

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Business Meeting  
7:00 P.M.

September 20, 2011

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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. He acknowledged the presence of Mr. Carl Swenson in the audience and thanked him for providing the Board with “constitutionally correct” flags.
2. Invocation was led by Rev. Wesley E. Greene, Sr. of Amazing Grace World Outreach Church in Forest Park, Georgia. Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Chairman Bell.
3. **Motion by Vice-Chairman Ralph, second by Commissioner Singleton, for the Clayton County Board of Commissioners to go into a Joint Meeting with the Clayton County Water Authority. Vote unanimous.**

**Pete McQueen, Chairman of the Clayton County Water Authority Board, called to order a Special Called Meeting of the Clayton County Water Authority at this time. The CCWA members generally consented to do so.**

**JOINT MEETING** of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners and the Clayton County Water Authority to consider the following resolution, as presented by Ms. Christie Barnes, Staff Attorney:

**Resolution 2011-150** – Clayton County Water Authority to provide for the issuance of \$13,190,000.00 Clayton County and Clayton County Water Authority Water and Sewage Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011, pursuant to and in accordance with a joint resolution adopted June 11, 1959, as ratified and reaffirmed by various joint resolutions, including the joint resolutions adopted May 5, 1998, April 20, 2000, April 17, 2001, May 3, 2011, March 4, 2003, April 17, 2003, October 19, 2004, February 1, 2005, February 3, 2005, February 11, 2005, February 23, 2006 and December 8, 2009 to provide funds to finance in whole or in part the cost of (I) the refunding of a portion of the outstanding Clayton County and Clayton County Water Authority Water and Sewage Revenue Bonds Series 2003 and (II) issuing such bonds; to reaffirm and adopt certain applicable terms, covenants, provisions and conditions of said prior joint resolutions; to enlarge the scope of other terms, covenants, provisions and conditions of said bonds; to create and maintain certain funds and provide for the disposition thereof; to provide rates for the services and facilities to be furnished by the system and the remedies of the holders of said revenue bonds; to provide for the issuance of additional pari passu Water and Sewage Revenue Bonds; and for other purposes.

**Motion by Vice-Chairman Ralph, second by Commissioner Singleton, of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, to approve Resolution 2011-150 as submitted. The motion carried**

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**4-0-1. Commissioner Michael Edmondson abstained without cause.**

**Motion by Mr. John Chafin, second by Ms. Marie Barber, of the Clayton County Water Authority Board, to approve Resolution 2011-150 as submitted. Vote unanimous.**

**Chairman McQueen thanked the Clayton County Board of Commissioners for allowing the Clayton County Water Authority to present this resolution tonight and supporting it.**

**Motion by Ms. Marie Barber, second by Ms. Sophia Haynes, to dismiss the Special Called Meeting of the Clayton County Water Authority. Vote unanimous.**

**Motion by Vice-Chairman Ralph, second by Commissioner Singleton, to adjourn the joint meeting of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners and the Clayton County Water Authority. Vote unanimous.**

4. Amended the agenda by deleting item #6 (PROCLAMATION: “Clayton County Recognizes Community Activist Nolan Michael Wallace, III” {presented by Vice-Chairman Wole Ralph}); adding another proclamation in the place of item #6 (PROCLAMATION: “Clayton County Recognizes Constitution Week, September 17-24, 2011” {presented by Commissioner Michael Edmondson}); and adding Resolution 2011-155 (A Resolution to provide a change in the name of the public road right-of-way of Aviation Boulevard to Maynard H. Jackson, Jr. Boulevard). Clerk Haywood also announced at this time that tonight’s Executive Session pertained to personnel and litigation matters. Vice-Chairman Ralph requested that Resolution 2011-155 be heard and acted upon immediately following the adoption of the agenda. The Board consented to do so. The agenda was adopted, as amended, as all commissioners had copies before them. Vote unanimous.

5. Approved Resolution 2011-155, A Resolution to provide a change in the name of the public road right-of-way of Aviation Boulevard to Maynard H. Jackson, Jr. Boulevard; to authorize the Chairman to execute any required documents and otherwise to perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution. The motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Edmondson opposed.

Mr. Louis E. Miller, Aviation General Manager for the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, expressed his excitement about the opportunity to have a roadway named in honor of the late Atlanta Mayor Maynard H. Jackson, Jr. at the Maynard H. Jackson International Terminal (currently under construction). Mr. Miller noted he had also asked for the service road surrounding the area to be

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named the M. H. Jackson Service Road (which will be executed through another resolution in the near future because there are actually two (2) roads coming into the airport in Atlanta). The new entry road into the airport from Clayton County is going to be a great boost for this county's economy and create a totally new interest in the airport. The Maynard H. Jackson, Jr. International Terminal is expected to open in the spring of 2012, and the airport wishes to have the roadway named prior to the opening so that address changes can be done in a timely manner. Mr. Miller concluded that this new international terminal and roadway name change will be good for all concerned parties, and everyone is looking forward to these changes. If the Board had any additional questions, he was available to answer them. Mr. Miller then showed a map that identified the roadways undergoing name changes; the green area showed Aviation Boulevard that would receive the name change of Maynard H. Jackson, Jr. Boulevard and the blue area depicted the soon-to-be M. H. Jackson Service Road.

On behalf of the Board as well as personally, Chairman Bell thanked Mr. Miller for initiating this roadway name change. Chairman Bell relayed that Maynard Jackson had been his schoolmate and he had been given the opportunity to be Atlanta's 20<sup>th</sup> police chief under Mayor Jackson's administration. The late Mayor Jackson had done a great deal for this part of the metro area region, and Clayton County was happy to make this name change in his honor. The Board was grateful for Mr. Miller's cooperation in this matter as well as other matters regarding this county.

Commissioner Edmondson stated he had an opportunity to meet with Mr. Miller and Ms. Myrna White (Director, Marketing & Stakeholder Engagement at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport) almost two months ago when the map of this roadway was presented. He had a question at that time about some of the sign replacement operations throughout the metro Atlanta area, and he never received a response from either Mr. Miller or Ms. White. Ms. White asked Commissioner Edmondson to repeat what his question was. Commissioner Edmondson replied the question was about the replacement of the highway signs. Mr. Miller and Ms. White had indicated a contract was being drawn up with the Georgia Department of Transportation to replace all of the signs. Mr. Miller responded that there is a plan to spend approximately 10 million dollars replacing signs throughout the entire roadway system coming to the airport. He further stated that when people are driving from downtown Atlanta to come to this region, they have to make a separation for the International Terminal on I-75. Mr. Miller admitted he did not realize Commissioner Edmondson had asked for this information earlier. Otherwise, he would have responded to him. Commissioner Edmondson then

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asked Ms. White if she recalled him asking for this information. Ms. White replied that she remembered having a discussion about working with GDOT to replace signs, but she was not clear on what Commissioner Edmondson's question was. Commissioner Edmondson replied O.K., he guessed he had a question. He then asked Jeff Metarko, Director of Transportation and Development, if he had studied this sign replacement plan from an accounting perspective; i.e., technical concerns, or if this matter had been presented to T&D at all. Mr. Metarko acknowledged that he had seen it and, at this point, T&D does not have a conflict with it.

Chairman Bell commented that sign replacement is controlled by the state of Georgia. He had been assured by a GDOT representative regarding this signage. All requirements have been met and the Atlanta International Airport will be responsible for all of the resources necessary to replace the signs throughout the system. Mr. Miller added that the airport will replace any signs that need to be changed on Clayton County roads that are not a part of the GDOT plan.

Vice-Chairman Ralph thanked Mr. Miller and the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport staff for their spirit of openness and cooperation with the Board of Commissioners in this effort, especially since Mr. Miller has been at the helm. He also noted that Myrna White has been a stalwart member on the Chamber and instrumental in integrating communities. The Board is very grateful to see airport support for Clayton County's economy – flowing from the Aviation General Manager throughout the entire organization.

Chairman Bell asked Mr. Miller to assure Commissioner Edmondson that all requirements for sign replacement on highways have been met. Mr. Miller said he would absolutely do that. He also reminded the Board that a resolution was forthcoming to change the name of the service road surrounding Aviation Boulevard to M. H. Jackson Service Road. Mr. Miller concluded that the airport really appreciates the Board's cooperation in making these road name changes.

6. Approved the minutes of the September 13, 2011 Regular Business Meeting. Vote unanimous.
7. PROCLAMATION: "Clayton County Recognizes Constitution Week, September 17-24, 2011" (presented by Commissioner Michael Edmondson to Daughters of the American Revolution representative, Amy Keeney).

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[NOTE: Group photos were taken, and Clerk Haywood read the proclamation for the benefit of the audience.]

8. Rod Gray, Director of Central Services, presented the following item which resulted in this action:

1) Approved a request (RFP #07-09) for Jail Maintenance Services at the Clayton County Justice Center/Additional Contract Extension. Vote unanimous.

The contract firm for the management of the maintenance services for the Justice Center Facility is Carter Goble Lee, LLC (GCL), located at 795 E. Lanier Avenue in Fayetteville, Georgia 30214.

This request is for an additional ninety (90)-day extension of the annual contract with Carter Goble Lee. The first extension expires on September 30, 2011, and the second extension is through December 31, 2011. This extension will allow ample time for the review of the Statewide Contract for these services, as requested by the Sheriff's Office and CGL Engineering, Inc.

9. Dennis Johnson, Budget Manager, submitted two (2) items which resulted in the following actions. (NOTE: The Board voted on these two [2] items at once.)

1) Approved Budget Amendment #2-43 (FYE 6-30-11) for the Sheriff's Office, to amend the budget to reflect collection of revenue in excess of the revenue budget and cover the cost of regular and part-time wages, overtime and allow for the payment of invoices submitted to Finance. Vote unanimous.

2) Approved Budget Amendment #4-07 – Fund 307 – Reimposition SPLOST Projects (FYE 6-30-12), in the amount of \$135,040.00 to establish the budget for the Public Safety Digital Network Consultant. Vote unanimous.

10. Approved Resolution 2011-151 authorizing Clayton County to allow the Clayton County Sheriff's Office to host a softball tournament at the Lovejoy Softball Complex to raise funds for the family of Deputy Richard Daly. Vote unanimous.

11. Approved Resolution 2011-152 authorizing Clayton County to enter into an agreement with Reverend Ron Little providing for the terms and conditions under which chaplain services will be provided to Fire & EMS. Vote unanimous.

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12. Approved Resolution 2011-153 authorizing Clayton County to amend its PY-2008 Annual Action Plan, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); to provide \$19,809.00 of available PY-2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Contingency funds to Clayton County Family Care for the purchase of needed office equipment; to amend its PY-2011 Annual Action Plan, as required by HUD, to identify the specific location and project for the use of \$150,000.00 of PY-2011 CDBG Infrastructure funding awarded to the City of Forest Park. Vote unanimous.

13. Approved Resolution 2011-154 authorizing Clayton County's participation in the National "Let's Move Cities, Towns and Counties Campaign." Vote unanimous.

Staff Attorney Christie Barnes requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation matters. The Board agreed to hold an Executive Session by general consent.

14. Approved the reappointment of two (2) members to the Library Board (Full Board). The term of Brenda Morant expired on 6-30-10 and the term of Pamela Lake expired on 6-30-11. New terms are for three (3) years; expiring on 6-30-13 and 6-30-14 respectively. Vote unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Bob Holtzclaw, a county resident, stated that the Board has continued with its present practices because the citizens have allowed it. If the citizens cried out "enough," perhaps the Board would take heed.

2. Carl Swenson, a county resident, thanked Chairman Bell for permitting him to change out the flags in the Boardroom to "constitutionally correct" flags. He also provided copies of citizens' rule books for constitutional officers and informed everyone he and others were re-establishing a Citizens Grand Jury to investigate what is going on in the county.

3. John T. Little, a 58-year county resident, said the Board's passage of a 34.5% millage rate increase will have a devastating impact on seniors and businesses in the county.

4. Linda Slagle waived her right to speak before the Board.

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5. Stella Gorman, a Jonesboro, Georgia resident, expressed dissatisfaction with what she termed as the Board's 2011 "Summer of Betrayal" actions: 1) passage of a budget with no cuts to balance it in June; approval of a millage rate increase in July despite citizens' outcry; and creation/selection of a county manager position/person rejected by the citizens.

6. Linda Tinch, a county resident, requested a jury trial to resolve the ongoing issues resulting from the demolition of her home, eviction from her apartment, and towing of her car. She also wanted a higher authority; i.e., GBI or FBI, to check out what she felt was a conspiracy against her.

7. Wayne Madden, a county resident, praised an unnamed Clayton County police officer who calmed down an angry crowd of 50 people in his Rivers Edge Subdivision two weeks ago. He also expressed his support of the property tax increase, which he felt was a "necessary evil" in these tough economic times.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Ralph, second by Commissioner Singleton, to go into Executive Session in the Commissioners' Conference Room at 7:40 p.m. to discuss personnel and litigation matters. Vote unanimous.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Ralph, second by Commissioner Singleton, to go out of Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. Vote unanimous.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Ralph, second by Commissioner Singleton, to reconvene the Regular Business Meeting in the Commissioners' Boardroom at 8:09 p.m. Vote unanimous.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Ralph, second by Commissioner Singleton, to approve and accept the employment agreement submitted by the new County Manager, Wade Starr, with all of the terms and conditions set therein. The motion carried 3-2. Chairman Bell and Commissioner Edmondson opposed.

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Vice-Chairman Ralph, second by Commissioner Singleton, to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting of September 20, 2011 at 8:10 p.m. Vote unanimous.