Minutes

Board of Commissioners
September 11, 2008
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in Official Session on Thursday, September 11, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Commissioners Present:	Jack Smith, Chairman Herb Frady, Vice-Chairman Robert Horgan Eric Maxwell Peter Pfeifer
Staff Present:	Jack Krakeel, Interim County Administrator Scott Bennett, County Attorney Carol Chandler, Executive Assistant Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk

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Chairman Smith called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Pfeifer offered the Invocation.

Moment of Silence in recognition of those people who gave their lives and sacrificed all for this Country on September 11, 2001.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of the members of Boy Scout Troop #74 and their Scout Leader Tom Nolan.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:
Commissioner Horgan made a motion to accept the agenda as presented and Commissioner Frady seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

PRESENTATION/RECOGNITION:
PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL CONSTITUTION WEEK:
A. Proclamation recognizing September 17-23 as National Constitution Week.

Chairman Smith read and the Board presented a Proclamation to several members of the James Waldrop Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recognizing the week of September 17-23 as National Constitution Week. A copy of the Proclamation, identified as “Attachment No. 1", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

RECOGNITION OF NEW BATTALION COMMANDERS:

B. Recognition of new Battalion Commanders, Jeffrey Hill, M. Steven MacFall, and Douglas Morris.

The Board of Commissioners and Interim Public Safety Director Allen McCullough officially recognized Jeffrey Hill, Mark MacFall and Douglas Morris as the new Battalion Commanders with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

Interim Public Safety Director Allen McCullough thanked the Board of Commissioners and Interim County Administrator Jack Krakeel for approving this request in the recent budget process. He said the position for the Battalion Commanders had been a requested position within the Department for over a decade. He said Fayette County Fire and Emergency Services was one of the only fire departments in the Atlanta metropolitan area that has not had this key operational position and staff was very thankful that this was now in place. He said each of these gentlemen would be over a platoon of nine stations consisting of 46 men and women who were firefighter/EMT's and other officers and would coordinate the fire response, emergency medical emergency response and all emergencies that occur in this community. He said this would now help Fayette County to become much more compliant with the National Incident Management System.

Chairman Smith administered the Loyalty Oath to each new Battalion Commander. He said this County was indebted to these individuals for the acts that they commit and the acts that they will commit on behalf of the citizens of Fayette County and it was truly an honor to have them rise to the rank of Battalion Commander. He said this was attributed to their ability to recognize and forge ahead even in the face of danger. He congratulated them and said Fayette County was very proud and fortunate to have them as new Battalion Commanders.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Chairman Smith requested item #7 be withdrawn for discussion. Commissioner Pfeifer made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1-6 as presented and Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

1. Authorization to amend Overtime Budget Account for the Fayette County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division to recognize funds paid to the County from various federal programs for personnel assigned to work investigations in cooperation with these agencies in the amounts of $1,625.69 and $6,612.15 for FY'09. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment No. 2", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

2. Approval of request from the Sheriff's Department to authorize the Chairman to execute tag/title documents for the purchase of a vehicle using federal funds. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment No. 3", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

WATER SYSTEM - BID #674 AWARDED FOR WATER TREATMENT:

3. Approval of staff's recommendation to award Chemical Bid #674 to seven companies that were low bidders on items used by the Fayette County Water System for water treatment; General Chemical Performance Products, Inc., DPC, Inc., Industrial Chemicals, Southern Lime Company, Chemrite, Inc., Pristine Water Solutions, Inc., and Cedar Chem LLC. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment No.4", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

WATER COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO INSERT PLANNING & ZONING NOTICE IN WATER BILLS:

4. Approval of Water Committee's recommendation that the Planning & Zoning Department be allowed to insert a notice into water bills concerning a recent change in the County's zoning ordinance regarding installation of fences and walls. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment No. 5", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

PUBLIC SAFETY - CHECK RECEIVED REGARDING PANDEMIC FLU EXERCISE:

5. Approval of staff's recommendation to accept a check in the amount of $3,000 from the Georgia Department of Human Resources resulting from Fayette County's participation in a Pandemic Flu exercise held on August 6, 2008. A copy of the request, identified as :"Attachment No. 6", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

PUBLIC SAFETY - AGREEMENT WITH DISTRICT FOUR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PLANNING PROGRAM:

6. Approval of staff's recommendation to enter into an agreement with the District Four Public Health Services for the development of an Emergency Preparedness Pandemic Influenza Planning Program and to accept a check in the amount of $10,000 to be used for this purpose. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment No. 7", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

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7. Approval of minutes for the Board of Commissioners' meeting held on August 28, 2008.

Chairman Smith remarked that he would not be voting on this item because he was not present at the August 28th Commission meeting.

Commissioner Horgan made a motion to approve consent agenda item no. 7 as presented and Commissioner Pfeifer seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Chairman Smith abstaining from the motion.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

None.

STAFF REPORTS: County Fire Marshal David Scarbrough briefly discussed a community based request regarding a proposed zip code change for a portion of Fayette County. Captain Scarbrough said the areas in question were Fairburn with a zip code of 30213 and Riverdale with a zip code of 30296. He presented the Board with a map showing the proposed zip code change area. A copy of the map, identified as "Attachment No. 8", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. He said there had been ongoing conversations with the United States Postal Service and he would be bringing a formal request to the Board next month. He said this zip code change would involve the renaming of ten (10) streets in the area involved. He said USPS had indicated that they would like to have at some future date a letter of commitment from the County regarding this as it relates to the renaming of these streets.

Chairman Smith asked Captain Scarbrough if he knew the streets that would have to be renamed.

Captain Scarbrough replied yes and said there were ten streets in this particular area that have been identified that would be a part of this.

Chairman Smith asked if this request had been generated by citizens in the area.

Captain Scarbrough remarked that was correct and noted that a couple of different homeowners' associations located in the North Fayette community petitioned and had written letters to the USPS. He said the County was then contacted and made aware of the situation. He noted that the USPS would be doing a survey of the residents in the affected area as to how they would feel about the zip code change and would affect approximately 2,200 residents. He said if the survey resulted in a 51% majority then the USPS would be willing to proceed with the process.

Chairman Smith said it was his understanding that there had been some concern about addresses with other city zip codes. He recalled that there had been a group of citizens who had tried to accomplish this approximately ten years ago and at that time the USPS was not that cooperative in making the change. He asked if the USPS at this time seemed to be willing to make this change.

Captain Scarbrough replied that the information he had indicated that they had undertaken an internal study and had indicated that they would in all likelihood make the change provided the citizens in the affected area were in agreement. He said they would then become a part of the 30214 Fayetteville zip code area.

Commissioner Horgan clarified that in the current zip code 30214 there were ten street names that were also listed in the zip code 30213 and this was the reason for changing the ten street names and Captain Scarbrough replied yes that was correct.

Chairman Smith asked if the USPS was bearing the responsibility for doing the survey and getting the survey results.

Captain Scarbrough replied yes this was part of the USPS process. He said they would send a formal survey letter to the residents located in the affected area. He said to his knowledge there would not be any cost at this point that the County would bear toward the survey.

Chairman Smith asked Captain Scarbrough if there was any action needed by the Board tonight.

Captain Scarbrough replied there was no action needed tonight and he just wanted to make the Board aware of this ongoing process. He said at a future date he would request to go on an agenda.

Commissioner Maxwell asked Captain Scarbrough if he had a time line for when he would come back to the Board and Captain Scarbrough replied next month.

BOARD REPORTS:
None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Interim County Administrator Jack Krakeel requested an Executive Session to discuss one item of real estate acquisition.

Commissioner Frady made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss one item of real estate acquisition and Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Frady made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and to return back to the open session and Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Smith called the meeting back to order for open session.

REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION: Chairman Smith remarked that the Board had discussed one item of real estate acquisition and no action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT: Commissioner Horgan made a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the Executive Session affidavit affirming that one item of real estate acquisition was discussed in Executive Session and Commissioner Frady seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. A copy of the Affidavit, identified as "Attachment No. 9", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

ADJOURNMENT:
Commissioner Frady made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. and Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

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Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk Jack R. Smith, 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, 2008.

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Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk