

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

MINUTES

October 12, 2017

6:30 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 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Chairman Eric Maxwell called the October 12, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present. Chairman Maxwell stated that Commissioners Charles Rousseau, Charles Oddo and County Administrator Steve Rapson were attending training at the ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference in Augusta, Georgia.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Vice Chairman Randy Ognio

Vice Chairman Randy Ognio offered the Invocation and led the audience and Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

Commissioner Steve Brown moved to accept the agenda as written and to move the presentation for the Opioid Addiction Crisis to the beginning of the agenda and to add the discussion of the Antioch and Goza Road intersections as an agenda item. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Charles Rousseau and Commissioner Charles Oddo were absent.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

- 1. Proclamation recognizing the 20th anniversary of the Fayette County branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).**

Chairman Maxwell, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, presented a proclamation recognizing the 20th Anniversary of the Fayette County branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). NAACP President Terry Williamson and members Brenda Cox, Ted Toles, Evelyn Thompson and Alice Jones were present to accept the proclamation.

- 2. Proclamation recognizing the Bicentennial Birthday of Baha'u'llah Faith in Fayette County.**

Chairman Maxwell, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, presented a proclamation recognizing the Bicentennial Birthday of Baha'u'llah Faith in Fayette County. Representatives gave comments and offered a prayer. Everyone was invited to attend services.

3. Proclamation recognizing November 5, 2017 as Retired Educators Day in Fayette County.

Commissioner Brown, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, presented a proclamation recognizing Retired Educators Day in Fayette County. A representative invited all retired educators to attend meetings.

4. Recognition of the Gary Sinise Foundation and R.I.S.E. (Restoring Independence Supporting Empowerment) recipient, Sergeant Eric Hunter (Ret.).

Vice Chairman Ognio, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, presented a proclamation recognizing Sergeant Eric Hunter (Retired). Sergeant Hunter thanked the Board for welcoming him and his family to the community. Mr. Pete Hamlin, Builder, stated that he was honored to work on this project.

4a. Presentation from Drug Free Fayette highlighting the Opioid crisis.

Michael Mumper with Drug Free Fayette which is a coalition aiming to reduce the youth substance abuse in Fayette County. Mr. Mumper discussed the need to raise awareness on this growing opioid epidemic and invited all citizens to attend a Town Hall on Oct. 19, 2017 at Sam's Auditorium.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. Approval of the September 28, 2017 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

Vice Chairman Ognio moved to approve the September 28, 2017 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Brown seconded. Discussion followed.

Humane Society President Stephanie Cohran stated that there were a couple of items missing from the minutes that she thought was important to be documented on record. She stated that it was the fact that a couple of the Commissioners and the County Administrator stated that they did not have the recent up-to-date version of the minutes. She stated that their statements were omitted from the minutes. She stated that Vice Chairman Ognio stated that he had not seen a version since March and there was a version more recent. She continued that at the last meeting she informed the board that she would provide a copy of the most recent version. She stated that per a July 14 email, the Board should have had that version that was sent on September 29. She asked that the minutes indicate that the Board had not seen that version and she would like those comments to be added to the minutes. She stated that Chairman Maxwell said that the most recent version he saw was from April and that Mr. Rapson stated that he had not seen a version that did not have the advisory board at all. She stated that those individuals stated that they had not seen the actual version after the attorney and advocates met in June.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that he did go back and look at the July 14 document that was sent and there was no indication that there were changes. He stated that to red-line a red-lined document made it difficult to understand that changes were made unless the changes were brought to his attention. He stated that when reviewing it, it appeared to be the same document that was sent before.

Commissioner Brown asked if Vice Chairman Ognio was amenable to changing the motion to add the requested comments.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that this was the same debate as before regarding whether the minutes would be verbatim or whether to pick and choose what was included in the minutes.

Commissioner Brown stated that some comments were made and the comments were made from the podium and were told that the Board had not received the documents. He stated that he would like to have the minutes reflect that the documents were provided.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that he just stated that for the record. Commissioner Brown stated that he had no problem moving forward with approving the minutes, as long as it was on the record for this meeting.

Vice Chairman Ognio moved to approve the September 28, 2017 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Rousseau and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 6. Consideration of a recommendation from the Selection Committee, comprised of Vice Chairman Randy Ognio and Commissioner Steve Brown to nominate Susan Samson to the Fayette County Public Arts Committee to serve an unexpired two (2) year term beginning immediately and expiring May 31, 2018.**

Commissioner Brown stated that there were some great applicants and that he and Vice Chairman Ognio concluded that Ms. Samson would have a hands-on approach and that would be helpful for this committee because it was all volunteer.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Susan Samson to the Fayette County Public Arts Committee to serve an unexpired two (2) year term beginning immediately and expiring May 31, 2018. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Rousseau and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

- 7. Consideration of Fayetteville annexation of 1262 SR 54 East, and the rezoning of said property from A-R (Agricultural-Residential) to R-15 (Single Family Residential) Planned Unit Development (PUD).**

Planning and Zoning Director Pete Frisina presented the staff report. He stated that the annexation request was from the City of Fayetteville for a 175.5 acres in the area of State Route 54 and Banks Road that was presently zoned A-R and land use for one acre lot development. He stated that the city was requesting to annex and rezone to R-15 Planned Unit Development (PUD). He stated that the lot size for R-15 was 1,500 square feet. He stated that it was for 370 lots of various sizes. He stated that it was a one-acre land use area in the comprehensive plan to estimate the number of lots that can be on a piece of property. He stated that by taking 17.55 acres away from the 175, the county would get 157 lots from the property. He stated that the annexation request proposed 370 lots on a 175 at a density of 0.21 which was slightly double the density allowed in the county. He continued that there was sufficient water lines to provide capacity for the development. He stated that staff did not anticipate any improvements needed, but that it would not be known until the engineering study was completed by the developer. He stated that it was a unique piece of property because it was going into the city, but that it would remain in the county's water service district; Fayette County Water, but City of Fayetteville's sewer. He stated that the County had a certain amount of time to respond to this annexation request. He

stated that given the impact to the infrastructure, staff recommends that the Board objects the annexation request so that an agreement can be made with the city regarding the roads.

Public Works Director Phil Mallon stated that the main concern with the roads was Banks Road. He stated that this project was in conjunction with the widening project on Highway 54. He continued that Banks Road was already reaching capacity in terms of effectively moving traffic and was one of the projects submitted to Atlanta Region Commission (ARC) to study this area. He stated that the project would require significant traffic improvements at the intersection.

City of Fayetteville Director of Community Development Jahnee Prince stated that the city was comfortable with the Board tabling this item until the next meeting to allow the city to meet with the county and the developer to discuss the project. She stated that if that was not feasible, the applicant was present and had offered a letter to withdraw the application.

Chairman Maxwell asked County Attorney Dennis Davenport to review the letter.

Ms. Prince confirmed that the applicant for the annexation was Drew Kemp and that she believed J&D Construction Services, LLC was his company. Mr. Davenport asked if the company had the authority to speak on behalf of Drew Kemp and have the authority to withdraw the application. Ms. Prince stated yes.

A gentleman stated that the developer would like to discuss with the county any concerns to determine if there was a compromise. He stated that it might be best to withdraw the application if no meeting could be held before litigation.

Chairman Maxwell asked Mr. Davenport if the document was enough to withdraw the application. Mr. Davenport stated that the gentleman represented in the letter had the authority to withdraw the application and he had no reason to believe otherwise. He stated he was fine with the letter of withdrawal of the application to the City of Fayetteville which would in turn withdraw it from the Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Prince stated that the City of Fayetteville accepts the withdrawal letter.

Mr. Davenport stated that this was presented to the Board as an alternative. He stated that the first alternative was to table and the second was to withdraw if the tabling was not something that the Board could support. He stated that the law with respect to annexations gives the county 30-days to object to an annexation and to have it delivered to the city within the 30-days of having received it from the city, which was the October 20 date. He stated that there was a suggestion from the city to extend that time frame. He stated that he was not aware of the parties' ability to agree to extend the time frame and if that was the case, then the county would lose the ability to object. He stated that he did not see tabling as an option to be able to still object beyond the 30-days. He stated that the city needed to formally state on the record if they wanted to withdraw the petition.

Ms. Prince withdrew the application.

Chairman Maxwell stated that the county accepts the withdrawal of the application.

Commissioner Brown stated that with the expansion on Highway 54 East, there would be a lot more traffic coming from Clayton and Henry counties. He stated that he understood that Fayetteville wanted to create more housing and residential opportunities in the downtown area, but that the city needed to consider the traffic concerns with the two-lane roads.

8. Consideration of the request to authorize staff to acquire all fee simple right-of-way and easements for the Rising Star Road culvert replacement project (2017 SPLOST No. 6509C).

Mr. Mallon stated that this was a 2017 SPLOST culvert replacement project. He stated that the design was complete, and the contract had been awarded. He stated that there were some outstanding land acquisition issues. He stated that the request was for the Board to approve staff to acquire all fee simple right-of-way and easement for this project.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve to authorize staff to acquire all fee simple right-of-way and easements for the Rising Star Road culvert replacement project (2017 SPLOST No. 6509C). Vice- Chairman Ognio seconded.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that he knew there had been conversations about a guardrail that would be placed there. He asked staff to look at a brown or rusty guardrail rather than a bright and shiny guardrail, if it was not more expensive. Commissioner Brown suggested a wooden guardrail. Vice Chairman Ognio expressed that he did not have a problem with the wooden guardrails, but he wanted to choose a less expensive option.

Commissioner Brown stated that one of the things stressed in the Comprehensive Plan was trying to maintain a rural character and feel and something it might cost more for the infrastructure. He stated that he would like for the county do what it can to maintain that feel.

Mr. Mallon stated that the contract had been awarded, but staff could request that the contractor provide a quote to paint the timber finish for the guardrail.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve to authorize staff to acquire all fee simple right-of-way and easements for the Rising Star Road culvert replacement project (2017 SPLOST No. 6509C). Vice- Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Rousseau and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

9. Consideration of the County Attorney's recommendation to deny the disposition of tax refunds, as requested by Big Lots for tax year 2016 in the amount of \$700.86.

Mr. Davenport stated that this item was for a tax refund request from Big Lots. He stated that Big Lots had been informed via letter from the Clerk's office, dated October 5, that this request would be heard before the Board. He stated that Big Lots submitted a personal property tax return in 2016 with a certain value for the personal property. He continued that value was accepted by the Board of Assessors. He stated that the value was not appealed within the applicable time frame. He stated that subsequent to the appeal window, Big Lots discovered that it had probably submitted an incorrect value and tried to change the value, but it was outside the appeal time frame. He stated that once a different value was offered outside the appeal time frame, Big Lots would have to wait until the next year. He stated that his recommendation was to deny the request by Big Lots for \$700.86.

No one spoke regarding this item.

Vice Chairman Ognio moved to deny the disposition of tax refunds, as requested by Big Lots for tax year 2016 in the amount of \$700.86. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Rousseau and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

10. Consideration of the County Attorney's recommendation to approve the disposition of tax refunds, as requested by SCOMA Enterprises, LLC for tax years 2014, 2015 and 2016 for the aggregate amount of \$143.77.

Mr. Davenport stated that this item was a tax refund request from SCOMA Enterprises, LLC. SCOMA had been notified via letter from the Clerk's office that this item would appear on the agenda for consideration. He stated that this company, for tax years 2014, 2015 and 2016, assessed property taxes on more property than they owned. He stated that the assessment was for 5.3 acres instead of 4.84 acres. He stated that the overpayment for 2014 was \$41.42, for 2015 it was \$25.95 and for 2016 it was \$76.40, with a total of \$143.77. He stated that he recommends approval of this request for the total of \$143.77.

No one spoke regarding this item.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the disposition of tax refunds, as requested by SCOMA Enterprises, LLC for tax years 2014, 2015 and 2016 for the aggregate amount of \$143.77. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Rousseau and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

11. Consideration of the County Attorney's recommendation to approve the disposition of tax refunds, as requested by Mary Jane Fortner for tax years 2014, 2015 and 2016 for the aggregate amount of \$105.52.

Mr. Davenport stated that item was for a tax refund request from Mary Jane Fortner. He stated that Ms. Fortner was notified via letter from the Clerk's office that this item would appear on the agenda for consideration. He stated that for tax years 2014, 2015 and 2016, Ms. Fortner was assessed in tax for more property than she owned. He stated that she was assessed for approximately 0.15 acres more. For 2014 the overpayment was \$35.85, 2015 it was \$35.16 and for 2016 it was \$34.51 for a total of \$105.52. He stated that he recommended approval for the total \$105.52.

No one spoke regarding this item.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the disposition of tax refunds, as requested by Mary Jane Fortner for tax years 2014, 2015 and 2016 for the aggregate amount of \$105.52. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Rousseau and Commissioner Oddo absent.

12. Discussion of the Antioch and Goza Road intersection.

Commissioner Brown stated that the Board discussed this intersection at a previous meeting where the Board made several motions by unanimous vote regarding the design and to move the traffic study forward as rapidly as possible. He stated that there was another severe car accident where people were life flighted to the hospital. He asked Mr. Mallon to give an overview about where the county was in addressing this intersection.

Mr. Mallon provided an update on the crash data. He stated that of the 46 crashes, it appeared that two-thirds of the crashes originated when somebody does stop on Goza and then pulls into traffic. He stated that 28% occurred when the driver failed to stop or yield at all. He stated that the remaining 9% were identified as rear-end collisions or "others". He stated that the data showed that over 91% were caused by the vehicle on Goza Road and that 61% of the crashes resulted in injuries which lend to the seriousness of the crashes. There were 78% of the crashes that occurred after noon. There were more accidents during the weekdays versus the weekend. He stated that the notice to proceed to the consult was issued on September 25. He stated that the next deadline for the contractor to meet was October 19 and

staff would meet with them the following day to hear recommendations on additional short-term fixes. He stated that November 24 was the deadline for the consultant to submit multiple concepts for the Board to consider. He stated that would be heard at the December 14 meeting. He stated that there was some interest in a special called meeting by the Board if needed. He stated that the contractor had a 120-days, upon Board approval, to complete the design. He stated that the four tasks included: 1. Data Collection. 2. Recommendation of short-term changes. 3. Complete the alternative analysis. 4. Final design. He continued that staff had completed a substantial number of immediate changes at the intersection to include: cut-back of any trees or grass to improve sight distance, making the existing rumble strips more aggressive, added flags on top of the warning stop signs on Goza in both directions, added the electronic signs to caution people of the intersection and the Sheriff's office has stepped up their presence at the location.

Commissioner Brown stated that the Sheriff's office had written several tickets. Mr. Mallon stated that the last number he heard was over 160 tickets. Commissioner Brown stated that he would be in favor of a special called meeting.

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that he was not against a special called meeting. He stated he would like to see the short-term improvements before committing on to the next phase.

Commissioner Brown stated that November 24 was the deadline. He asked if it was possible to have them to submit it before November 24 deadline. If it can be done prior to the deadline date, then "let's get the ball moving." He stated that it seemed the Sheriff's officer presence at that intersection was helping and it would be helpful if the Sheriff could maintain a presence there. Commissioner Brown asked if the contractor was considering the synthetic coding on the road that creates the drag on the cars. Mr. Mallon stated that staff looked at it and he would relay it to the contractor for consideration.

Chairman Maxwell stated that he spoke with the Sheriff regarding this intersection. He stated that his heart goes out to those who were injured.

Philip Doolittle thanked everyone working on the project. He also highlighted the fact that any effort to hasten or quicken the process increases the potential of one less accident.

Commissioner Brown stated that the county should look at any incentives for the contractor to expedite the project.

The Board was open to Special Call Meeting, when needed, to hasten the project and develop a permanent solution for this intersection and prevent further accidents.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stephanie Cohran, Humane Society, stated that she wanted it on the record that the animal advocates are concerned that they are not getting responses back from the Commissioners and Mr. Rapson. She stated that Chairman Maxwell had reached out and asked about the comment she made about the ordinances. She stated that she sent a reply and Mr. Rapson sent a reply that there was some confusion around what versions existed. She continued that Mr. Rapson said that the Board had voted to halt work on the animal control ordinance and the version she was referencing was sent the day after the vote was made. She stated Mr. Rapson said that there was an attempt to remove the oversight dispensations that still had an animal advocate board which raised concerns and that he had instructed Animal Control Director Jerry Collins to review the document

and make a list of topics for discussion and to prioritize as a starting point for future dialogue. She requested the following be placed in the record verbatim:

"You are correct Mr. Rapson; the term animal advisory board is written three times in the forty-page document from June the ff...from the June 14 meeting; however, it does not invalidate the document simply because the terminology is used. There is a key difference between the March version and the latest version from the June 14 meeting. The original draft version initially had an additional section, F5, which contained a set of criteria to be met before any animal was to be euthanized for space purposes. As you should be aware this was removed from the latest version and the shelter now has a euthanasia policy with capacity limitations in place. Now let me explain why the term animal shelter board still exist in the current document with a note out on the side by Tamara...umm...I can't pronounce her last name, Feliciano...umm...the attorney that we hired...it says will go into written policy if the board is elected. So that indicated that only if it was elected. The first occurrence in this definition section, the first occurrence is in the definition section, animal shelter board is an advisory board created by the Board of Commissioners whose members are appointed by... and by...and whose bylaws are established by the Board of Commissioners for said terms. Again, num...ite...second...(inaudible)...in section 6-32 (g), if the impounded animal and evidences visible symptoms of contagious, infectious or fatal diseases is seriously ill or severely injured the animal shall seek the services of a veterinarian. The animal may be euthanized upon completion of detailed written report to animal shelter board on the reason for euthanasia. Section 6-32 (g) (2), if the animal has been classified as dangerous or vicious by more than one animal shelter officer, in such case the classified animal may be submitted to evaluation by an improved animal behavior expert trained in identifying behaviors of dangerous or vicious animals. An animal may be euthanized upon completion of a detailed written report to the animal shelter board on the reason for euthanasia. This is in no way shape or form requiring Jerry Collins, Animal Shelter Director to report to an animal...to report to an advisory board. It is just an avenue to ensure that before an animal is euthanized it has been validated as the proper thing to do and all the information is properly completed on the appropriate form. Given the fact that we expect to minimize the overall euthanasia numbers, filing a written report is a very, very small part of Jerry's overall role and quite frankly this is an essential public document that should be properly completed anyway to remain government transparency. So now let's discuss why oversight of the euthanasia pol...process is necessary. Attached is a summary of the euthanasia report from January 1, 2017 through July 31, 2017 for the cats with corresponding details on nine cases were euthanasia, euthanasia occurred and there is nothing on the form indicating why the euthanasia was done. There are a few items to note. Since this freedom of information act request pertains to cats only, we were told that the black outs were just the dogs. However, there are a total of 31 blackouts which is much higher than the number of dogs we have been told have been euthanized so this is still an open follow-up item. In an early freedom of information act request an advocate inquired about the summary numbers which indicated six sick kittens were euthanized in July, but then followed up with a more detailed request to review the specifics of each case. Cat number eight which is shown below in the table was not a kitten either, noted as a large four-year old cat. There are twenty-three cats listed overall on the report and we've included the details on nine cases that are disturbing. None of these cats had any vet records. While a summary is provided below please review the details in the attachment to gain a better understanding of why oversight on euthanasia is necessary. So, for public record and those here, umm, yet there were probably about eleven pages that were attached in the umm, table below there was one item found on Shamrock that needed to be checked first for a chip. Item...umm...animal number two, scared but friendly, no chip, number three euthanasia, four euthanasia, five not scanned, six friendly but scared, seven stray litter in the back yard, finders attempting to find mom and bring her in too, eight trapped has been eating his birds messing in his flower garden, does not want cat vac (?) and the ninth one was very sweet but scared. With a new euthanasia policy and corresponding grace period that was in effect, it makes these killings even more troubling and further substantiate the need to make changes at the shelter. With all due respect, we have never seen overall list of topics or recommended shelter improvements by either Mr. Rapson or Mr. Collins, despite you both participating in these collaborative meetings. From the chart above there are six out of nine of the cats with sloppy paperwork even after the numerous discussions that transpired around euthanasia and the need for proper documentation. We intentionally withheld the euthanasia information from our presentation on the 28th, but obviously we're now reconsidering our approach to properly ra...to properly rally the community's support to achieve the change that is needed. Now that we've clarified the animal shelter board terminology in the revised document let's get back to the main topic of this email. Based upon Mr. Rapson's email, distribution of the June 14

revised ordinance of which the commissioners were copied on, this document was in your possession no later than July the 14. But during our important welfare agenda meeting item, you, Mr. Maxwell, along with Mr. Ognio, elected to reference the six-month-old initial draft. Then I went on to say, as you requested of me, I'm respectively requesting of you, the same, that this information be disclosed publicly at the October 12 BOC meeting. Again, thank you for the opportunity to set the record straight and be fair to all parties. And the reason we wanted to make sure that it was read publicly is so that everyone knows our concerns regarding euthanasia and transparency in government. Thank you."

Sylvia Collins-Bunn stated that her mother was in the accident on May 11, 2017 on Antioch and Goza Road. She stated that her mother's friend passed away and her mother was driving. She stated that she had posted pictures of the vehicles in the accident. She stated that her sister once stayed on that road and so she had traveled that road before. She stated that her mother never had a ticket. She stated that God was with her that day and her mother's good friend Natalie Davis passed away. She stated that she was on board to do whatever was needed to improve this intersection. She stated that she would like to help with this. She stated that her mother is doing well, but to lose her friend will never go away.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

County Administrator Steve Rapson was absent.

Service Delivery Strategy (SDS)

Discussion on Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) are progressing and heading in a positive direction and collectively the County Administrator and City Managers requested a 90- day extension, to end December 31, 2017.

Vice-Chairman Randy Ognio moved to approve a 90- day extension for the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) to end on December 31, 2017. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Rousseau and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS: None

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Brown

Equestrian Trail: Commissioner Brown stated that he thought the equestrian trail went through the Recreation Commission first. He stated that he had a Recreation Commissioner state that he had not seen it. He asked Parks and Recreation Director Anita Godbee for clarification. He stated that he hoped that it would go back to the Recreation Commission if the Board of Education agrees. Vice Chairman Ognio stated yes.

Vice Chairman Ognio

Transportation Committee:

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that Commissioner Brown requested a list of road projects to be voted on. He stated that the Board voted on a list of projects in the budget and that he understood that he wanted the Transportation Committee to submit a prioritized order for the projects. He stated that the Road Department had been prioritizing the projects as economically as possible to move forward with the projects. He stated that there are some things that the Transportation Committee will bring before the Board. He stated that they are looking at the funds remaining in the 2004 SPLOST and what projects that can be done

with what was left. He stated that some of the projects were eliminated and now the committee was trying to establish which ones have the most need and it will come before the Board for approval. He stated that the committee will also address safety improvements to get started.

Equestrian Park:

He stated that there were blogs that said his niece, who barrel races, would benefit from the equestrian park and that it would be a conflict of interest. He stated that he did not know what benefit she would get from the equestrian park. He stated that she lives in another county. He stated that other posts said that he brought the equestrian park forward, but it was actually citizens that brought the request for the equestrian park forward.

Letter to the Editor

He stated that a letter to the editor in the Citizen newspaper stated that two weeks ago there were \$130,000 “gift” to Peachtree City Water and Sewer Authority by the Board of Commissioners to install sewer. He stated that there were never a \$130,000 “gift” to Peachtree City Water and Sewer Authority. He stated the cost was to get water to the animal shelter. He stated that many of the recreation amenities are for the few, but the equestrian park could be an event that many people will want to come see.

Letter from Commissioner Brown

Vice Chairman Ognio stated that the letter from Commissioner Brown with the title “Randy Rules”. He stated that he did not understand why he would repost this letter saying that the Board did not follow the same protocol that he was asked to follow. He stated that he created a timeline where the Board followed the exact protocols with links. He stated that it is available if anyone would like to see it.

Happy Anniversary

He wished Mr. Rapson a Happy 32nd Anniversary!

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Brown moved to adjourn the October 12, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting. Vice Chairman Ognio seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Rousseau and Commissioner Oddo were absent.

The October 12, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Tameca P. White, County Clerk

Eric K. Maxwell, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 26th day of October 2017. Referenced attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk’s Office.

Tameca P. White, County Clerk

