues and done community assessments and discovered where things are trending in "not so good ways" and FACTOR pulled the stakeholders together to address the well-being of children and families in Fayette County. She stated that her counterparts are working with commission boards to present block grants that are federally funded and community grants that come from the taxpayers' dollars. She stated that the organizations help to vet the non-profits so that there were not ten or fifteen non-profits coming to the Board. She requested that the Board table the decision and allow the agencies and the county to discuss some opportunities where the county could bring together a committee to evaluate what others are doing.

Fayette FACTOR Co-Chair Dawn Oparah stated that one of the services that FACTOR provided was to monitor the well-ness of the community. She stated that sometimes there are gaps in services and FACTOR goes out and gets grants. She stated that there are so many non-profits with the goal to fill those gaps in service. She stated that the non-profits go out obtain the grants to bring to the county to maintain the health and quality of life that citizens would like to have. She stated that sometimes there are shortfalls. She stated that there were good models to look at, in terms of government partnerships with non-profits. She stated there are citizen groups where, if the government set aside a certain amount the taxpayers would come up with the criteria and decide how to use the funds to help the non-profits have an impact in the community. She stated that she joined in the request to table this item to give a chance to show some of the best practices on this topic.

Bloom Our Youth Vice President Terry Ernst stated that he appreciated the help from the Board in the past. He stated that Bloom was recently named the award winner for foster care in the state of Georgia. He also requested that the Board table this item until more information can be provided. He stated that the City of Peachtree City had a non-profit policy and supported Fayette Senior Services and Promise Place.

Fayette CARE Clinic Executive Director Deb Presley-Christianson requested that the Board table the decision so more research can be conducted. She stated that Fayette CARE Clinic eliminated the barriers to health care for the citizens.

She stated that through volunteer efforts from professionals, doctors and nurse practitioners, who offer services that those in need would not be able to get because they are uninsured.

Commissioner Charles Rousseau stated that he was open and amenable to tabling this item. He stated that the agencies were requesting to come up with recommendations for the Board to consider. He stated that he did not want the Board to take the easy way out and that he was open to facilitating discussions to bring recommendations for consideration.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to table until there can be round table discussions with non-profits who are essential service providers for future recommendations for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Brown seconded.

Commissioner Charles Oddo stated that a vote on this item did not mean that the Board could not come back later and make changes.

County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that he interrupted that the Board would like for staff to get with the non-profits and work toward drafting guidelines for the Board to review. He stated that he and Commissioner Brown wrote the non-profit policy in Peachtree City and that the one in Fayetteville mimicked the Peachtree City one. He stated that it could be used as a baseline to start and that staff could present something to the Board at the first of the year with recommendations.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he would like for the non-profits to come together and bring the recommendations to the Board. He stated that the Administrator could make himself available for any questions regarding county procedures, but that the recommendations should come from the non-profits. He stated that he had confidence that they could get together, discuss and bring it to the Board.

Chairman Maxwell stated that he would recommend February to bring it back. Commissioner Rousseau stated that there was no rush and that it could be included in the pre-planning during the budget. Mr. Rapson stated that staff can coordinate to get the recommendation on the agenda when the non-profit was ready.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to table until there can be round table discussions with non-profits who are essential service providers for future recommendations for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 11. Consideration of Piedmont Fayette Hospital's request to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between Piedmont Fayette Hospital and Fayette County to meet the eligibility requirements for support in the participation of the Federal 340B Drug Pricing Program and for the Chairman to sign all related documents.**

Piedmont Fayette Hospital Chief Financial Officer Scott Wolfe briefed the Board regarding the 340B Drug Pricing Program. He stated that the program provided a deep discount on outpatient pharmaceuticals for low income patients. He continued that there were some eligibility requirements for the hospital to be a part of the program. He stated that there was a growing portion of patients not able to pay their bills. He stated that there were about 75,000 patients who visit the emergency room and about 18 to 19 percent come in with no ability to pay. He stated that it was a growing debt burden on the hospital. He stated that the agenda item was for the request of the Board to acknowledge that the hospital provided care to these patients and that the Board supported participation in the program. There was no financial obligation required from the county.

Commissioner Brown asked if Piedmont Fayette could include Fayette CARE Clinic as one of the outpatient critical care facilities required for this program. Mr. Wolfe stated that Fayette CARE Clinic was not part of Piedmont Healthcare and would not be part of the hospital's Medicare cost report. He stated that the clinic was a not-for-profit entity, but they are not providing care to Medicare patients. He stated that they provide care to low income individuals.

Commissioner Brown if the \$2M was a full recoup of expenses. Mr. Wolfe stated that the hospital provided approximately \$63M of pharmaceuticals to patients and that the \$2M was a small percentage.

Commissioner Oddo asked if the county's responsibility was included. Mr. Wolfe stated that there was no financial obligation from the County.

Commissioner Brown moved to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between Piedmont Fayette Hospital and Fayette County to meet the eligibility requirements for support in the participation of the Federal 340B Drug Pricing Program and for the Chairman to sign all related documents. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**12. Consideration of staff request to purchase firefighter Lump Sum Cancer Benefit and Long-Term Disability coverage through ACCG-IRMA at a three-year rate guarantee cost of \$26,589 per calendar year beginning January 1, 2018, payable quarterly, as required by HB 146 and to authorize the chairman to sign all associated documents.**

Human Resource Lewis Patterson stated that House Bill 146 was approved during the 2017 session of the Georgia General Assembly that would began January 1, 2018 and required all legally organized fire departments to provide and maintain specific cancer insurance coverages for fire fighters. It provided critical illness or lump sum benefit for fire fighters who are diagnosed with specific types of cancers. It also included portable disability benefits in the form of long-term disability coverage. He stated that it was a new program that Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) worked with the insurance broker firm of Willis Towers Watson to create the Georgia's Firefighters Cancer Benefit Program. He stated that it would provide a fully insured coverage with a three-year rate guarantee. He stated that the payments would be broken into quarterly payments and that the budget for fiscal year 2018 would have funds to cover this anticipated cost. He introduced ACCG Deputy Director of Insurance Programs for ACCG Ashley Abercrombie and Senior Consultant of Willis Towers Watson Mr. John Hanson.

Ms. Abercrombie stated that there was no specific product exactly like what was described in House Bill 146. She continued that Mr. Hanson had done a phenomenal job canvassing the market to modify the coverages to allow the county to have a compliant product. She stated that this was part of ACCG's insurance programs. She gave a brief history of the insurance programs at ACCG. She stated that this would be part of the interlocal risk management agency as authorized by state law.

Commissioner Brown referenced the portability portion and asked if a firefighter that worked with the County for a decade and later transfer to another department other than fire or EMS, would the county be required to cover the firefighter for a period of time because of their exposure. Ms. Abercrombie stated no. She stated that there was a requirement for the firefighter to have twelve months of consecutive service for Fayette County before having to cover the firefighter. She stated that the County would provide coverage until the firefighter leaves service. She continued that the portability meant that the firefighter could pick up the coverage on their own and that they would have to pay for it. Commissioner Brown asked if there was a requirement for accreditation for the fire agencies to maintain in order to get the insurance. Ms. Abercrombie stated that the Georgia Firefighters Standard and Training Council would be auditing all the fire departments to be sure they have the coverage and if not, then they are not in compliance. Commissioner Brown asked if all will be covered in the fund, was the insurance entity requiring that the fire departments maintain a certain

level of proficiency in terms of accreditation for the fire service. Ms. Abercrombie stated not necessarily. She continued that part of ACC's insurance programs was not just to provide service, but to provide loss control service to make the fire departments better risk. She stated that the rates are standard at this point, but the county's risk compared to someone else's risk might change once there was more data.

Mr. Rapson stated that there was a separate carrier for loss. He stated that this was just a rider to that policy for the cancer insurance. He stated that there were no losses associated with this policy, only the payment of premiums and payments if the firefighter gets cancer. He stated that there was a two-year commitment with a one-year option to renew and a three-year rate guarantee. He stated that ACCG did an outstanding job to make this policy happen.

Mr. Hanson stated that he had worked on the program for over a year and that it was gratifying to be a part of the process and provide coverage.

Commissioner Oddo moved to purchase firefighter Lump Sum Cancer Benefit and Long-Term Disability coverage through ACCG-IRMA at a three-year rate guarantee cost of \$26,589 per calendar year beginning January 1, 2018, payable quarterly, as required by HB 146 and associated ACCG-IRMA Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement and for chairman to sign all associated documents. Commissioner Rousseau seconded.

Chairman Maxwell stated that this was an unfunded mandate that was required by the legislative. He stated that he appreciated ACCG for putting the package together.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that he wished the state representative would phase initiatives like this one in over a period of time, instead of financially dumping it on the counties all at one time.

Commissioner Rousseau thanked ACCG and thanked staff for answering his questions. He agreed with Vice Chairman regarding counties having the opportunity to phase in this type initiative.

Commissioner Oddo moved to purchase firefighter Lump Sum Cancer Benefit and Long-Term Disability coverage through ACCG-IRMA at a three-year rate guarantee cost of \$26,589 per calendar year beginning January 1, 2018, payable quarterly, as required by HB 146 and associated ACCG-IRMA Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement and for chairman to sign all associated documents. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**13. Consideration of a recommendation from the Selection Committee comprised of Commissioners Charles Rousseau and Charles Oddo, to appoint Elizabeth Morgan to a term beginning immediately and expiring on June 30, 2020, to the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board.**

Commissioner Oddo stated that the applicants were good applicants and that he and Commissioner Rousseau had a hard decision, but that the recommendation was for Elizabeth Morgan to be appointed to the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board.

Commissioner Oddo moved to appoint Elizabeth Morgan to a term beginning immediately and expiring on June 30, 2020, to the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**14. Discussion and approval of the creation of a new county logo for Fayette County.**

Fayette Chamber Director Carlotta Ungaro presented to the Board, proposed logos for consideration. She gave a brief history of the county wide branding initiative that was launched in April. She stated that she had contracted with



someone to help with public relations once the website for the Chamber was launched. She stated that the other piece to the countywide branding was community cohesiveness. She stated that she had worked with several of the municipalities and other community partners on co-branding and branding house strategies. She presented the proposed logo. She asked the Board to consider adopting the new logo.

Commissioner Brown stated that he liked the color schedule and he stated that Fayette County was making a cohesive effort with the branding. He applauded everyone for making a unified effort to have the same cohesiveness.

Commissioner Oddo asked how the estimated cost were determined.

County Clerk Tameca White stated that the intention was to have the Board first determine if they wanted staff to move forward with adopting the proposed logo or to go back and create something different before presenting cost.

Mr. Rapson stated that staff was looking for approval that the Board wants to implement the logos. He stated that from a funding perspective for the signs throughout the county, there was funds available.

Commissioner Oddo stated that the Old Courthouse was the one thing that unified the county. He stated that it was the symbol that everyone knows. He stated that it was nice and he had no problem in phasing it in. He stated that he felt that all three options would be needed for different uses.

Commissioner Brown stated that there are different departments with Facebook pages and adopting all three logos to be used for different applications would be best.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that the biggest changes were the courthouse, the font and eliminating "Where Quality is a Lifestyle" and replacing it with "Create your Story". He stated that it was odd to have "Create your Story" but eliminate the story of Fayette with a new logo.

Dawn Oparah; Fayetteville, spoke in favor of adopting a new county logo.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve to all three versions presented of the county logo and the color palette that accompany and to allow staff and the Board to decide which one would be used for the appropriate application. Commissioner Rousseau seconded.

Commissioner Oddo asked if all the cities were working on a new logo. Ms. Ungaro stated that the City of Fayetteville had completed implantation of the new logo, the towns of Brooks and Woolsey are working on one and she had not spoken with Peachtree City yet. She stated that the town of Tyrone had just implemented a new logo and they are going to look at the color palette and not change their newly adopted logo.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve to all three versions presented of the county logo and the color palette that accompany and to allow staff and the Board to decide which one would be used for the appropriate application. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**15. Consideration of the Fayetteville annexation of 21.6 acres and the rezoning of said property from R-70 (Single-Family Residential District) to B-P (Business Park); subject property fronts on Tyrone Road.**

Planning and Zoning Director Pete Frisina stated that this was a 21.6 acres parcel located near Tyrone Road close to State Route 54. He stated that it was currently zoned R-70 in the county and the proposal was to rezone to B-P,

Business Park. He stated that it was in an area of the county that was land used rural residential with two-acre density. He stated that the application did not contain the specifics to the type of development. He stated that there was no indication of the layout of the buildings or entrances, the size, height or architectural style of the proposed buildings. He continued that this was part of a larger project in the city of Fayetteville. He stated that given that this information was not available and that it had the potential of impacting the county, in terms of traffic and the rural character, staff recommended that the Board object to the annexation and to use the set of conditions provided to mitigate any impact to the county. He stated that staff recommended the objection and to send the conditions to the city to mitigate the impact and if the city accepted, the county could remove the objection.

Mr. Rapson stated that the city was aware of the conditions and that all indications from the city manager was that the city agreed.

Chairman Maxwell moved that the County objects to the annexation as presented, and, further, that Fayetteville may satisfy the County's objection by requiring the following:

1. A 75-foot buffer along the side and rear property lines where the subject property abuts property in unincorporated Fayette County. Per the Business Park Zoning District (Fayetteville), the 50-foot side and rear setbacks shall be measured from the buffer. Said buffer and/or setbacks shall not be subject to a variance;
2. A 100-foot setback/landscape area along Tyrone Road. Said setback/landscape area shall be measured beginning fifty feet from the centerline of Tyrone Road. The landscape area shall be limited to landscape plantings, multi-use paths, fencing and signage. Fencing of an equestrian type with a minimum of three (3) rails is required to maintain rural character;
3. The design and construction of any entrances on Tyrone Road be approved and inspected by Fayette County Engineering/Public Works; and
4. The owner/developer shall provide, at no cost to Fayette County, a quitclaim deed for 50 feet of right-of-way as measured from the centerline of Tyrone Road within 180 days of the date of Fayetteville's approval of the annexation.

Satisfaction of these conditions may be demonstrated by the city of Fayetteville providing a letter to Fayette County no later than close of business on Monday, November 20, that the city of Fayetteville will require the owner/developer to meet the four enumerated conditions above. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that the tract was independent tract and not a part of any other tract.

Commissioner Brown stated that he did not mind the business use, but the one thing that concerned him on Tyrone Road and Sandy Creek was stress to the road. He stated that as part of the development agreement he would like to have the assurance that the city was looking at connectivity and road network through the properties. He stated that something will need to be done to mitigate traffic congestion.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that the county had received complaints about truck traffic on Tyrone Road. He stated that he was told there would be no truck traffic on Tyrone Road. He stated that he did not like that the properties are annexed before having a commitment for the proposed site. He continued that was the reason for having the conditions added.

Commissioner Rousseau asked if a reverted clause could be added. Mr. Davenport stated that the referenced reverted clause was typically used in a deed of conveyance of property and this was not a conveyance of property, but an



annexation. He continued that the only way to get property from the city that was annexed to the city would be to de-annex. He stated that in order to have a de-annex, the property owner had to want it, the city had to allow it and the county would have to accept it.

Frank Gardner spoke regarding this item. He stated that the road frontage appeared to be 300-400 feet and it would be a big concern regarding the curb cut. He asked how many entrances were onto Tyrone Road.

Public Works Director Phil Mallon stated that the condition (The design and construction of any entrances on Tyrone Road be approved and inspected by Fayette County Engineering/Public Works) was added for the points that Mr. Gardner mentioned. He stated that staff was concerned about the request for a new road or driveway that close to the Tyrone Road/Hwy 54 intersection. He stated that both GDOT and Fayette County have the same standards that require a minimum amount of separation that would place that entrance, partially or entirely, at the referenced parcel.

Chairman Maxwell asked how many acres were on Tyrone Road. Mr. Mallon stated that he did not have the number in front of him, but that the minimum distance puts the first available entrance, partially on the 21-acre parcel.

The motion passed 5-0.

**16. Consideration of the County Attorney's recommendation to approve the disposition of tax refunds, as requested by Kevin Mitchell for tax years 2014, 2015 and 2016 in the total amount of \$2,677.45.**

Mr. Davenport briefed the Board that the county received a tax refund request from Kevin Mitchell for tax years 2014, 2015 and 2016. He stated that based on an error in square footage, he recommended a refund in the amount of \$2,677.45. Mr. Mitchell was present.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve the disposition of tax refunds, as requested by Kevin Mitchell for tax years 2014, 2015 and 2016 in the total amount of \$2,677.45. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board recessed at 8:24 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 8:34 p.m.

**17. Discussion of the Antioch Road and Goza Road intersection.**

Mr. Mallon provided a summary of interim measure and the permanent solutions for this project. He continued that the consultant was present to make a presentation of two intersection controls as viable long-term solutions and to request direction from the Board as to which one to use. He updated the Board that staff received permission to put up an interim four-way stop at a previous meeting and that the signs have been put in place.

Mr. Allen Krivsky of Heath & Lineback Engineers, Inc. made presentation. He stated that a geometry and sight distance analysis had been performed. The hill at Antioch Road was a concern and it was evaluated and the short-term remedy was being implemented with the four-way stops. He provided an analysis with two prevailing suggested solutions; an all-way stop or a standard roundabout. He stated that the all-way stop option required some right-of-way and possibly some easement. He stated that with the roundabout option used existed pavement with only minor widening. He continued that this option would also require right-of-way and lighting. He identified the pros and cons of each solution relative to each option and each solution offered improved safety and improved operations over the existing (no-build) two-way stop control. He stated that the all-way stop pros are: lower cost, drivers are more familiar with all-way stop, minimizes crashes, shorter construction duration and required less right-of-way. The cons: there are longer wait times, the left turn

lanes are taken out, but may have to be replaced as traffic grows. The pros for the center roundabout: the safest traffic control, minimizes crashes, there physical objects that direct traffic. The cons: higher cost with the initial cost and maintenance cost for the lighting, effects on houses with the lighting, larger footprint, right-a-way needed and more complex construction involved. He continued with the safety analysis and the cost. The cost for the roundabout was \$409,000 which included an estimate for the required right-of-way and contingencies with a grand total of \$1.033 million.

Chairman Maxwell asked if lowering or grading of the hill was considered. Mr. Krivsky stated that no matter which option was selected, both options included the hill at Antioch. He stated that he did not want to make light of the concern, but that it was a perceived limited sight distance. He stated that it was measured and it meets intersection sight distance for 55 miles per hour which was the greatest sight distance. He stated that it was a speed issue when motorists are traveling at 55 to 58 mph in a 45-speed zone and that contributes to the issue. He stated that it was estimated to be \$500,000 to shave the hill and it would cut it down to 3 feet. He stated that shaving the hill would be an additional cost to the \$1.033.

Phillip Doolittle stated that he concurred with the assessment regarding the hill. He stated that there was no one factor that can be identified as the problem with this intersection.

Mike Sanderson thanked the Board for moving quickly on this issue. He stated that he and his family traveled the intersection three or four times a day in each direction. He stated that a four-way stop would not stop people at this intersection. He stated that the roundabout would reduce the speed. He supported the roundabout as a solution.

Frank Gardner stated that possibly shaving the hill would be a good idea.

Adam Hembolt stated that he resided about a half-mile from this intersection and that he and his family travel the intersection about 12 times a day. He stated that he was in favor of a roundabout. He stated that he questioned some of the analysis that were given. He continued with some of the concerns in question; the hill, the curb, the analysis and the cost.

Roy Bishop stated that he wondered why no one suggested traffic lights. Mr. Krivsky stated that a signal warranted analysis was conducted and it did not meet the warrants.

Chairman Maxwell asked if the roundabout or all-way stop was designed for 20 years. Mr. Krivsky stated yes. He stated that he would continue to evaluate the sight distances.

Mr. Rapson stated that there was approximately \$1.1 million available for this projects because of the different parts.

Commissioner Brown stated that the roundabout was good long-term solution to this intersection.

Vice Chairman Ognio asked for the timeframe for this process. Mr. Krivsky stated that he recognized the critical nature of the project and design would be available in four months. He stated that there would be right-of-way acquisition that may be beyond that timeframe.

Commissioner Brown moved to proceed with the standard roundabout concept and have the engineering firm move forward on design and staff move forward with acquisition and the necessary steps to complete the project. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded.

Mr. Rapson stated that there was a reimbursement resolution in place so that funds could be used from the SPLOST budget.

Commissioner Oddo asked what was the thinking for putting a roundabout at that intersection when the SPLOST list was created. Mr. Mallon stated that there were four specific intersections on the SPLOST list and he made an assumption that it would not be warranted for a traffic signal and the discussion would be the improved stop control or a roundabout. He stated that the roundabout was the more expensive, so staff budgeted for the roundabout.

Commissioner Brown moved to proceed with the standard roundabout concept and have the engineering firm move forward on design and staff move forward with acquisition and the necessary steps to complete the project. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jerry Chandler; Fayetteville stated that he would like to bring an E-commerce business to Fayette County in a building that he owned. He stated that he owned the building since April 2004 and that he ran a heating and air conditioning business there until 2009. He stated that he put the building up for sale. He stated that the people who are interested in the building would like to have commercial business. He stated that he had a client that would like to run an E-commerce business from that building. He stated that according to the Sec. 110-142 of the Office of Institutional guidelines provide for a real-estate office, insurance office, doctors office and others. He stated that the client sells automobiles over the internet and he made it clear to the zoning staff that there would be no product on site. He stated that the area was too small to have product on site. He stated that the problem with the zoning was that a person could not be a broker of automobiles without a broker license. He stated that they wanted to bring their business to Fayette County. He stated that he requested a change to the zoning to include E-commerce sells.

Planning and Zoning Director Pete Frisina stated that this had gone before the Planning Commission and they were not interested in making the change. The Zoning Board of Appeals also turned down the request.

Mr. Chandler stated that a real estate broker was licensed by the state of Georgia and conducted business from their office and his clients are brokers who would sell automobiles from the internet and conduct their business from the office.

Mr. Frank Gardner stated that he came to discuss striping on side roads. He stated that he spoke with Road Director Steve Hoffman and he talked about getting a striping machine. He stated that he wanted the Board to help Mr. Hoffman get a striping machine so that he could stripe the road for safety.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:**

Mr. Rapson stated that he would speak to Mr. Hoffman about the striping machine.

#### **Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) update:**

Mr. Rapson stated that an extension for the SDS was given for February 28, 2018. He stated that the documents would be given to the Chairman to execute the extension.

#### **Holidays**

The offices will be closed on Monday for the Veteran's Day.

There are no other Board of Commissioners meetings for November and there will only be one meeting on December 14 to end the year.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:** None

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

**Commissioner Brown:**

**SPLOST funds:** Commissioner Brown stated that there were discussions about remaining SPLOST funds. He stated that he was concerned about the East Fayetteville Bypass project and until the project had been completed, staff should not say there was money remaining. He stated that it might be best to look at a three lane with a turn lane in the center to create traffic flow. He stated that Clayton County had begun construction and Fayette County needed to be prepared for the increased traffic.

**Golf Cart Ordinance:** He stated that Peachtree City was planning to do changes to their golf cart ordinance and so the county might want to be aware because we try to be in sync with the municipalities.

**Commissioner Oddo:**

**Veteran's Day:** Commissioner Oddo stated that he attended the Veteran's Day event at Georgia Military College in Fayetteville. He stated that it was very well done.

**Thanksgiving:** He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Voting:** Commissioner Oddo congratulated those who ran in the first leg of the election. He thanked the candidates and reminded people that there would be a runoff and for everyone to vote.

**Vice Chairman Ognio:**

**Request for Agenda Item:** Vice Chairman Ognio requested the Board's permission to get the county attorney and staff to look at changes to the traffic calming policy; Speed Table Policy and bring it back to the Board.

Commissioner Oddo stated that he agreed.

Chairman Maxwell asked what specifically he was asking to have changed. Vice Chairman Ognio stated that he would like for the attorney and staff to look at ways to make it a better policy.

Commissioner Brown stated that anyone can put what they want on the agenda. Vice Chairman Ognio stated that he just wanted to have the Board's approval to have the county attorney review it. Commissioner Brown stated that he agreed and that there needed to be changes.

Mr. Rapson clarified that the Board wanted staff to look at the existing policy for traffic calming and bring a redline version to the Board.

**Legislative Package:** Vice Chairman Ognio stated that he would like to put fluoride and TAVT back in the package. He stated that he would like to get it ready to be sent before the next session started.

**Transportation Committee:** He stated that it was a good meeting and good turn-out. He stated that the committee was trying to address concerns but it took time away from the other pressing items that the committee was addressing. The meeting will be held on December 5 at 2:00 p.m. He continued that he would not be present for the meeting because he would be in Washington, D.C. to attend a meeting at the White House.

**Millpond Manor cart path:** Vice Chairman Ognio stated that the homeowner's association president wanted to be able to pave the existing dirt path and that they would pay for it. He stated that the Transportation Committee looked at it and there were problems with the easement. He stated that the committee would get more details and bring it before the Board.

**Commissioner Rousseau:**

**Holidays:** Commissioner Rousseau wished the Board and staff a Happy Holidays. He thanked staff for all the work that they do.

**Chairman Maxwell:**

**ARC meeting:** Chairman Maxwell gave a brief report on his meeting at the Atlanta Regional Commission. He stated that some of the items are not of interest for those in Fayette County. The topics mentioned included: GRETA Express Program, regional truck parking lots. He stated that one of the studies that was of interest involved people who are killed crossing the roads and on bicycles. He stated that there were a lot of statistics provided. He stated that there was \$17 million dollars available for interconnectivity of paths. He stated that Fayette County was known for its paths and if there was a way to contact Brian Rushing from ARC to get more information that would be good.

**Survey from ARC:** He stated that he received a survey from Doug Hooker from ARC. He stated that one of the questions what was one of the solutions for the traffic problems in metro Atlanta areas. He stated that 43% of the surveyors stated that public transportation was an answer. He stated that he did not know how anyone could say that public transportation was not the answer for the Atlanta region, however 57% did not indicate that was a solution. He stated that there was some group saying that ARC was trying to push rapid transit into Fayette County. He stated that he made a presentation to ARC and he wanted it on the record at this meeting, that he was not in favor of bringing rapid transit to Fayette County. He stated that the Board had not ever discussed this issue since he was on the Board.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Brown moved to adjourn the November 9, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The November 9, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

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Tameca P. White, County Clerk

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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 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017. Referenced attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

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Tameca P. White, County Clerk