

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Business Meeting
7:00 P.M.

June 19, 2012

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PRESENT: Chairman Eldrin Bell, Vice-Chairman Wole Ralph, Commissioner Sonna Singleton, Commissioner Michael Edmondson, Commissioner Gail Hambrick, and Clerk Shelby D. Haywood.

1. Chairman Bell called the meeting to order.
2. Invocation was led by Pastor Kirk Arnold of Eternal Word Ministries in Jonesboro, Georgia. Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Chairman Bell.
3. Amended the agenda by adding a brief presentation by Tamara Patridge, Project Manager for Economic Development, on the tourism impact of the First Lady Michelle Obama Memorial Dedication in honor of her ancestry in Historic Rex Village, VIP Reception, and Rachel Swarns Book Signing events in Clayton County; adding Resolution 2012-131 (Authorizing the County to enter into an Affiliation Agreement and Contract for services on behalf of the Clayton County Juvenile Court with the Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocate Association [CASA] to accept grant funds [\$38,249.03 with no County Match required] and set terms/conditions for grant utilization); and adding an emergency [time-sensitive] request under item #6 (Consider requests of Theodis Locke, Interim Director of Central Services/Risk Management) to waive the sealed bid process regarding the installation of artificial turf at the Clayton County International Park Amphitheater. The agenda was adopted, as amended, as all commissioners had copies before them. Vote unanimous.
4. Approved the June 12, 2012 Regular Business Meeting minutes. Vote unanimous.
5. PROCLAMATION: "Clayton County Recognizes June 2012 as National Caribbean American Heritage Month" (presented by Vice-Chairman Wole Ralph).

Group photos were taken of the honorees and the Board of Commissioners. Clerk Haywood read the proclamation for the benefit of the honorees and audience.

6. PRESENTATION: "Update on the Tourism Impact of the Michelle Obama Memorial Dedication, Reception, and Book Signing events in Clayton County" (presented by Tamara Patridge, Project Manager of Economic Development).

Ms. Patridge shared with the Board a few exciting events scheduled for June 26, 2012 that were funded by a tourism grant Clayton County received from the state of Georgia. The county will actually be hosting three (3) events on that day: 1) a memorial dedication ceremony in honor of First Lady Michelle Obama's third great grandmother in Historic Rex Village [at no cost to the taxpayers and funded by the Hotel-Motel taxes designated for Economic Development's tourism and marketing initiatives]; 2) a VIP reception following the memorial dedication ceremony; and 3) a Book Signing by

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Rachel Swarns, author of American Tapestry, at the National Archives at Atlanta in Morrow, Georgia. These events are the result of a tourism effort that ran in 2010 in a partnership with Clayton County, the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Georgia Department of Economic Development. Per Ms. Patridge, Clayton County applied for the *Places in Peril Award* in October 2010 from the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation. This particular award recognizes sites deemed worthy of being saved by historical preservation experts. The purpose/goal of these events is to drive tourism dollars to Clayton County, and the state of Georgia sees the County as a very vital source of tourism dollars. She emphasized that just as the Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil book highlighted Savannah, Georgia and continues to bring tourism dollars to that area, so is the book signing event featuring Rachel Swarns expected to bring tourism dollars to Clayton County. In fact, this County is the first of several stops on Ms. Swarns' book signing tour and this tour is anticipated to increase tourism and interest in Clayton County as well as the state of Georgia. A VIP reception featuring several genealogical leaders in this community and the state of Georgia will be held prior to the book signing event. It is hoped that this reception will foster business with genealogical fields and form partnerships. Some of the VIP guests include Xenona Clayton, founder of the Trumpet Awards, and Dr. Todd Groce, President of the Georgia Historical Society. Dr. Groce was actually voted as the "2012 Most Influential Georgian" by *Georgia Trend*.

Regarding marketing impact, Ms. Patridge stated it is a well known fact that the city of Savannah is still reaping benefits from the book entitled Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil, and the city of Jonesboro continues to receive tourism dollars from the classic film, *Gone With The Wind*. Georgia Public Television has also begun to conduct interviews for the filming of a documentary about a trail that begins in Clayton County and ends in Bartow County. The Clayton County Film Office plans to approach the Tyler Perry Film Studio to ascertain if it would be interested in producing a film about Melvina Shields' life (great-great-great grandmother of First Lady Michelle Obama). According to Ms. Patridge, any avid movie-goer will be interested in seeing venues for film makings. Clayton County's Economic Development Office is really proud to spearhead the aforementioned three (3) events, especially the book signing event which can be used as a marketing tool. This book signing by Rachel Swarns has already been featured in a New York Times article and Historic Rex Village has been mentioned in several national articles. Through those marketing initiatives, the state of Georgia anticipates that Clayton County will be able to draw more tourism long after the events are over.

Ms. Patridge concluded that the aforementioned events are great tourism opportunities and marketing tools. She reiterated that all of these events occur on June 26, 2012 and the times are: 3:00 p.m. for the Memorial Dedication Ceremony followed by the Book Signing event that begins at 6:30 p.m. If citizens have any questions concerning these events, they should visit the County's web site (www.co.clayton.ga.us). Registration is required for the book signing event (accessing a link on the

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web site), and a formal invitation will be sent to all registered guests on June 25, 2012. The memorial dedication ceremony is open to the public.

Chairman Bell thanked Ms. Patridge for her presentation. Vice-Chairman Ralph stated Ms. Patridge had indicated these events would be funded by Hotel-Motel taxes, which is for economic development. He asked Angela Jackson, Director of Finance, to explain publicly how such taxes are generated and why there will be no financial impact on the citizens of the County. Ms. Jackson replied that the Hotel-Motel Fund is a separate fund, and the funds collected are only used for the special purpose of promoting tourism for the County (as directed by that fund). These taxes are paid by persons who stay in Clayton County hotels/motels. She added that a portion of those taxes is submitted to the County.

Commissioner Singleton acknowledged the presence of some Historic Rex Village Preservation Association members in the audience. She mentioned that they have been working diligently with Ms. Patridge on this project, and they are looking forward to the benefits of these events in their historic area.

7. Theodis Locke, Interim Director of Central Services/Risk Management, presented three (3) items which resulted in the following actions. (NOTE: The Board voted on all of these items at once.)

1) Approved a request from Detrick Stanford, Director of the Parks & Recreation Department, to waive the sealed bid process for artificial turf to include preparation, purchasing, and installation NTE \$100,000.00 at the Clayton County International Park Amphitheater. Vote unanimous.

2) Approved a legislative request to renew the Excess Workers' Compensation insurance coverage for the period July 1, 2012 through July 1, 2013, and to grant approval to the Finance Director to amend the budget as necessary. Renewal of the Excess Workers' Compensation insurance with Midwest Employers Casualty Company is \$156,018.00 which is down 6% from last year's rate of \$166,176.00, a savings of \$10,158.00. Vote unanimous.

This coverage protects the County in the event a Workers' Compensation claim exceeds \$500,000.00. Workers' Compensation in the industry has increased due to the rise in health care costs. Medicare set asides are also rapidly increasing, both of which are controlling the market and increasing costs for all entities. Midwest offers a possible premium credit if the actual payroll drops below the original estimate in the application.

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3) Approved a legislative request to renew the County’s Employment Practices Liability insurance for the period July 1, 2012 through July 1, 2013, and to grant approval to the Finance Director to amend the budget as necessary. Renewal of the Employment Practices Liability insurance with XL Insurance Indian Harbor at \$331,840.00 will constitute a .45% reduction in the premium from last year’s value of \$333,348.00, a savings of \$1,508.00. Vote unanimous.

The Employment Practices Liability insurance provides coverage for claims against the County alleging discrimination, sexual harassment or wrongful termination of employees, former employees, or applicants of the County.

8. Renee Bright, Director of Human Resources, presented two (2) requests which resulted in the following actions. (NOTE: The Board voted on both items at once.)

1) Approved a Request to Fill Vacancies List that included these positions:

Position Title	Department	Salary Grade	Salary
Senior Investigator	Solicitor General	28	\$55,588.00
Custodian	Corrections Department	8	\$20,577.00
Deputy Court Clerk	Clerk of Superior Court	12	\$25,101.00
Sheriff Correctional Officer (2 pos.)	Sheriff	19	\$35,543.00
Health & Fitness Coordinator	Senior Services	18	\$33,820.00
Police Officer II	Police	20	\$35,543.00
Deputy Court Clerk	Clerk of State Court	P/T	\$9.45/hour

Vote unanimous.

2) Approved a legislative request to renew the Excess Coverage (Stop Loss) Plan for the Self-Funded medical plan with HCC Life Insurance Company for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Clayton County’s current premium is \$329,575.00 with a deductible of \$125,000.00. The proposed renewal includes a premium of \$169,165.00 with a \$500,000.00 deductible. That results in a savings of \$160,410.00. Vote unanimous.

The excess coverage protects the County if there is a covered participant(s) in the Self-Funded medical plan who has claims expenses that exceed \$500,000.00.

9. Approved Resolution 2012-122 authorizing Clayton County to enter into an Agreement with Boon Management, LLC, providing for terms and conditions under which valet parking services will be

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provided in connection with a memorial dedication to honor the ancestors of Michelle Obama, First Lady of the United States; to authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement and otherwise to perform any acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution; to authorize the Finance Director to amend the budget where necessary to reflect an appropriate revenue source and expense, all as may be required under the terms of the Agreement; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. Vote unanimous.

10. Approved Resolution 2012-123 authorizing Clayton County to enter into an Agreement with The Grand Gourmet, providing for terms and conditions under which catering services will be provided in connection with a memorial dedication to honor the ancestors of Michelle Obama, First Lady of the United States; to authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement and otherwise to perform any acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution; to authorize the Finance Director to amend the budget where necessary to reflect an appropriate revenue source and expense, all as may be required under the terms of the Agreement; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. Vote unanimous.

11. Approved Resolution 2012-124 authorizing the acceptance of a vehicle (2001 Dodge Ram 3500 Pick-up Truck) to be assigned to the Sheriff's Department fleet in a manner as will be in the best interest of the County; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. Vote unanimous.

12. Approved Resolution 2012-125 authorizing Clayton County to enter into a Contract with the Georgia Department of Human Resources regarding the Children's Community Based Initiative and, in accordance therewith, accept grant funds (\$45,000.00 with no local match) for the Family Connection Collaborative Plan; to authorize the Chairman to execute the Contract, and otherwise to perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution; to authorize the Finance Director to amend the budget to reflect the appropriations and expenses relating thereto; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. Vote unanimous.

13. Approved Resolution 2012-126 providing for the establishment of the legal holidays to be observed by the government of Clayton County during the period of July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013; to request that all elected officials of Clayton County observe such legal holidays; to provide for the observance of a personal holiday to be selected by each county employee; to repeal conflicting resolutions; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. Vote unanimous.

14. Approved Resolution 2012-127 authorizing Clayton County to enter into a Contract with Language Line Services to provide telephone interpretation services for non-English speaking clients

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during court hearings and court-managed functions in the Juvenile Court; to authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement; and otherwise perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution; to authorize the Finance Director to amend the budget where necessary to reflect an appropriate revenue source and expense, all as may be required under the terms of the agreement; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. Vote unanimous.

15. Approved Resolution 2012-128 authorizing Clayton County to enter into a Promotional Agreement with the Clayton County Tourism Authority, providing for the terms and conditions under which proceeds derived from the hotel-motel tax will be utilized for the promotion of tourism in Clayton County; to authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement and otherwise to perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution; to authorize the Finance Director to amend the budget where necessary to reflect an appropriate revenue source and expense, and to transfer any required funds, all as may be required under the terms of the Agreement; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. Vote unanimous.

16. Approved Resolution 2012-129 authorizing Clayton County and The Geo Group to amend that certain lease agreement dated as of April 23, 2007 for the purpose of providing for a payment to the county in lieu of electric utilities; and to authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement and otherwise to perform any acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution; to authorize the Finance Director to amend the budget where necessary to reflect an appropriate revenue source and expense, all as may be required under the terms of the Agreement; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. Vote unanimous.

17. Approved Resolution 2012-130 authorizing Clayton County to enter into an Agreement with Georgia Power Company providing for the terms and conditions under which energy will be purchased by Georgia Power from Clayton County; to authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement and otherwise perform all other acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution; to authorize the Finance Director to amend the budget as necessary to reflect an appropriate revenue source and expense, all as may be required under the terms of the Agreement; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. Vote unanimous.

18. Approved Resolution 2012-131 authorizing Clayton County to enter into an Affiliation Agreement and Contract for services on behalf of the Clayton County Juvenile Court with the Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocate Association (CASA) to accept grant funds (\$38,249.03 with no match required from Clayton County) and to set forth the terms and conditions under which the grant funds will be utilized; to authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement and Contract for services, and otherwise to perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution; to authorize the

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Finance Director to amend the budget to reflect the appropriation and expenses relating thereto; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. Vote unanimous. (NOTE: Interim County Attorney Jack Hancock stated that this resolution was added to tonight's agenda on an emergency basis, with the emergency being that this resolution is required to be approved by the Board of Commissioners prior to the end of the fiscal year. Clayton County's fiscal year ends on June 30, 2012, and the Legal Office only received this Agreement after the agenda had been published.)

19. Approved an Order for Remission: State of Georgia v. Johnathan Ray McGhee and Anytime dba ABC South (2010CR002769-06, \$11,455.00). Vote unanimous.

Interim County Attorney Hancock requested that the Board conduct an Executive Session following the business meeting to discuss litigation matters. The Board generally consented to hold such an Executive Session.

20. The Board generally consented to delete an appointment to the Circuit Public Defender Supervisory Panel after Clerk Haywood indicated that no recommendation had yet been confirmed for this panel.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Paul Abraham, a county resident and Chairman of the Rex Village Association, stated he has been in the Rex, Georgia area for over twelve years. He and other Rex residents are very excited about the upcoming events regarding the memorial dedication of First Lady Michelle Obama's ancestry. The main goal in Rex Village is to add life and purpose to the area. Up to this point, Mr. Abraham said he and other residents have done a good job in cleaning up the area and keeping it free of crime. Since there are new businesses in the area, these upcoming events will encourage tourism there. He appreciated the Board's time as well as the positive direction in which these events will help Rex Village prosper.