

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Business Meeting  
7:00 P.M.

February 16, 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 Apostle Nathaniel Jackson, Sr. of Faith Deliverance Christian Church in Morrow, Georgia. Pledge of allegiance to the flag led by Chairman Bell.
3. Amended the agenda by adding an item following item #17 as item #18 (Resolution 2010-60 – A Resolution by the Clayton County Board of Commissioners recognizing and supporting Southern Regional Medical Center’s Certificate of Need Application to offer open heart surgery); changing item #18 to item #19 (Appointments to the Clayton County Water Authority Board. The terms of Wesley Greene, Sr. [Commissioner Hambrick] and Lloyd Joiner [Chairman Bell] expire on February 28, 2010. New terms are for five [5] years; expiring on February 28, 2015); adding item #20 (Presentation by Jim Ritchey, Deputy Director of GRTA); adding item #21 (Resolution 2010-59 – Transferring the county’s interests in assets used for C-Tran to MARTA and GRTA; entering into an intergovernmental agreement to carry out the terms and conditions expressed therein); adding item #22 (Resolution 2010-61 – An introduction of legislation in the Georgia General Assembly to fund public transit in Clayton County); and adding a presentation of a 2010 Georgia Recreation and Park Association public service award proclamation to Georgia Representative Glenn Baker of the 78<sup>th</sup> District following the approval of the minutes. The agenda was adopted, as amended, as all commissioners had copies before them. Vote unanimous.
4. Approved the February 9, 2010 Regular Business Meeting minutes. Vote unanimous.

PROCLAMATION: “Clayton County Recognizes Representative Glenn Baker for Receiving the 2010 GRPA Public Service Award.” (NOTE: Clerk Haywood read the proclamation for the benefit of the audience.)

Representative Baker thanked the Chairman and commissioners for their support in this kid’s outdoor event at the Clayton County International Park last fall. He stated that this was a county-wide event and the first of its kind in the state. Through the support of the Parks and Recreation Department, Board of Commissioners, and the community, kids from all over the county came to perform their talents and it was a fantastic event.

5. Rod Gray, Director of Central Services, presented these items which resulted in the following actions:

1) Approved a Request for Trebron Company, Inc. software services, as requested by the Information Technology Department. This request is to purchase Sophos Endpoint Security and Control, Sophos Pure Message for Lotus Domino AV only, and Sophos Enterprise consulting four hours remote support from Trebron Company, Inc., which is the sole source provider for this request, at a cost of \$26,000.00. This service will start on July 1, 2010 and run through June 30, 2011. Funds are currently available in the IT Department's budget. Vote unanimous.

2) Approved a Request for a bid (RFB Pkg. #09-46; 11/19/09) for the 2004 SPLOST Bridge Construction/Gardenwalk Boulevard Extension (constructing a bridge within the limits of the roadway project that is already under construction). T&D Director Jeff Metarko and his staff reviewed the bids for this project and recommend an award to Sunbelt Structures, Inc. located in Tucker, Georgia. This firm had the lowest bid of \$1,875,478.42. SPLOST funds are available for this project. Vote unanimous.

3) Approved a Request for a bid (RFB Pkg. #09-55; 12/18/09) for Reconstruction of Stop and Go Traffic Signals at Nine (9) Intersections along S.R. 138. T&D Director Jeff Metarko and his staff reviewed the bids for this project and recommend an award to Brooks-Berry-Haynie & Associates, Inc. located in Lawrenceville, Georgia. This firm submitted the lowest bid of \$1,161,473.10, and GDOT monies will fund this project 100%. Vote unanimous.

4) Approved a Request to pay supplemental costs regarding additional services for the SPLOST 2004 Construction of Gardenwalk Boulevard Extension from S.R. 85 to Upper Riverdale Road (RFB Pkg. #08-33; Purchase Order #08005686). Following review by Mr. Metarko and his staff, the recommendation is to grant an award to Lambert Sand and Gravel located in McDonough, Georgia. The original fee amount of \$8,058,319.50 will be increased to \$10,834,198.72 (an increase of \$2,775,879.22). Funding for this cost increase is available in the 2004 SPLOST Program. Vote unanimous.

5) Approved a Request to pay supplemental costs regarding additional services for the SPLOST 2004 Consultant Design Services and CEI Services for the Construction of Gardenwalk Boulevard from S.R. 85 to Upper Riverdale Road (RFP Pkg. #06-67; Purchase Order #07-4627). Chairman Bell stipulated that the Legal Office should check out this project. Vote unanimous.

Following T&D review, the recommendation is to approve this supplemental request of the awarded vendor, Gresham Smith and Partners located in Alpharetta, Georgia, to increase the revised contract original amount of \$892,875.00 (revised on 9/16/08 from the original amount of \$852,000.00) to \$1,331,146.00 (increase of \$438,271.00). Funding for this cost increase is available in the 2004 SPLOST Program.

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

1) Approved Budget Amendment #2-31 (FYE 6-30-10), for Parks & Recreation, in the amount of \$10,000.00, to move the remaining budget in the Therapeutic Division to the Parks and Recreation Administration Division, the Recreation Management Division, the Virginia

Burton Gray Recreation Center, the Jim Huie Recreation Center, and the Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center – thereby eliminating the use of the Therapeutic Division. Additionally, employees assigned to the Steve Lundquist Aquatics Center will be moved to the Jim Huie Recreation Center. Vote unanimous.

2) Approved Budget Amendment #2-32 (FYE 6-30-10), for Parks & Recreation, in the amount of \$77,325.00, to reflect Recreation Program Fee revenue collected in excess of the revenue budget and increase the budget in the corresponding Recreation Program Expense accounts. Vote unanimous.

3) Approved Budget Amendment #4-36, for Reimposition SPLOST Projects (Fund 307)-SPLOST 2009/FYE 6-30-10, in the amount of \$10,000,000.00, to set-up the budget for Transportation and Development's current year operations. Vote unanimous.

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

1) Approved a Renewal of Medical Coverage with Kaiser Permanente HMO and Senior Advantage coverage for plan year June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011. In order to maintain current premiums, Human Resources recommends an increase to the Specialty physician copayment from \$25.00 to \$30.00 per visit. With no increased premiums for the new plan year, there is no impact to the budget. Vote unanimous.

2) Approved a Renewal of the county's Crime Policy through Travelers Casualty for the period March 1, 2010 through March 1, 2011 and to grant approval to the Finance Director to amend the budget as necessary. This policy protects the county from losses due to employee dishonesty, robbery, computer fraud, forgery, and other criminal acts. Vote unanimous.

8. Approved Resolution 2010 – 45 – Authorizing the County to approve the agreement for private misdemeanor probation services for the Superior, State and Magistrate Courts of Clayton County. The motion carried 4-1; Commissioner Hambrick opposed.

9. Accepted the **First Reading** of Ordinance 2010-49 – An Ordinance adopted under the Home Rule Powers granted to Clayton County pursuant to Article IX, Section II, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, amending the Clayton County Code of Ordinances, specifically relevant sections of the Clayton County, Georgia Public Employee Retirement System to allow married participants to name a beneficiary other than the participant's spouse for death benefits under the Plan.

10. Approved Resolution 2010-50 – Authorizing Clayton County to enter into a reimbursable agreement with the Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration, providing for the terms and conditions under which temporary tower services will be rendered to Clayton County. Vote unanimous.

11. Approved Resolution 2010-51 – Authorizing the acceptance of an award of \$8,000.00 from the United States Secret Service Organized Fraud Task Force (OFTF) to supplement and

enhance the joint investigations of the Clayton County Police Department and the OETF in a manner as will be in the best interest of the County. Vote unanimous.

12. Approved Resolution 2010-52 – Authorizing Clayton County to accept a Homeland Security Grant through the Georgia Department of Emergency Management (GEMA) in the amount of \$43,000.00 with no County matching funds, for explosive ordinance demolition equipment; to authorize the Police Department’s Bomb Unit to respond to explosive ordinance calls for assistance within GEMA area 7 pursuant to Georgia’s Mutual Aid Act (Official Code of Georgia Section 36-69-1, *et seq.*). Vote unanimous.

13. Approved Ordinance 2010-53 – An Ordinance to amend the Code of Clayton County, Georgia, as amended, specifically, Code of Clayton County, Georgia, Part II, Chapter 62 “Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions,” Article I “General,” by deleting Section 62-10 “Graffiti Abatement,” and Sections 62-10.1 “Definitions,” 62-10.2 “Prohibited Acts,” 62-10.3 “Graffiti Placement Penalty,” 62-10.4 “Notice to Remove Graffiti,” 62-10.5 “Penalties,” 62-10.6 “Enforcement” and 62-10.7 “Sign Permits,” and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 62-10.1 “Short Title,” 62-10.2 “Definition,” 62-10.3 “Prohibited Acts,” 62-10.4 “Enforcement” and 62-10.5 “Punishment for Violation.” Vote unanimous.

14. Approved Resolution 2010-54 – To amend the Code of Clayton County, Georgia, as amended, specifically, Code of Clayton County, Georgia, Part II, Chapter 22, “Businesses,” Article V “Pawnbrokers, Dealers in Precious Metals and Gems and Flea Market Operators,” Division 2 “License,” by deleting Section 22-201 “Required,” and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 22-201 “Required.” Vote unanimous.

15. Approved Resolution 2010-55 – To amend the Lake Spivey, LLC Preliminary Plat approval stipulations for 186.7 acres located in Land Lots 11 and 22 of the 12<sup>th</sup> District in Clayton County as approved April 24, 2008. Vote unanimous.

16. Approved Resolution 2010-56 – Requesting the Georgia General Assembly to adopt legislation designated in the County’s 2010 Legislative Package with the stipulation that Subsection 1 be stricken from the resolution. Subsection 1 read as follows: 1. General legislation to provide for the increase to or elimination of the cap on the percentage of sales tax that may be assessed in the state or in a county or political subdivision of the state, such that the County could legally assess a one per cent sales tax at Hartsfield Jackson International Airport in Clayton County Airport District to be used for transit projects in the county and in and around the airport such as the development of a people mover or other light rail system connecting the west, south, and east sides of the airport. The motion carried 4-1; Chairman Bell opposed due to the striking of Subsection 1.

17. Approved Resolution 2010-57 – Authorizing Clayton County to amend the Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council for FY-2010 providing for the delivery of indigent defense services under the Georgia Indigent Defense Act so as to change among other things, the manner in which the Governing Committee is selected, the qualifications to serve on the Governing Committee, and modify the Internal Operating Procedures that are in place governing the operation, responsibilities and duties of

panel attorneys regarding the requirements of attorneys serving on the panel. Vote unanimous.

18. Approved a Resolution by the Clayton County Board of Commissioners recognizing and supporting Southern Regional Medical Center's Certificate of Need Application to offer Open Heart Surgery; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. Vote unanimous.

**Order for Remission:**

Approved a request to authorize a refund to Anytime Bail Bonding, Inc., Surety in the total amount of \$66,640.50 in the case of State of Georgia vs. Eriberto Magana and Anytime Bail Bonding, Inc. (Surety). Vote unanimous.

19. Approved the appointment of Oscar Blalock of Rex, Georgia (Commissioner Hambrick) to the Clayton County Water Authority Board to replace Wesley E. Greene, Sr. New term is for five (5) years; expiring on February 28, 2015. Vote unanimous.

Chairman Bell requested to hold his appointment (Lloyd Joiner), but Vice-Chairman Ralph nominated Rodney Givens of Jonesboro, Georgia to replace Mr. Joiner. New term is for five (5) years; expiring on February 28, 2015. The motion carried 3-2. Chairman Bell and Commissioner Edmondson opposed. (NOTE: Following a Board debate on rules governing certain types of appointments, Mr. Givens' appointment will be subject to review by the legal staff to determine if a requirement exists for all five [5] commissioners to have a representative on this board. Vice-Chairman Ralph stated that if Mr. Givens' appointment is declared a violation, then his membership will be declared null and void.)

20. PRESENTATION: Jim Ritchey, Deputy Director of Georgia Regional Transit Authority.

Mr. Ritchey thanked the Board for allowing him the opportunity to discuss recommendations/actions for C-Tran, the county's public transit service. The C-Tran service currently operates five (5) routes, twenty-four (24) buses, and six (6) Para-Transit vehicles, but this Board has decided to terminate that service on March 31, 2010. In the process of disposing of C-Tran's service, Mr. Ritchey reminded the Board that GRTA has predicted the following county obligations:

- Lease on existing building is \$189,821.00
- Payments to be made to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) equal approximately \$1.8 million
- Transfer federal interest of \$1,597,896.00 – five (5) new buses to MARTA
- Retain six (6) Para-Transit buses for public use – \$0
- Retain three (3) service vehicles – repay \$32,992.00
- Scrap Breeze equipment – repay \$734,540.00 (this will probably not be useful)
- Overall Clayton obligation in the disposition of C-Tran is \$2,244,630.00

Mr. Ritchey alerted the Board that almost half of the people who presently use C-Tran commute to MARTA and get on the MARTA train. With a full termination of C-Tran service, GRTA

believes that many of these customers will come instead to ride the Xpress services that GRTA currently operates. He estimated that the most up-to-date demand would be for 3,400 riders that would attempt to use the Xpress services. Xpress now operates three (3) routes with peak day ridership of 1,200 riders, and there would be an estimated 500 seats available for C-Tran riders before severe overcrowding occurs (there will ultimately be a need for almost 3,000 daily riders). The challenge, however, is that without new routes Xpress services will be severely overcrowded. In order to meet the challenge, the following items must be addressed:

- New routes with 2,900+ peak period seats
- New routes must be commuter routes
- FTA must determine that new routes are eligible for Congestion Mitigation Air
- Quality program funds
- Must use existing equipment until equipment can be replaced with new coaches
- Clayton County funding must be less than or equal to costs to shut down service
- No Clayton County funding in future years
- No additional state funding this year
- No new FTA grants
- Ready to implement April 1, 2010

Mr. Ritchey admitted that the county's decision to basically liquidate service is as much as GRTA can handle right now. GRTA also acknowledges that the State of Georgia is in very serious financial condition, and it does not anticipate additional state funding for any of its services. In fact, GRTA is facing a very large budget reduction and all of its employees are facing furloughs. There are no new grants available; however, there are some existing grant funds. In the last grant, GRTA holds almost \$4.5 million of CMAQ funds. With all of this happening, Clayton has now decided that the last day of C-Tran service will be March 31, 2010. A new plan, therefore, must be in place by April 1, 2010. To significantly help riders commute to work from Clayton County, GRTA has prepared this tentative proposal:

- Three new Xpress Routes \*\*
  - Lamar Hutcheson Xpress Station in Riverdale to College Park MARTA Station (15-minute frequency) -- Some stops would go through the Gardenwalk area and apartment complexes there to the College Park MARTA Station
  - New Jonesboro Xpress Station (opening on February 22, 2010) to transition riders who currently park at the Justice Center to Lakewood MARTA Station (15-minute frequency)
  - Southlake Mall/Clayton State to Lakewood MARTA Station (30-minute frequency)

\*\* There will be some limited stops at major locations along these routes.

- No local service proposed
- Provides approximately 3,000 peak period seats to meet the demand
- Estimate about 1,600 average daily riders
- Requires 18 of the existing 24 C-Tran buses

- Operate from the existing Clayton County leased facility – CNG compressor may need work – will eventually use diesel – Move to new Xpress operating facility on Frontage Road in Forest Park at end of lease
- GRTA will try to hire some of the current C-Tran employees through GRTA's contract (hopefully about 50%)
- Re-brand C-Tran buses as Xpress – Replace buses with commuter coaches when eligible for replacement

Per Mr. Ritchey, this proposed plan requires that the FTA approve the transfer of funds (within the last grant that was approved by the FTA for GRTA) and permit GRTA to use those funds for operating assistance for the first three (3) years. Contingent upon the FTA approving this plan, GRTA would first of all request that the county take three (3) different actions as follows:

- Approve transfer of federal interest in five (5) 2009 buses to MARTA (GRTA is already the grantee and the GRTA Board has already approved it. Due to a sub-grantee agreement with the county, GRTA requests the county's authorization.)
- Authorize intergovernmental agreement with GRTA providing that:
  - Clayton County pays GRTA \$2,400,000.00 prior to March 31, 2010
  - Clayton County transfers ownership of 24 FTA funded buses and fare collection equipment to GRTA. GRTA will become fully responsible for the FTA grant requirements for this equipment.
  - GRTA, with the county and CMAQ funds and no other state funds, will establish three (3) new Xpress routes beginning April 1, 2010 (absent any GRTA funds).
  - Clayton County permits GRTA to use (through a sub-lease or use permit) the existing garage at 7535 Southlake Parkway, Jonesboro, GA provided that GRTA pays the monthly lease through the end of the lease contract.
  - GRTA would work to retain six (6) Para-transit vehicles and the three (3) service vehicles. (NOTE: GRTA pays FTA for the un-depreciated federal interest in the three (3) service vehicles.)
- After about two (2) years, the transit equipment will need to be replaced. GRTA believes the new Xpress services will be incredibly successful. Clayton County needs to direct the Atlanta Regional Commission and MARTA to make available to GRTA Clayton County's current and future allocation of 5307 formula funds for the maintenance and capital equipment for Xpress routes operated through Clayton County by GRTA. Part of these funds will be matched and can facilitate the coach replacement process.

Chairman Bell questioned the status of Para-Transit in GRTA's proposal.

Mr. Ritchey stated that GRTA has no provision for Para-Transit service.

Chairman Bell said it is currently reported that Para-Transit services approximately 400 people.

Mr. Ritchey stated he understood that Para-Transit does service approximately 400 people.

Chairman Bell asked if a significant portion of those persons included patients on dialysis.

Mr. Ritchey said yes, he understood some were on dialysis.

Chairman Bell said he and Mr. Ritchey had met with the FTA earlier. He wondered if it had responded to this issue. From what he recalled, the FTA had been somewhat speculative and cautious.

21. Approved Resolution 2010-59 – A Resolution expressing Clayton County’s intent to among other things transfer the county’s interest in assets used for C-Tran to the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority; to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Authority to carry out the terms and conditions expressed herein; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. The motion carried 4-1; Chairman Bell opposed.

For the record, Chairman Bell stated he opposed this resolution because it does not address Para-Transit. He would continue to plug away until the FTA approves or disapproves a provision for this type of service. It is unfortunate that this resolution leaves out the most critical part of the ridership – Para-Transit – and some people on dialysis will probably die without that service.

22. Vice-Chairman Ralph offered Resolution 2010-61 as a means of improving transit in the county, and the Board took the following action:

Approved Resolution 2010-61 – A Resolution requesting the introduction of legislation in the Georgia General Assembly to fund public transit in Clayton County; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. The Board of Commissioners hereby officially requests that Senator Emanuel Jones as Chairman of and on behalf of the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus introduce legislation in the 2010 Georgia General Assembly to provide a mechanism for full funding of operating and maintenance costs of the C-Tran public transit systems in Clayton County, Georgia. It also officially requests that the Legislative Black Caucus take appropriate legislative steps to accomplish the goals set forth herein, and to enact the legislation during the current 2010 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly. The motion carried 3-2; Chairman Bell and Commissioner Edmondson opposed.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Yolanda Buford – She was not present when her name was called.
2. Warren Townsend – He was glad to report that Chairman Bell had accepted an invitation to ride his bus on February 4, 2010. Mr. Townsend invited the other commissioners to ride the C-Tran bus as well. He knew that the commissioners made decisions about many issues, but they needed to ride with the people to ascertain what they are experiencing.
3. Kimberly Crossley – She urged everyone to fill out the 2010 U.S. questionnaire when it

arrives in the mail. Ms. Crossley emphasized that this is how the county gets its federal funding. Regarding C-Tran bus services, she believed all elected officials are held responsible and accountable for the people who so desperately need and deserve public transit.

4. Marvin Rasheed – He emphasized that he had been present for six (6) meetings on the C-Tran issue and nothing has been resolved yet. There are disabled people, students, and working class people who need transit to keep moving in this county. The people have offered the Board an opportunity to ride the bus with them to experience the transit cycle between going to work and going home. If the commissioners feel what the people experience, they will have a better understanding of what the people go through.

5. Benita West – She represented the Amalgamated Transit Union and the C-Tran workers. Describing what she heard tonight, she could only surmise that the Board is entertaining car dependent service only. Ms. West stated that all of the constituents who cared enough to come out let the Board know that they are carless transit riders. She strongly advised Commissioners Ralph, Singleton, Hambrick, and Edmondson to go against the decision they were about to make. Her comments had nothing to do with GRTA. The trips that GRTA quoted for the amount of money spent and the number of people serviced will be an injustice.

6. Roy Brown – There was no response from Mr. Brown.

7. Doris Cortese – She appreciated the opportunity to talk to the Board and expressed that Clayton County residents were very concerned about C-Tran. Ms. Cortese noted that she operated a facility known as Holly Tree that has a lot of residents whose only way to get to work is by bus. These people are bringing money into Clayton County and they are paying taxes in Clayton County. They are trying to do their best and their best includes being able to ride the bus. She concluded that without a bus they will not have a job or the things that they need.

8. Gary Frank – He stated that when the commissioners took the oath of office to uphold the law of the State and the United States, so be it that they ignored the Civil Rights Act. Since they ignored the Civil Rights Act, they will have to deal with the Federal Transit Administration and the NAACP. Mr. Frank felt that the commissioners were doing away with a service for the public. He reminded them that they are public servants, and it is nerve-wrecking to realize that taxpayer dollars pay them to make the undesirable decisions that they make without taking a chance to thoroughly investigate issues.

9. Ann Bohanan – She informed the Board about what is happening in the Lake Spivey area since it removed Stipulation #10 on the Lake Spivey Club. She understood that the stipulation limited it to one builder. Since the Board has totally removed that stipulation, she wondered if that meant any builder can build on that property. Ms. Bohanan also understood the Club was having only one other builder to come in.

Commissioner Edmondson responded that the Board did not remove that stipulation. It just modified it to extend it to two (2) builders exclusively and no others.

On another issue, Ms. Bohanan stated that a storm drain was installed on the property

behind her house. She also has an easement on the side of her house that comes from the street. Ms. Bohanan acknowledged that the drain was installed too high to carry the water off her property. This problem has been going on over a year now, and the Clayton County Water Authority had to put rocks in to alleviate soil erosion and the loss of twenty azaleas. She wanted that problem addressed before any more construction takes place behind her house. Ms. Bohanan acknowledged that she is one of the five (5) persons who had their golf course lots taken. Her father-in-law, who is now deceased, was also one of the five (5) and she is representing two (2) households tonight. Three (3) large pools of water have stood on that property since April 2009. The EPA was called in due to a tremendous mosquito problem and so far nothing has been done. Trees and limbs have been cut down and left; silk screen is laying on the ground and has not been put back up.

Chairman Bell asked Ms. Bohanan to contact his office tomorrow, and he would confer with Commissioner Edmondson to look at the problem and get it resolved.

10. Carolyn Upshaw – She expressed that she rides C-Tran every day. In 2003, the doctors told her that she would never walk again. Since she let her license expire in 2004, she is scared to drive and depends on the bus. Ms. Upshaw admitted that she did not depend on her children. If she ends up riding GRTA, it will not provide service on the weekends. Per Ms. Upshaw, she works any day of the week downtown on Spring Street. During the peak hours, no one can depend on GRTA. If she works until 8:30 p.m., she would be unable to get home because GRTA's last bus leaves at 7:35 p.m. Also, if she rode GRTA, she would have no way to get to the new parking lot at Arby's.

11. Phil Martin – Like everyone else, he desired what is best for Clayton County long-term. He hoped the county would look at all the ways it could cut costs so that it would be as efficient as possible with the monies it does have. One example that has been brought to his attention is whenever an ambulance is called, a police car and fire truck show up as well. Mr. Martin stated that whenever all those vehicles roll, that amounts to money, salaries, and vehicle wear and tear. All buses and vehicles have to stop and make way for them. He felt the county could save money by eliminating the extra public service.

12. Senator Emanuel Jones – He stated that his professional protocol would not allow him to respond to personal attacks that were made tonight. Senator Jones affirmed that he spoke for all citizens inside and outside this Boardroom who do not have a vote today. He was present to tell the Board that now is not the time to dismantle this system. For those who have sat here and said he should introduce legislation, he wanted to share that it had already been done (if they had checked). Under his name, anyone could see that transportation packages had already been submitted – not just this year, but in years past. There are some who talk about the State funding C-Tran but, the last time he checked, GRTA is a state-funded organization. There are some who talk about the State being a part of funding C-Tran, but he had to remind the Board that Clayton County voters passed a resolution to enact C-Tran in 2000 – not the State.

13. Herbert Adams – He stated that he was on the governing committee of the Indigent Defense in Clayton County. Mr. Adams asked other lawyers who served in this capacity to stand as well. Per Mr. Adams, these were just some of the lawyers; they were more than a hundred

strong in Clayton County – private attorneys who were willing to take appointed cases to represent poor people. He urged the Board to reconsider its vote earlier tonight and not to go forward with the resolution to amend the contract between the county and the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council. It is unnecessary and it is likely unconstitutional. For instance, Mr. Adams stated that for the Board to get immersed in the details of lawyers and the representation of their clients is wrong. For the Board to try to dictate where offices should be located and if they are listed with the State Bar is beyond the Board's control.

14. Michelle Phillips – She understood that a recession is going on all over the country, so she knew that the commissioners had a lot of pressure on their heads to deal with transportation. She stood today as a representative for the people who ride Para-Transit and are not being considered tonight. A lot of them tell her that they could not get out of the house except for Para-Transit. Many of them have lived in the community for twenty-five years or more, and their children and/or spouses are not at home to help them. They are worrying everyday about how they can get dialysis, which is not an option. It has to be done three (3) times a week or toxins will build up in their system, and they could literally die from not having what they need.

15. Nadine Graham – She admitted that she was not a resident of Clayton County or Georgia. As mentioned earlier, companies bring employees here – so she is employed with one of the largest airlines in the world (Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson International Airport). There are so many people who work at the airport who take C-Tran to work. Mr. Ritchey of GRTA never mentioned any of the Xpress stops going to the airport. For some reason, every bus that she gets on is full going to the airport. She did not know the number of people who work at the airport, but they use the bus to get there. Ms. Graham stated that crime will definitely go up in this county if there is no transportation for people to get to work. She understood that Chairman Bell is the only commissioner who voted for C-Tran. The only thing that the citizens have to do now is to find out when the commissioners' terms expire and show up to vote them out. If the people who replace them do the same thing, then she advised the citizens to just get rid of them.