

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Dennis A. Davenport, County Attorney
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Marlena Edwards, Chief Deputy County Clerk

140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

AGENDA Special Called

June 17, 2021
2:00 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 Lee Hearn called the June 17, 2021 Special Called Meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Hearn offered the Invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Charles Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Eric Maxwell was absent.

DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the redistricting process.

Attorney Bryan Tyson with Taylor English Duma LLP specializes in redistricting election law explained the redistricting process to the Board. He stated that he had worked with the Fayette County Board of Commissioners previously during litigation against Fayette County regarding the voting rights act. He explained the process.

Vice Chairman Gibbons made a motion to retain Bryan Tyson's firm to get the county through the redistricting process. Commissioner Oddo seconded.

Chairman Hearn asked if the price rate should be included.

Vice Chairman Gibbons amended the motion to include at an hourly rate.

Mr. Tyson stated that hourly rate for the map drawing services was \$350/hour and the legal advice fees are \$425/hour. County Administrator Steve Rapson stated the fees were comparable to what was done during the redistricting efforts the last time.

Vice Chairman Gibbons amended the motion to include at an hourly rate. Commissioner Oddo amended his second.

Commissioner Rousseau gave comments regarding what was advertised for the meeting versus taking a vote on retaining an attorney and a single attorney at that. He was concerned about the procedure. He stated that he would encourage the Board to put this on an agenda for the next meeting and to consider an alternative vendor to have a comparison.

Chairman Hearn stated that with professional services, often we did not have to get competitive prices. He stated that if he did not have experience with Mr. Tyson's firm, he would agree with Commissioner Rousseau to consider alternative vendors but he did not want to spend weeks or months getting quotes and Mr. Tyson not be available. He stated that he had confidence that Mr. Tyson would be fair and transparent through the process.

Vice Chairman Gibbons amended the motion to include at an hourly rate. Commissioner Oddo amended his second. The motion passed 3-1. Commissioner Rousseau voted in opposition. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to adjourn the June 17, 2021 Special Called Meeting. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Maxwell was absent.