

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Business Meeting
7:00 P.M.

September 11, 2012

POST SUMMARY MINUTES

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

1. Chairman Bell called the meeting to order.
2. Invocation was led by Reverend Charles Grant of the Forest Park Ministers' Association in Forest Park, Georgia. Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Chairman Bell.
3. Adopted the agenda without added amendments. Vote unanimous.
4. Approved the September 4, 2012 Regular Business Meeting minutes. Vote unanimous.
5. PROCLAMATION: "Clayton County Recognizes Constitution Week" (presented by Commissioner Michael Edmondson).
6. Theodis Locke, Interim Director of Central Services/Risk Management, presented one (1) item which resulted in the following board action:
 - 1) Approved a contract for a variety of filters used by departments county-wide, as requested by the Building and Maintenance Director. The Director of Building and Maintenance recommends to award a contract to Pure Air, located in Greenwood, Mississippi, whose firm is the lowest overall bidder. The contract would be renewable for two (2) additional one (1) year periods. Vote unanimous.
7. Angela Jackson, Director of Finance, made a statement about the County's credit rating from Moody's Investors Service. Ms. Jackson said that on August 29, 2012, Moody's rated the County "Aa2," and said that the rating incorporates the County's sizeable tax base, close proximity to a major metropolitan area, a satisfactory financial position supported by adequate reserves and a modest debt burden with no current plans to issue additional debt. Moody's also stated that the County finished FY-2011 with a general fund operating surplus marking the second consecutive year of general fund reserve growth, driven largely by conservative budgeting practices with the County recognizing savings in almost every expenditure category.

Ms. Jackson continued her statement, pointing out that Standard and Poor's Rating Services (S&P) also rated the County on September 5, 2012. S&P's "AA" rating for the County, Ms. Jackson said, reflects S&P's opinion of the County being in a strong financial position despite ongoing budget pressures due

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to a tepid recovery from the recent recession. Ms. Jackson also pointed out to the Board that the audit for the County has received the Distinguished Award for 32 years and the Budget Award for seven (7).

Chairman Bell thanked Ms. Jackson and her staff for their hard work during the most recent budget cycle. The County managed to avoid layoffs and furloughs and returned \$5 million to the taxpayers of Clayton County.

Ms. Jackson then presented two (2) "Clean-up Budget Amendments" for FYE 6-30-12 to recognize and/or amend in revenue, and four (4) Budget Amendments which resulted in the following board actions:

1) Approved Budget Amendment #2-59/Superior Court/FYE 6-30-12, in the amount of \$1,728.00 to amend the budget to recognize revenue collected in excess of the revenue budget and to cover the cost of fees. Vote unanimous.

2) Approved Budget Amendment #2-60/District Attorney/FYE 6-30-12, in the amount of \$1,940.00 to amend the budget to recognize revenue collected in excess of the revenue budget and cover the cost of additional fees, records expense and advertisements. Vote unanimous.

3) Approved Budget Amendment #2-4/Information Technology/FYE 6-30-13, in the amount of \$66,000.00 to appropriate funds for consulting fees per Resolution 2012-148. Vote unanimous.

4) Approved Budget Amendment #2-5/Buildings and Maintenance/FYE 6-30-13, in the amount of \$6,000.00 to amend the budget for asbestos removal. Vote unanimous.

5) Approved Budget Amendment #2-6/Prison/FYE 6-30-13, in the amount of \$26,500.00 to amend the budget for building repairs and replace a passenger van. Vote unanimous.

6) Approved Budget Amendment #4-09/Fund 307 – SPLOST Projects/FYE 6-30-13, in the amount of \$11,300.00 to construct 13 parking spaces for the expansion of the correctional facilities. Vote unanimous.

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8. Renee Bright, Director of Human Resources, presented one (1) item which resulted in the following board action:

1) Approved the restructuring of the Office of Emergency Management by deleting, reclassifying, and adding positions at a cost savings of \$1,150.00. Vote unanimous.

9. Approved Resolution 2012-187 allowing State Senator Gail Davenport to host a Town Hall Meeting at the J. Charley Griswell Senior Center on October 6, 2012. Vote unanimous.

10. Approved Resolution 2012-188 authorizing Clayton County to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Metro Atlanta Urban Area Security Initiative for \$85,000.00 to be used to purchase a vehicle and equipment to strengthen Homeland Security with no matching County funds. Vote unanimous.

11. Approved Resolution 2012-189 authorizing Clayton County to enter into a revised contract with the State of Georgia, Department of Family and Children Services on behalf of the Clayton County Extension Service, providing for the terms and conditions under which Safe Care Services will be delivered and administered, and to accept grant funds from the State of Georgia to fund the Safe Care Program. Vote unanimous.

12. Approved Resolution 2012-190 authorizing Clayton County to enter into an Agreement with Project GGX Productions, Inc., providing for the terms and conditions under which filming will take place at the Clayton County International Park, Jonesboro, Georgia 30236 for the production of a movie. Vote unanimous.

Jack Hancock, Interim County Attorney, requested an Executive Session on real estate and litigation matters. The Board generally consented to conduct an Executive Session for the aforementioned reasons.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mr. Carl Swensson said he planned to submit a new request for the records of who received SPLOST tax dollars during 2010-2011. Chairman Bell asked Mr. Swensson to put his request in writing to the appropriate person.

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2. Mr. Ken Slagle, of Rex, Georgia, commented on the County's financial processes.
3. Ms. Cheryl Dalton, a Riverdale resident, commented on the County's financial processes as well.

In response to the comments made, Vice-Chairman Ralph said that he thinks it is important for Ms. Jackson, the Finance Director, to read the rating opinions of Moody's and S&P at the beginning of every meeting, as she did at the beginning of this meeting.

Chairman Bell informed Vice-Chairman Ralph that he would need a consensus of the Board to approve having Ms. Jackson read Moody's and S&P's ratings opinions of the County's finances at the beginning of every meeting. Upon asking the Board, a consensus was granted.