

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia met in Official Session on Wednesday, August 1, 2001, at 3:30 p.m. in the public meeting room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Greg Dunn, Chairman
Herb Frady
Peter Pfeifer
A.G. VanLandingham

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Linda Wells, Vice Chair

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris W. Cofty, County Administrator
Carol Chandler, Executive Assistant
William R. McNally, County Attorney
Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk

Chairman Dunn called the meeting to order, offered the invocation and led the pledge to the Flag.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS:

The Board presented employee service awards to the following employees for their years of service to Fayette County:

- Eureka Franklin, Communications Operator/911 Communications, 5 years
- Jimmie Gunn, Deputy Sheriff/Sheriff's Office, 5 years
- Lee Hearn, Public Works Director, Public Works, 5 years
- James Massey, Assistant Director/Permits & Inspections
- Harold Mathis, FF/Paramedic/Fire/Emergency Services, 5 years
- Russell Prince, Information Systems Director, Information Systems, 5 years
- Randal Sisk, FF/Paramedic/Fire/Emergency Services, 5 years
- Loy Turner, Equipment Operator III/Road Department, 5 years
- Cathy Conger, Communications Operator/911 Communications, 10 years
- Diane Allbritton, Deputy Court Clerk/Superior Court, 15 years
- Pamela Gravitt, Finance Officer/Water System, 15 years
- Tim Jones, Purchasing Director/Purchasing Department, 15 years
- David Scarbrough, Fire Marshal-Captain/Fire/Emergency Services, 15 years
- Richard Twohig, Plant Shift Leader/Water System, 15 years

RECOGNITION OF EAGLE SCOUTS BENJAMIN JAMES ELDRIDGE AND JARED PAUL SCHNUTE:

The Board recognized Benjamin James Eldridge and Jared Paul Schnute for their attainment to the rank of Eagle Scout.

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Chairman Dunn remarked that when he had gone into the Boy Scouts many years ago he had trouble getting through the tenderfoot scout level. He said he would never have had the tenacity, strength of character and the will to go through everything that these young men had to go through to attain Eagle Scout. He said this was a marvelous program in this Country and many of the Country's leaders started out in scouting. He said there were very few people in scouting who attain this level. He congratulated the young men for their tremendous effort. He asked each scout the project they had chosen for their Eagle Scout project.

Jared Schnute stated that his church needed a playground for toddler age children and he built a playground for his church.

Benjamin Eldridge stated that he had built a prayer labyrinth at Calvin Center in Woolsey. He said a lot of people have enjoyed this and it had helped Calvin attract more people.

Chairman Dunn presented each scout with a framed letter of recognition signed by the Board of Commissioners.

2002 GEORGIA D.O.T. LAR31 32-1(113) FOR RESURFACING OF 19 FAYETTE COUNTY ROADS APPROVED:

Public Works Director Lee Hearn presented the Board with the county's comprehensive resurfacing list. He said he had updated it today to include the 19 Fayette County roads under the current year LARP contract. He said in September he had applied to the Georgia D.O.T. for some assistance with the resurfacing of county roads. He said each year the county submits a priority list. He said 63 roads for a total of 36 miles had been submitted in September. He said he had received the list back approved and the funding had been allocated for 19 roads at 7.6 miles. He said last year the county's initial LARP contract was \$182,000 and a supplemental LARP about five or six months later in the amount of \$136,000. He said this year the 7.6 miles came to approximately \$157,000. He said this was substantially reduced from the year before. He said this was due to funding at the State level. He asked for the Board's consideration in authorizing the Chairman to execute the contract so that he could return it to Thomaston for processing. He said he would be glad to answer any questions the Board might have.

Commissioner Frady remarked that the county had in past years been receiving \$720,000 for the LARP program.

Mr. Hearn responded that there were several different mechanisms by which the county could receive funding. He said one was through the LARP. He said typically the county had received \$250,000 to \$300,000 in the five years that he had been associated with the county. He said the county could also ask for a State contract on a case by case basis.

Commissioner Frady asked if the \$720,000 that the county used to receive had been almost cut in half.

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Mr. Hearn remarked that the LARP contract would be approximately 50% less than what it was the year before. He said his line item in the budget included carry overs as well. He said if a project was not completed it would move forward to the next year.

Chairman Dunn interjected that for the two years that Governor Barnes had been Governor, he had substantially reduced the money each year in the LARP program. He said the first year it was almost 50% and then this year there was another cut almost as much as last year's level. He said the county would continue to fight for these funds. He clarified that the contract he would sign today was only for the unincorporated county's contract with the State.

Mr. Hearn remarked that the priority list was really the county's work in progress and was a working document.

Chairman Dunn asked Mr. Hearn if he knew how much LARP money the three cities had received.

Mr. Hearn replied that he did not know the amounts in their newest contract.

Chairman Dunn said he was aware that the cities were cut a similar percentage as the county was. He said he was signing the contract for the LARP funds for the unincorporated county today.

On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to authorize the Chairman to execute the D.O.T. LARP Contract LAR31 32-1(113) for resurfacing of 19 Fayette County roads. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Wells was absent. A copy of the contract, identified as "Attachment No. 1", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

CONSENT AGENDA: On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Wells was absent.

UNITED WAY OF FAYETTE AND COWETA COUNTIES: Approval of request from United Way of Fayette and Coweta Counties to place their thermometer on the Old Courthouse lawn from September 4th through December 16th during their annual campaign to raise funds.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Approval of request from the Sheriff's Office to transfer funds from the General Account to the Sheriff's office Fund #130-5433 in the amount of \$2,503.04 for repairs to a county vehicle involved in an accident.

F & S MECHANICAL AND CHICAGO BRIDGE AND IRON AWARDED LOW BIDS: Approval of Water Committee recommendations to (a) Recommend the low bidder of F&S Mechanical, at \$46,760 subject to Mallett & Associates verification; and (b) Recommend the low bidder Chicago Bridge and Iron at \$2,989,000, accept the contract extension, and award the bid after funds are approved from the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority.

GEORGIA YOUTH BALLETT: Approval of request from the Georgia Youth Ballet to place a sign on the Old Courthouse lawn from November 23 through December 7, 2001 to advertise the annual production of the Nutcracker to be held on December 7, 8 and 9, 2001.

OLD COURTHOUSE LAWN - COOPERATIVE FARMERS MARKET: Approval of request from Nancy Price of Main Street Fayetteville to use the Old Courthouse lawn on October 6 and 7, 2001 during the Main Street Fall Festival for a cooperative farmers market with the Extension Service.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public are allowed up to three minutes each to address the Board on issues of concern other than those items which are on this evening's agenda.

There was no public comment.

STAFF REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Attorney McNally requested an executive session to discuss four legal matters and two real estate acquisition items.

COMMISSION RETREAT: Commissioner VanLandingham said he had suggested the name of a facilitator for the Board's retreat. He said the Board would need to decide on a time and place for the retreat before a facilitator could be secured.

Commissioner Frady said he would like the Board to decide on a time and date for the retreat to be held in August, 2001. He said the Board could not decide on a facilitator until a retreat was scheduled.

On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham that the Board of Commissioners decide on a time and place to hold their retreat. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Wells was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On motion made by Commissioner Pfeifer, seconded by Commissioner Frady to adjourn to executive session to discuss four legal matters and two real estate acquisition items. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Wells was absent.

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REAL ESTATE: Attorney McNally updated the Board on a real estate matter.

It was the consensus of the Board that Attorney McNally proceed in this matter.

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LEGAL: Attorney McNally reported to the Board on a legal matter.

It was the consensus of the Board that Attorney McNally proceed in this matter.

LEGAL: Attorney McNally discussed a legal matter with the Board.

On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer that Attorney McNally proceed in this matter. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Wells was absent.

LEGAL: Attorney McNally discussed a legal matter with the Board.

The Board took no action on this matter.

LEGAL: Attorney Dennis Davenport reported to the Board on a legal matter.

On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Frady that Attorney Davenport proceed in this matter. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Wells was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT: On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Frady to authorize the Chairman to execute the executive session affidavit affirming that two real estate matters and four legal items were discussed in executive session. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Wells was absent. A copy of the Affidavit, identified as "Attachment No. 2", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Dunn adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk

Gregory M. Dunn, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 9th day of August, 2001.

Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk