

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

MINUTES

August 12, 2021
5:00 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 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Chairman Lee Hearn called the August 12, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 5:00 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 Edward Gibbons moved to accept the agenda as written. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. **Approval of the July 22, 2021 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

2. **Consideration of the Water Committee's recommendation to adopt the Waterline Extension Policy.**
This item was withdrawn.
3. **Consideration of staff recommendation to award Bid #1914-B for the construction of both the Crosstown and South Fayette Water Treatment Plants Hoseless Solids Collection Systems to the low bidder, River to Tap (R2T), Inc. in the amount of \$1,221,356.00.**

Water System Director Vanessa Tigert stated that they had received three bids for this project, with the lowest bidder being River to Tap (R2T), Inc.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve Bid #1914-B for the construction of both the Crosstown and South Fayette Water Treatment Plants Hoseless Solids Collection Systems to the low bidder, River to Tap (R2T), Inc. in the amount of \$1,221,356.00. Commissioner Oddo seconded.

Chairman Hearn asked for a brief overview explaining what the system did.

Ms. Tigert stated that the Trac-Vac systems would polish the water and remove the flocculation particles at the end of the water production process. She added that this process was the final step before the water was sent to the clear wells and out into the distribution system.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve Bid #1914-B for the construction of both the Crosstown and South Fayette Water Treatment Plants Hoseless Solids Collection Systems to the low bidder, River to Tap (R2T), Inc. in the amount of \$1,221,356.00. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

4. Consideration of staff's recommendation to award ITB #1971-B to Vision General Contractors of GA, LLC, in the amount of \$263,236.00 for lighting at McCurry Park Soccer fields #24 and #25 and approval to transfer \$105,736.00 from Parks project contingency to fully fund the lighting of the two soccer fields.

Park and Recreation Director Anita Godbee stated that this item was seeking approval to award ITB #1971-B to Vision General Contractors of GA, LLC, in the amount of \$263,236.00 for lighting at McCurry Park Soccer fields #24 and #25 and approval to transfer \$105,736.00 from Parks project contingency fund.

Commissioner Oddo asked Mrs. Godbee for a summary of the County's park lighting project.

Mrs. Godbee stated that to-date, lighting had been refurbished at twenty-three fields between Kiwanis, McCurry, and Brooks parks with seven more fields to be completed.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he noticed that the county had not done business with Vision General Contractors of GA, LLC in the past.

Mrs. Godbee stated that was correct. She added that she was provided with four references who she had contacted and received favorable recommendations.

Commissioner Rousseau asked Mrs. Godbee to forward him a listing of the references.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve ITB #1971-B to Vision General Contractors of GA, LLC, in the amount of \$263,236.00 for lighting at McCurry Park Soccer fields #24 and #25 and approval to transfer \$105,736.00 from Parks project contingency to fully fund the lighting of the two soccer fields. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

- A. Contract #1504-P: Public Works Engineer of Record Task Order #36: Construction Assistance Services & CEI Services 100 Pleasant Hill, Country Lakes Estates, Brockton Ct., Patricia Ln., Silver Leaf Dr.**
- B. Contract 1973-B: Country Lake Estates Stormwater Replacement**

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, Brockton Court Culvert Replacement, Brogdon Road and New Hope Road roundabout, Patricia Lane culvert replacement and Silverleaf Drive culvert replacement.

Mr. Rapson read into the record a letter from Steve Porter, CEO of Piedmont Fayette Hospital regarding the potential surge of the COVID-19 pandemic, the letter read:

Help Stop the Fourth Surge of COVID-19

By Steve Porter, CEO of Piedmont Fayette Hospital

As many of you are aware, we are in the fourth surge of the COVID-19 pandemic. Whether this is due to more people gathering in large groups and taking fewer precautions - or the Delta variant – or some combination of both – the result is the same. We need everyone to continue doing everything they can to protect themselves, their friends, and their family.

Hospitalizations continue to rise across the country, across Georgia and within Piedmont hospitals. Georgia's positivity rate has topped 10 percent – a threshold that in the past has led to large numbers of hospitalizations of our patients. Over the past two weeks, we have seen an alarming increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations across the Piedmont Healthcare system. When we experience these high volumes, it puts a strain on our staff and resources, both physically and emotionally. Vaccinations, our primary tool for combating the virus, continue to lag behind the levels that leading experts say we need to achieve in order to contain the virus and prevent widespread transmission in our communities.

This means that if you have not been vaccinated, please do so as soon as possible. Given the timeframe between the two doses that must be administered for the Pfizer and Moderna vaccine, as well as the number of days before all three vaccines reach full efficacy against the virus, the time to act is now.

If you have been vaccinated, please talk to your family, friends and neighbors who might be on the fence about getting their shot. Although we hear of rare cases of vaccinated individuals getting COVID-19, they are usually asymptomatic and do not require hospitalization, unlike those who are unvaccinated. Over 95 percent of all of the patients we are seeing in the hospital with COVID-19 are unvaccinated. Simply put, if you get the COVID-19 vaccine, you will not be as sick as an unvaccinated person who contracts COVID-19.

You can find all the information you need on the COVID-19 vaccines, including answers to frequently asked questions, at piedmont.org/covid-19/vaccine.

Currently, Piedmont Fayette is allowing each patient to have one care partner visit per day. Those visiting the Emergency Room and patients having outpatient procedures are also allowed one care partner, with the exception of minors receiving care who may have both parents/legal guardians present. That is subject to change if the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise in the hospital and in the community. As a reminder, all visitors, like all staff members, physicians, and volunteers, must wear a mask at all times in the hospital, regardless of vaccination status.

Lastly, I'd like to remind everyone to continue to practice the 3 W's; wash your hands, wear a mask, and watch your distance. While CDC guidance regarding masks and social distancing for those who are fully vaccinated had been relaxed, it is important for everyone to remain vigilant. When you are in situations when you don't know if everyone is vaccinated, the safest route is to practice all three. It is also safer to attend activities outdoors when possible and to avoid crowds indoors.

The citizens of Fayette County demonstrated a tremendous level of support for our staff during the pandemic. Your prayers and acts of kindness have been appreciated more than you'll ever know. What we need more than anything right now is for everyone to take COVID-19 seriously, get vaccinated, and help us end this surge of the pandemic.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Rousseau

Commissioner Rousseau extended his thoughts and prayers to the Naghise Family, who recently lost a loved one due to complication caused by COVID-19. He encouraged all to please take the pandemic seriously.

Chairman Hearn

Chairman Hearn urged citizens to remain vigilant considering the COVID- 19 pandemic and stated that in his opinion “it would be wise to get the vaccine.” He added that he had personally felt the devastation this virus caused with the loss of his first cousin.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Oddo moved to adjourn the August 12, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The August 12, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Marlena M. Edwards, Chief Deputy County Clerk

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 26nd day of August 2021. Referenced attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk’s Office.

Marlena Edwards, Deputy County Clerk