

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Lee Hearn, Chairman  
Edward Gibbons, Vice Chairman  
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

October 13, 2022

5:00 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 5:00 p.m.

### Call to Order

Chairman Lee Hearn called the October 13, 2022 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 Edward Gibbons

Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Acceptance of Agenda

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

### PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

#### PUBLIC HEARING:

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

*Speakers will be given a five (5) minute maximum time limit to speak before the Board of Commissioners about various topics, issues, and concerns. Speakers must direct comments to the Board. Responses are reserved at the discretion of the Board.*

Larry Newsome of Fayetteville stated that he had been a citizen of Fayette County for 46 years and he was concerned about the increase at the county landfill. He questioned if it had gone through the bid process because there was about a 400% increase in fees at the landfill. He stated if it was not put out for bid, then why not. He shared his thoughts on having a private company pick up his trash curbside. He asked would the fees be reconsidered or was this a concrete decision without any input from the citizens. He asked the Board to reconsider the fees at the landfill.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve the Consent Agenda as written, with the modification to the minutes provided by the Clerk's office. Chairman Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- 1. Approval of an agreement between Spalding County, Georgia and Fayette County, Georgia for use of a third inmate work detail.**
- 2. Approval to transfer ownership of a 2015 Chevy Tahoe and a 2014 Dodge Charger to the Prosecuting Attorney's Council of Georgia to be used in the Griffin Judicial Circuit.**
- 3. Approval of the September 22, 2022 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 4. Request to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Secretary of State (SOS) allowing the Fayette County Board of Elections to use SOS Ballot Marking Devices (BMD), Printers and Scanners/Scanner Boxes for the Special Called Peachtree City, November and December 2022 Elections.**

County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that this was the request for the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Secretary of State office. This would allow the Elections to use the equipment for the Special Called Election in November and December.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Secretary of State (SOS) allowing the Fayette County Board of Elections to use SOS Ballot Marking Devices (BMD), Printers and Scanners/Scanner Boxes for the Special Called Peachtree City, November and December 2022 Elections. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- 5. Request to appoint Fire Chief Jeffrey Hill to serve on the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board for the open seat formerly occupied by Sheriff Barry Babb.**

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve to appoint Fire Chief Jeffrey Hill to serve on the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board for the open seat formerly occupied by Sheriff Barry Babb. Commissioner Oddo seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:**

**Hot Projects:** Mr. Rapson highlighted the Ebenezer Church Road Bridge.

**Citizen's comments:** He stated that, regarding the citizen's comments, the landfill was properly bid. He stated that it was to either do this or close the landfill. This was the best option available. He stated that there had been a few complaints, but overall, it has been a smooth transition.

**Board of Assessors Selection Committee:** Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve himself and Commissioner Oddo as the Selection Committee for the Board of Assessors appointment. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Rapson reminded the Board and the public that there will only be one meeting November and December and both will begin at 2:00 p.m. instead of 5:00 p.m. November 10 and December 8, 2022.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:** None.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

**Commissioner Maxwell:** Commissioner Maxwell stated that he would not be at the next meeting (October 27). He stated that there was an item that was tabled to that meeting. He stated that at the last meeting he stated that he would probably vote for the item, but that he was just getting the new information at the last minute. He stated that he wanted to make sure that the Board knew, that if he was going to be present at that meeting, he would argue very strongly, not to do anything different than what was done at the property across the street. He stated that he would support rezoning, but that he wanted to be consistent with what the Board approved a few months ago. He stated that he would be away on his honeymoon.

**Vice Chairman Gibbons:** Vice Chairman Gibbons congratulated Commissioner Maxwell on being able to go on his honeymoon.

**Commissioner Rousseau:** Commissioner Rousseau wanted to recognize the family visiting from Copenhagen.

He asked Brian Hill, Director of Elections, to assure the public that the Elections office was prepared for the upcoming elections. He stated that he wanted to dispel any myths and that his office was ready.

Mr. Hill stated that his office was ready and had already sent out over 2,700 absentee-by-mail ballots. He stated that his office will begin to receive those once early voting started on Monday at 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. He stated that his office performed the logic and accuracy testing on the voting machines, and they are ready to go. He stated that he had received the machines from Secretary of State for the Special Elections for Peachtree City.

Commissioner Rousseau stated that the drop boxes had been controversial. He asked Mr. Hill to tell the public where the boxes were located.

Mr. Hill stated that Senate Bill 202 (SB202), stated that per 100,000 registered voters, there would need to be a drop box. He stated that there were about 97,000 registered voters in Fayette County and so the drop box was located at the Election office. He stated that if the county increased registered voters, over 100,000, another drop box would be installed in Peachtree City because it was the next largest city in the county. He stated that per SB202, the box had to be monitored by staff at all times and during early voting. He stated that once early voting ended, a voter could mail or bring the ballot into the office, but they could not drop it into the drop box.

Commissioner Rousseau thanked Mr. Hill for updating the public.

Commissioner Rousseau also thanked Fire Chief Hill for stepping up to the appointment on the McIntosh Trail Board.

**Commissioner Oddo:** In response to Mr. Hill, Commissioner Oddo asked if all the absentee ballots were requested. Mr. Hill stated yes. He stated that there was an application for every absentee ballot.

Early voting – October 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Oddo reminded everyone that the Sheriff's fall festival would be held October 14 and the information was on the Sheriff's office's website. He stated that it would be a chance to thank the public safety officers in attendance.

**Chairman Hearn:** Chairman Hearn commended Mr. Hill on a great job in the Elections office. The Board agreed. Chairman Hearn stated that he was delighted to announce that the Ebenezer Church Bridge was open for traffic. He thanked Public Works Director Phil Mallon and Georgia Department of Transportation.

Mr. Mallon introduced his new staff member, Paola Kimble, Transportation Engineer. The Board welcomed her to the county.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Oddo moved to adjourn the October 13, 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The October 13, 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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Tameca P. Smith, 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022. Attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

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Tameca P. Smith, County Clerk