

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Business Meeting
7:00 P.M.

September 7, 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 Major Wally Woodcock, Chaplain of the Clayton County Police Department. Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Chairman Bell.
3. Approved the adoption of agenda.
4. Approved the August 17, 2010 Regular Business Meeting minutes.
5. PRESENTATION: Update on the Clayton County Neighborhood Stabilization Program (presented by Mickie Williams, NSP Manager).

Ms. Williams thanked the commissioners for allowing her to speak tonight and for supporting the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. According to Ms. Williams, many other counties have not been as fortunate. She expressed relief because her organization has now reached its goal. Ms. Williams then provided the commissioners with the following update on the Clayton County NSP:

- Clayton County received a \$9,732,126.00 HUD grant approximately 18 months ago. The purpose of the grant was to acquire, rehabilitate, and resell foreclosed homes. Those monies could also be used to provide mortgage assistance for owner occupants (non-rental properties) in the range of \$5,000.00 to \$20,000.00. This grant amount, however, had to be obligated by September 3, 2010.
- Clayton County now has 114 homes and will soon have 114 new homebuyers who can be called "citizens of Clayton County." Many persons have moved in from outside the county while others have moved from inside the county.
- These rehabilitated homes are located in every district of Clayton County; therefore, each commission district has been covered.
- Home prices range from \$55,000.00 to \$126,000.00. Some of the neighbors are selling their homes between \$150,000.00 to \$225, 000.00, so these NSP homes are definitely affordable.
- Homebuyers range in age from 23 years to over 55 years of age. The county's oldest homebuyer is 80 years old.

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- NSP targeted buyers receive \$20,000.00 in mortgage assistance. Targeted buyers include police, firefighters, teachers, medical personnel, and military members.
- NSP began with four (4) Asset Management Teams that were selected through a Request For Proposal (RFP) process: 1) National Property Institute, LLC; 2) Renewal Works, LLC; 3) Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity; and 4) Strategic Holdings, LLC.
- NSP has now obligated over \$10,800,000.00, which consists of the original grant of \$9,700,000.00 plus \$1,100,000.00 in Program Income. The program is designed in such a way that all the funds will be revolved back into the county to be reused.
- The Neighborhood Stabilization Program has created work for over 1,300 people. At least twelve (12) people worked on each house, so the figure of 12 was projected over 114 houses. According to NSP records, that number may be somewhat low. As a result, over \$68,000,000.00 was leveraged in Clayton County and nearby areas.
- In review, NSP has now obligated \$10,800,000.00 in funds; received 114 new home owners who are currently in or about to acquire new homes; leveraged \$68,000,000.00 in dollars; created 1,300 work opportunities for local citizens, and completed the task in seven (7) months.
- The greatest rewards of NSP have been notes such as these from a new homebuyer: “It is with sincere gratitude that I write to express my deepest appreciation to you, your staff, and the entire Clayton County NSP Program from making my dream of home ownership a reality. Thank you very very very very much!!!!”

With an average of 900 foreclosures a month in Clayton County, Ms. Williams stated that the NSP is looking at new resources to address them as well. She again thanked the commissioners for their support of the NSP.

Chairman Bell thanked Ms. Williams, her asset teams, and support staff for their diligent efforts in making NSP a success in Clayton County. The commissioners and audience then gave them a rousing applause.

6. PROCLAMATION: “Clayton County Recognizes Successful Neighborhood Stabilization Partnerships” (presented to the National Property Institute, LLC; Renewal Works, LLC; Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity; and Strategic Holdings Group, LLC). (NOTE: Clerk Haywood read the proclamation for the aforementioned teams. A “surprise proclamation” was presented to Mickie Williams for her leadership role in making the Neighborhood Stabilization Program a success. Individual/Group photos were taken afterwards.)

7. Barbara Whitton, Central Services Purchasing Administrator, presented the following items which resulted in these actions. (NOTE: The Board voted on all of these items at once.)

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1) Approved a bid request for a Clayton County Jail Walk-in Storage Freezer (RFB Pkg. #10-23; 7/13/10). The recommendation from Building and Maintenance is to award the contract to Citisco Food Service, located in Gainesville, Georgia, with the lowest fee of \$63,963.00. Vote unanimous.

2) Approved a purchase requisition (P.R. #355) to buy a PX 6.4 Base System X-Ray Machine and accessories. The recommendation is to purchase these items from L3 Communications Security & Detection Systems, located in Woburn, MA. Utilizing State Contract XGSA: GS-07F-9059D, the purchase amount will be \$57,384.00. Funds are available from the General Fund (already allocated in the budget). Vote unanimous.

3) Approved a purchase requisition (P.R. #374) for a PX 231 Base System X-Ray Machine and accessories, as requested by the Sheriff's Office. The recommendation is to purchase this equipment from L3 Communications Security & Detection Systems, located in Woburn, MA, in the amount of \$43,487.00 (State Contract #GSA: GS-07F-9059D). Funds are available from the General Fund (already allocated in the budget). Vote unanimous.

4) Approved a purchase request for IBM Blade Servers, as requested by Interim Chief Tim Robinson of the Police Department. The recommendation is to purchase the servers from Cpak Technology Solutions, located in LaGrange, Georgia, utilizing State Contract #SWC90813, in the amount of \$72,649.00. Funds are available in the E911 Fund. Vote unanimous.

5) Approved a purchase request for an IBM Storage Area Network, as requested by Interim Chief Tim Robinson of the Police Department. The recommendation is to purchase this network from Cpak Technology Solutions, located in LaGrange, Georgia, utilizing State Contract #SWC90813, in the amount of \$63,882.00. Funds are available in the E911 Fund. Vote unanimous.

6) Approved a purchase request for CAD Dispatch Software Upgrade and services, as requested by Interim Chief Tim Robinson of the Police Department. The recommendation is to enter into a contract with SunGard Public Sector, Inc., located in High Point, North Carolina. SunGard Public Sector, Inc. is the sole source provider for this required upgrade. The total cost is \$636,025.00, with an annual maintenance fee of \$148,834.00. Funds are available in the E911 Fund. Vote unanimous.

7) Approved a purchase request for Fault Tolerant Servers, as requested by Interim Chief Tim Robinson of the Police Department. The recommendation is to enter into a contract with Stratus Technologies, located in Maynard, Massachusetts. Stratus Technologies meets the minimum required specifications for the system, and this company is the sole distributor of this product and services. The total cost is \$161,880.92, with an annual maintenance fee of \$24,744.00. Funds are available in the E911 Fund. Vote unanimous.

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8) Approved a purchase request for an upgrade to the E911 phone system, as requested by the Clayton County Police Department. The recommendation is to purchase the required hardware and software upgrades, training and engineering services, installation and Year 1 support from Motorola at a total cost of \$1,556,522.82. Additional funds may be required to cover the negotiated insurance and bond fees as required by the County. Funds for this project are available in the E911 Fund. Vote unanimous.

9) Approved a purchase request for an upgrade to the E911 recording system, as requested by the Clayton County Police Department. The recommendation is to purchase the required software upgrade from NICE, located in Wake Forest, North Carolina, at a total cost of \$29,800.00. This upgrade will be purchased as a sole source in order to tie into the existing system and avoid total replacement costs. Funds for this project are available in the E911 Fund. Vote unanimous.

8. Angela Jackson, Director of Finance, presented the following items which resulted in these actions. (NOTE: The Board voted on all of these items at once.)

1) Approved a Request for Budget Amendment #2-54 (FYE 6-30-10), from Various Departments, in the amount of \$291,037.00, to cover additional salary expenses in various departments and decrease unused salary expenses. Vote unanimous.

2) Approved a Request for Budget Amendment #2-55 (FYE 6-30-10), from Various Departments, in the amount of \$2,662,638.00, to cover additional expenses in various departments and decrease unused salary expenses. Vote unanimous.

3) Approved a Request for Budget Amendment #2-56 (FYE 6-30-10), from the Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$1,249,942.00, to cover additional Sheriff's Office expenses and decrease unused budgeted expenses. Vote unanimous.

4) Approved a Request for Budget Amendment #2-57 (FYE 6-30-10), from Parks & Recreation, in the amount of \$90,965.00 (General Fund) and \$58,396.00 (Parks & Recreation Fund), to cover additional Parks & Recreation expenses and decrease unused budgeted expenses. Vote unanimous.

5) Approved a Request for Budget Amendment #2-58 (FYE 6-30-10), from Economic Development (FYE 6-30-10), in the amount of \$25,537.00, to cover Economic Development expenses and decrease unused budgeted expenses. Vote unanimous.

6) Approved a Request for Budget Amendment #2-62 (FYE 6-30-10), from the Law Library/290 Fund, in the amount of \$33,132.00, to provide for additional salaries, fringes, telephone, and subscriptions. Vote unanimous.

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7) Approved a Request for Budget Amendment #2-63 (FYE 6-30-10), from the Federal Narcotics Fund, in the amount of \$32,244.00, to cover additional service fees, building expenses, equipment, and travel expenses. Vote unanimous.

Approved a Request for Budget Amendment #2-65 (FYE 6-30-10), from the CCBOC Medical Self-Insurance Fund, in the amount of \$505,404.00, to transfer funds to cover additional fees and insurance. Vote unanimous.

8) Approved a Request for Budget Amendment #2-66 (FYE 6-30-10), from the Street Lights Fund, in the amount of \$121,590.00, to reflect collection of prior year property tax income in excess of the budget and to cover additional wages, electric costs and repairs and maintenance for the E911 Fund. Vote unanimous.

10) Approved a Request for Budget Amendment #2-68 (FYE 6-30-10), from the Landfill Fund, in the amount of \$8,939.00, to cover additional wages for the Landfill Fund. Vote unanimous.

11) Approved a Request for Budget Amendment #2-69 (FYE 6-30-10), from the C-Tran Mass Transit Fund, in the amount of \$6,080,851.00, to cover additional expenses for the C-Tran Mass Transit Fund and decrease unused budgeted expenses. Vote unanimous.

12) Approved a Request for Budget Amendment #2-1 (FYE 6-30-11), from Parks & Recreation, in the amount of \$9,500.00, to move the budget originally allocated to the Tennis Center to International Park. Vote unanimous.

13) Approved a Request for Budget Amendment #2-3 (FYE 6-30-11), from the Federal Narcotics Condemnation Fund, in the amount of \$28,140.00, to cover the cost for construction of a secured storage facility for Narcotics evidence. Vote unanimous.

14) Approved a Request for Budget Amendment #2-4 (FYE 6-30-11), from the Emergency Telephone System Fund, in the amount of \$5,695.00, to allow for the purchase of Critical Personnel Selection software. Vote unanimous.

15) Approved a Request for Refund – Certificate of Occupancy for Anthony Hackett of Jonesboro, Georgia, in the amount of \$85.00. Vote unanimous.

9. Renee Bright, Director of Human Resources, submitted the following item which resulted in this action:

1) Approved a Request to conduct a Dependent Verification Audit for all health/medical plans (medical, vision, and dental). Vote unanimous.

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On average, healthcare plans spend \$2,500.00 each year for dependents covered under the plan. A dependent verification audit will allow the County to determine that it is covering eligible dependents. A dependent verification audit will also determine whether dependents are eligible for coverage. The Human Resources Department proposal allows an amnesty period whereby employees can request to remove dependents without penalty. This phase will be followed by a verification phase in which documentation will be required to prove all dependents are eligible. If an employee fails to remove an ineligible dependent(s) during the amnesty period or knowingly submits false information for enrolled dependents during the verification phase, one or more of the following may occur:

- The ineligible dependent(s) will be removed from the healthcare plan.
- The employee may be subject to disciplinary action.
- The coverage for the employee and remaining eligible dependents may be cancelled.
- The employee may be responsible for any claims paid during the period the ineligible dependent was covered.

If it is determined a violation has occurred, the Board of Commissioners will be briefed and will make the final determination regarding what action to take.

For every ineligible dependent removed from the healthcare plan, the County will realize savings from claims and possibly premiums (it is difficult to estimate an actual costs savings at this point).

Commissioner Edmondson stated that he understood and supported the Dependent Verification Audit. He wondered, however, if Human Resources would bring back a plan amendment to allow for amnesty days or if this request were broad enough in scope that such a plan amendment would not be necessary.

Ms. Bright answered that she could come back to the Board once she determines how many ineligible dependents the County has.

Mr. Smith added that this request would not require a plan amendment. What has to be decided is how the County will take action on the ineligible dependents once that number has been determined and brought back to the Board.

Commissioner Edmondson surmised that employees would be in compliance of the existing plan, and the existing plan does not allow for an amnesty day.

10. Approved Resolution 2010-181 authorizing a refund of tax sale proceeds to Greyfield Resources, Inc. (Parcel No. 12204B B001; \$15,000.00). Vote unanimous.

11. Approved Resolution 2010-182 authorizing Clayton County to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cooperative Extension and the Office of the Vice President for Public

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Service and Outreach on behalf of the University of Georgia (“UGA Partners of Archway Partnership Project”) providing for the terms and conditions under which the development and implementation of the Clayton County Archway Partnership Project will be administered. Vote unanimous.

12. Approved Resolution 2010-183 authorizing Clayton County to enter into a right-of-way acquisition contract with the Department of Transportation, State of Georgia providing for the terms and conditions under which right-of-way will be acquired for the C.W. Grant Parkway Grade Separation Project, No. STP00-0001-00-(817). Vote unanimous.

13. Approved **Orders for Remission:** State of Georgia v. Amir Abdul Ali and ABC South Bonding Company (Surety) (2008CR14648-B) for \$6,900.00 and State of Georgia v. James Lyndon Andrews and Anytime Bail Bonding, Inc. (Surety) (2009CR05517-FF) for \$2,992.50. Vote unanimous.