

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

MINUTES

April 14, 2016
7:00 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.

Call to Order

Chairman Oddo called the April 14, 2016 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Invocation by Commissioner Charles D. Rousseau

Commissioner Rousseau offered the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Rousseau led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

Chairman Oddo asked to remove Consent Agenda #8 from the Agenda.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to approve the Agenda as published and to remove Consent Agenda #8 from the Agenda. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

1. Proclamation of April 10-16, 2016 as "National Telecommunicators' Week."

Chairman Oddo and the Board proclaimed April 10-16, 2016 as "National Telecommunicators' Week." 911 Director Bernard Brown commented on the important work that Telecommunicators do on behalf of the citizens and the county's first responders.

2. Recognition of Communications Officer Racheal Hurley as the 2015 911 Communications Officer of the Year.

Chairman Oddo, the Board, and 911 Director Bernard Brown recognized Communications Officer Racheal Hurley as the 2015 911 Communications Officer of the Year.

3. Proclamation of April 22, 2016 as "Earth Day" and April 23, 2016 as Fayette County's celebration of Earth Day.

Commissioner Barlow and the Board proclaimed April 22, 2016 as "Earth Day" and April 23, 2016 as Fayette County's celebration of Earth Day.

4. Recognition of Ms. Amelia Lord for her graphic design work on creating the Water Guardians logo and t-shirt.

Commissioner Brown and the Board recognized Ms. Amelia Lord for her graphic design work.

5. Recognition of Senior Financial Analyst, Lee Ann Bartlett, for earning the Level 1 Local Finance Officer Certification in pursuing professional development in governmental finance, accounting, budgeting, and public finance topics.

Chief Financial Officer Mary Parrott and the Board recognized Senior Financial Analyst, Lee Ann Bartlett, for earning the Level 1 Local Finance Officer Certification in pursuing professional development in governmental finance, accounting, budgeting, and public finance topics.

6. Presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Award for Fayette County's annual budget document for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

County Administrator Steve Rapson, Chief Financial Officer Mary Parrott, and the Board presented the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Award to the Finance Department and they thanked Budget Officer Sergio Acevedo and Financial Analyst Amanda Schoonover for their work on the Fiscal Year 2017 budget.

PUBLIC HEARING:

There was no Public Hearing item on the Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Ognio asked to remove Consent Agenda Item #7 for discussion.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Consent Agenda excluding Consent Agenda Item #7. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 5-0.

7. Approval of staff's request to authorize the Chairman to sign a Stormwater Pipe Replacement Agreement between Fayette County, Georgia and Country Lake Home Owners Association, Inc., for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, repairing and maintaining a 24" stormwater pipe located within the Country Lake Subdivision in an amount not-to-exceed \$25,000.00.

Commissioner Ognio moved to approve the Stormwater Pipe Replacement Agreement between Fayette County and Country Lake Home Owners Association, Inc., for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, repairing and maintaining a 24" stormwater pipe located within Country Lake Subdivision in an amount not-to-exceed \$25,000 with the changes just made. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. Some discussion followed. The motion passed 5-0.

8. Approval of the recommendation to fund the Fayette Chamber of Commerce's "Fayette Visioning" initiative, in the amount of \$25,000.00, for the purpose of developing a county-wide brand and for implementing a marketing strategy for economic development and talent recruitment.

Consent Agenda #8 was removed from the Agenda during the approval of the Agenda.

9. **Approval of the County Attorney's recommendation for the County Administrator to execute a "Release of All Claims" between Fayette County and ACCC Insurance Company, and for Fayette County to be reimbursed in the amount of \$3,034.90 conditioned upon the execution of the release, and authorization for the County Administrator to sign all future "Release of All Claims" at or less than \$5,000.**
10. **Approval of Resolution 2016-07 to adopt the "Fayette County 2015 Annual Report on Fire Services Impact Fees (FY2015), including Comprehensive Plan amendments for updates to the Capital Improvements Element and Short-Term Work Program (FY2016-FY2020)" and authorization for staff to transmit said resolution to the Atlanta Regional Commission.**
11. **Approval of staff's recommendation to approve the purchase of two new 5075M John Deere mowing tractors from Georgia Tractor and Mowers, utilizing a state contract, at an aggregate cost of \$69,755.60, and for said tractors to replace two 1995 5640 Ford tractors.**
12. **Approval of County Administrator's one-time 2% incentive.**
13. **Approval of the March 24, 2016 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

14. **Consideration of a recommendation from the Selection Committee, comprised of Commissioners David Barlow and Charles Rousseau, to appoint Tony Parrott to the Fayette County Library Board to serve an unexpired term beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2016.**

Commissioner Barlow moved to approve the recommendation from the Selection Committee, comprised of Commissioners David Barlow and Charles Rousseau, to appoint Tony Parrott to the Fayette County Library Board to serve an unexpired term beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2016. Commissioner Rousseau seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-2 with Commissioners Brown and Ognio voting in opposition.

15. **Consideration of a recommendation from the Selection Committee, comprised of Vice Chairman Randy Ognio and Commissioner Steve Brown, to appoint Martin Sas to the Fayette County Transportation Committee to serve a term beginning April 1, 2016 and expiring March 31, 2017.**

The motion to appoint Martin Sas to the Fayette County Transportation Committee to serve a term beginning April 1, 2016 and expiring March 31, 2017 passed 5-0.

16. **Consideration of a request from The Heritage of Peachtree to connect to the City of Peachtree City's Water and Sewerage Authority's sewage system while the annexation process by the City of Peachtree City is progressing.**

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the request from The Heritage of Peachtree to connect to the City of Peachtree City's Water and Sewerage Authority's sewage system while the annexation process by the City of Peachtree City is progressing. Commissioners Barlow and Ognio seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

The motion to approve the request from The Heritage of Peachtree to connect to the City of Peachtree City's Water and Sewerage Authority's sewage system while the annexation process by the City of Peachtree City is progressing passed 5-0.

17. Consideration of the City of Peachtree City's annexation of a 6.71 acre lot located at 1361 South State Route 74, and to rezone said property from A-R (Agriculture-Residential) to O-I (Office-Institutional).

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the request for the annexation of a 6.71 acre lot located at 1361 South State Route 74, and to rezone said property from A-R (Agriculture-Residential) to O-I (Office-Institutional). Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed 5-0.

18. Consideration of the Water System's request for assistance from the Public Arts Committee to issue a Call for Artist, in an amount not-to-exceed \$5,000, for the purpose of painting a mural in the Crosstown Water Treatment Plant's entrance foyer.

Water System Director Lee Pope stated this concerned another beautification project at the Crosstown Water Treatment Plant with the intention of painting an aquatic theme at the plant's foyer. He noted that this was part of the remodeling effort at the water plant and that funds had been budgeted for this request. He explained that the plant is toured by the schools in the area as well as by the residents, and the effort was to improve the first impression one receives when they visit the plant. He added that the effort would likely help improve the moral of those who work at the water plant on a daily basis. He clarified that his request was for the Public Arts Committee to assist in making recommendations for the project. Mr. Pope then showed some pictures of the current condition of the plant's foyer and some examples of what could be recommended.

Ms. Carol Carver spoke on this matter.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Water System's request for assistance from the Public Arts Committee to issue a Call for Artist, in an amount not-to-exceed \$5,000, for the purpose of painting a mural in the Crosstown Water Treatment Plant's entrance foyer. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Brown amended his motion to allow for the recommended paintings to be brought to the Board for approval. Commissioner Barlow seconded the amended motion.

The motion to approve the Water System's request for assistance from the Public Arts Committee to issue a Call for Artist, in an amount not-to-exceed \$5,000, for the purpose of painting a mural in the Crosstown Water Treatment Plant's entrance foyer and for the recommended paintings to be brought back to the Board for approval passed 5-0.

19. Consideration of the Fayette County Public Art Committee's Chalk Art Project that will occur on May 15, 2016 in tandem with Fayetteville's Taste of Fayette, and authorization to utilize \$3,110 from the Public Arts Committee's budget.

Mr. Frank Gardner spoke about this item.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Fayette County Public Art Committee's Chalk Art Project that will occur on May 15, 2016 in tandem with Fayetteville's Taste of Fayette, and authorize to utilize \$3,110 from the Public Arts Committee's budget. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

The motion to approve the Fayette County Public Art Committee's Chalk Art Project that will occur on May 15, 2016 in tandem with Fayetteville's Taste of Fayette, and authorize to utilize \$3,110 from the Public Arts Committee's budget passed 5-0.

20. Consideration of the Public Arts Committee's request to proceed with the Animal Shelter Art Project to paint various animal-themed aluminum signs that will be displayed on the outside of the Animal Shelter's building as a way to promote interest both in pet adoption and public art, to authorize an initial expenditure of \$575 utilizing Public Arts funds.

Donna Thompson and Carol Carver spoke on this item.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Public Arts Committee's request to proceed with the Animal Shelter Art Project to paint various animal-themed aluminum signs that will be displayed on the outside of the Animal Shelter's building as a way to promote interest both in pet adoption and public art, to authorize an initial expenditure of \$575 utilizing Public Arts funds for five 4"x6" aluminum panels at a cost of \$115 each. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion.

Mr. Rapson asked for the motion to be amended to not exceed \$1,000 in order to purchase brackets and other needs. Commissioner Brown amended the request as recommended. Commissioner Barlow seconded the amended motion.

Chairman Oddo stated he would approve the request pending receipt of "Exhibit A" and the General Liability Waiver.

Commissioner Brown amended his motion to not issue the first artist to do the first project until "Exhibit A" has been reviewed by each one of the Board members and approved. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the Public Arts Committee's request to proceed with the Animal Shelter Art Project to paint various animal-themed aluminum signs that will be displayed on the outside of the Animal Shelter's building as a way to promote interest both in pet adoption and public art, to authorize an initial expenditure not-to-exceed \$1,000 utilizing Public Arts funds for five 4"x6" aluminum panels at a cost of \$115 each and for other material, and to not issue the first artist to do the first project until "Exhibit A" has been reviewed by each one of the Board members and approved passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Richard Mix: Mr. Mix spoke about his campaign to be elected to the United States Congressional seat that is being vacated by Representative Lynn Westmoreland.

Denise Ognio: Mrs. Ognio stated that on April 19, April 21, April 25, and April 26 the people can hear from the Republican candidates for office. She stated that those interested can visit Fayette County's GOP website for more information. She stated that Mr. Mix will have an opportunity to speak at the April 26th meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Historic County Courthouse and Heritage Park Fountain: County Administrator Steve Rapson addressed Mr. Gardner's comments saying that the Historic County Courthouse has music and lights in the trees. He added that the water in fountain at Heritage Park was shooting high today with spray all over the fountain and the park. He said as the fountain gets redesigned there needs to be a determination on if the pumps are adequate. He suggested that there may be two pumps, one to shoot the water high and the other to pump around the circumference of the fountain.

Commission Meeting Rescheduled to Tuesday, April 26, 2016: County Administrator Steve Rapson reminded the Board that the next Board meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 as opposed to Thursday, April 28, 2016. He stated that the Board was scheduled for training in Savannah and that prompted the need to reschedule the meeting.

Update on Heritage Parkway: County Administrator Steve Rapson reported that Heritage Parkway, located behind the County Administrative Building leading toward the Library, was temporarily closed since it was determined that there was a stormwater drain that had failed underneath the road and that was impacting the integrity of the intersection of the road and State Route 85. He said two truckloads of flowable fill was pumped into the site. He said the flowable fill would set during the night and the road would be reopened on Friday.

Lake Peachtree: County Administrator Steve Rapson reported that Lake Peachtree is at full pool.

Report on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report: County Administrator Steve Rapson reported that the County had received the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) with no comment. He said that was like sending a contract to the County Attorney and not getting any changes. He said it was a very rare animal and the Finance staff was to be commended for putting together the CAFR, which is the most technical financial report put together by a governmental entity. He stated that the reply back from the state was that the CAFR was perfect.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Notice of Executive Session: County Attorney Dennis Davenport reported that he had one item of Pending Litigation and review of the March 24, 2016 Executive Session Minutes for consideration in Executive Session.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Ognio:

Equestrian Park: Commissioner Ognio asked the Board for approval to request from the Board of Education to get their attorney to work with the County Attorney to see if there is a possibility to use the property at Inman Park, with a reversion clause, for an equestrian park. The Board agreed with the request.

Zika Virus: Commissioner Ognio asked the citizens to make sure they do not leave standing water outside that would attract mosquitos and help spread the Zika virus.

Consideration of Limiting Campaigning during Public Comment: Commissioner Ognio asked the Board to do something to limit campaigning during Public Comment. The Board agreed to discuss this matter at the County Retreat.

Commissioner Rousseau:

Recognition of County Staff and 911 Communications Officers: Commissioner Rousseau congratulated staff for the recognition that they received and for the work and dedication they give daily. He especially commended 911 Communications Officers as unsung heroes who are often unseen. He said people do not see the stress and high magnitude of responsibility that the people give to the residents of Fayette County.

Zika Virus: Commissioner Rousseau thanked Commissioner Ognio for bringing up the issue of the Zika virus. He encouraged everyone to visit the county's website to obtain additional information on the virus. He encouraged the county to continue exploring options on how to get the message out concerning the virus since it was becoming a very serious threat to the public's health and safety. Commissioner Rousseau asked for an advisory notice to run on the public access channel providing information on the virus and how to avoid it.

Commissioner Barlow:

Zika Virus: Commissioner Barlow thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He agreed with Commissioner Ognio's comments about the Zika virus. He reminded everyone that he is the Chairman of the Fayette County Board of Health and that the alerts have gone out about the virus. He said the virus can be transmitted through mosquito bites, sexual activity, and through kissing. He said the virus was easy to spread and very difficult virus to contend with.

Two Interventions by the Armed Forces Mission Board: Commissioner Barlow stated that he was on the Armed Forces Mission Board whose mission is to prevent suicide in the Armed Forces. He said he received a text that the Major Koon, who heads up the Board and who is a certified counselor, had two more interventions this week. Commissioner Barlow stated that each day the United States loses twenty-two veterans to suicide. He asked to keep Major Koon in prayer.

Keep People in Prayer: Commissioner Barlow stated that he learned of a director who has been diagnosed with cancer, and he asked for the people to keep each other in prayer.

Commissioner Brown:

"Maker Space": Commissioner Brown stated both he and Commissioner Rousseau met with top officials at the Board of Education in order to review the "maker space" located at the Invention Studio at Georgia Tech. He spoke about the "maker space" and he stated there was some reason to believe a maker space could be coming to Fayette County.

"Suds on the Square": Commissioner Brown stated that on Saturday, April 16, Suds on the Square will be held at the Historic County Courthouse. He stated the event would take place from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 and all proceeds would go to local charitable organizations. He thought there were 150 regional beers represented and 40 to 50 wines will be represented.

Chairman Oddo:

Recognition of County Staff: Chairman Oddo stated Fayette County has an incredible staff. He said staff is very efficient and do a good job from top to bottom.

Historical Events on April 14: Chairman Oddo stated that on April 14, 1865 Abraham Lincoln was shot. He stated that on April 14, 1912 the unsinkable *Titanic* sank. He added that on April 14, 1917 his mother was born.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pending Litigation and Review of the March 24, 2016 Executive Session Minutes: Commissioner Barlow moved to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Ognio seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 9:18 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 9:34 p.m.

Return to Official Session and Executive Session Affidavit: Commissioner Ognio moved to return to Official Session and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Executive Session Affidavit. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of March 14, 2016 Executive Session Minutes: Commissioner Ognio moved to approve the March 24, 2016 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Ognio moved to adjourn the April 14, 2016 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioners Barlow seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The March 24, 2016 Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk