

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Business Meeting  
7:00 P.M.

April 10, 2012

POST SUMMARY MINUTES

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 Dr. Leon Beeler of the Forest Park Ministers' Association in Clayton County. Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Chairman Bell.
3. Amended the agenda by adding an emergency request to be presented by Theodis Locke, Interim Director of Central Services/Risk Management, under item #6 (Request to Repair the Justice Center Elevator used for prisoners and to waive the sealed bid requirement); adding Resolution 2012-73 (Authorizing Clayton County to amend its agreement with Vermont Systems, Inc., providing for the terms and conditions under which credit card transaction fees will be charged); and adding Resolution 2012-74 (Authorizing Clayton County to enter into a Class Partial Settlement of the Class Action Lawsuit against Online Travel Companies in *City of Rome, Et. Al. v. Hotels.com, Et. Al.*). Clerk Haywood also noted that Dennis Johnson, Budget Manager, would be acting in Finance Director Angela Jackson's stead tonight and the Executive Session will pertain to a personnel matter. The agenda was adopted, as amended, as all commissioners had copies before them. Vote unanimous.
4. Approved the April 3, 2012 Regular Business Meeting minutes. Vote unanimous.
5. PROCLAMATION: "Clayton County Observes Month of the Young Child" (presented by Chairman Eldrin Bell to "Birth-to-Five" Health Team members Nicole Wilson; Early Intervention Coordinator, Martha Castillo; Public Health Nurse Specialist/Children's Medical Services Coordinator, and Twanna Nelson; Outreach Specialist).

NOTE: A group photo was taken of the honorees, and Clerk Haywood read the proclamation for the benefit of the honorees and audience.

6. Theodis Locke, Interim Director of Central Services/Risk Management, presented the following items which resulted in these actions. (NOTE: The Board voted on both items at once.)
  - 1) Approved a proposal (RFP #11-43; 2/28/12) for Sports Photography Services for Clayton County Parks and Recreation Program/Annual Contract, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. The recommendation is to award a contract to Score Photo, Inc., located in Kennesaw, Georgia – renewable for two (2) additional one (1) year periods. This was the only responsive bidder, with a score of 491, and a cost per photo package of \$17.75. Vote unanimous.
  - 2) Approved a request for the Justice Center Main Prisoner Elevator repair emergency purchase. The recommendation is to waive the sealed bid requirement and contract the repair of the equipment with Premier Elevator Company, Inc., located in Stockbridge, Georgia, at a cost of \$36,320.00. Monies are available through the Justice Center Repair & Maintenance Fund. Vote unanimous.

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7. Dennis Johnson, Budget Manager, presented one (1) item to the Board which resulted in the following action:

1) Approved Budget Amendment #2-28/Economic Development/FYE 6-30-12, in the amount of \$22,500.00, to pay Clayton County's portion of a contract with Georgia Tech to develop a Strategic Economic Development Plan in cooperation with the Development Authority, Clayton Chamber, and Clayton State University. Vote unanimous.

8. Renee Bright, Director of Human Resources, brought forth the following request which resulted in this Board action.

1) Approved a "Request to Fill Vacancies" for the below listed positions:

POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	SALARY GRADE	SALARY
Bus Driver	Senior Services	P/T	\$9.00/hour
Library Aide	Library	Seasonal	\$7.76/hour
Probate Court Clerk II	Probate Court	P/T	\$9.69/hour
Accounting Technician	Finance	15	\$29,136.00

Vote unanimous.

Chairman Bell recognized the presence of several Clayton State University students and Mayor Willie Oswalt of Lake City, Georgia in the audience.

9. Approved Resolution 2012-65 authorizing Clayton County to enter into a merchant application with Elavon, Inc. providing for the terms and conditions under which services will be rendered as they relate to the acceptance of credit card payments by certain County departments and agencies; to authorize the Chairman to execute the application and otherwise to perform all other acts necessary to accomplish the intent of the 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; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. Vote unanimous.

10. Approved Resolution 2012-68 authorizing Clayton County to amend the 2004 SPLOST Program Management Services Agreement with Carter Goble Lee to add Program Management Services for the Lovejoy Recreation Center project; to authorize the Chairman to execute the amendment and such other documents as may be 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; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. **For the record, the cost of these services was amended from a fee of \$40,000.00 to a fee of \$30,000.00, as requested by Chairman Eldrin Bell and County Manager Wade Starr**

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**via a recent discussion with Carter Goble Lee.** Vote unanimous.

11. Approved Resolution 2012-69 authorizing Clayton County to convey a temporary driveway easement to the city of Riverdale through, over, and across county-owned property as set forth in the attached exhibits, for S. R. 85 pedestrian facilities; to authorize the Chairman to execute the easement 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, all as may be necessary; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. Vote unanimous.

12. Approved Ordinance 2012-70, an Ordinance to amend the Code of Clayton County, Georgia, as amended, specifically, Code of Clayton County, Georgia, Part II, Chapter 70 "Personnel," Article VIII "Political Activity," by deleting Section 70-264 and Section 70-265 and insert in lieu thereof new language as provided herein; to repeal conflicting laws, ordinances, and resolutions; to provide for severability; to provide an effective date of this ordinance; and for other purposes. Vote unanimous.

13. Approved Ordinance 2012-71, an Ordinance to amend the Clayton County Civil Service Rules and Regulations, as amended, specifically to delete Rule 3.110.5 "Political Activities, Prohibited"; to delete Rule 3.110.6 "Violation," and to insert in lieu thereof new language as provided herein; to delete Article VIII "Political Activity"; to repeal any and all conflicting laws, ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations; to provide for severability; to provide an effective date of this ordinance; and for other purposes. Vote unanimous.

14. Approved Resolution 2012-72 authorizing Clayton County to enter into an agreement with Foster & Foster, P.C. for services to be rendered to the Tax Commissioner of Clayton County in conducting tax sales and to establish a fee structure for outside counsel employed by the County to handle legal matters on its behalf; to authorize the Chairman to execute any documents necessary 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; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. Vote unanimous.

15. Approved Resolution 2012-73 authorizing Clayton County to amend its agreement with Vermont Systems, Inc., providing for the terms and conditions under which credit card transaction fees will be charged; to authorize the Chairman to execute the amendment 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, all as may be required; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. Vote unanimous.

16. Approved Resolution 2012-74 authorizing Clayton County to enter into a Class Partial Settlement of the Class Action Lawsuit against Online Travel Companies in City of Rome, Et. Al. v.

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Hotels.com, Et. Al.; to authorize the Chairman to execute the settlement 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, all as may be required; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other expenses. Vote unanimous.

Interim County Attorney Jack Hancock requested an Executive Session to be conducted on a personnel matter. The Board generally consented to do so.

17. Accepted a street light petition for Lee's Ridge Subdivision (Tara Road) in District #3 (Vice-Chairman Wole Ralph). Vote unanimous.

18. Accepted a street light petition for Sweetbriar @ Lake Jodeco Subdivision (Sweetbriar Trace/Liverpool Street) in District #4 (Commissioner Michael Edmondson). Vote unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Thomas Houston, a 20-year county resident and Commission District 2 candidate, stated he had witnessed many decisions that were counterproductive to the growth of Clayton County. He specifically expressed dissatisfaction with the overall management of the budget and the approach taken toward making decisions for the county. Examples given were the Board's 3-2 vote to approve last year's budget (which he felt was detrimental to the county); the Board's 3-2 vote to approve raising the county's property taxes by 34%; and the \$4 million over budget overtime payment in the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Houston believed the budget could have been balanced without implementing these measures. He suggested that the county model its budget after other jurisdictions/corporations that have decided to make appropriate one (1)-year and three (3) to five (5)-year budget plans.