



Action Agenda

Board of Commissioners
October 13, 2011
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on Thursday, October 13, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Commissioners Present:	Herb Frady, Chairman Robert Horgan, Vice Chairman Steve Brown Lee Hearn
Commissioner Absent:	Allen McCarty
Staff Present:	Jack Krakeel, County Administrator Scott Bennett, County Attorney Carol Chandler, Executive Assistant Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk

Chairman Frady called the meeting to order.
Commissioner Hearn offered the Invocation.
Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda: Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner McCarty was absent.

Presentation/Recognition:

1. Proclamation declaring October 19, 2011 as "Meals on Wheels Day."

Commissioner Horgan read and the Board presented a Proclamation declaring October 19, 2011 as "Meals on Wheels Day" to Senior Services Director Debbie Britt.

Public Hearing:

2. Consideration of a Packaged Beer and Wine License for Janata Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a MD Food Mart, 2400 SR 138, Fayetteville, Georgia, Mohsin Dhanani, Chotubhai Dhanani, Dilshad Dhanani, Owners, and Mohsin Dhanani, Applicant. This property is located in Land Lot 198 of the 13th District, fronts on SR 138 and SR 314, and is zoned C-C. This is for a Change of Ownership.

Zoning Director Dennis Dutton asked for the Board's consideration to approve the packaged beer and wine license for Janata Enterprises, Inc.. He remarked that this applicant had received approval from the Board on August 25, 2011 but failed to pay the fee within the two week time frame, therefore making the application void.

He said the applicant was asking for consideration of approval tonight for this packaged beer and wine license for Janata Enterprises.

Commissioner Horgan made a motion to approve the packaged beer and wine license for Janata Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a MD Food Mart, 2400 SR 138, Fayetteville. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner McCarty was absent.

Public Comment:

Steve Smithfield: Steve Smithfield remarked that there had been hundreds of public comments and newspaper articles in which the citizens of Fayette County expressed their ire over the West Fayetteville Bypass now known as Veterans Parkway. He called attention to the front page of The Citizen Newspaper with the story regarding a newly released development project along Veterans Parkway. He said this article illustrated a proposed 2,000 acre development on both sides of the Bypass with partial funding from Fayette County Development Authority and also the City of Fayetteville.

David Hall: David Hall said it was his recommendation that the Board not fund the West Fayetteville Bypass, activate HB 240 and lower millage rates and to stick with the priorities of Fayette County and its citizens.

Gordon Furr: Gordon Furr said he had spoken to a member of the Department of Transportation about why there had not been a study done on the West Fayetteville Bypass. He said he was informed that the D.O.T. does not do traffic studies on roads that were not Georgia Highways and this should be done by the County Administrator. He questioned why this had not been done. He questioned why the dangerous curve on Sandy Creek Road and Adams Road had not been addressed as well as the condition of the bridge on Westbridge Road. He asked if there could be a minister at each Commission meeting to give the invocation.

Jerome Walker: Mr. Walker signed up to speak but declined to come forward when his name was called.

Bob Ross: Bob Ross thanked Commissioner Horgan for all of his work on the Meals on Wheels Program at the Senior Center. He said this requires a lot of time and he applauded Commissioner Horgan for his involvement. He remarked that he had attended the last meeting of the Regional Transportation Roundtable this morning. He noted that there had been successes as well as concerns. He said the success was to get representatives from ten different counties together and come up with a unanimous agreement on something. He said Fayette County was due to receive approximately \$187 million over the next ten years worth of projects and a bag of cash. He said his biggest concern was the fact, if this tax should pass, that Fayette County would be locked in with MARTA and all of its issues. He remarked that out of the \$6.1 billion that was approved for the projects, virtually half was going to transit including bus and rail systems. He said he had spoken with the Director of MARTA and discussed some of the figures that he had researched. He said the Director concurred with him that these figures were correct. He said MARTA's operating losses were over half a billion dollars a year that was being drained out of the ten county economy and spent on the system. He said the CEO of MARTA said two weeks ago in an AJC article that they were forecasting a \$2.2 billion shortfall and that included the \$700 million that might come from the T-SPLOST. He said there was no plan going forward to change any of those metrics. He said this was nothing more than doubling down on a situation that has hamstrung DeKalb and Fulton Counties and now Fayette County was a member of that group.

Randy Ognio: Randy Ognio commented on the proposed development along the West Fayetteville Bypass and said this was a far cry from keeping the County rural. He said the citizens in Fayette County had moved here because they did not want to live in the middle of a city but moved here to be in the country. He expressed further disappointment in the fact that Mr. Lester was a member of the Fayette County Development Authority and his property was included in this proposed development. He said this was very disturbing to him as well as the fact that Commissioner Hearn was part of that family too.

Roy Bishop: Mr. Bishop signed up to speak but declined when his name was called.

Tom Waller: Tom Waller remarked on the sharp turn on Sandy Creek Road and Tillman Road. He said there used to be a sweeping curve that is now blocked by orange barrels and could not be currently used. He expressed concern over the dump trucks and ambulances traveling on Sandy Creek being able to navigate this particular curve. He said this curve was there to facilitate traveling up Veterans Parkway which is not even there yet. He said this was "stupid" to put this curve in the road at this point in time with the development of Veterans Parkway not being finished.

Consent Agenda: Commissioner Brown requested item no. 6 be removed for discussion. Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented with the exception of item no. 6. Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner McCarty was absent.

3. Approval of staff's request for funding in the amount of \$5,500 for an enhancement to the County's MUNIS software system to create an export file adhering to the record layout as required by Georgia Department of Revenue for submitting business occupation tax data to the State.
4. Authorization for the Chairman to execute documents accepting a Grant Award for the period October, 2011 - September, 2012, in the amount of \$7,500 from the Council of Juvenile Court Judges of Georgia for providing community alternatives to juvenile incarceration.
5. Approval of staff's recommendation to award Bid #790 for short term debris removal during times of extreme inclement weather or declared county disaster to low bidder Tag Grinding Services; and authorization for the Chairman to execute subsequent contracts or agreements pending approval by the County Attorney.
6. Approval of staff's recommendation for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Fayette County and the Town of Tyrone for sewer access from Tyrone for a proposed fire station site; and authorization for the Chairman to execute said agreement pending approval of the County Attorney.

Commissioner Brown asked for clarification on something that he had been told that there may be a conflict related to this site regarding the possibility that Chairman Frady might have a business relationship with one of the two owners of this property either as an agent or a land seller. Chairman Frady asked who the owners of the property were and Commissioner Brown replied Mr. Rolader and Mr. Scarborough. Chairman Frady said these individuals were not members of his family and he had never done business with them.

Commissioner Horgan made a motion to approve consent agenda item no. 6 as presented. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner McCarty was absent.

7. Approval of staff's recommendation to accept the quote from Spillman Technologies, Inc. for the acquisition of thirty-six mobile computer licenses in the amount of \$58,572; and authorization for the Chairman to execute any necessary contracts and documents to complete the acquisition pending approval by the County Attorney.

8. Approval of staff's request for authorization to trade twenty-six sets of firefighter's turnout coats and thirty-three pairs of turnout pants that are no longer usable, to Gloves, Inc. for a credit of \$1,475 toward the County's ongoing current turnout cleaning costs.
9. Approval of staff's request for authorization to dispose of firefighter uniforms that are no longer serviceable.
10. Approval of staff's recommendation to award Bid #794 to low bidder Wade Ford, Inc. for the purchase of a Ford F-450 Cab and Chassis in the amount of \$34,765.
11. Approval of staff's request to declare three County assets as unserviceable and authorization to sell the assets utilizing the GovDeals internet website.
12. Approval of staff's request to declare eight county vehicles as unserviceable and authorization to sell the assets utilizing the GovDeals internet website, and for all proceeds to be returned to the Vehicle Replacement Fund.
13. Approval of staff's recommendation to award Bid #797 for furnishings for the new addition at the Fayette County Public Library to Source Interiors, LLC in the amount of \$95,832.87.
14. Approval of staff's request to initiate use of and compliance with the Georgia Department of Transportation's Nondiscrimination Agreement and Title VI Assurances; and authorization for the Chairman to execute said documents pending approval by the County Attorney.
15. Approval of the Sheriff's Department's request to amend the Overtime Budget for the Criminal Investigations Division by \$2,542.21 for reimbursement for employees assigned to work with various Federal agencies.
16. Approval of recommendations from the Tax Assessors' Office regarding requests for tax refunds.
17. Approval of minutes for the Board of Commissioners' meeting held on September 22, 2011.

Old Business:

18. Consideration of staff's request to approve Contract Addendum No. 2 (Proposal P764) with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. authorizing expenditures not to exceed \$180,000 to perform additional tasks required by the EPD to complete Phase II of the Methane Remediation Plan for the First Manassas Mile Road Southside Landfill; and authorization for the Chairman to execute the contract addendum pending approval by the County Attorney.

Stormwater Director Vanessa Birrell discussed this item with the Board and asked for consideration of approval of the contract addendum.

Commissioner Horgan made a motion to approve Contract Addendum No. 2 (Proposal P764) with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. authorization expenditures not to exceed \$180,000 to perform additional tasks required by the EPD to complete Phase II of the Methane Remediation Plan for the First Manassas Mile Road Southside Landfill and to authorize the Chairman to execute the contract addendum pending approval by the County Attorney. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion, discussion followed. Commissioner Brown said he would be voting in opposition because he felt this should have been put out for bid. The motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Brown voting in opposition. Commissioner McCarty was absent.

19. Consideration of staff's recommendation to reduce the County's participation in the Georgia Municipal Association Lease Pool Program, including the outstanding amount of Certificates of Participation and the associated interest rate swap agreement by the amount of the account balance determined to be "excess funds."

Chief Finance Office Mary Holland discussed this item with the Board and asked for consideration for approval of staff's recommendation to reduce the County's participation in the Georgia Municipal Association Lease Pool Program.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve staff's recommendation to reduce the County's participation in the Georgia Municipal Association Lease Pool Program, including the outstanding amount of Certificates of Participation and the associated interest rate swap agreement by the amount of the account balance determined to be "excess funds." Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner McCarty was absent for the vote.

New Business:

20. Consideration of the reappointment of Terri Willis to the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board for a three year term with said term commencing on July 1, 2011 and expiring on June 30, 2014.

Commissioner Horgan made a motion to approve the reappointment of Terri Willis to the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board for a three year term with said term commencing on July 1, 2011 and expiring on June 30, 2014. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion, discussion followed. Commissioner Brown said because of his ongoing commentary related to board, authority and committee appointments, he felt in order to handle this in the most democratic way possible to achieve the greatest participation County wide and to achieve a better diversity of individuals, that these positions should be advertised in the local media and on the County website in order to try and bring people into government and encourage them to participate. He said the County had a long history of continually reappointing the same people time and time again where there is no solicitation of new membership. He felt there might be some missed opportunities for some people who have some incredible levels of expertise in various fields who are by virtue of living here are readily available to the County at no charge. Commissioner Brown said based on principle, he could not vote in favor of this tonight and this was in no way anything against Terri Willis. The motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Brown voting in opposition. Commissioner McCarty was absent.

21. Consideration of the appointment of Leslie Edwards to the Region Six Mental Health Planning Board for a term to be determined by the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

Commissioner Horgan made a motion to appoint Leslie Edwards to the Region Six Mental Health Planning Board for a term to be determined by the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion, discussion followed. Commissioner Brown remarked that based on principle, he would be voting in opposition. The motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Brown voting in opposition. Commissioner McCarty was absent.

22. Consideration of reappointment of Charles McCollum to Post 1 on the Fayette County Recreation Commission for a four year term with said term commencing on September 1, 2011 and will expire on August 31, 2015.

Commissioner Horgan made a motion to reappoint Charles McCollum to Post 1 on the Fayette County Recreation Commission for a four year term with said term commencing on September 1, 2011 and expiring on August 31, 2015. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion, discussion followed. Commissioner Brown said because of principle that this position was not advertised, he would be voting in opposition. The motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Brown voting in opposition. Commissioner McCarty was absent.

Administrator's Reports:

None.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Brown: Commissioner Brown commented on the article on the front page of The Citizen Newspaper regarding the West Fayetteville Bypass and the proposed development plan shown as a high density project. He said unfortunately The Citizen only covered 50% of it and he would soon be addressing the other 50% in a letter to the Editor of The Citizen. He said it was no mistake that there was an empty elementary school built on the West Fayetteville Bypass and was done on purpose to accommodate the development as shown on the proposed plan. He said he did not appreciate the deception and he did not consider this good government or be in the best interest of the citizens. He said the most shameful part of it all was the road that was cited to relieve traffic congestion would actually, once it was developed, increase the levels of traffic drastically as it appears in this documentation.

Commissioner Hearn: Commissioner Hearn remarked that a traffic study had been done in 2003 by an independent traffic consultant and they had recommended several improvements in the County and one included the West Fayetteville Bypass as well as the East Fayetteville Bypass. He said in 2004 the citizens had voted in favor of a SPLOST and indicated that they wanted improvements to the County's traffic system. He said the project list was very clear as far as what projects were eligible.

Chairman Frady: Chairman Frady remarked that the Board of Commissioners has no authority over the Fayette County Board of Education. He said the only thing that the Board of Commissioners has to do, by State law, is to approve the Board of Education's millage rate. He also commented on the road improvements being done to remove the hump in the roadway at the railroad track located on Sandy Creek Road. He said there were many positive things happening in Fayette County but felt these were never mentioned. He commented on his real estate license and said he has had one since 1965 and does keep it active in case he needs to do something like that again.

Commissioner Horgan: Commissioner Horgan said the transportation plan was something that was derived in 2006 by Chairman Greg Dunn. He said Chairman Dunn had gotten the landowners on S.R. 54 together and this was where they had come up with this plan. He said the leaders, Commissioners, Mayors, and Council members all got together and had thoughts to move forward. He said to him this was the right thing to do rather than being reactive. He said he had received numerous calls and e-mails since the article appeared in the newspaper about the proposed development. He said people indicated to him that this was a good thing for the community. He said he disagreed with Commissioner Brown's remark that this was a high density development plan. He said he had never been approached by a developer to build anything or given money to build anything or anything of that nature. He said a project like this would not happen anytime in the near future. He said there was no one single person who would have this kind of money to build these kinds of projects. He felt it was prudent on the part of this Board to look into the future and plan accordingly.

Adjournment: Hearing no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner McCarty was absent.

Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk