

## **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Edward Gibbons  
Lee Hearn  
Eric K. Maxwell  
Charles W. Oddo  
Charles D. Rousseau



## **FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA**

Steve Rapson, County Administrator  
Dennis A. Davenport, County Attorney  
Tameca P. Smith, County Clerk  
Marlena Edwards, Chief Deputy County Clerk

140 Stonewall Avenue West  
Public Meeting Room  
Fayetteville, GA 30214

## **Minutes**

January 14, 2021

6:30 p.m.

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

### **OATH OF OFFICE:**

**Probate Court Judge Ann S. Jackson to administer the Loyalty Oath and Official Oath of County Commissioner of the State of Georgia to Commissioner-Elect Lee Hearn.**

Probate Court Judge Ann S. Jackson administered the Official Oath and the Loyalty Oath to Commissioner-Elect Lee Hearn. He was successfully sworn-in to the Board of Commissioners.

**Probate Court Judge Ann S. Jackson to administer the Loyalty Oath and Official Oath of County Commissioner of the State of Georgia to Commissioner-Elect Eric Maxwell.**

Probate Court Judge Ann S. Jackson stated that Commissioner Eric Maxwell was sworn-in at an earlier date.

**Probate Court Judge Ann S. Jackson to administer the Loyalty Oath and Official Oath of County Commissioner of the State of Georgia to Commissioner-Elect Charles Oddo.**

Probate Court Judge Ann S. Jackson administered the Official Oath and the Loyalty Oath to Commissioner-Elect Charles Oddo. He was successfully sworn-in to the Board of Commissioners.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION:**

**Call to Order by County Attorney Dennis Davenport.**

County Attorney Dennis Davenport called the January 10, 2021 Organizational Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 6:39 p.m. He noted that all commissioners were present including Commissioner Rousseau who was joining the meeting virtually. He stated that according to Section 2-52 of the Fayette County Code, the county attorney had the duty and responsibility to open the first meeting of the year. He explained the process for electing the Chairman of the Board.

**Election of Board Chairman for the year 2021.**

County Attorney Dennis Davenport opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Edward Gibbons nominated Commissioner Charles Oddo as Chairman.

Commissioner Eric Maxwell nominated Commissioner Lee Hearn as Chairman.

Mr. Davenport stated that with respect to the process, once voted on by the Board of Commissioners the nomination floor would be closed. He stated that once the nomination floor was closed the Board would proceed with voting on the nominations in the order they were received. Mr. Davenport stated that if a majority vote was not received for either candidate, with no further nominees, then the floor would be reopened for nominations and nomination process would be repeated until a Chairman was selected.

Commissioner Maxwell moved to close the floor for nominations. Commissioner Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Gibbons moved to elect Commissioner Oddo as Chairman. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion failed 2-3, with Commissioner Hearn, Commissioner Maxwell, and Commissioner Rousseau voting in opposition.

Commissioner Maxwell moved to elect Commissioner Hearn as Chairman. Commissioner Hearn seconded. The motion failed 2-3, with Commissioner Gibbons, Commissioner Oddo, and Commissioner Rousseau voting in opposition.

Mr. Davenport re-opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

Commissioner Edward Gibbons nominated Commissioner Charles Oddo as Chairman.

Commissioner Lee Hearn nominated Commissioner Eric Maxwell as Chairman.

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Commissioner Gibbons moved to elect Commissioner Oddo as Chairman. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion failed 2-3, with Commissioner Hearn, Commissioner Maxwell, and Commissioner Rousseau voting in opposition.

Commissioner Hearn moved to elect Commissioner Maxwell as Chairman. Commissioner Maxwell seconded. The motion failed 2-3, with Commissioner Rousseau, Commissioner Gibbons, and Commissioner Oddo voting in opposition.

Commissioner Maxwell moved to elect Commissioner Hearn as Chairman. Commissioner Hearn seconded. The motion failed 2-3, with Commissioner Rousseau, Commissioner Gibbons, and Commissioner Oddo voting in opposition.

Mr. Davenport re-opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

Commissioner Edward Gibbons nominated Commissioner Charles Oddo as Chairman.

Commissioner Eric Maxwell nominated Commissioner Lee Hearn as Chairman.

Commissioner Gibbons moved to close the floor for nominations. Commissioner Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Gibbons moved to elect Commissioner Oddo as Chairman. Commissioner Oddo seconded.

Commissioner Oddo urged the Board to not play games. Commissioner Oddo stated that he did not want the back and forth to continue all night. Commissioner Oddo urged Commissioner Rousseau to please pick one of the two candidates for chairman so that the Board could move on.

The motion failed 2-3, with Commissioner Hearn, Commissioner Maxwell, and Commissioner Rousseau voting in opposition.

Commissioner Maxwell moved to elect Commissioner Hearn as Chairman. Commissioner Hearn seconded. The motion failed 2-3, with Commissioner Rousseau, Commissioner Gibbons, and Commissioner Oddo voting in opposition.

Mr. Davenport re-opened the floor for nominations for Chairman for the fourth time.

Commissioner Edward Gibbons nominated Commissioner Charles Oddo as Chairman.

Commissioner Eric Maxwell nominated Commissioner Lee Hearn as Chairman.

Commissioner Gibbons moved to close the floor for nominations. Commissioner Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Gibbons moved to elect Commissioner Oddo as Chairman. Commissioner Oddo seconded.

Commissioner Maxwell stated that after the November election he had talked to both Commissioners Oddo and Commissioner Hearn, who both expressed interest in serving as Chairman. Commissioner Maxwell stated that he had suggested that the two Commissioners talk to each other to avoid starting the year this way. Commissioner Maxwell stated that although he did not wish to be Chairman, he would be open to serving as interim Chairman for three months to allow time for a decision to be made. He stated that he did not look at this as a game.

Commissioner Oddo reiterated that what was occurring at the Board Meeting tonight was a game. He stated that each member of the Board of Commissioners was elected to make decisions. Commissioner Oddo stated to Commissioner Rousseau that voting for nobody served no purpose. Commissioner Oddo stated that there was no "interim" Chairman, and the Board needed to make a decision. Commissioner Oddo stated that he was not going to continue playing the game. He stated that he had been nominated for the position and had very valid reason to want to serve in that position. Commissioner Oddo stated that at least three of the Board members needed to make a decision because that is what they were elected to do. He stated that these were political games and it was clear that this was not the way to start the year. Commissioner Oddo urged Commissioner Rousseau to please make a decision.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he made his decision clear in his vote.

Commissioner Gibbons stated that he agreed with Commissioner Oddo's remarks. He stated to Commissioner Rousseau that he did not see the point in what he was doing and he felt it was wrong. Commissioner Gibbons stated that he did not agree with what Commissioner Rousseau was doing nor why he was doing it, other than for theater. Commissioner Gibbons stated that Commissioner Rousseau needed to make a decision.

Commissioner Rousseau stated to Commissioner Gibbons, "perhaps you should drop your nomination sir, and go with another vote".

Commissioner Gibbons moved to elect Commissioner Oddo as Chairman. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion failed 2-3, with Commissioner Hearn, Commissioner Maxwell, and Commissioner Rousseau voting in opposition.

Commissioner Maxwell moved to elect Commissioner Hearn as Chairman. Commissioner Hearn seconded. The motion passed 4-1, with Commissioner Rousseau voting in opposition.

### **Election of Board Vice-Chairman for the year 2021.**

Chairman Hearn continued the meeting with nominations for Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Oddo nominated Commissioner Gibbons as Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Maxwell nominated Commissioner Oddo and Commissioner Rousseau as Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Oddo respectfully declined the Vice Chairman nomination.

Commissioner Rousseau respectfully declined the Vice Chairman nomination.

Commissioner Maxwell moved to close the floor for nominations. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board moved to elect Commissioner Gibbons as Vice Chairman. The motion passed 4-1, with Commissioner Rousseau voting in opposition.

### **OFFICIAL SESSION:**

#### **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Edward Gibbons**

Commissioner Edward Gibbons offered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Acceptance of Agenda**

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

### **PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:**

#### **1. Recognition of the Fayette County 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Merry Door Decorating Contest winners.**

County Administrator Steve Rapson recognized the Tax Assessor's Office for winning third place. He presented the Administration Office as the second-place winners and the Purchasing Department as the first-place winners with trophies.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Shirley Haugwell expressed her concerns regarding the COVID-19 vaccination distribution process. Ms. Haugwell stated that she was not sure if the Board could help but expressed her need for assistance. She stated that she had tried for two weeks to reach the Health Department via the distributed 1-800 number but was unsuccessful.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve the Consent Agenda as written, with the exception of items #6. Commissioner Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- 2. Approval of Resolution 2021-01: Resolution of the Fayette County Commissioners Pledge to Citizens and County Staff on Core Values and Beliefs.**
- 3. Approval of authorization to sign checks combining any of the following two signatures for transactions at or above \$5,000.00: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, County Administrator.**
- 4. Approval of authorization to sign checks for transactions in the amount of \$4,999.99 or less: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, County Administrator.**
- 5. Approval of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and the County Administrator to execute contracts, resolutions, agreements, or other documents approved by and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.**
- 6. Approval of the December 10, 2020 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve the December 10, 2020 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1, with Chairman Hearn abstaining because he was not in attendance at the December 10, 2020 Board Meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 7. Consideration of the appointment of an elected official, or their designee, to the Transportation Committee with a term beginning January 1, 2021. This item was tabled at the December 10, 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting.**

Mr. Davenport stated that this open position was for an unexpired position vacated by Chairman Ognio. Mr. Davenport stated that the term for this position would start immediately and run through March 31, 2022.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to appoint Chairman Hearn to the Transportation Committee with a term beginning immediately through March 31, 2022. Commissioner Maxwell seconded.

Commissioner Maxwell asked Chairman Hearn to give a brief introduction and summary of his work history experience.

Commissioner Hearn stated that he stated his career in Public Works and Roads in Douglas County. Chairman Hearn stated that he worked in Public Works in transportation planning and road building for 23 years. Chairman Hearn stated that he served as the Fayette County Public Works Director for ten-and-a-half years. Chairman Hearn stated that his goal not just for the Transportation Committee, but for anywhere he served, was to be a team player and to make the team better.

Commissioner Rousseau moved to appoint Chairman Hearn to the Transportation Committee with a term beginning immediately through March 31, 2022. Commissioner Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

*Vice Chairman Gibbons recused himself from discussion of item #8 because he is a partial property owner in the item being considered. Vice Chairman Gibbons left the Public Meeting room during the discussion.*

#### **8. Consideration of Resolution 2021-02; Deannexation Agreement for the deannexation of 3.78 acres from the Town of Tyrone.**

Community Development Director Pete Frisina stated that the subject property was a 53.79-acre tract on Coastline Road. Mr. Frisina stated that approximately 3.78 acres was in the Town of Tyrone. He stated that due to zoning requirements and the issues of developing property in two jurisdictions, the property owners were requesting that Tyrone approve a deannexation of the 3.78 acres. Mr. Frisina stated that Resolution 2021-02 would be the Board agreeing to accept the deannexation once approved by the Town of Tyrone. Mr. Frisina stated that the deannexation agreement required that the applicant would not utilize the property until they come back to the County to get the proper zoning.

Mr. Jeremy Hillsman stated that he was the pro-bono counsel representing Healing4Heroes. He stated that Healing4Heroes was a non-profit organization that trained rescue dogs to be A.D.A. compliant, then paired the dogs with returning American veterans with disabilities, specifically Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Mr. Hillsman stated Healing4Heroes was headed by Piper Hill who was a veteran, that served in Afghanistan and Iraq. He stated that Mrs. Hill along with her husband acquired the 50+ acres of continuous property; the majority of which was in Fayette County. Mr. Hillsman stated that the property owners were seeking Board consent to the deannexation of the 3.78 acre from The Town of Tyrone.

Mr. Davenport stated that tonight's meeting and discussion was not a public hearing. Mr. Davenport stated that if this resolution was approved by the Board, it would signal to the Town of Tyrone of the Board's consent to the deannexation.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve Resolution 2021-02; Deannexation Agreement for the deannexation of 3.78 acres from the Town of Tyrone. Commissioner Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Gibbons recused himself.

*Vice Chairman Gibbons returned to the Board Meeting.*

#### **9. Consideration of the Planning Commission Selection Committee's recommendation to the reappoint Danny England to the Planning Commission for a term beginning January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2023.**

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve the Planning Commission Selection Committee's recommendation to the reappoint Danny England to the Planning Commission for a term beginning January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2023. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**10. Consideration of the Planning Commission Selection Committee's recommendation to the appoint James Oliver to the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term expiring December 31, 2021 and the subsequent term beginning January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2024 per County Policy 100.19; Board Appointment.**

Mr. Frisina stated that the open position was an unexpired position previously filled by Al Gilbert., who passed away in 2020.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve the Planning Commission Selection Committee's recommendation to the appoint James Oliver to the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term expiring December 31, 2021 and the subsequent term beginning January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2024 per County Policy 100.19; Board Appointment. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded.

Mr. Oliver thanked the Planning Commission Selection Committee for the recommendation to Board. Mr. Oliver stated that he knew Mr. Gilbert and would endeavor to serve in his memory with honor. He stated that he hoped his experience would help as he served on the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve the Planning Commission Selection Committee's recommendation to the appoint James Oliver to the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term expiring December 31, 2021 and the subsequent term beginning January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2024 per County Policy 100.19; Board Appointment. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**11. Consideration of the Zoning Board of Appeals Selection Committee's recommendation to the reappoint Marsha Hopkins to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term beginning January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2023.**

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals Selection Committee's recommendation to the reappoint Marsha Hopkins to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term beginning January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2023. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**12. Consideration of a recommendation from the Selection Committee, comprised of Commissioner Eric Maxwell and Commissioner Edward Gibbons, to appoint Luis Matta to the Joint Development Authority of Coweta, Fayette and Meriwether to serve a term beginning December 15, 2020 and expiring December 14, 2024.**

Commissioner Maxwell stated that there were several qualified applicants. Commissioner Maxwell stated that Fayette County was lucky to have citizens who desired to serve.

Commissioner Maxwell moved to approve to appoint Luis Matta to the Joint Development Authority of Coweta, Fayette and Meriwether to serve a term beginning December 15, 2020 and expiring December 14, 2024. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**13. Consideration of the approval to transfer \$323,927 (\$250,427 plus \$73,500) from 2017 SPLOST transportation contingency to the Brogdon & New Hope Roads intersection improvement (17TAM) and award of Bid #1894-B to McLeRoy, Inc. for construction of a roundabout in the amount of \$1,225,364.86.**

Public Works Director Phil Mallon stated that this project was one of four projects that was identified on the Fayette County's 2017 SPLOST list of Transportation Projects. Mr. Mallon stated that this agenda item was for the funding and construction of a single-lane roundabout at the intersection of Brogdon Road and New Hope Road. He stated that the request was made up of two parts: the first was to reallocate monies out of the transportation contingency fund in the amount of \$323,927; and to award a construction contract to McLeRoy, Inc. for construction of a roundabout in the amount of \$1,225,364.86.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve to transfer \$323,927 (\$250,427 plus \$73,500) from 2017 SPLOST transportation contingency to the Brogdon & New Hope Roads intersection improvement (17TAM) and award of Bid #1894-B to McLeRoy, Inc. for construction of a roundabout in the amount of \$1,225,364.86. Commissioner Maxwell seconded.

Chairman Hearn stated that with the bids being so close, it was evident that there was a good set of plans and specs prepared for the project. He gave kudos to the engineering team who put those together.

Mr. Mallon stated that he would relay the commendation.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve to transfer \$323,927 (\$250,427 plus \$73,500) from 2017 SPLOST transportation contingency to the Brogdon & New Hope Roads intersection improvement (17TAM) and award of Bid #1894-B to McLeRoy, Inc. for construction of a roundabout in the amount of \$1,225,364.86. Commissioner Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**14. Consideration of staff's recommendation to award Bid # 1885-B: 2017 SPLOST; Stormwater Category II, Tier II; Brockton Court Culvert Replacement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Williams Contracting Company LLC, in the amount of \$272,200.00 and approval to reallocate \$307,633 from the General Stormwater Contingency to project 17SAT.**

Chairman Hearn asked what the reallocation of the \$307,633 was for.

Environmental Management Director Bryan Keller stated that the additional monies would go towards additional permitting. Mr. Keller stated that upon further evaluation it was determined that Army Corps permitting would be needed, which included additional requirements, materials, and costs. He stated that funds were also needed for right-of-way acquisition.

Chairman Hearn asked about staff's confidence level regarding flooding at the location of the culvert.

Mr. Keller stated that there had not been any flooding concerns. He added that hydrology studies had been conducted both up and down stream to ensure there was no negative impact either up or down stream.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve staff's recommendation to award Bid # 1885-B: 2017 SPLOST; Stormwater Category II, Tier II; Brockton Court Culvert Replacement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Williams Contracting Company LLC, in the amount of \$272,200.00 and approval to reallocate \$307,633 from the General Stormwater Contingency to project 17SAT. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:**

Mr. Rapson stated that the contracts below were contracts he approved over \$50,000.

- A. Contract #930-P: Preliminary Engineering for Redwine Road Multi-Use Path Supplemental #3: Construction Inspection**
- B. Bid #1865-B: Playground Shade Structures**

**Hot Projects**

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. He highlighted the Kenwood Road culvert replacement, Mercedes Trail culvert replacement, and Fire Station #2. Mr. Rapson stated that he would be providing some additional detail regarding Fire Station #2 requested by Commissioner Rousseau by the end of the week.

**COVID-19 Vaccine**

Mr. Rapson updated the Board regarding the COVID-19 vaccine distribution. Mr. Rapson read a letter from Fayette County Health Department District 4 County Nurse Manager that stated:

"The Fayette County Health Department is working diligently to provide the COVID-19 vaccine to the citizens in Fayette County. We are currently in Phase 1A+ which includes Healthcare Workers, First Responders, Long-term Care Facilities, and adults 65 and older and their caregiver.

I have placed orders for the vaccine and have received a total of 1,000 doses. A total of 500 doses were administered on Monday, December 28, 2020 and January 4, 2021 to Healthcare Workers and First Responders. On January 13, 2021 we administered 500 doses to Healthcare Worker, First Responders, adults 65 and older and their caregivers.

District 4 website has been updated to inform the community on availability and location of the vaccine on the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic page (<https://www.district4health.org/covid-19-vaccine/>). Anyone interested in receiving the vaccine that is listed in Phase 1A+ can call 1-800-847-4262 option 1 to schedule an appointment as long as vaccine is available. Appointments will not be scheduled until vaccine has been received."

Mr. Rapson stated that he had spoken with County Nurse Manger Beverlyn Ming prior to the meeting. He stated that she advised that 2000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine had been requested, but only 1500 would be received. Mr. Rapson stated that she advised that the 1-800 number created to set up vaccine appointment would not be active until Tuesday January 19, 2021. He stated that Fayette County was not listed as a location to receive vaccines because we had not received the vaccine doses to distribute. He stated that the 1-800 number previously provided was servicing the entire District-4 which included 14 counties. Mr. Rapson stated that he understood citizen's frustration in trying to use the current 1-800 number. He added that the issues in getting through were being corrected and citizens would be able to call for the COVID-19 vaccine appointments. Mr. Rapson reiterated that the COVID-19 vaccine distribution was by appointment only and that the vaccine distribution pod that Fayette County would be using was the old Fire Station #4 across from the Fayette County Sheriff's Office.

#### **ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:**

**Notice of Executive Session:** County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that there were six items for discussion. Four items involving threatened, one involving pending litigation and the review of the Executive Session minutes for December 10, 2020.

#### **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

##### **Commissioner Maxwell**

Commissioner Maxwell congratulated both Chairman Hearn and Vice Chairman Gibbons and stated that he looked forward to working with them. Commissioner Maxwell stated that he was there to help if either of them needed it.

##### **Vice Chairman Gibbons**

Vice Chairman Gibbons congratulated Chairman Hearn on being selected as Chairman.

##### **Commissioner Oddo**

Commissioner Oddo also congratulated Chairman Hearn and Vice Chairman Gibbons. Commissioner Oddo extended his appreciation to the citizens of Fayette County who had enough faith in him to vote him back into office to serve on the Board for another four years. He promised to continue to serve faithfully.

##### **Commissioner Rousseau**

Commissioner Rousseau also extended his congratulation to Chairman Hearn and Vice Chairman Gibbons for their respective elections on the Board. Commissioner Rousseau stated that he was extremely disappointed at the attempt by two of his colleagues to intimidate and/or bully him into how he should vote. He stated that he would always vote in the way of his conscience and how he felt was best. He stated that he had fielded calls from his colleagues prior to the meeting and those who he had spoken with were aware of his position. Commissioner Rousseau stated that he would not be bullied in public or private by anyone. He stated that the Board had approved their core values as a body during the meeting but had failed to apply them. Commissioner Rousseau stated that he did not appreciate what had happened and did not expect it to continue.

Commissioner Rousseau extended his appreciation to Mr. Rapson and the Fayette County Health Department for their effort in keeping the community informed as it related to the COVID-19 vaccination distribution.



### **Chairman Hearn**

Chairman Hearn stated that his goal was to earn the respect of the Board, as well as the County Administrator and County Attorney. Chairman Hearn stated that he would be available when needed. He stated that he looked forward to working and serving. He added that it was an honor to serve the community. He stated that there was a lot of work to be done regarding the COVID-19 vaccination distribution.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Six items for involving property acquisition, four items involving threatened, one involving pending litigation and the review of the Executive Session minutes for December 10, 2020.** Commissioner Oddo moved to go into Executive Session. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 8:34 p.m.

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

**Approval of the December 10, 2020 Executive Session Minutes:** Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve the December 10, 2020 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Oddo seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1, Chairman Hearn abstained because he was not in attendance at the December 10, 2020 Board Meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Gibbons moved to adjourn the January 14, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Oddo seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The January 14, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Marlena M. Edwards, Chief Deputy County Clerk

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Lee Hearn, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021. Documents are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

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Marlena M. Edwards, Deputy County Clerk