

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Business Meeting
7:00 P.M.

January 19, 2010

POST SUMMARY MINUTES

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

1. Chairman Bell called the meeting to order.
2. Invocation led by Dr. Leon Beeler of Gateway Restoration Church in Morrow, Georgia. Before the pledge of allegiance to the flag, Chairman Bell and Commissioner Hambrick requested that everyone observe a “moment of silence” in memory of the loss of Davin Redmond, a football player and senior at North Clayton High School, who passed away in his sleep on Friday morning, January 15, 2010. The pledge of allegiance to the flag then followed, led by Chairman Bell.
3. Adopted the agenda, as all commissioners had copies before them.
4. Approved the minutes of the January 12, 2010 Regular Business Meeting.
5. Rod Gray, Director of Central Services, presented the following item which resulted in this action:
 - 1) Approved a request for a Hand Tools and Hardware Supplies Annual Contract (RFB #09-47; 11-10-09). This annual contract bid covers a variety of hand tools and hardware used by multiple departments.

Central Services has reviewed all bids and recommends a multi-award contract (consisting of eleven vendors) based on the lowest responsive bid per item as listed below:

VENDORS

ITEMS

AM Leonard
Piqua, OH

Section B: Item #2

Fastenal
Winona, MN

Section B: Item #19; #44; #47

GA Underground & Supply
Forest Park, GA

Section B: Item #9; #12

Jewel Tool of America
Brooklyn, NY

Section B: Item #4

Lesco, Inc.
Cleveland, OH

Section B: Item #23; #24; #62; #63

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MSC Industrial Supply Company
Mableton, GA

Section A: Item #6; #8; #9; #10
Section B: Item #1; #3; #10; #11; #20; #22; #30; #35; #36

Peoples Janitorial
Forest Park, GA

Section A: Item #1; #2; #4; #12
Section B: Item #17; #18; #21; #25; #27; #55; #56

Safety Products
Forest Park, GA

Section A: Item #13
Section B: Item #15

Swints Feed & Seed Supply

Section B: Item #5; #13; #16; #31; #32; #33; #41; #53; #54; #57; #59; #60; #61

HD Supply White Cap
Atlanta, GA

Section A: Item #7
Section B: Item #6; #14; #28; #37; #38; #39; #40; #50; #51; #52; #58

World Electric Company
Pompano Beach, FL

Section A: Item #3; #5; #11
Section B: #26; #29; #34; #49

6. Angela Jackson, Director of Finance, brought forward these requests which resulted in the following actions:

1) Approved Budget Amendment #2-76 (FYE 6-30-09), for the Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$43,061.00, to amend the budget to provide for additional medical service fees. Vote unanimous.

2) Approved Budget Amendment #2-77 (FYE 6-30-09), for Other General Government, in the amount of \$526,842.00, to amend the budget to provide for additional sanitation expense. Vote unanimous.

Chairman Bell questioned the reason for the increased sanitation expense of \$526,842.00. Ms. Jackson explained that this figure was a result of a reclassification by the auditors for FYE 6-30-09. Apparently, invoices came in near the end of the fiscal year. That amount needed to come out of the Landfill Fund and be shown as a sanitation expense.

3) Approved Budget #2-78, for the Landfill 710 Fund (FYE 6-30-09), in the amount of \$374,591.00, to provide funds for Depreciation and Land costs. Vote unanimous.

Chairman Bell asked for an explanation of the aforementioned amount for the Landfill. Ms. Jackson stated that this is a depreciation and land expense. She further stated that when

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equipment or land is purchased in the Landfill, it is shown in the asset account and never hits an expense account. The depreciation, therefore, has to be shown.

Commissioner Edmondson inquired about the amount being transferred from the General Fund. He wondered about the pluses and minuses. Ms. Jackson said he was right. An amount of \$345,665.00 is coming from the General Fund (Fund Balance) because the Landfill does not have a sufficient Fund Balance to carry the additional amount that is needed to cover the transfer.

If the depreciation does not come off the asset value, Commissioner Edmondson questioned if it came from the county's General Fund cash. Ms. Jackson answered no. Generally, it would come out of the Landfill Fund; however, because the present Fund Balance is not sufficient enough to cover that expense, it will be transferred from the General Fund to cover it. Assets are purchased from an asset account rather than an expense account, so the depreciation part is shown (from the purchase price) out of the Landfill.

4) Approved Budget Amendment #2-79, for Professional Services (FYE 6-30-09), in the amount of \$2,663,712.00, to provide funds for litigation claims and settlement costs. Vote unanimous.

5) Approved Budget Amendment #2-21, for the Parks and Recreation Fund (FYE 6-30-10), in the amount of \$70,000.00. This amount will amend the budget to allow the use of the Parks and Recreation Fund Balance to recondition football helmets, purchase uniforms, and replace fitness equipment at the Jim Huie Recreation Center. Vote unanimous.

6) Approved Budget Amendment #2-25, for Parks and Recreation, in the amount of \$3,677.00. This amount will cover the cost to remove Comcast cables from underneath the old Parks and Recreation Administration Building and extend them to the VIP Building. These funds are part of \$49,860.52 insurance proceeds received in FY-08. Vote unanimous.

7) Approved a Request for Refund – Clean-Up Bond, for Mr. Mike Bassett/Home Repair Services in Newnan, Georgia, in the amount of \$500.00. Vote unanimous.

8) Approved a Request for Refund – Clean-Up Bond, for Price Construction by Design in Flowery Branch, Georgia, in the amount of \$500.00. Vote unanimous.

9) Approved a Request for Refund – Clean-up Bond, for Stephen E. Redding of McDonough, Georgia, in the amount of \$500.00. Vote unanimous.

10) Approved a Request for Refund – Clean-up Bond, for Williams Construction in Lithonia, Georgia, in the amount of \$500.00. Vote unanimous.

7. Renee Bright, Director of Human Resources, submitted these requests for consideration which resulted in the following actions:

1) Approved a request from Mary Byrd, Director of Senior Services, to create a full-time Office Assistant Senior position in the Aging Grant Program at a Pay Grade 10

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(\$22,727.00 -- \$34,243.00). There will be no financial impact to the county because the funds are in the Aging Grant. The funds are already allocated in ORG #5803. Vote unanimous.

2) Approved a request to renew the county's Group Life Insurance policy that is offered through Standard Life Insurance Company to active, full-time employees, Department Heads, and Elected Officials. There will be an increase to the premium, and the cost to the county for Basic Life insurance is \$15,500.00 annually. The increase for Supplemental Life insurance for Department Heads and Elected Officials is \$2.50 per month and \$1.25 per month for Employees. These increases would be effective July 1, 2010. Vote unanimous.

3) Approve a request, from District Attorney Tracy Graham Lawson, to make payments to cover the furlough period of seven (7) State Employees in her office from December 9, 2009 through June 2010 from state forfeiture funds. This request will be handled by the Finance Department through a budget amendment process. Vote unanimous.

For the record, Chairman Bell stated that the Finance Director will be directed to make such budget adjustments as necessary to accomplish the request.

8. Approved Resolution 2010-19 providing for the establishment of the legal holidays to be observed by the government of Clayton County during the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. (NOTE: An amendment was made to this resolution to reflect that Thursday, December 23, 2010, will be added as a Christmas holiday.)

9. Approved Resolution 2010-20 authorizing a refund (\$5,271.68) of property taxes to Villages of Ellenwood for the tax year 2008. Vote unanimous.

10. Approved Resolution 2010-21 authorizing Clayton County to accept forfeited vehicles from Clayton County Police Department investigations; to authorize the Director of Central Services to effect the sale of said vehicles as surplus items (1995 Chevrolet Caprice, J0906282). Vote unanimous.

11. Approved Resolution 2010-22 authorizing Clayton County to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Department of Emergency Management and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to upgrade the Automated Fingerprint Identification System equipment as part of a Homeland Security grant. Vote unanimous.

12. Approved Resolution 2010-23 authorizing Clayton County to execute the Title V Permit Annual Compliance Certification for the Clayton County Landfill. Vote unanimous.

13. Approved Resolution 2010-24, a Resolution approving the adoption of an 18-month development plan for Gateway Village; approving a requisition to draw down monies from the project fund established as part of the issuance of the Development Authority of Clayton

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County, Georgia, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2005B (Gateway Village Project). Vote unanimous.

Grant Wainscott, Economic Development Director, briefly explained that the county currently has \$500,000.00 worth of bond proceeds that need to be used for hard development and planning costs for the property owned by the Clayton County Development Authority and Gateway Village. This 18-month plan will allow the county to move the project forward again by grading land and establishing a site master plan for the second phase of Gateway Village. Included in this plan is a designation for the conference center and hotel, and this resolution will facilitate a quicker response in the real estate market for a “pad-ready” site.

14. Approved Resolution 2010-25 providing for the establishment and publication of qualifying fees for each County office to be filled in the upcoming general primary and election. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Michael Smith, Chief Staff Attorney, requested an Executive Session following the meeting to discuss litigation.

Discussion Item:

1) Rainwood Apartments property – Development Authority’s request for BOC to consent for broker to show property.

Mr. Wainscott stated that in order to evaluate an asset of the Development Authority (Rainwood Apartments Complex), the Authority is looking at prospects for future uses (which involves bringing a prospect on-site). To accomplish that, the Development Authority would like to accommodate a showing broker and allow that client to come on the property. The Board agreed to this request.

15. Reappointed Lloyd Joiner to the Clayton County Board of Health (per a request of Dr. Alpha Bryan, District Health Director). Vote unanimous.

16. Appointed Mr. Kevin Lewis of Ellenwood, Georgia to the Zoning Advisory Group to fill the unexpired term of Bob Hartley (Full Board/last appointed by Commissioner Singleton). Mr. Hartley moved out of the county. The term expires on 9-2-11.

17. PRESENTATION: Progress Report on Jail Kitchen (presented by Interim Chief of Staff Alex Cohilas).

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Chief Cohilas gave the Board an update on the progress that has taken place thus far at the Jail. He expressed that he had met with Sheriff Kem Kimbrough, his staff, and various county staff members, and they have conducted a thorough review of all the needs and challenges based upon the kitchen area. The good news was that the much anticipated kettles had arrived, and the installation process began on Friday (January 15, 2010) with a finish date of tomorrow (January 21, 2010). As a result, the problem that the Sheriff had in delivering hot meals will be resolved. Additionally, the county has started the process of getting general cost estimates for repairs. The Jail is working on a time line and a scope of work so the job can be done with the least amount of interruption to the Jail's ability to prepare approximately 6,000 meals a day. Per Chief Cohilas, the staff has been working very closely with the Sheriff to make great progress. He planned to have more definitive costs to present to the Board at the next Regular Business Meeting on February 2, 2010.

Commissioner Edmondson asked if the specific costs applied to the kettles or such items as flooring, sanitation machines, etc. Chief Cohilas replied that it includes everything from ceiling tiles to appliances. He acknowledged that it is a very comprehensive effort.

Commissioner Hambrick questioned if the costs would include roofing repairs. Chief Cohilas said there will be a roofing inspection because leaks have been reported.

Chairman Bell requested that Chief Cohilas meet with the Sheriff to determine a timetable for the entire Jail project. Chief Cohilas promised to have the timetable ready by the next Regular Business Meeting or sooner, if possible.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Kimberly Crossley, a Clayton County constituent, stated that the Board must work closely on the following issues:

- a. Secure jobs and job training for the chronically unemployed
- b. Develop land that is wasted land -- used for dumping garbage and debris on Riverdale Road (by observation)
- c. Build sidewalks on Riverdale Road (by observation)
- d. Secure street lighting and safe lighting, especially on Riverdale Road and throughout Clayton County (by observation)
- e. Stop the police car chasing in Clayton County, especially on Riverdale Road (children getting off school buses are at risk)

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- f. Stop foreclosures in the state and county
- g. Develop a Super WalMart/Pharmacy on Riverdale Road
- h. Build a youth recreation center; i.e., Boy's & Girl's Club, on Riverdale Road near North Clayton High School and West Elementary School

Ms. Crossley concluded that these issues must be part of a solution.

Chairman Bell asked Ms. Crossley to give her contact information to Clerk Haywood for a follow-up on her concerns. Ms. Crossley agreed to do so.