

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Tameca P. White, County Clerk
Marlena Edwards, Deputy County Clerk

140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

ACTION AGENDA

April 9, 2020
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 Randy Ognio called the April 9, 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Charles Rousseau

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

Acceptance of Agenda

Vice-Chairman Oddo moved to accept the agenda as written. Commissioner Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

1. Proclamation to recognize April as Safe Digging Month in Fayette County.

Public Works Director Phil Mallon, on behalf of the Board, presented a Safe Digging Month proclamation. Mr. Mallon recognized April as Safe Digging Month in Fayette County encouraging citizens to call 811 before digging.

PUBLIC HEARING:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Dean Bress, on behalf of Pastor Tim Mullins with Hopeful Primitive Baptist Church, advised the Board of the initiative "Fayette Strong" the church along with others was sponsoring. Mr. Bress stated that the purpose of this initiative was for individuals and businesses to band together as a community to raise money for those first responders and those in need in the area as a result of the Coronavirus. Mr. Bress stated that the "Fayette Strong" yard signs had been designed and would be available for purchase with all proceeds being donated to first responders and those in need in the local area.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Vice-Chairman Oddo moved to accept the Consent Agenda as written. Commissioner Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

2. Approval of staff's recommendation to add Longboat II subdivision to Fayette County's Street Light Program.

3. **Approval of staff's recommendation for the Board of Commissioners to enter into an agreement between Fayette County and the Town of Brooks allowing Fayette County to act on behalf of the Town of Brooks to maintain compliance with the Metropolitan North Georgia Watershed Planning District Water Management Plan.**
4. **Approval of a request from the Griffin Judicial Circuit Adult Felony Drug Court to accept a supplemental grant award for FY 2020 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) of \$13,856.**
5. **Approval of the March 12, 2020 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**
6. **Approval of the March 16, 2020 Emergency Called Meeting Minutes.**

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

7. **Consideration of the County Attorney's recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Richard Anwyl, for tax years 2017, 2018 and 2019 in the aggregate amount of \$2,659.82.**

Vice-Chairman Oddo moved to approve County Attorney's recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Richard Anwyl, for tax years 2017, 2018 and 2019 in the aggregate amount of \$2,659.82. Commissioner Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Consideration of the County Attorney's recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Wesley O. Saunders, for tax year 2018 in the amount of \$236.63.

Commissioner Gibbons moved to approve County Attorney's recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Wesley O. Saunders, for tax year 2018 in the amount of \$236.63. Vice-Chairman Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

8. **Consideration of the County Attorney's recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by KH Peachtree LLLP, for tax year 2018 in the amount of \$8,010.11.**

Vice-Chairman Oddo moved to approve County Attorney's recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by KH Peachtree LLLP, for tax year 2018 in the amount of \$8,010.11. Commissioner Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

9. **Consideration of the County Attorney's recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Chad and Noreen Perret, for tax years 2017, 2018 and 2019 in the aggregated amount of \$10,213.29.**

Commissioner Gibbons moved to approve County Attorney's recommendation to approve a disposition of tax refund, as requested by Chad and Noreen Perret, for tax years 2017, 2018 and 2019 in the aggregated amount of \$10,213.29. Vice-Chairman Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

County Administrator Steve Rapson advised that an updated "Hot Projects" listing was sent out via email to the Board to keep them abreast of the status of various projects throughout the county. Mr. Rapson stated that the update included details regarding the Stars Mill project, the intersection at SR 92 project, the East Fayetteville bypass project, the Dogwood Trail project, and the Morning Dove Drive culvert replacement project. Mr. Rapson stated as an update for county residents that there was two

Governor issued Executive Orders in place that the County was adhering to. Mr. Rapson stated that the first was a Shelter-at-Home order which would be in effect through April 30, 2020 and the second was the Emergency Declaration order which would be in place through May 13, 2020. Mr. Rapson stated that he had extended the County position of being closed to the public through May 13, 2020 to ensure the County was in line with the Executive Orders. Mr. Rapson stated that although closed to the public the County is fully functional; with the exception of the Library and Parks being closed, walking trails are open. Mr. Rapson stated that the Election was postponed until June 9, 2020. Mr. Rapson provided a Coronavirus status update for Georgia, which included 89 cases in Fayette County and 3 deaths. Mr. Rapson advised the Board that there were 210 county employees actively teleworking on various assignments. Mr. Rapson stated that he had the opportunity to visit several departments and saw the engagement and interaction of the office and teleworking staff, he continued stating he witnessed several TEAMS meetings. Mr. Rapson provided the State of Georgia COVID-19 hotline: 1-844-442-2681. Mr. Rapson also provided the Georgia emotional support hotline: 1-866-399-8938. Mr. Rapson stated that recently Homeland Security and the National Guard had been activated to clean nursing homes and assisted living facilities, he continued stating that the County was contacted by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency to assist in coordinating those efforts if requested by the facilities within the County.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Notice of Executive Session: County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that there were eight items for Executive Session. Four (4) items of Real Estate Acquisition, two (2) items of threaten litigation, One (1) pending litigation, and the review of the Executive Session minutes for February 27, 20.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Chairman Ognio thanked staff for all their hard work and dedication, despite the various challenges and continued uncertainty surrounding us staff was surpassing expectations. Chairman Ognio encouraged citizens to continue social-distancing and encouraged citizens if possible to continue to patronize local eateries and restaurants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Four (4) items of Real Estate Acquisition, two (2) items of threaten litigation, One (1) pending litigation, and the review of the Executive Session minutes for February 27, 2020. Vice Chairman Oddo moved to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 6:52 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 7:35 p.m.

Return to Official Session and Approval to Sign the Executive Session Affidavit: Chairman Ognio moved to return to Official Session and for the Chairman to sign the Executive Session Affidavit. Vice Chairman Oddo seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Ognio moved to adjourn the April 9, 2020 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Vice Chairman Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The April 9, 2020 Board of Commissioners Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Marlena Edwards, Deputy County Clerk

Randy C. Ognio, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 21th day of April 2020. Referenced attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

Marlena Edwards, Deputy County Clerk