The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia met in a Special Called Budget Workshop on Thursday, May 24, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Suite 100, at 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 MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack Krakeel, Interim County Administrator
Mary Holland, Director of Finance
Sergio Acevedo, Budget Officer
Carol Chandler, Executive Assistant
Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk

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DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008:

PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Director of Permits and Inspections Derek Sorensen, Director of Community Development Pete Frisina and Director of Engineering Phil Mallon were present to discuss this budget.

Mr. Sorensen discussed the community development software request in the amount of $100,000. He said this fiscal year the department has a previously approved $73,600 for community development software. He remarked that had been put on hold. He said there was an update in the estimate from Munis that came in at $96,500 but in later conversations with Munis that price was going up.

Ms. Holland interjected that this was a capital improvement project and the software was for Permits and Inspections Department. She noted that there was a 3.9% increase in the M & O budget for this department over 2007. She suggested that Mr. Sorensen begin with the M & O funding request first and then proceed to the capital improvement budget for this department.

Commissioner Horgan questioned the increase in funding for education and training.

Mr. Sorensen responded that there had been open positions and now those positions have been filled. He said the education and training was for the new employees. He further remarked that all inspectors had to be certified by the State of Georgia. He said these certifications are required every three years and he wanted to stagger the training to prevent staff down time. He remarked that the community development software would be used by the Planning and Zoning Department, Engineering as well as the Marshals Office.

Ms. Holland briefed the Board on the capital project regarding the community development software. She said the current software being utilized within this department was actually being maintained by the County's MIC

system which was several years old and there was actually no support for that system any longer. She said the intent was to move away from unsupported software to software that was supported. She said Permits and Inspections had been charged with going out and seeking the software that would help bring this department into compliance with this.

Chairman Smith clarified that this program was not Munis software and Mr. Sorensen replied yes, that was correct.

Mr. Sorensen remarked that the Permits and Inspections Department would be using the majority of the functions offered by the software and they were heading up the project. He said the software would be used by the Planning and Zoning Department, Engineering Department, Fire Prevention and possibly the Marshal's Office. He said just to simplify things, he was putting this request into his budget as a place holder. He said he now had e-mail correspondence where Munis could not offer his department the functions and the abilities that this department would like to offer to their customers including automation of inspection scheduling for various departments. He said Munis had said they would need another twelve months to have those capabilities and at a price that would exceed $96,000. He said they also had a demonstration from a local company out of Duluth called Inter Gov software that was fully functional and their cost was approximately $84,000 with some quarterly maintenance fees. He said with this cost the company would host the website and offer a toll free number where with Munis it would be a problem because their would have to be a third party vendor to integrate with the County's phone system. He said this particular vendor would be able to go live and have all of the support immediately. He said he had been working with the other departments in drafting an RFP to send out and it should be ready to go out at the end of next week or the following week. He felt the place holder for $100,000 would work for this project.

Chairman Smith asked if there was an integration feature between Munis and this software.

Ms. Holland replied yes. She said the finance requirement would be that it could integrate into the County's accounting system.

Mr. Sorensen remarked that was already included in the RFP as a requirement.

Chairman Smith said the hosting fee was listed for approximately $1,497 per quarter. He asked if the County could host this. He said that fee was for measured minutes and if the County exceeded those minutes the cost was uncertain. He said this was for the IBR software and then there was another hosting fee which was another $850 per quarter for the citizen access. He said this would come to approximately $2,300 per month just for hosting fees per quarter.

Mr. Sorensen said the web hosting feature would be the County's option and this figure could be removed. He said the County could choose to host the IBR system, however the current phone system would not support that.

Mr. Frisina remarked that Information Systems would need to make that decision as to what kind of hardware would be required and so forth.

Ms. Holland clarified that there was no hardware cost built into the $100,000 and if the County went with the self hosting then that would need to be considered.

Mr. Krakeel asked how much was currently included in the C.I.P. for this project and Ms. Holland responded there it was recommended to defer this project to later years and it was not included in the C.I.P.

Mr. Krakeel remarked if the MIC system were to go down the cost repair would be significant and this was why the MIC system had been phased out in several departments over the course of the last several years. He said these departments included the Tax Commissioner and Tax Assessor.

Mr. Sorensen interjected that there would be a data conversion cost in the amount of $10,000.

Mr. Frisina remarked that the old system was mainly for building permits. He said the new system would allow a lot of Planning and Zoning functions as well as Engineering functions to be automated.

Ms. Holland remarked that this was just a place holder and as this proceeded into the RFP process, this would be brought to the Board for consideration.

Chairman Smith asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none, he thanked the department representatives for their presentation.

Commissioner Maxwell exited the meeting at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Engineering Phil Mallon and Zack Taylor of Public Works were present to discuss this budget.

Mr. Mallon commented on the administration portion of this budget regarding communication services.

Ms. Holland interjected that this item related to the new phone system at McDonough Road.

Chairman Smith asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none, he suggested they move on to the Road Department's budget.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Director of Engineering Phil Mallon and Zack Taylor of Public Works were present to discuss this budget.

Commissioner Pfeifer commented on the asphalt tac funding for the Road Department.

Chairman Smith questioned if there was enough budgeted for this in lieu of the increase in oil and gasoline and so forth.

Mr. Taylor replied that they had not wanted to increase this funding too much until they discussed this with the Board. He said they had been concerned about this as well. He said the department would need the funds for patching in order to meet the goals.

Chairman Smith remarked that all roads have a lifespan. He said in looking at the County's road network there should be some kind of a replacement schedule that stated which roads were anticipated to be paved and the time frame for paving. He said he did not want the County to reduce its efforts in paving if it was going to destroy the County's overall time line so that the roads end up being the worst in the State instead of being the best roads in the State.

Mr. Krakeel said this was part of Mr. Mallon's task this year to prepare a comprehensive analysis of the County's road infrastructure and to develop a schedule that provides that kind of information to more accurately predict on an annual basis what the County's demands would be with respect to asphalt and tac, workloads and distribution of workloads. He said the problem currently was that this year, because of increased pricing, the current contract that the County has with C.W. Mathews comes out of the $2.1 million and this was a $600,000 contract. He said that contract included milling, patching and paving work on certain roads. He said staff believed that through the reallocation of resources that the County could actually reduce that contract to a milling contract only and the County could do the rest of the work. He said this would increase the County's total available pool of funding for asphalt and tac.

Chairman Smith questioned the quality of the base that would support the weight of vehicles and trucks.

Mr. Taylor said he and his staff inspect the subcontract work being done for patching and if sub base failures were found they go ahead and fix those.

Commissioner Pfeifer asked if the County should be in the paving business at all or should it contract all of this out. He suggested a review of personnel and equipment for this department.

FAYETTE COUNSELING CENTER

Director of the Fayette Counseling Center Jane Fanslow appeared to discuss this budget commented on their request for space for the center and it would need to be located in Fayette County. She said there was a staff of six people with doctors coming in and out.

Chairman Smith asked if anything had been done to attract more fundraising functions.

Ms. Fanslow replied yes and she was also exploring the grant process to obtain funds.

TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Chief Assessor Joel Benton was present to discuss this budget. He remarked that there had been many problems with the MIC system. He noted that this was an inhouse program and there was only one employee in the County who could write code and fix any problems with this system. He said it was his understanding that the MIC box was currently unstable and needed new hardware. He said it was his recommendation that the CLT package which was a subsidiary of Tyler Technologies would be a more seamless conversion process. He said the cost was estimated at approximately $450,000.

Mr. Krakeel interjected if the current system crashed, the County would be in trouble and the new system was critical.

Chairman Smith asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Benton for his presentation.

SENIOR SERVICES

Andy Carden, Director of Fayette Senior Services, appeared to discuss this budget.

Andy Carden reviewed the budget that he had submitted to the Board in February. He discussed the cost of meals for the seniors; discussed the possibility of the $25,000 that is set aside annually to be dedicated to go to utilities. He said utilities could easily be $100,000 per year. He said they were also asking for some adjustments to the letter of agreement. He also requested putting the walking trails back in their plan.

Chairman Smith asked, other than the county, what were the other revenue sources.

Mr. Carden replied United Way was a source and the Federal and State funding was running approximately $326,000

Chairman Smith questioned the estimated A.R.C. amount and Mr. Carden replied it was estimated to be $377,072 for Federal and State.

Mr. Carden remarked that currently there was a total budget of $841,831. He said included in this figure was the Federal and State funds, the program income, and the United Way.

Mr. Krakeel asked if Senior Services tracked the number of seniors throughout the County and Mr. Carden replied that they track this figure as close as they can. Mr. Carden remarked that they serve approximately 2,000 seniors annually and they could potentially serve 23,000 people.

Chairman Smith asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Carden for his presentation.

PROMISE PLACE

Sonya Strickland said she was representing Promise Place with the Fayette County Council on Domestic Violence. She said the facility had been open since approximately 1987. She said last year they had done 100 protective orders through the Fayette County court system. She remarked that it did take money for their doors to stay open and she had requested additional funding this year. She said last year they had received $10,000 from the County and $10,000 from the 5% fund which was Victims Assistance Fund. She said they deal with a lot of crime victims and they had received $10,000. She said she had also requested an additional $5,000 which would total $15,000 from the County itself.

Chairman Smith asked where individuals came from to go to the shelter and Ms. Strickland replied that they had some victims from surrounding counties including Spalding, Pike and Upson.

Ms. Strickland interjected that these counties did not have shelters and under the State guidelines, Fayette County actually receives a small $25,000 per year grant to provide services to those three counties.

Mr. Krakeel asked if any of those three counties participates in any level of funding and if Ms. Strickland had asked for assistance from these three counties.

Ms. Strickland replied yes and stated she had been working on obtaining funding from those counties as well. She said at this point she had not received any funding from any of those three counties. She said Zebulon actually offered them free office space. She noted that the majority of the services were located in Fayette County. She said they had one person working in the Zebulon office and there were four people working in the Fayette County office. She said her total budget was $175,000 but it would go up this year because they had just opened a shelter on May 15th and they were looking for the budget to go to $300,000.

Chairman Smith asked what her major fund sources were and Ms. Strickland replied the Fayette County Thrift Shop. She said she was also working on a D.H.R. grant this year which they hoped would be for $100,000. Ms. Strickland also stated that they have a lot of fundraisors. She said they had received $36,000 from the Thrift Shop, $7,500 from Peachtree City, and $7,000 from Fayetteville. She said they received funding from other sources as well as from churches. She noted that Peachtree City Methodist Church gave her organization funding last year in the amount of $20,000.

Chairman Smith asked Ms. Strickland if she received any other funds from the County directly or indirectly.

Ms. Strickland responded that last year they had received $10,000 from the District Attorney's Office but had not received anything this year. She said the D.A.'s office did have victim advocates but they do not assist with temporary protective orders. She said they were the only people in the County who assist as a free agency with temporary protective orders. She said if they have to hire an attorney to do it, they would charge between $3,500 and $7,000 to do what this organization was doing for free.

Chairman Smith asked if there were any other questions. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Strickland for her presentation.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Mr. Krakeel suggested a portion of the Board's retreat be dedicated to C.I.P. issues.

Chairman Smith remarked that the C.I.P. was actually in two pieces with one being for capital and that would include anything costing $50,000 or less and then the major project component of the C.I.P. which included anything costing $50,000 or more. He said any projects listed in the C.I.P. would have to be attached to a funding mechanism set aside for those projects.

Mr. Krakeel suggested the Board set aside some time in the next two weeks to review the C.I.P.

JAIL OPERATIONS

Major Robert Glaze and Captain Cowart appeared to discuss this budget.

Mr. Krakeel remarked that there was concern with medical expenses.

Major Glaze remarked that they were responsible for prisoner's medical expenses and these could include cancer patients, pregnancies as well as births. He noted that they did not pay for anything on a child once it was delivered. He noted that they had a very good group of medical vendors. He said this was bid out in 2003 and was for a three year contract. He remarked that there were also outside fees for x-rays and other tests.

Commissioner Maxwell entered the meeting at this time.

Major Glaze remarked that his department was eight people short in the jail area. He said the shift work was a big issue as well as the salary. He noted that he had lost ten deputies to other counties after working at the jail for a period of time.

Chairman Smith questioned the problems with plumbing and the money allocated for that.

Major Glaze agreed there had been problems and plumbing and Ms. Holland noted that $2,900 had been spent on this to date.

Chairman Smith questioned the budget for uniforms and supplies and noted that this had increased to $5,000.

Major Glaze responded that up until last year they had received $650 for uniforms and last year this was cut to $487 per officer.

Mr. Krakeel remarked that there was a different cost for various uniforms county-wide and no single standard. He noted that law enforcement did require additional items with the uniforms and there were several types of uniforms.

Chairman Smith suggested staff look at a uniform replacement program county-wide.

Captain Cowart commented on the employee situation at the jail. He said they had lost 16 employees since January.

Commissioner Maxwell remarked that from January to the current time this department had incurred 3,000 hours of comp time. He said then the employees taking the comp time off just increased the situation more with less staff to do the work.

Mr. Krakeel said this was an issue that needed to be addressed.

Chairman Smith asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none he thanked Major Glaze and Captain Cowart for their presentation.

D.A.R.E. PROGRAM

Karen Spangler appeared to discuss this budget. She said they were desperately trying to maintain a level of service. She said it continued to be a very difficult and delicate balancing act to try and provide resources to help teach students the dangers of drugs. She noted that this was an educational program and funded through Safe and Drug Free Schools. She said the original agreement was that she would operate with this money the same way she did with Safe and Drug Free Schools. She said her goals were to reduce drug use and help with behavioral issues that play into drug use.

Commissioner Maxwell asked what the revenue source was for this budget.

Ms. Spangler replied that she understood it was regulated by Federal regulations and the money had to be spent on drug education.

Ms. Holland said the County had received $60,000 for the drug addiction and education program.

Commissioner Maxwell asked if there was a requirement for the County to fund this program and Ms. Spangler replied that she did not believe this was a requirement. She said it was her understanding that the funding came from fines imposed on drug offenders and through the Federal Government it must go toward drug education. She said she would not be allowed to use Safe and Drug Free School money for the D.A.R.E. program. She remarked that her budget shows up as a line item in Mr. Sweat's budget.

Chairman Smith asked what the School Board contributed.

Ms. Spangler replied that the School Board pays her salary, provides her office, her computer, and a secretary. She said her position was designated specifically for this and she was certified in school counseling and school social work.

Chairman Smith asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Spangler for her presentation.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

District Attorney Scott Ballard and Susan Harper appeared to discuss this budget.

Interim County Administrator Jack Krakeel remarked that when the Board looked at the historical budget for the District Attorney's Office in 2006, the budget was revised to $364,000, decreased to $258,000 in 2007and now this year the request was for $375,000. He asked for the reason of last year's decreased amount.

Attorney Ballard replied that when he came into office he realized that Fayette County was paying the entire salary for an ADA that he wanted to use circuit wide. He said he had taken that entire amount off of Fayette County's back and divided it among all four of the counties.

Mr. Krakeel asked Attorney Ballard if 25% represented the Juvenile Court caseload work in terms of staff hours for Fayette County and Attorney Ballard replied that would be a good estimate. Mr. Krakeel felt this figure for juvenile cases was high and this would make Fayette County having the highest juvenile delinquency and Juvenile Court cases in the entire circuit. Attorney Ballard said these were the numbers they had received from the Juvenile Court.

Attorney Ballard said he had a check to present the Board. He said the check was in the amount of $28,980 and was for the pretrial diversion program. Ms. Holland interjected that the D.A.'s Office had given the County $35,000 last year for the pretrial diversion program.

Chairman Smith questioned the line item in this budget regarding rental of offsite storage facilities.

Attorney Ballard replied that this was a storage building located off New Hope Road where all of the felony files were kept and must be kept for a period of twenty-five years

Chairman Smith asked if there were any other questions or comments.

Attorney Ballard responded that he had one item he would like to discuss with the Board. He said the employees in this department fall under several different categories including the State, County and Circuit. He said the Circuit employees were not really employees of any particular County but employees of his office using money that the County contributes toward their salaries. He said in order for those employees to have benefits, he must go out and purchase life, health and retirement policies. He said approximately two years ago the State had come up with a method by which he could allow those Circuit paid employees to receive

State benefits. He said this allows the Circuit paid employees dependent healthcare coverage. He said the policy that they currently have costs the employee approximately $650 every month per dependent for coverage whereas under the State there could be coverage for the entire family for $180. He said the Counties included in the Circuit signed the required Resolution last year although Fayette County did not sign it. He asked for the Board's consideration to sign the Resolution this year so that the Fayette County Circuit paid employees could receive this. Chairman Smith said this was an issue that the Board would need more discussion on before making a decision.

Attorney Ballard further remarked that there were funds included in his budget for a copier. Mr. Krakeel stated that the County was in the process of developing a standard for all County copiers.

Chairman Smith questioned the line item for the victims assistance fund.

Susan Harper of the D.A.'s Office replied that by statute they were required to have a victims assistance program including mandatory training.

Chairman Smith asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none, he thanked them for their presentation.

ELECTIONS OFFICE

Elections Director Tom Sawyer and Marilyn Watts were present to discuss this budget. Mr. Sawyer remarked that the new voting requirements for 2008 would require paper backup as well as recounts being hand counted. He said this would require new voting equipment and there was no way the department could be ready for this next year.

Chairman Smith asked Mr. Sawyer to prepare a sample resolution that the Board could consider showing opposition to this requirement.

Mr. Sawyer said he wanted to readdress the position for the elections clerk. He said the recommendation was for a promotion of an existing clerk but he interjected that the department would still be short by one clerk.

Commissioner Horgan questioned the request for a color printer and Mr. Sawyer replied that the department had a lot of documents and brochures that needed to be in color and the color printer would help him in presenting information from the Elections Office.

Mr. Sawyer discussed the maintenance on the voting machines and the possibility there would be new voting machines. He said it was unclear as to whether or not there would be appropriations from the State or Federal level to allow for these machines if House Bill 811 was passed. He noted that $39,000 had been budgeted for the total maintenance contract on the voting machines.

Ms. Watts interjected that HB 811 was to oppose the new voting procedures that were being proposed. She said the current voting machines could not be adapted to have a paper receipt which was being proposed.

Mr. Sawyer said he would draft a Resolution if the Board wished that would show opposition to HB 811 and bring it to the Board at a later meeting.

Mr. Sawyer discussed the proposed renovation for the Elections Office. He also discussed the request for new furniture and noted that it was replacement furniture for the existing furniture.

Chairman Smith asked how many full time employees were currently in the Elections Office and Mr. Sawyer replied that there were three employees including himself.

Chairman Smith asked if there were any further questions and there were none. He thanked Mr. Sawyer for his presentation.

PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

Attorney Joe Saia was present to discuss this budget. He commented on his current case load and the possibility of the State cutting positions.

Chairman Smith questioned the request for a 40% increase in this budget.

Attorney Saia remarked that last year he had asked for an increase and did not receive one. He said there were currently four full time attorneys in Fayette County to handle this caseload and in order to maintain that level, he would need an increase in this budget. He noted that there was one public defender dedicated to Fayette County and that attorney was on call on weekends and holidays to handle cases.

Chairman Smith questioned the procedure to determine when a person would qualify for a public defender. Attorney Saia replied that they requested pay stubs.

Mr. Krakeel asked how many full time positions were within the program that were serviced by the four counties. Attorney Saia replied that there were 12 attorneys, seven administrative assistants and three investigators. Attorney Saia remarked that four of the attorneys, two administrative assistants and one investigator were funded by the State.

Mr. Krakeel said it appeared that Fayette County was paying for six full time positions of the fifteen positions that were funded by counties. Attorney Saia remarked that Fayette County's contribution also went toward operating expenses. He said on top of the salary 42% for benefits had to be added.

Mr. Krakeel questioned the 7% fee listed on the budget spreadsheet. Attorney Saia replied that was an administrative fee to pay for mileage costs for employees for traveling back and forth to jail and courts. He said there was also mandated training and continuing legal education credits that the attorneys must have in addition to the in-house training.

Chairman Smith asked what supplement payroll was and Attorney Saia replied that last year the County had not provided a supplement and he did not know if this would be included in this year's budget.

Chairman Smith discussed a location for the public defender's office. Attorney Saia said he preferred to be located in the County Courthouse and the staff could walk or ride to the jail.

Mr. Krakeel asked if there were any further questions and there were none. He thanked Attorney Saia for his presentation.

Chairman Smith called for a short recess.

Chairman Smith called the meeting back to order.

PHYSICAL HEALTH

Finance Director Mary Holland understood this budget to be a 3.3% increase or $341,000.

Mr. Krakeel remarked that it was his recommendation that the Board reconsider the fee structure for Environmental Health which would be a revenue enhancement for them. He said this would be a followup issue.

FAYETTE COUNSELING CENTER

Chairman Smith briefly discussed the issue of space for this center and remarked that there were a few locations that were being looked at.

Ms. Holland said this budget was recommended at $133,270.

FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Ms. Holland said the funding request was for the same amount budgeted last year which was $44,300

FAYETTE COMMUNITY OPTIONS

Interim County Administrator Jack Krakeel remarked that this request was for an additional $10,500 which comes to $68,671. He said his only concern was that this increase was based on the number of anticipated individuals. He said currently the program was averaging 40 individuals and he just could not agree with a 50% increase. He said it was his recommendation to budget $63,000 for this organization.

SENIOR SERVICES

Interim County Administrator Jack Krakeel said it was his recommendation to fund this organization at the current level.

The Board briefly discussed the change orders for the new facility that were being submitted.

Ms. Holland remarked that the budget recommendation for Senior Services was $110,000.

YOUTH PROTECTION HOME

Interim County Administrator Jack Krakeel remarked that the recommendation for this organization was $12,000.

Mr. Krakeel suggested that a policy be developed for the Board's consideration with respect to non profit entities.

PROMISE PLACE

Ms. Holland remarked this organization was budgeted with funds.

ELECTIONS OFFICE

Ms. Holland remarked that there were no changes in this budget.

TAX ASSESSORS OFFICE

Ms. Holland remarked that there were no changes in this budget.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Ms. Holland remarked that this budget had already been addressed.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Krakeel briefly discussed the overall personnel situation for Engineering and the impact on this department.

JUDGES AND COURT REPORTERS

The Board briefly discussed the issue of supplements for this department.

CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Ms. Holland briefly discussed a budget issue involving overtime costs and the conversion of two part time positions to two full time positions with benefits.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

After a brief discussion, there was a consensus that $300,000 be recommended for this budget.

STATE COURT JUDGES

After a brief discussion, Mr. Krakeel said staff could calculate the 90/90 figures and make a determination on the supplement.

JUVENILE COURT

Ms. Holland briefly discussed this budget and there were no changes.

PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

Commissioner Frady said he would like to see the case load for this office and the screening of people who would qualify.

Ms. Holland confirmed that this budget would be $490,000 as agreed by the Board.

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE

Ms. Holland remarked that with the 3.3% increase in this budget it would come to $360,000.

DRUG ABUSE AND TREATMENT

Mr. Krakeel said it was his recommendation to budget this at the same amount as last year. Ms. Holland said the recommendation was for $53,265 which was a 1.65% increase over last year.

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Chairman Smith remarked that the Development Authority, who leases the old courthouse building, had presented him with a proposed renovation plan. He said the renovation was proposed for the third floor of the courthouse for the primary purpose to spruce up the interior and to bring the two restrooms up to code and functional. He said this would be for a relocation of one restroom and an expansion of the area that used to be the judge's chamber into a "warming kitchen" that a caterer could use for special events. He said the Development Authority had to request these changes under the lease agreement before they could do

anything. He said this would involve no funding on the County's part. He said the Development Authority would be entering into an agreement with the Chamber of Commerce to share the cost of this renovation. He said at some time in the not so distant future the Development Authority would like the County to take action on this request and give them permission to do the renovation.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Commissioner Horgan to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss one real estate matter. The motion carried 5-0.

REAL ESTATE: Interim County Administrator Jack Krakeel discussed a real estate matter with the Board.

It was the consensus of the Board for staff to proceed in this matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT:
On motion made by Commissioner Pfeifer, seconded by Commissioner Horgan to authorize the Chairman to execute the Executive Session Affidavit affirming that one real estate matter was discussed in Executive Session. The motion carried 5-0. A copy of the Affidavit, identified as "Attachment No. 1", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Commissioner Horgan to adjourn back to open session. The motion carried 5-0.

On motion made by Commissioner Maxwell, seconded by Commissioner Horgan to temporarily adjourn this meeting at 5:00 p.m. and reconvene the budget meeting tomorrow morning May 25, 2007 at 8:30 p.m. 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 24th day of January, 2007

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Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk