

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

Minutes

May 26, 2022

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 May 26, 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Eric Maxwell

Commissioner Eric Maxwell offered the Invocation and led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

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

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

1. **Presentation by Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) - Fayette & ARC: Partnering to Serve Older Persons.**

Jim Jaquish Local Government Affairs Liaison with Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) advised the Board that the ARC had recently conducted some district realignment, which changed local representation on the ARC Board for some counties, however Fayette County was not affected. He stated that Fayette County ARC Board representation remained Chairman Lee Hearn, Mayor Eric Dial, and citizen representative Bob Reeves. Mr. Jaquish also advised the Board that the ARC was working on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy in cooperation with local Chamber of Commerce and Development Authorities around the region to comprise a "regional" strategy for economic development. He stated that they were also working on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and developing ways to draw some of the federal funds available for infrastructure to the region.

Becky A. Kurtz, Managing Director ARC Aging & Independence Services (Metro Atlanta Area) briefed the Board on the Atlanta Regional Commission's efforts to "partner to serve older persons" within the local communities. She stated that the ARC Aging & Independence Services was involved in the planning for the region's rapidly growing aging population. She stated that they provide services to connect individuals to and administering services, they partner with service providers, and work in policy advocacy for the aging individuals. Ms. Kurtz noted that Fayette County had more than 21,000 residents who were 65 and older, which was about 19% of the population. She also stated that nearly 30% of those who were 65 and older lived alone. She highlighted the Empowerline initiative, which assisted with linking individuals to services, helped transition nursing home residents to community settings, provided consultation to caregivers, provided wellness education, provided access to material aid (including assistive technology), and connected socially isolated older persons to volunteers. Ms. Kurtz discussed the ARC Aging

Services grant that was provided to Fayette Senior Services during FY2022 and noted that the ARC's FY23-24 anticipated funding to Fayette County for aging service was \$734K. She concluded her presentation discussing life expectancy within the county and noticeable disparities. She stated that the ARC, led by its Aging and Independence Services Group, was working to implement a strategic framework, designed to identify and address inequities that create disparities in life expectancy. Ms. Kurtz thanked the Board for their time and the opportunity to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following Fayette County residents made comments expressing their concerns regarding the recent "annual car show" that occurred at the home of Rick Ross over the Memorial Day weekend: Alice Jones, Isaac Logan, Denise Morris, Henry Adams, John Smith, Johnny Hill, Travis Evans.

Comments included concerns related to extreme traffic issues, safety concerns, and the need for the county to review permitting requests more thoroughly. Citizens stated that they felt like "prisoners in their own home" and had been stuck in traffic for hours to only get a few miles down the road. They noted that attendees of the event were rude, immodestly dressed and disrespectful to residents.

County Administrator Steve Rapson addressed the comments. He stated that the request for the event that occurred over Memorial Day weekend was initially presented in a way that would only require a noise permit. He added that the County was unaware of the number of anticipated attendees. Mr. Rapson stated that initially the plan was to have Georgia State Patrol handle traffic, however they left. As a result, the Sheriff's Office came in during the confusion to try to manage the chaos regarding the traffic. Mr. Rapson stated that several issues emerged after the fact with this application to include the size of the event, charging admittance, which was not allowed in residential neighborhood, and traffic mitigation. He assured residents that the likelihood of this happening the same way in the future were low. However, he did advise that there were ways for this event to happen because residents were allowed to have activities at their home. He stated, however, it would be appropriately managed via the special use permit process. Mr. Rapson stated that knowing that there were problems, and the County is aware, it would not happen again.

Commissioner Charles Rousseau expressed his appreciation to citizen who came out to register their concerns related to the events that occurred. He reiterated, as mentioned by Mr. Rapson, that there were several issues that contributed to the confusion concerning the event. He stated that the plan was to have traffic mitigation conducted by Georgia State Patrol, unfortunately it did not go as planned. Additionally, he acknowledged that the event turned into a commercial enterprise. Commissioner Rousseau stated that the event had a very negative impact on the community and as it was, he would not be in favor of it returning to a private residence. He stated he would remain open to possibly considering this event upon proper review to determine if it were something that could be accommodated in the future. He apologized and stated that he shared residents' frustration.

Melody Williams requested that the Board consider adding a golf cart path for her community from Haddonstone Drive into Fayetteville.

Henry Adams stated that there was a property in neighborhood affectionately called the "ghost house" that was continuing to have large parties and had done so for the last years. He had major concerns regarding individuals appearing on his property, traffic issues, and rowdiness of attendees. He asked the Board to please assist in getting this under control.

Frank Gardner asked the Board to consider adding a boat launch to the eastside of Lake Horton. He also expressed his concerns regarding speeding on Lester Road and asked if the County could increase police presence in the area to discourage the dangerous speeding.

Jimmy Owens expressed his concerns regarding the speeding on State Road 279.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

2. **Approval of Resolution 2022-04 to adopt the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan 2017-2040 Update.**
3. **Approval to name Fayette County Fire Chief Jeffrey Hill to Position 2 of the Region 4 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Council for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2024.**
4. **Approval of the reappointment of Fayette County Assistant Fire Chief Steven Folden to Position 4 of the Region 4 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Council for a three-year term to begin July 1, 2022 and expire June 30, 2025.**
5. **Approval of the reappointment of Peachtree City Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Baggett to Position 3 of the Region 4 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2025.**
6. **Approval to appointment Peachtree City Fire/Rescue David Winkles to Position 1 of the Region 4 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2025.**
7. **Approval of staff's recommendation to add Godby Park subdivision to Fayette County's Street Light Program.**
8. **Consideration of staff's request to approve Arcadis, Contract #1867-P, TO #22-13, with a not to exceed amount of \$105,025.00, to provide engineering assistance for development of a rehabilitation and replacement plan for water distribution infrastructure for use in determining long-term capital planning replacement priorities and grant submittal justification.**
9. **Consideration of staff's request to accept the right-of-way dedication known as Tract "A" - 0.21 and Tract "B" 2.67 acres shown on the Godby Park Plat dated April 15, 2022 and the quitclaim deed dated April 27, 2022 per Fayette County Code requirements.**
10. **Approval of the April 26, 2022 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board recessed at 5:56 and returned to Official Session at 6:05 p.m.

Vice Chairman Gibbons welcomed his mother and sister who were visiting him from Connecticut.

Chairman Hearn opened the floor for comments regarding item #11 of the agenda.

The following Fayette County residents made comments in opposition to the City of Fayetteville's annexation of 425 acres and the rezoning of said property from R-70 (Single-Family Residential District) to B-P (Business Park); property fronts on Flat Creek, Tyrone Road, and SR 54 West: Cassandra Collins, David Gregory, George Diets, Darryl Brown, Rod Dryer, Howard Bontrager, Eric Reymes, Diana Diets, Matthew Miller, George Von Walthausen, Nancy Jeworski, Gloria Washinburg, David Spivey, James Collins, Sydney Bontrager, Sigourney Hall, Pam Atkinson, and Cheryl Martin.

Comments included concerns related to the loss of the beauty, peace and tranquility of the area, a commercial business that would create extreme noise caused by the data center chiller fans, decrease in property value, the lack of potential economic development because of remote jobs of employees of the data center, destruction of wetland areas, water runoff issues, and potential fire and safety concerns.

11. Consideration of the City of Fayetteville's annexation of 425 acres and the rezoning of said property from R-70 (Single-Family Residential District) to B-P (Business Park); property fronts on Flat Creek, Tyrone Road, and SR 54 West.

Interim Planning & Zoning Director Chanelle Blaine stated that the City of Fayetteville received a request from three property owners for the annexation of the above- referenced properties. The annexation notice from Fayetteville indicated that the intent was to annex approximately 425 acres to BP (Business Park). She stated that the subject properties were currently zoned R-70 (Single-Family Residential Districts) in Fayette County and contained one single-family residence on parcel 07-13-020. The concept plan for the annexation indicated a data center/technology campus totaling 4,750,000 square feet; with 10 structures ranging in size of 120,000 square feet to 440,000 square feet accessing Flat Creek Trail and three (3) structures ranging in size of 360,000 square feet to 900,000 square feet accessing Tyrone Road and State Route 54 West. Ms. Blaine stated that staff had no objections to the annexation. She added that the county was working with the city to incorporate the departments' comments and have received correspondence of the City's intent to add all county comments to their staff report for the annexation. She concluded that the Department of Fire Services was opposed to the annexation due to the loss of Fire Tax revenues.

County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that he understood the level of confusion as it concerned the annexation. To add some context to the discussion for the public, he stated that the process of annexing property from the county into a city, had some 25 years ago, been very difficult and if the County stated that there was a bonafide land use objection, the county could effectively deny it and stop the annexation. He added that this happened so often to the point that cities, via effective lobbyist, were able to have the laws changed significantly in favor of the cities. As a result, if cities request to annex a property it's very difficult for the County to stop them. Mr. Davenport stated that this item was not the County seeking to approve city zoning or the city annexation. The County had little recourse it could take to stop a city annexation. However, the County was able to establish various condition to address concerns related to the annexation, which the County would hope the city would adopt. Mr. Davenport added that in review of the law, as it related to annexation, it included a formula that the County would have to adhere to in order to lodge an objection, which would require the County to demonstrate a financial burden to the County and would have to be articulated with objective information based on the annexation. He noted that the formula should be directed toward what the city's financial burden would be because if annexed, the property would no longer be a part of the County service delivery area. In addition, when the County received notice of the annexation request, the County had 30-days to respond. If the County did not respond within the 30-days, the County cannot do anything. With that in mind, once notice was received regarding this annexation request, the Board only had this meeting to add it to the agenda for discussion to meet the time constraints. He stated that if the Board had waited and missed the deadline, they would not have been allowed to say anything moving forward. Mr. Davenport stated that at this point, he would like to advise the Board that they could use bonafide land use as an objection to the annexation and it would stop it, but it would not be effective. He stated that the objection would have to follow the "new" formula and had proved very difficult. Mr. Davenport reminded the Board that any time in the past that they tried to stop an annexation they were unsuccessful, because the formula worked against the Board. He reiterated that the County was not seeking to rezone anything. Mr. Davenport stated that this annexation was not an item the Board had the authority to make a decision regarding the rezoning of this property. Only the City of Fayetteville had that authority. He stated that what the Board had done in the past was to try to address various concerns regarding an annexation by working with the city. Mr. Davenport stated that he was not advising the Board to or not to object but wanted to provide an overview of the annexation process for the public to ensure they better understood the limited options the Board had.

Steve Rapson advised the Board that included in the agenda backup for this item were staff conditions, financial constraints and concerns, that had been sent to the City of Fayetteville regarding this annexation. The information sent included comments from Planning and Zoning, Fire and EMS, Public Works, Water System, Stormwater and Environmental Management. He added that

the City of Fayetteville did respond to the comments sent acknowledging our concerns stating, "I see no reason why we cannot incorporate and perhaps strengthen the comments provided by the County to our staff report". Mr. Rapson continued that with this in mind, he felt it would be difficult to push forward with a land use objection because the city was embracing the County's concerns. Mr. Rapson stated that he understood citizen's concerns and frustration. He acknowledged that they were unfamiliar with the process and noted that a lot of the maps and design that was presented was conceptual. He added that until studies, test, and analysis were performed and conducted, nothing was final and none of that was up to the County and once the property was annexed the City would be the authority making those decisions on how that is developed. He added that the annexation was the first step in that process.

Commissioner Rousseau asked what the date of the 30-day deadline was.

Mr. Rapson stated it was May 28, 2022. He added that if the County did not respond to the request the City could in turn certify the annexation without consideration of any of the County's conditions and concerns.

Chairman Hearn asked Development Authority Chairman Darryl Hicks to make some comments.

Development Authority Chairman Darryl Hicks stated that the Development Authority was a governing entity that was incorporated by the Fayette County Board of Commissioner in 1986 and every county had one. He stated that this authority allowed them to act on behalf of the County as it related to economic development. The Development Authority was allowed to issue bond and offer tax incentives, when appropriate. Mr. Hicks stated that the Development Authority was a 9-member Board appointed by Fayette County, City of Fayetteville, Peachtree City, the Town of Tyrone, and the Peachtree City Airport. He stated that the Authority functioned in the capacity of doing economic development for the County which also included the cities. In these efforts they are mainly focused on making sure they provide an opportunity for Fayette County to acquire a diversified portfolio of taxation, which included the cities and the Fayette County Board of Education. He stated that for many counties and municipalities it was very difficult for a community to survive off only residential property, because historically, residential property only paid about \$0.78 on the \$1 for the services that they require. So, for the municipalities in the county to offset that, via the Development Authority, was to have corporations and large industrial companies to locate in their communities. Mr. Hicks stated that the largest portion of residential property tax bill was the school board tax. As the school board continues to work to manage their resources, the job of the Development Authority was to help offset it and balance how they recruit companies. He added that the Development Authority was very particular about what companies and industries they go after and attract, working in cooperation with the County, municipalities and school board. Mr. Hicks stated that the goal of the Development Authority was to be very strategic in recruiting businesses and to try and make the best recommendation they could in considering all the important factors for the community. Mr. Hicks stated that as it related to a data center it would have been very irresponsible for the County to not consider it as an option. He noted that he was limited in how much information he could disclose in an effort to maintain the anonymity of the business owner but noted that the item under consideration was only the annexation of the property and not the details of the actual project. The project phase would include discussion of the detail and requirements of the project but would come later, down the line. Mr. Hicks stated, in response to citizens' concerns, that the project would be scrutinized by the State of Georgia, EPA, as well as the City of Fayetteville. Mr. Hicks concluded stating that it was better for County to be part of the conversation working with the city now as the annexation moved through the process and the project potentially moved forward. He noted that the Development Authority did the same thing in working with the landowners knowing they were going to sale the property. The Development Authority had to be strategic and work with them regarding the sale of the property and who would ultimately purchase it.

Vice Chairman Gibbons as a point of clarification stated that the Board of Commissioner had no oversight over the Development Authority.

Mr. Hicks stated that was correct. He stated that the County made appointments to the Board. From there the 9-member Development Authority as a "board" had the authority to make decisions. He added that the Development Authority had deliberately made it a point to not make decision without communicating with the local municipalities, County, and Board of Education.

Commissioner Oddo stated that he understood everything that had been discussed but the only focus for the Board was the annexation, which they had no control over. He stated that he had been involved in other annexations that was not successful and came back to bite the Board.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approved not to object to the City of Fayetteville's annexation of 425 acres and the rezoning of said property from R-70 (Single-Family Residential District) to B-P (Business Park); property fronts on Flat Creek, Tyrone Road, and SR 54 West.

Vice Chairman Gibbons stated that none of the Commissioners wanted any type of business to move into the County that would be detrimental to County residents. He added that personally he was not in favor of the annexation or the project, but there was nothing he could do to stop it.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approved not to object to the City of Fayetteville's annexation of 425 acres and the rezoning of said property from R-70 (Single-Family Residential District) to B-P (Business Park); property fronts on Flat Creek, Tyrone Road, and SR 54 West. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded.

The Board recessed at 7:44 and returned to Official Session at 7:49 p.m.

Commissioner Eric Maxwell stated that essentially the Board was handcuffed and there was not a lot they could do in regard to the annexation. He stated that one recourse they had was to table the item to the next meeting. This could allow for more citizen input, however in doing so, the Board would miss the 30-day response deadline and loss their ability to relay any concerns and conditions for consideration related to the annexation to the city. Commissioner Maxwell stated that he had been dealing with this particular property for the last six year not the same vendor necessarily but the potential sale of the property. This annexation request was not as surprising to him as it may have been to the public. He assured citizens that there was no back-room deals happening between the County, City of Fayetteville, or the Development Authority. Commissioner Maxwell stated that the issue here was the process of annexation that the County had no control over. The Board also had authority to approve and/or deny rezoning request within the County but not with annexation requests from the cities. He stated that in working with the Development Authority they have keen sense of what the County would want in the community. Commissioner Maxwell stated that several projects have been rejected in past years due to traffic and infrastructure concerns. He added that the overall goal was for balanced controlled growth and economic development and to attract good business that would benefit the entire County. He stated that if he could kill the annexation, he would but that was not an option available to the Board.

Vice Chairman Gibbons reiterated that if the Board did nothing and did not vote on the annexation the three pages of conditions the County staff sent to the city would be ignored and not considered as the project moved forward.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that the Fayette County Development Authority was comprised of individuals who were residents of the County. As a body they were charged with the responsibility to bring or recommend as many low-impact, job-creating and tax-revenue generating business as they could. He stated that with this project they did a decent job, although this may not have been the best project, it was an appropriate project to consider. Commissioner Rousseau stated that he was confident Mayor Johnson would take the concerns and conditions received from the County into consideration as the project moved forward. He encouraged citizens to reach out to and develop a relationship with the City of Fayetteville's Mayor, Council, and Zoning staff as this project moved through the process. He stated that if the project had been to develop 200 homes that would also cause concerns and issues as it related to traffic, infrastructure, roads, water and the school system. He reiterated that that the goal was for balance and attract good business that would benefit the entire County. He encouraged citizens to apply for the various Board positions when made available. This would open the opportunity for more engagement and better understanding of the processes that happen with the community.

Commissioner Oddo thanked residents who stayed and were able to hear comments made by the Board. He acknowledged Mayor Johnson and stated that he hoped he would relay concerns and complaints that were expressed by the residents as the project moved forward. He stated that had the Board not discussed this item at this meeting, none of the concerns would have been heard.

Chairman Hearn stated that the City of Fayetteville worked hard to be a good neighbor and he encouraged residents to reach out to the city to discuss concerns and the availability to increase the setbacks, add berms, and maybe boundary fencing. He stated that as this project moved forward the goal was to have it be as least impactful as possible on the surrounding neighbors.

Mr. Rapson stated that if approved tonight this item would be on the City of Fayetteville's Special Called Meeting on June 30th, so he would encourage anyone wanting to discuss their concerns with the City to do so before June 30th.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve not to object to the City of Fayetteville's annexation of 425 acres and the rezoning of said property from R-70 (Single-Family Residential District) to B-P (Business Park); property fronts on Flat Creek, Tyrone Road, and SR 54 West. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

12. Consideration of staff's request to send notice of the Water System's wholesale rate increase to the City of Fayetteville as contemplated by the December 11, 1984 Water Agreement between Fayette County and the City of Fayetteville.

Water System Director Vanessa Tigert stated that this item was requesting approval to send notice of the Water System's wholesale rate increase that had been discussed over the past two Retreats, to the City of Fayetteville as agreed upon in the December 11, 1984 Water Agreement between Fayette County and the City of Fayetteville.

Ms. Tigert also stated that to be concise, she included two separate items in this agenda. She stated that she needed to separate them and first ask the Board to approve the Water System's wholesale rate increase to \$2.67/1000 gallons.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve Water System's wholesale rate increase to \$2.67/1000 gallons. Commissioner Oddo seconded.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he was confused because as a part of the backup documents the information stated that the "Fayette County Board of Commissioners approved the new wholesale rate through an agreement with Coweta County Wastewater Authority at its April 26, 2022 meeting". He stated that the Board approved a rate for Coweta and running the trunk. He stated that he did not recall passing a wholesale rate, across the board for county residents.

Ms. Tigert stated that was correct.

Commissioner Rousseau offered an amendment to the motion to strike the language of document that stated the wholesale rate had been previously approved.

Mr. Davenport stated that the supporting item was simply general information and was not intended to be 100% accurate. It was provided to make the Board aware of the situation and cause the questions to be asked. The motion was not doing anything except to raise the wholesale rate to \$2.67.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that he would rather that information not be out to the public because the Board did not approve a new wholesale rate at that meeting.

Vice Chairman Gibbons rejected the amendment.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve Water System's wholesale rate increase to \$2.67. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 3-0-1, with Commissioner Maxwell abstaining and Commissioner Rousseau voting in opposition.

Commissioner Maxwell stated that he agreed with Commissioner Rousseau and felt that those comments should be removed. If the reference document language remained, he would vote no, but if the language was removed prior to the vote he would vote in favor.

Mr. Davenport stated that that was a separate matter and could be a separate motion by the Board if they wanted to. As it stood, based on the Board's rules, three votes was an approval.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve staff's request to send notice of the Water System's wholesale rate increase to the City of Fayetteville as contemplated by the December 11, 1984 Water Agreement between Fayette County and the City of Fayetteville. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

13. Consideration of a right-of-way conveyance to the City of Peachtree City for the western portion of TDK Boulevard, west of the water treatment plant to the south of the cul-de-sac.

Mr. Davenport stated that Fayette County constructed a roadway some years ago that led down to the park at Lake McIntosh. He continued that the unique thing about this road was that it was a county roadway in the City of Peachtree City and although some would consider it a driveway and not a roadway, it also provides access to properties not owned by Fayette County. Mr. Davenport state that it would be prudent, in his opinion, to take action and convey ownership of the roadway to the City of Peachtree City so that they would be responsible, from this day forward, for any maintenance, enforcement issues, etc. because it is in their jurisdiction.

Commissioner Oddo moved to approve right-of-way conveyance to the City of Peachtree City for the western portion of TDK Boulevard, west of the water treatment plant to the south of the cul-de-sac. Chairman Hearn seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

- A. Contract #1932-P: Debris Clearing, Removal & Disposal Renewal 1**
- B. Contract #1933-P: Debris Monitor Renewal 1**
- C. Contract #2089-A: Utility Locates**
- D. Contract #1431-P: Transportation Engineer of Record Task Order #50: Fire & EMS Training Facility Change Order 1: Construction Staking Services for Access Road Re-alignment**

Mr. Rapson advised the Board that the SPLOST list the was discussed at Retreat would be placed on the website effective June 1, 2022. He acknowledged 911 Director Katie Vogt and her team, Commissioner Oddo, and County Clerk Tameca P. Smith who all received awards and/or certifications at the ACCG Conference. He also advised the Board that Memorial Day would be observed on Monday May 30th and that the County would go to minimal staffing on Friday at 1:00 p.m. There would still be staff in the office.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Notice of Executive Session: County Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that there were two items for Executive Session. One item involving real estate acquisition and the review of the Executive Session minutes for April 14, 2022.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Oddo

Commissioner Oddo wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day and urged everyone to remember what that day was about and encouraged them to consider the sacrifice others made that afforded us the opportunity to be here. He also expressed his appreciation for the candidates who recently ran in the primary election and thanked them for their willingness to serve.

Commissioner Rousseau

Commissioner Rousseau thanked Chief Rhodes and Sheriff Babb for stepping in recently when Georgia State Patrol left, he stated that he appreciated their efforts. He stated that recently the Board may have heard that the Ruben Gay Family had been lobbying the Historic Society Designation Committee and they were awarded a historic designation down near Inman in Fayette

County. He stated that additional details would be forthcoming. He commended the Gay Family for their hard work and dedication.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

One item involving real estate acquisition and the review of the Executive Session minutes for April 14, 2022. Commissioner Rousseau moved to go into Executive Session. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 8:28 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 8:34 p.m.

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

Executive Session Minutes: Commissioner Oddo moved to approve the April 14, 2022 Executive Session Minutes. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to adjourn the May 26, 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Oddo seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The May 26, 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 8:36 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 9th day of June 2022. Attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

Marlena Edwards, Chief Deputy County Clerk