

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Business Meeting
7:00 P.M.

July 13, 2010

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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. George Freeman, Senior Pastor of Jonesboro First United Methodist Church in Jonesboro, GA. Pledge of allegiance to the flag led by Chairman Bell.
3. Adopted the agenda of the July 13, 2010 Regular Business Meeting, as all commissioners had copies before them. Vote unanimous.
4. Approved the June 29, 2010 Special Called Meeting to Adopt the FY-2011 Budget minutes and the July 6, 2010 Regular Business Meeting minutes. Vote unanimous.
5. PRESENTATION: Clayton County Census Update (presented by Ms. Susan Burnore, Manager of the District Census Office in Stockbridge, Georgia).

Ms. Burnore stated she was present to give the Board an update on activities of the Census Office in Stockbridge, Georgia. Her office covers six (6) counties including Clayton, Henry, Rockdale, Spalding, Butts, and Newton. Although Ms. Burnore indicated that she did not have any additional data on the statistics being gathered throughout this area, she hoped to have some of that information ready within a month. Most of the data will be turned over directly to Congress and placed on the U.S. President's desk on December 31, 2010. The actual data that goes into redistricting will be available somewhat later. She was pleased to inform the Board that her office was absolutely delighted with the cooperation and participation of Clayton County in this process so far.

Per Ms. Burnore, the Board is aware that the mail-back participation rate is so important in terms of how much it costs to do the census. Clayton County finished up at 65%, a very good rate. That figure compares very well with other counties across the country, but it was somewhat lower than the state average of 70%. Overall, the Stockbridge District Office was happy with the 65% participation rate and most of the credit for that rate should be given to the Complete Count Committee in Clayton County. She also thanked Commissioner Singleton, who was very helpful, and the other commissioners who assisted as well. There is evidence of that help having a tremendous effect because, at the onset of the census mail-back period, Clayton County was lagging a great deal (roughly at a 50% return rate). Then the Complete Count Committee really kicked in with a lot of activities, advertising, and events which catapulted the mail-back participation rate up to 65%. Ms. Burnore acknowledged that other credit should be given to the participation of various partners, and the public reception on the door-to-door census phase that is being finalized right now. With the present state of the economy, the Stockbridge Census

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Office was worried about the type of reception the workers would get in this county as well as in the state and nation. She admitted that her office did not have nearly the amount of problems expected. Everyone is happy with the number of people who have opened up their doors and tried to help the census workers in any way possible. The follow-up of the door-to-door census phase involves going to any address from which the census office did not receive a completed questionnaire in the mail. Presently, the Stockbridge Census Office is involved in additional operations that will validate information received or activate a final attempt to get information that was not received. This is a time when the county's support is needed again because many people are saying they have already spoken to a census worker or mailed in a completed questionnaire form. There are many opportunities for things to go wrong and for information to be misunderstood; therefore, many redundancies and checks and balances are built into the process. Ms. Burnore emphasized that there are households that will be called on more than once, so patience and cooperation are encouraged. Her office is interested in ensuring that not only the quantity but the quality of information received is correct. That is why there are multiple census workers following up in various spots so that the same worker does not visit a household each time. Ms. Burnore affirmed that as far as her Stockbridge office field operation is concerned, the work will be wrapping up the first week in September 2010. Between now and then, her office will be validating information from individuals in homes as well as groups such as schools, nursing homes, hospitals, prisons, etc. She reiterated that her office intends to close in mid-September 2010 and she was very happy that her office employed almost 1,600 people during this operation. Since her office is in a close-down phase now, some people are being laid off and all of them will be laid off in September 2010. Ms. Burnore concluded that this is the information she had to present to the Board today, and she was grateful for the Board's support.

6. The Board considered two (2) requests of Rod Gray, Director of Central Services, which resulted in the following actions. (NOTE: The Board voted on both of these items at once.)

1) Approved a request to extend the original Aramark Senior Services Division Food Service agreement dated January 4, 2010 to September 30, 2010 (a six [6]-month temporary contract extension), as requested by Mary Byrd, Director of Senior Services. This extension is requested to allow ample time for the rebid and evaluation of a food services RFP. Vote unanimous.

2) Approved a request for Inmate Pay Phone Systems Annual Contract (RFP Pkg. #09-35). On January 5, 2010, the Board of Commissioners awarded a contract to Legacy International, Inc. located in Cypress, Georgia for Inmate Pay Phone Systems. There is mutual agreement to terminate this contract, which is in the best interest of the County and will allow the County to rebid the project. The County and Legacy International, Inc. will be obtaining mutual

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releases. This termination recommendation is supported by the Sheriff and will not affect the provision of Inmate Pay Phone Systems services available to the County facilities under the current vendor, Bealls. Vote unanimous.

7. Approved Resolution 2010-144 authorizing Clayton County to accept grant funds associated with the Library Services and Technology Act Grant (\$1,000.00) on behalf of the Clayton County Library System from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia; to authorize the Chairman to execute all necessary documents, 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, as all may be required; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. Vote unanimous.

8. Approved Resolution 2010-145 authorizing Clayton County to enter into a Cooperative Agreement providing for rural fire defense under the provisions of the Forest Fire Protection Act with the Georgia Forestry Commission on behalf of the Clayton County Fire and Emergency Services Department; to authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement on behalf of the County 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; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. Vote unanimous.

9. Approved Ordinance 2010-146, An Ordinance to amend the Clayton County Zoning Ordinance, specifically Article 4 "Special Districts"; so as to delete language contained in Sections 4.65 and 4.70 and insert in lieu thereof new language; to provide an effective date of this ordinance; to provide for repeal of conflicting ordinances; to provide for codification; to provide severability; and for other purposes. Vote unanimous.

10. Approved Resolution 2010-147, A Resolution to amend the Highway 138 Design Guidelines; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes with an additional amendment to be made on page 1 of these guidelines under A-1 Street Zones — Planting Strip/Street Furniture Zone (as noted by Commissioner Edmondson) to read as follows:

"Located adjacent to the travel lanes of local streets along the East side of Jonesboro, the planting strip/street furniture zone shall have a minimum width of 6 feet as measured from the outside edge of the curb. Along Highway 138 East of Jonesboro, the planting strip/street furniture zone should extend to 30 feet in width."

Vote unanimous.

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Chief Staff Attorney Michael Smith requested an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue following the Regular Business Meeting. The Board gave general consensus to hold an Executive Session afterwards.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Lisa Tinch stated she has yet to receive copies of text messages relayed among Commissioner Sonna Singleton, Vice-Chairman Wole Ralph, Commissioner Gail Hambrick, Chief of Staff Alex Cohilas, and Interim Director of Policy and Planning Wade Starr through an Open Records request. Additionally, she is now being evicted from her apartment because the county refused to pay the rent. Regarding the house that she had, she recently discovered that Senator Valencia Seay's company demolished it and she had been unaware of that fact. Ms. Tinch further stated that she is paying an FHA loan on her house for which she is responsible. Yet, she does not have a house and something is wrong with that scenario.

Being familiar with her situation, Chairman Bell informed Ms. Tinch that the issues she had raised are currently being handled by the county's Chief Staff Attorney (Michael Smith). Beyond what she had stated, Chairman Bell told Ms. Tinch that she would have to have a follow-up conversation with the attorney.

Ms. Tinch rebutted that this is a federal loan, and HUD did not know this house was gone. There was no code, no permit, and no demolition crew; nothing was done on this house before it was removed. She was frustrated because she has been requesting this information from Mr. Smith repeatedly and has never received it. Ms. Tinch stressed that it is not right for her to be evicted from her apartment when the county tore her house down. This action is unlawful and things of this nature should not be happening in the county. She was told that it was a Full Board vote; the commissioners should vote and put it back. Ms. Tinch indicated that she was really tired of moving her children from one place to another, and this issue has been going on for five (5) years. The money that they have spent on this house is over a half million dollars. (NOTE: At this time, Clerk Haywood alerted Ms. Tinch that her speaking time limit had expired.)

Chairman Bell thanked Ms. Tinch for her comments. He reminded her that this is a legal issue being handled by the county attorney. Chairman Bell then advised her to talk to Mr. Smith.

2. Matthew Talmadge expressed that he had appeared before this Board three (3) months ago with a request for seniors to have a prayer meeting at the Riverdale Senior Center. At that time, he was told that it was possible that they could hold such a service. Mr. Talmadge had also asked if the Board would have any objections, and there were none. This information should be in the commission meeting minutes. He had called the Board of Commissioners' Office several times and had talked to whom he believed to be the office manager once or twice. That

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individual had told him this matter would be going forward through a legal process. It has been three (3) months now, and he should have received a follow-up on whether it was approved or not approved so that he would have something with which to go forward.

Chairman Bell asked Mr. Smith if he were familiar with this issue. Mr. Smith responded yes, and his office would follow-up on the matter. He added that the Chief of Staff, Alex Cohilas, was aware of the request as well.

Mr. Talmadge questioned what the time limit would be.

Chairman Bell asked Mary Byrd, Director of Senior Services, if she were familiar with this request. Ms. Byrd answered that Chief Cohilas was researching this request.

Chairman Bell then relayed to Mr. Talmadge that Chief Cohilas was not present at this meeting; however, the matter was now in his hands. The Board would be expecting a response from him and Mr. Smith. He asked the Board if it had a time limit on the response from Chief Cohilas.

Mr. Talmadge interjected that he had seen Chief Cohilas in his office two and half months ago, and Chief Cohilas had asked his secretary to type up the request and forward it (to the appropriate person).

Chairman Bell understood Mr. Talmadge's dilemma and reiterated that neither Chief Cohilas nor anyone else was present tonight to speak with direct knowledge of the matter. He expected Chief Cohilas to follow through on it because the Board so directs him (within a reasonable period of time). Chairman Bell suggested that Mr. Talmadge call his office tomorrow so that he could give a better explanation after he had talked to Chief Cohilas.

3. Shellie Youhoing identified herself as a resident of Clayton County, Georgia. She recounted that Clayton County Law Enforcement kicked down her front door on March 2, 2010 and brutally attacked her in her home. Ms. Youhoing stated she and her son were held at gunpoint, and the officers murdered her baby (she was three [3] months pregnant at the time). She was then dragged out of her home, taken to the hospital, and arrested naked. Per Ms. Youhoing, she had requested an investigation of the incident. It is now four (4) months later, and she has not received any information. No one has been held accountable for this brutal murder and attempted murder against her and her son. There has been no decision within a four (4)-month period. She opined that this type of brutality in 2010 is not supposed to be happening in the U.S. or the State of Georgia. To have a door kicked down, to be held at gunpoint, to be brutalized, and to have a baby murdered should result in someone getting involved. Ms. Youhoing affirmed that she needed justice for the life of her unborn child. This incident occurring in 2010 is ridiculous. With all that happened to her, she was transported to the hospital naked with a male officer, not a female officer. Ms. Youhoing implored the commissioners to

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take action and she, as well as the people of Clayton County, needed an answer. The situation should never have happened, and her child is dead.

Chairman Bell stated he understood that the officers involved were from the Sheriff's Office. The county would notify the Sheriff that Ms. Youhoing had appeared before the Board with this request, and the matter will be completely turned over to the Sheriff. According to Chairman Bell, the Sheriff is a constitutional officer and is responsible for the actions of his staff.

Ms. Youhoing replied that the investigators came to a decision and turned over that information to Sheriff Kimbrough. The Sheriff, however, has not released this information. Instead he is on the television about an audit issue and not dealing with this situation. She reiterated that she needed justice, her child is dead, and this is a ridiculous situation in 2010.

Chairman Bell promised that there will be a follow-up with the Sheriff, the Chief of Staff, and Ms. Youhoing.

4. Maceo Williams voiced that "what is good for the goose is good for the gander" (as his mother used to say). That means changing the rules in the middle of the game to benefit one's self is a different type of ball game. He understood that the county's ordinance states that signs are not to be placed on the curb or right-of-way. Yet, he continues to see other people's signs (including the commissioners') on the side of the road. Mr. Williams admitted that he had received a ticket for up to \$1,000.00 for putting up one (1) sign, and he had not been in Clayton County for more than twenty minutes at that particular time. He did not think it was fair. Changing the rules in the middle of the game, whether one gets promoted to a position such as the Sheriff's Office or one eliminates departments to get rid of folks, is promoting one's self and is wrong bottom line. Mr. Williams said he just wanted the Board to know that he was in Clayton County on Sunday working for the churches as he normally does. He saw the signs out there and, from a national media perspective, he wanted the Board to know that everyone else will too.

5. Deja Parks shared that she was twenty years old with a liver disorder. Although she presently possesses a car, she has to vote for things that she will need in her future such as healthcare and social security. Ms. Parks stated that she was asking the Board today to add transit to its list of important items so that she will have transportation access – just in case she needs it in the future.

6. Pastor Jerome Dukes represented the voice of reason and God in the county. He believed that Clayton County is a great county, but his simple request was for the Board to vote for transit on the upcoming ballot to see what it will do for this county. When one looks at any great metropolis, Pastor Dukes stated it has to have a way of moving its citizens. Essentially, it is not just a means of moving citizens but a means of moving visions, concepts, and ideas and Clayton County needs to have that. From a historical perspective, public transportation moved from feet

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movement to person to person. There had to be a flip side because the territories became larger so, rather than take the products to the people, there could be a movement to take people to products. He felt that voting for public transit would enhance the county. Clayton County is presently on the go, going places, and moving fast, but his question was, "Are we there yet?" When the county does arrive at that point, there will be a realization that when one person is helped, everyone benefits. Pastor Dukes said he has had too many office calls from young and old alike who are unable to go to the hospital and pay extreme fares to get there. There have also been calls from young people who cannot get to college and university campuses. A lot of things have happened in the past, but he was looking forward to what can happen in the future.

7. Chris Grimes acknowledged that he was sixteen years old and was experiencing difficulty in finding a job this summer. He was also having a hard time moving from place to place with the loss of C-Tran in the county. Instead of being idle, Mr. Grimes said he made a decision to be pro-active. Since he is not old enough (to vote), he wanted the Board to promote and support transit in this county.

8. Tiera Smith, an eight (8)-year old, asked the Board to please vote for her until she was able to vote (to restore transit in the county).

9. Remia Gurvin, a ten (10)-year old, noted that many other counties have transit. She believed that Clayton County should have it too. Her request was for the Board to vote for her vision today so that her generation can have transit tomorrow.

10. Wayne Madden told the Board he had gone to a Fulton County election event today, and he described it as a "true travesty that kicked the can down the road." With Chairman Bell having served two (2) years of his second term, Mr. Madden proposed to challenge the newspapers to investigate all of the commissioners (excluding Chairman Bell) as well as Wade Starr (Interim Director of Policy and Planning), the Scotts (husband and wife team running for commission district seats), and Victor Hill (former county sheriff). He wanted the investigation to cover their finances and everything else for the public. Mr. Madden further stated that law suits will be coming their way, and it will cost a fortune for those running for election to get elected. He personally did not like the way Chairman Bell was being treated. Anyone who knows Chairman Bell realizes that he has a history. No one has been able to substantiate any wrongdoing that the Chairman has allegedly done yet, and a lie will never stand. Mr. Madden candidly concluded that the commissioners need to vote for transit in this county and to "quit playing."

Following the Executive Session, the Board reconvened in the Commissioners' Boardroom to make a motion to extend an offer to Eric Lacefield of Villa Rica, Georgia to be the Director of the Community Development Department. Vote unanimous.