Consent Agenda #8

Minutes

Board of Commissioners
September 11, 2014
2:00 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on September 11, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Commissioners Present:	Steve Brown, Chairman Charles Oddo, Vice Chairman David Barlow Allen McCarty Randy Ognio
Staff Present:	Steve Rapson, County Administrator Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk Tameca P. White, Deputy Clerk Patrick Stough, Assistant County Attorney

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Call to Order

Chairman Brown called the September 11, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. He mentioned that S. Truett Cathy passed away earlier in the week and he briefly spoke on the impact Mr. Cathy made. Chairman Brown also asked everyone to remember the events and anniversary of September 11, 2001.

Invocation by Commissioner Allen McCarty

Commissioner McCarty introduced his Pastor, Bruce Black, of Gracepointe Church in Peachtree City. He asked Pastor Black to offer the Invocation. Pastor Black did so.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Brown led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

Commissioner Oddo moved to accept the Agenda as published and to move Consent Agenda Item #3 to the October 7, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION /RECOGNITION:

1. Proclamation of September 16, 2014 as "The American Legion Day in Fayette County" with Posts 50 and 105 of the American Legion.

Commissioner Barlow read the proclamation of September 16, 2014 as "The American Legion Day in Fayette County." The current past Commander of Post 50 of the American Legion spoke on behalf of The American Legion and it work for veterans in the community and around the nation. The "past, past Commander" of Post 50 pointed out that a member of Post 105 would be the American Legion National Commander, and he spoke about the heavy responsibility national commanders carry. Copies of the request and proclamation, identified as "Attachment 1," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

2. Proclamation of September 17-23, 2014 as "Constitution Week in Fayette County" with the James Waldrop Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Commissioner McCarty read the proclamation of September 17-23, 2014 as "Constitution Week in Fayette County." Ms. Phyllis King spoke about the work and involvement of the Daughters of the American Revolution on behalf of the United States Constitution. Copies of the request and proclamation, identified as "Attachment 2," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

AAA Bond Rating: County Administrator Steve Rapson asked for the staff of the Fayette County Finance Department to come to the floor, and he presented the Finance Department with a trophy in recognition of its efforts with the County's attainment of the AAA Bond Rating. He thanked the Finance staff for their hard work in obtaining the AAA Bond Rating.

PUBLIC HEARING:

There were no Public Hearing items on the Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. Approval of the disposition of tax refunds, as recommended by the Tax Assessor's Office, in the aggregate amount of $543.55.

This item was tabled to the October 7, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting during the acceptance of the Agenda. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 3," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

4. Approval of the August 28, 2014 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner McCarty moved to approve the August 28, 2014 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were no Old Business items on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Consideration of Chairman Brown's recommendation to request a grant from the Fayette Master Gardener Association, in the amount of $2,000.00, and for the grant to be used after park designs are officially approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Brown explained that the reason this request was before the Board was because there was a deadline to apply for the grant. He stated that the deadline would expire prior to having plans for the Justice Center Park available for the Board's consideration. He stated that this request would ensure the grant application could be submitted before the deadline expired.

Ms. Myriam Cousins, President-elect of the Master Gardeners Association, thanked Fayette County for supporting the Fayette County Master Gardener Association. She stated that this was the first time that the Master Gardener Association was at a point where it could provide money to others apart from the association. She spoke about the support the Master Gardener's Association is providing to several efforts throughout the community.

Chairman Brown stated that there is a committee that has been formed in order to plan for a park at the Justice Center. He stated that part of the plans call for a citizen's garden and, while the plans have not been reviewed or approved by the Board, the idea was to create a large space where the Master Gardeners could do a call for plants. He said the people would come from the community and would make a garden that is composed of plants from all around the county. He stated this grant would go toward the creation of the Citizen's Garden.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve Chairman Brown's recommendation to request a grant from the Fayette Master Gardener Association, in the amount of $2,000.00, and for the grant to be used after park designs are officially approved by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. Copies of the request and grant application, identified as "Attachment 4," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

6. Consideration of staff's recommendation to enter into an Automatic Aid Agreement between the City of Fayetteville and Fayette County for the mutual rendering of supplemental fire suppression and for participation in joint training exercises.

Fayette County Fire Chief David Scarbrough stated that the agreement before the Board was an equitable arrangement for firefighting and fire suppression activities between the Fayette County and the City of Fayetteville. He stated that there were numerous meetings between himself and City of Fayetteville Fire Chief Alan Jones, and that those meetings resulted in good conversations, a good working understanding, and a good proposal. He stated that the Fayetteville City Council had already approved the proposed Automatic Aid Agreement, and he asked for the Board of Commissioners to give similar approval.

County Administrator Steve Rapson added that both jurisdictions "went into the weeds pretty extensively" in regards to how protocols and dispatching are done. He said it was nice to for the County Administrator and the City of Fayetteville's manager to see both fire chiefs come to an agreement that everybody could live with. He stated that the agreement honors the direction received from both the Board of Commissioners and the Fayetteville City Council. Mr. Rapson added that Chief Jones has gone on to become the Assistant City Manager for the City of Fayetteville while remaining as Fire Chief for the City of Fayetteville.

Chief Alan Jones said he appreciated the Board's consideration of the Automatic Aid Agreement, and he reminded the Board of the jurisdictions' shared history and working relationship together. He thanked Chief Scarbrough for his work in this matter, and he thanked County Administrator Steve Rapson for his help and support of the agreement.

Commissioner Ognio moved to accept staff's recommendation to enter into an Automatic Aid Agreement between the City of Fayetteville and Fayette County for the mutual rendering of supplemental fire suppression and for participation in joint training exercises. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. Copies of the request and Automatic Aid Agreement, identified as "Attachment 5," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one spoke under Public Comment.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Voting Delegate Appointed for the 2014 Legislative Leadership Conference: County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that a Voting Delegate needed to be appointed for the 2014 Legislative Leadership Conference. He added that Commissioner McCarty had been appointed to the position by the Board last year. The Board consented to appoint Commissioner McCarty as the 2014 Voting Delegate for the 2014 Legislative Leadership Conference.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Notification for Executive Session: Assistant County Attorney Patrick Stough informed the Board that the August 28, 2014 Executive Session Minutes needed to be reviewed in Executive Session.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Barlow: Commissioner Barlow stated that he went to Riley Sisson's funeral. He stated that Riley Sisson is the son of Fayette County's Animal Control Director Fred Sisson. Commissioner Barlow stated that the service was tremendous and that the service was packed with people who came in support of the family. Commissioner Barlow spoke about how the Sisson family worked extensively with a national Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD) support group and he spoke of the family's influence for that group. He said his heart goes out to the Sisson family and that it was an honor to see the support others gave during this time. He added that his prayers were with the Sisson family and he was sure Riley's name would be prominent as they "raise the flag and raise funds for the OCD Foundation in a national way." Commissioner Barlow also reflected on where he was during the events of September 11, 2001. He stated he was editing a legal production for an upcoming trial. He stated he was working with his editor when he received a phone call to turn on the television. He stated that he turned on the television as the second plane hit the World Trade Tower and he watched as they ultimately crumbled. Commissioner Barlow said it was unbelievable how someone could be that successful in attacking this great nation, reassured everyone that the victims are not forgotten, and hoped there would not be another attack in the United States of America.

Commissioner Oddo: Commissioner Oddo reminded the Board that Ms. Jackie King, the daughter of Executive Director of the Association County Commissioners Georgia (ACCG) Ross King, passed away earlier this week. He expressed his condolences to the family. He expressed sympathy to the family on behalf of the Board.

Commissioner Oddo stated he thought he understood how his parents felt during Pearl Harbor. He reminded everyone that the United States is at war against those who hate it, how the United States is a good nation, and that it is fighting for its very existence.

Commissioner McCarty: Commissioner McCarty spoke about the attacks on September 11, 2001. He spoke about how at the time he was the Regional Director of Engineering for Pax Television, and how he had a crew of engineers on the roof of the World Trade Center on the morning of September 11, 2001. He stated that a crew member became ill and it was decided to not continue the work until the crew member recovered. Commissioner McCarty stated that the engineers left the World Trade Center and was six blocks away when the first tower was hit. He also told the audience that his wife's cousin was a firefighter for New York City was a first responder to the attack, and that he is still suffering from the exposure he received from the attack. He then asked for prayers for those impacted by September 11, 2001.

Commissioner Ognio: Commissioner Ognio stated that he was in a board meeting for another organization when a board member was alerted that a plane hit the World Trade Center. He said no one really knew what was going on until after the board meeting. He stated that the attacks affected him since it was hard to understand how people could cause so much damage. He added that it causes him to wonder what else could be a potential target and what other damage could be done. He asked everyone to continue to be alert to the potential damages and to notify authorities if there is something unusual that needs investigation.

Chairman Brown: Chairman Brown stated that his heart went out to Animal Control Director Fred Sisson and to Mr. Ross King. He spoke about how hard Mr. King works on behalf of all of Georgia's counties even though he was dealing with the struggle of a daughter with cancer. He asked for everyone to keep Fayette County citizen Ross King in their prayers. Chairman Brown also spoke about how he was at Boston's Logan Airport three days prior to the events on September 11, 2001. He stated that he mentioned to a fellow traveler at the time that the security at the airport was the most lax of any airport he had been too. Chairman Brown reminded everyone that the attacks also brought out the best of people in America, and he told of how a total stranger drove him from Boston to the northern suburbs of Atlanta since rental cars were not available after the attacks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

August 28, 2014 Executive Session Minutes: Chairman Brown moved to recess into Executive Session to review the August 28, 2014 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Oddo seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 2:41 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 2:47 p.m.

Return to Official Session and Approval of the Executive Session Affidavit: Commissioner Ognio moved to exit Executive Session and for the Chairman to sign the Executive Session Affidavit. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. A

August 28, 2014 Executive Session Minutes: Chairman Brown moved to approve the August 28, 2014 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Brown moved to adjourn the September 11, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

The September 11, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk	Steve Brown, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 25th day of September 2014.

Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk