

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Business Meeting
7:00 P.M.

July 20, 2010

POST SUMMARY MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Eldrin Bell, Commissioner Michael Edmondson, and Clerk Shelby D. Haywood.

ABSENT: Vice-Chairman Wole Ralph, Commissioner Sonna Singleton, and Commissioner Gail B. Hambrick.

NOTE: After calling the meeting to order, Chairman Bell announced that there would be a moment of silence in which everyone would stand (in lieu of an invocation). Afterwards, there would be a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Thereafter, Clerk Haywood would notify the audience of the presentation on the agenda (item #6/by Ms. Linda Baptiste of the U.S. Census Bureau to recognize the Complete Count Committee). If there were a quorum present at that time, the meeting would proceed with the agenda. Otherwise, Chairman Bell stated that he would remain to hear from the persons who had signed up for public comment and close the meeting.

Following the moment of silence and pledge of allegiance to the flag, Chairman Bell informed Clerk Haywood that the outlined county business agenda would be skipped tonight and the presentation by Ms. Baptiste would go forward. For the record, the skipped items were as follows: item #3 [Adoption of agenda]; item #4 [Approval of the July 3, 2010 Regular Business Meeting minutes]; item #7 [Consider requests of Rod Gray, Director of Central Services]; item #8 [Resolution 2010-148 – Authorizing Clayton County to enter into an amended project agreement, No. CCSFT-0008-00(768), PI No. 0008768, with the Department of Transportation, State of Georgia for the Woolsey Road shoulder improvements project]; item #9 [Ordinance 2010-149 – To amend Article IV, Civil Service Section 4-11 of the Clayton County Code of Ordinances]; item #10 [Resolution 2010-150 – Authorizing Clayton County to amend the Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council for FY-2011 providing for the delivery of indigent defense services under the Georgia Indigent Defense Act]; and item #11 [Resolution 2010-151 – Authorizing Clayton County to enter into Articles of Agreements with certain community charitable organizations, governmental agencies, and professional service providers located and conducting business in Clayton County].

Clerk Haywood added that the commissioners present had consented to defer item #5 [presentation of a proclamation recognizing Chuck Ware as a Recipient of the Martha Eaves Advocating for Positive Change Award in 2010] to the August 3, 2010 Regular Business Meeting agenda.

1. PRESENTATION: Recognition of the Clayton County Complete Count Committee (presented by Ms. Linda Baptiste, Partnership Specialist of the U.S. Department of Commerce/U.S. Census Bureau).

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Ms. Baptiste greeted Chairman Bell and Commissioner Edmondson and read into the record the following appreciation letter dated July 21, 2010 from George Grandy, Jr., Atlanta Regional Director of the U.S. Census Bureau:

Dear Clayton County Board of Commissioners Complete Count Committee,

This letter is to express appreciation for the support received from the Clayton County Board of Commissioners Complete Count Committee in helping the U.S. Census Bureau to achieve a complete and accurate census count in 2010. Conducting the decennial census is a massive and vitally important undertaking – one which the Census Bureau could only accomplish with the assistance and support of partners like you. We value the time and resources the Clayton County Board of Commissioners Complete Count Committee dedicated in helping to ensure a successful 2010 Census.

Your commitment to motivate the public to complete and return the census form will have a lasting impact. As a census partner, you can take pride in knowing that the civic involvement demonstrated by Clayton County Board of Commissioners Complete Count Committee helped ensure that the communities you serve are accurately represented in Congress and eligible for the funding needed for important community programs, services and facilities. The 2010 Census data will aid your community and government in making strategically and fiscally sound decisions to spur and sustain economic development and growth, and improve the quality of life in every neighborhood.

Once again, thank you for your contributions and unparalleled efforts to the 2010 Census to assure Georgia residents are accurately reflected in the 2010 Portrait of America. Your partnership is appreciated and we look forward to continued opportunities to work together in the future.

Sincerely,

/s/ Georgia Mandy, Jr.

Atlanta Regional Director

Ms. Baptiste concluded her presentation by thanking the Clayton County Board of Commissioners for assigning the Complete Count Committee. She then asked the Committee members to come forward and presented them with a plaque. Several group photos were taken of Chairman Bell, Commissioner Edmondson, Ms. Baptiste, and the Clayton County Board of

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Chris Gallagher voiced that when he first came to Clayton County, he received many promises from the Police Department about relieving crime and focusing on safety issues in his residential area (which just turned out to be basically “lip service”). Since Interim Police Chief Tim Robinson has taken over the Police Department, Mr. Gallagher stated he has seen a dramatic increase in public safety. Crime is now down and enforcement of speeding/traffic violations is steadily being addressed. He described the Police Department as doing an excellent job. Mr. Gallagher hoped that the Board would consider making the Interim Police Chief position for Tim Robinson a permanent one because he liked what he is seeing under Robinson’s oversight.

2. Wayne Madden expressed that today was a “bitter-sweet” day for him. He was in downtown Atlanta last weekend and did not realize that former Representative Billy McKinney’s funeral was going to be on Monday. Mr. Madden added he was aware that Chairman Bell considered him as a close friend. He went on to say that he recalled a lady complaining at the last business meeting about being pulled out of her house naked by policemen during an arrest. That incident disturbed him, and he had also heard a similar story from another black woman who was dragged out of her home by a black police officer. This woman stated she had informed the former black police chief (Jeff Turner) about the occurrence, and he did not do anything. Mr. Madden noted that he recently read in the newspapers that Mr. Turner has retained a lawyer to address some of his concerns. He requested that the Board look into setting up a council on county risk aversion due to the expense of so many lawsuits. Mr. Madden also stated he was disturbed about the past conduct of Victor Hill and Jewell Scott, and why they had recently run for political offices. The public needs to be educated. He opined that these people are just trying to embarrass Chairman Bell during his last two years, and he was tired of it. From now on, he was going to stand up for what is right.