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Regular Business Meeting
January 6, 2015
7:00 P.M.

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PRESENT: Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner, Vice-Chairman Shana M. Rooks, Commissioner Sonna Gregory, Commissioner Michael Edmondson, Commissioner Gail Hambrick, and Clerk Sandra T. Davis. (NOTE: Gail Hambrick will be referred to as the "Vice-Chairman" in these minutes after the Board unanimously voted her in for this title per Resolution 2015-5. Any reference to the Vice-Chairman before that time will be noted as Vice-Chairman Shana M. Rooks.)

1. Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation was given by Dr. William Hill, Chaplain for Clayton County Police Department. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Chairman Turner.

3. Amended the agenda by adding Resolution 2015-23- A Resolution authorizing Clayton County to amend its professional services agreement with Georgia Public Affairs, LLC, and Resolution 2015-24- A Resolution by the Clayton County Board of Commissioners identifying certain state legislative matters to be addressed during the 2015 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly. Vote unanimous. Removed Item No. 34 and Item No. 35 (Appointment to the MARTA Board of Directors for a new member to serve a four (4) year term expiring on December 31, 2018. (Full-Board Appointment) Vote unanimous.


5. PUBLIC COMMENT: Citizens will be given a three (3)-minute maximum time limit to speak before the Board of Commissioners about various topics, issues, and concerns. Following thirty minutes of hearing from the public, the Board of Commissioners will allow the remainder of citizens who have signed up to be heard at the next Tuesday business meeting.

1. Dr. Henry Anderson, a Clayton County resident, spoke in reference to SPLOST work done at Tara Blvd and Hwy 54. He stated that he had proof of sending an email to Vice-Chairman Rooks on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 referencing his support of SPLOST. He also stated that the county pays out too much money, roughly a half of a billion dollars, for substandard work concerning SPLOST projects. Dr. Anderson stated that there was no response to this email sent. He also expressed concern for the lack of painting the lines and arrows in the roads of completed projects stating that there has been good weather to complete these tasks as well. Dr. Anderson also addressed Commissioner Hambrick concerning the library issue mentioned within the last set of Regular Business Meeting minutes. He stated that the problems with the computers
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within the library system had been going on for approximately a year and not just within the past three months.

2. Miyoshi Bourget, a Clayton County resident, stated that she is excited about MARTA coming to the county and this will bring economic development. She stated that there was a study conducted that showed people who had access to transit, have equal opportunities for employment that’s almost equal to getting a college degree. Ms. Bourget stated that access to MARTA is amazing and outstanding. She stated, “Now that we have MARTA, we have to have economic development to support it.” Ms. Bourget reiterated that Clayton County’s Economic Development Department will soon be without a director and that the new director should be able to take full advantage of the economic development that MARTA will bring. She stated that the county needs a director with a proven track record, strategic alliances that will enable him or her to run the businesses based in Clayton County and skilled at identifying and leveraging new retail and industrial opportunities that will make our county attractive as a destination to live, shop, work and play. Ms. Bourget suggested that the county conduct an open, fair and comprehensive search, for a qualified Economic Development Director who meets these criteria who will be able to meet the needs of this county.

6. PROCLAMATION: “Clayton County recognizes the 26th Anniversary of the Pi Gamma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.” (Presented by Commissioner Sonna Gregory).

7. PRESENTATION: “The Animal Control Building design located on Anvil Block Road” (Presented by the Silverman Group) District 1- Commissioner Gregory.

Mr. Arnold Silverman presented to the Board the overview of the design package of the renovations to the animal control building located on Anvil Block Road which includes: exterior renovations, a proposed floor plan, exterior elevations, a site plan, and the building exterior in a revit that allows for viewing of the proposed building design from all sides. Mr. Silverman stated that the project had been reviewed by Silverman Construction Program Management and Project team along with Clayton County staff for its completeness, accuracy, comprehensive understanding of the project needs and the budget available. He stated that the floor plan presented to the Board represents a 24% increase in the number of animals that could be cared for, to include the dog adoption area, cat adoption area, a dog/cat bonding area both interior and exterior, and control officer work space. Mr. Silverman advised the Board
that his company plans to go forward with the construction documents, to submit the permit drawings in mid May 2015, the GMP to be submitted during the beginning of July 2015, and to start construction no later than the end of July 2015. He estimated that the project should be complete in March 2016.

Commissioner Gregory questioned if the color of the building could be done in such a manner that it fit in with the color of the TAD. Mr. Silverman advised that it would not be an issue to do so.

Commissioner Hambrick questioned as to what type of material was being used during construction of the facility. She was advised that a brick material would be used on the bottom portion for maintenance purposes, and that a stucco material would be used above.

Commissioner Gregory questioned as to how much land is being utilized for this project, which includes the building and the parking lot. She was advised by George Fragulis, with Pond & Company (Subcontractor with Silverman Group) that the total construction area consists of approximately five (5) to six (6) acres; however, upon completion it should consume approximately four (4) acres.

Commissioner Edmondson asked if the size of the parking spaces within the parking lot could be expanded to accommodate for the dropping off and picking up of animals, and to allow for extra space when children are opening doors. He was advised by Mr. Silverman that in order to do so, that would require more asphalt and the design that was presented was done so with the current budgeted amount in mind. Mr. Silverman assured Commissioner Edmondson that the company could assess this issue to see what adjustments could be made.

Commissioner Hambrick questioned the actual capacity amount for the new kennel as compared to the current one. She was advised by Mr. Fragulis that there is an increase from 100 to 133 animals.

Commissioner Gregory questioned Chief Greg Porter and Deputy Chief Gina Hawkins if this construction also included an area for trails or an animal park or if this presentation was only concerning the building itself. Chief Porter replied that had not yet been discussed, however, he stated that Chairman Turner mentioned that this may be a possible expansion to happen in the future. Mr. Silverman advised that consideration has been given for future development of this parcel.
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Mr. Silverman pointed out that the drop-off area for pets is completely separate from the general public entrance.

8. Considered requests of Ramona Thurman Bivins, Interim Purchasing Agent of Central Services. (NOTE: The entire Purchasing Ordinance for Clayton County, Georgia can be viewed on the MuniCode website. Citizens can access this website via the following website address: http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=10562.)

1) Approved RFP PKG # 13-40 SPLOST Construction Management At Risk Services for the Construction of the Multipurpose Fire Training Building, Consent of Assignment. (The Potts Company, LLC, located in Conyers, Georgia). Per Section 2-136 (2) Clayton County Purchasing ordinance, Clayton County utilizes the competitive sealed proposal method when the competitive sealed bid method is neither practical nor advantageous and when cost is not the primary consideration. The competitive sealed proposal method will be used when the costs of goods and services exceed $25,000.00. All goods and services in the excess of $25,000.00 are required to be purchased through the sealed proposal process, or negotiated by the Director of Central Services with full Board of Commissioners’ approval. The Clayton County Board of Commissioners makes the final award for all non-budgeted proposals of $35,000.00 and greater. Vote unanimous.

2) Approved RFB PKG #14-56 Fencing Installation for the Clayton County Senior Services Department. ($13,322.00 / McIntyre Corporation d/b/a McIntyre Fencing, located in Griffin, Georgia. Funding is available through the 2011 HUD Funds). Per Section 2-136 (1) Clayton County Purchasing ordinance, Clayton County utilizes the competitive sealed bid method when the costs of goods and services are in excess of $25,000.00. The Clayton County Board of Commissioners has the final award approval for all non-budgeted bids $35,000.00 and greater. All approved budgetary goods and services and annual contract purchases can be authorized by the Finance Director and purchased by the Director of Central Services without Board of Commissioners’ approval. Vote unanimous.

3) Approved Purchase of Touch Print 5300 Scanner System with Accessories for Court Administration and the Sheriff’s Department. ($57,335.00 / GSA Contract #GS-35F-0242R, with Safran Morpho Trust USA, located in Bloomington, Minnesota. POR #00000448 & POR #00001248. Funding is available through the Court Tech Funds and the Sheriff’s General Fixed Asset Funds.). Per Section 2-114 Clayton County, Code of Ordinances; Cooperative Purchasing Methods, the County may join with other governmental units in cooperative purchasing plans when the best interest of the county would be served thereby. The
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Clayton County Board of Commissioners makes the final award for cooperative purchases of $35,000.00 and greater. Vote unanimous.

4) Approved **Purchase of Vehicles for Clayton County Police Department.** ($56,536.00 / State Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-0002, with Allan Vigil Ford, located in Morrow, Georgia. Funding is available through the 2015 SPLOST Bond Funds.). Per O.C.G.A. § 50-5-100 states, “The Department of Administrative Services is authorized to permit local political subdivisions, on an optional basis, to purchase their supplies through the state.” This allows the purchasing agent to utilize statewide contracts when this practice serves the best interest of Clayton County. The Clayton County Board of Commissioners makes the final award for the state contract purchases of $35,000.00 and greater. Vote unanimous.

5) Approved **RFQ for Fence Installation at Clayton County Parks and Recreation Department.** ($9,376.50 / McIntyre Corporation d/b/a McIntyre Fencing, located in Griffin, Georgia. Funding is available through the departments General Funds.). Per Section 2-136 (4) Clayton County Purchasing ordinance, the written quote method is used for all purchases from $500.00 to $24,999.99. Buyers are required to solicit quotations and receive written responses from vendors. All reasonable efforts will be made to obtain three written quotations for each item solicited. Awards for written quotations are given strictly on a lowest quote. Vote unanimous.

6) Approved **CS STARS Statement of Work #3 for Clayton County, Georgia.** (CS Stars, LLC, located in Chicago, Illinois. As requested by the Central Services Department). The renewal period will be from December 11, 2014 to December 10, 2015. This is the final renewal for this contract. The original contract was executed by the Chairman on December 11, 2012. Per Section 2-136 (7) Clayton County Purchasing ordinance; Sole Source purchases. Central Services must determine if other products or service providers can satisfy the procurement requirements before making a determination of sole source procurement. Sound procurement practice requires that sole source purchases be used when it is the only option and not as an attempt to contract with a favored service provider for a favored product. The Purchasing Agent requires all sole source providers to supply a letter stating that they are the sole source for a given product or service and why they are considered to be the sole source (technology, patents, etc.). All sole source purchases will be clearly defined when presented to the Clayton County Board of Commissioners. Vote unanimous.

9. Considered requests of Ramona Thurman Bivins, Chief Financial Officer.

1) Approved Budget Amendment #2-13/Other General Government/FYE 6-30-15 –
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To replace one District Attorney’s Office vehicle where repair costs exceeds the value of the vehicle, in the amount of $30,000. Vote unanimous.

2) Approved Budget Amendment #2-14/Drug Abuse Treatment & Education Fund/FYE 6-30-15 – To establish a budget for Probation Services for the drug testing contract, in the amount of $17,618. Vote unanimous.

3) Approved Budget Amendment #2-15/Prison/FYE 6-30-15 – To amend revenue received from the State DOT Road Maintenance Agreement for the purchase of new mowers, in the amount of $34,634. Vote unanimous.

4) Approved the Request for Refund of fees associated with the Business License Application of Letisha Williams d/b/a JP & Family Used Tires, 1633 Stockbridge Road, Jonesboro, GA 30236 due to the use of the location not meeting zoning requirements and was denied, in the amount of $80.00. Vote unanimous.

5) Approved the Request for Refund for the Alcohol Retail License fees paid by Mr. Merchant Gangwani d/b/a La Casa Food Mart, 5765 Old Dixie Highway, Forest Park, GA 30297 to the Community Development Department due to the non-recommendation by the Clayton County Police Department for criminal history, in the amount of $2,025. Vote unanimous.

10. Considered a request of Renee Bright, Director of Human Resources.

1) Approved the Request from Probate Court to eliminate 4 part-time positions and create 2 full-time clerk positions. Motion passed 4-1. Commissioner Hambrick opposed.

Commissioner Edmondson questioned if there would just be a “wash” for the first year and if this would be an ongoing “wash” due to the vacancies within the department. Ms. Bivins advised that it would only be a “wash” for this first year only. She advised that next year there would be an incurred cost of $53,474.00. Commissioner Edmondson also asked if this would be an ongoing annualized increase to personnel. He was advised by Ms. Bivins that is correct.

Commissioner Hambrick questioned as to when the budget period begin and ended. Ms. Bivins advised that she and Dennis Johnson, Budget Manager, began discussing budgets this past week, and that the budget meetings with the departments would begin within the next four (4) weeks. Commissioner Hambrick also questioned if this could wait until the budget meetings are held. Judge Pam Ferguson expressed that the Probate Court cannot continue to function with the lack of proper staffing.
Commissioner Edmondson questioned Ms. Bivins if the county could absorb an annualized $53,000.00 increase, seeing as though we are half way through the fiscal year. Ms. Bivins replied that she and Alex Cohilas, COO, had spoken about this issue earlier, and that the two of them would work with Judge Ferguson during the budget process to gage if a reduction could take place in other areas to cover this increase. Commissioner Edmondson confirmed that there were 13 full-time employees and 10 part-time employees working within the Probate Court including Judge Ferguson.

Commissioner Hambrick questioned as to how this was different from the Parks & Recreation Department as well as Senior Services. She was advised by Judge Ferguson that the clerks with the Probate Court have to perform more duties than those in State and Superior Court and the service that the Probate Court is completely different from the service provided within the other courts. Ms. Bivins replied that her goal was to provide the information to the Board so that a decision could be made on the creation of the two (2) full-time positions.

Commissioner Edmondson asked if Judge Ferguson could explain as to why she had an influx of part-time staff as opposed to the other courts. She replied that for the past 10-20 years the request was made for full-time people and were only given part-time staff.

11. Approved Resolution 2015-1 - A Resolution providing for the designation of persons authorized to sign checks on the bank accounts of Clayton County. Vote unanimous.

_Synopsis:_ This Resolution is a restatement of provisions contained in the Code of Clayton County regarding certain officials authorized to sign checks, drafts or other orders on accounts of Clayton County.


_Synopsis:_ A Resolution that authorizes the Board of Commissioners to prescribe the depositories of public funds for Clayton County.

13. Approved Resolution 2015-3 - A Resolution providing for the authorization of the Chief Financial Officer to deposit Clayton County funds into the Local Government Investment Pool. Vote unanimous.

_Synopsis:_ This Resolution authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to make deposits or withdrawals of funds in the local government pool.

14. Approved Resolution 2015-4 - A Resolution providing for the designation of persons authorized to sign checks on a bank account of Clayton County. Vote unanimous.
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Synopsis: This Resolution is a restated of applicable provisions contained within the Code of Clayton County regarding officials and those additional individuals within the District Attorney’s Office authorized to sign checks on the Witness Transportation Arrangements Account.

15. Approved Resolution 2015-5 - A Resolution providing for the designation of the Vice-Chairman for the Board of Commissioners.

Synopsis: This Resolution will appoint a new Vice-Chairman as required at the start of each New Year.

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Rooks, second by Commissioner Gregory, to appoint Commissioner Gail Hambrick as the new Vice-Chairman effective today. Vote unanimous.

16. Failed due to the lack of a motion. Resolution 2015-6 - A Resolution to provide for an increase in the level of compensation payable to the Chairperson and members of the Clayton County Civil Service Board for services rendered in their official capacities.

Synopsis: This Resolution will provide an increase in the level of compensation for Clayton County Civil Service Board members from $25.00 to $100.00 to commensurate with the degree of services rendered by the Board.

Vice-Chairman Hambrick asked what the monthly amount was that the Civil Service Board members received currently. Ms. Bright advised that for regular meetings, the Board members received $300.00 a month for that meeting and the Chairman received $325.00 and that they received $25.00 for each additional meeting held for that month. Vice-Chairman Hambrick also questioned as to how many additional meetings were held within a month. Ms. Bright stated that the Board typically has one (1) additional meeting a month and at times maybe a few more. Ms. Bright also stated that changes have been implemented to some of the procedures due to the cases that the Board would have to review. Vice-Chairman Hambrick recommended that the payment for services rendered should only be increased to $50.00 instead of the suggested $100.00 due to other boards being paid this amount and some of the members on the Civil Service Board also serving on other boards and some boards only being on a volunteer basis.

Chairman Turner stated that the recommendation for the compensation amount was actually higher than the now suggested $100.00, but the Civil Service Board members agreed to the proposed amount of $100.00 due to them having to adopt this change.

Commissioner Rooks stated that she did not want to increase it at all. Commissioner Edmondson suggested $50.00 as well. Chairman Turner explained that there is a backlog with
the Civil Service Board of around two (2) years. He stated that when there is a backlog that long, and there is a non-appointed Board member, the payment due to that person at the time of reinstatement could become very costly. Chairman Turner stated that an action needed to be taken in order to mitigate the costs with a backlog that long.

Commissioner Edmondson asked Chairman Turner if he was suggesting that the Civil Service Board would work harder if the county paid them more. Chairman Turner stated that he did not imply that at all. Commissioner Edmondson questioned what difference would the pay increase make as far as the Civil Service Board getting through the backlog faster. Chairman Turner reiterated that the Civil Service Board recommended that they get the additional pay and he brought it before the Board of Commissioners to vote on. Commissioner Edmondson asked if the Civil Service Board stated that they would work faster if it got paid more. Ms. Bright replied that no the Civil Service Board did not suggest that it could work faster, but that they believed that they should be fairly compensated for the services performed.

Commissioner Edmondson confirmed that a person who serves on jury duty is paid $25.00 day, and stated that the Civil Service Board member is being paid the same for their voluntary appointment to this Board. He also confirmed that the Civil Service Board has the authority to bind the Board of Commissioners to things that may cost the county money. Commissioner Edmondson stated that maybe the Board of Commissioners may want to consider approving this to help in ensuring that the most competent and high caliber a person is able to make the proper decisions while servicing on the Civil Service Board.

Commissioner Gregory stated that she was not in favor of raising the fee paid to the Civil Service Board members to the $100.00 requested. She stated that they are providing a service just as the Board of Commissioner members are and that is what it should be about. They are receiving a stipend for their service, but she is not in favor of raising the amount that the board members are to receive.

17. Approved Resolution 2015-7 - A Resolution authorizing Clayton County to accept a seized vehicle pursuant to a Clayton County Superior Court Judgment and Order of Forfeiture and Disposition of Property. Vote unanimous.

**Synopsis:** *This Resolution will allow for a seized 2003 Infinity 135 to be used in Sheriff Department operations.*

18. Approved Resolution 2015-8 - A Resolution authorizing Clayton County to grant a special facility use request for Twirl Girls, Inc. to conduct the Twirl Girls Camp at the Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center. Vote unanimous.
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Synopsis: This Resolution provides for a Twirl Girl camp to teach young girls the art of baton twirling on May 26, 2015 - May 29, 2015 from 8:30am-6:00pm daily.

19. **Approved Resolution 2015-9** - A Resolution authorizing Clayton County to accept in-kind donations of services and supplies from the Home Depot in Morrow, Georgia to enhance various parks and facilities throughout Clayton County. Vote unanimous.

Synopsis: This Resolution will allow the Parks and Recreation Department to accept installation services and supplies from Home Depot to complete the carpeting in Morrow/Lake City Park Community Room and remove fallen trees at Reynolds Nature Preserve while setting up an unstructured play area.

20. **Removed Resolution 2015-10** - A Resolution authorizing Clayton County to enter into an Agreement with CGI Communications, Inc. providing for the terms and conditions under which County showcase videos will be produced to promote the County. Vote unanimous.

Synopsis: This Resolution will allow a series of streaming online videos to be produced highlighting what the County has to offer its residents, visitors, and businesses.

Commissioner Gregory asked if this item could be held seeing as though the county would be without an Economic Development Director for a period of time. Chairman Turner explained that this agreement is for CGI Communications to come into the county, free of charge, and put together a welcoming message that we can use. Commissioner Gregory asked if the county was paying CGI and Chairman Turner confirmed that the county did not have to pay anything. He also stated that CGI used drones to capture aerial shots of the county and some of the resources used by the county that could be showcased and sent out to potential businesses.

Commissioner Rooks stated that her understanding of the contract was that CGI prepared the information for free, however, they owned the product and that the county could use the information for non-commercial use only.

Commissioner Gregory stated that because there are no specifics under whom this company would operate, that this item be held. Chairman Turner stated that there is only one disk that the company is producing and there is nothing for it to “be under”.

Chairman Turner asked Ms. Barnes what her understanding of the contract was between the county and CGI Communications. Commissioner Rooks explained that according to the contract, the county does not own the disk, the county is to edit the information provided only three times, and there is no say so as to whom CGI speaks with when composing the disk. Commissioner Rooks expressed that the concern is with the branding for Clayton County that
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will be used. Commissioner Edmondson added that the Board cannot amend or make any changes for three (3) years. Ms. Barnes stated that the county gets the final draft and makes the final approval, but the intellectual property is not owned by Clayton County.

21. Approved Resolution 2015-11 - A Resolution Authorizing Clayton County to accept grant funds from the Kaiser Health Foundation of Georgia, Inc. on behalf of the Clayton County Fire and Emergency Services Department, to be used to purchase needed equipment for the Community Paramedicine Program. Vote unanimous.

**Synopsis:** This Resolution provides the Fire and Emergency Services Department with an awarded grant of $48,500.00 from the Kaiser Health Foundation of Georgia, Inc. to assist the department in purchasing needed equipment for the Community Paramedicine Program.

22. Approved Resolution 2015-12 - A Resolution authorizing Clayton County to accept a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program in the amount of $40,000.00 on behalf of Clayton County Fire and EMS. Vote unanimous.

**Synopsis:** A Resolution which will allow grant funds to be used by the Clayton County Fire and Emergency Services Department to provide updates to the Clayton County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to meet the federal requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and Federal Emergency Management Agency Plan.


**Synopsis:** This Resolution will allow the County to Purchase 5 acres of land located in Rex, GA for the purposes of trail development in unincorporated Clayton County through a grant previously approved by the Board of Commissioners.

24. Approved Resolution 2015-14 - A Resolution authorizing Clayton County to enter into a Lease Agreement with Metro South Association of Realtors Education Foundation, Inc. Vote unanimous.

**Synopsis:** A Resolution will allow for a continued lease agreement for the building currently housing the County’s HUD Division.

Commissioner Rooks questioned if the county was certain that it would receive HUD funding for the next five (5) years. She was advised by Patrick Ejike, Community Development Director that the track record for HUD does not appear that it will end any time soon.
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Commissioner stated that her concern was that if the funding ended in year four (4), who would be stuck with funding year five (5). Mr. Ejike asked if the lease could be amended to reflect that if funds are not received from HUD, who is responsible for paying the additional lease costs. Ms. Barnes advised that there is verbiage that covers this in the initial lease.


   Synopsis: A Resolution that will allow the County to enter into an Underground Distribution Construction Agreement, Overhead Distribution Agreement, and Easement for electric services with Georgia Power Company for certain County owned property located at 3199 Anvil Block Road, Ellenwood, GA 30294.

26. Approved Resolution 2015-16 - A Resolution to amend the Clayton County PY2012, 2013, and 2014 Annual Action Plans to allow for the recapture and reuse of funding for projects supported by the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs. Vote unanimous.

   Synopsis: This Resolution provides for funds left over from other completed projects to be reallocated to “shovel-ready” projects serving low-and-moderate-income households and/or communities.

   Commissioner Edmondson question if excess CDBG funds were to be captured and used for other CDBG projects. He was advised by Mr. Ejike that those funds stay within Clayton County and are not returned to the State or Federal government.

27. Approved Resolution 2015-17 - A Resolution authorizing Clayton County to enter into a Stipulation and Agreement in the matter of Franklin Geiger v. Clayton County Board of Commissioners before the State Board of Workers’ Compensation for the State of Georgia. Vote unanimous.

   Synopsis: This Resolution provides for the settlement of a workers’ compensation claim between former employee Franklin Geiger and Clayton County.

28. Approved Resolution 2015-18 - A Resolution authorizing Clayton County to enter into a Stipulation and Agreement in the matter of Annette Harris v. Clayton County Board of Commissioners before the State Board of Workers’ Compensation for the State of Georgia. Vote unanimous.
SYNOPSIS: This Resolution provides for settlement of a workers’ compensation claim between former employee Annette Harris and Clayton County.

29. Approved Resolution 2015-19 - A Resolution authorizing Clayton County to exercise its powers of eminent domain in accordance with provisions of Georgia laws for the purpose of acquiring certain property for use by the Clayton County Department of Transportation and Development for the Flint River Road Widening Project. Vote unanimous.

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution allows the county to acquire land for the Flint River Road Widening Project.

30. Approved Resolution 2015-20 - A Resolution authorizing Clayton County to exercise its powers of eminent domain in accordance with provisions of Georgia laws for the purpose of acquiring certain property for use by the Clayton County Department of Transportation and Development for the Royce Drive at Flint River Tributary Bridge Project. Vote unanimous.

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution allows the county to acquire land for the Royce Drive at Flint River Tributary Bridge Project.

31. Approved Resolution 2015-21 - A Resolution authorizing Clayton County, on behalf of the Clayton County Department of Transportation and Development, to purchase stream and wetland mitigation credits related to the Flint River Road Widening Project. Vote unanimous.

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution allows the county to meet the requirements as set by the United States Army Corps of Engineers to purchase stream credits and wetland credits to mitigate adverse stream impacts and wetland impacts as may be affected by the Flint River Road Widening Project.

32. Approved Resolution 2015-22 - A Resolution authorizing Clayton County to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Fayette County for certain Helmer Road Bridge Repairs and Maintenance Activities. Vote unanimous.

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution will allow the County to partner with Fayette County to repair and maintain the bridge at Helmer Road and Flint River.

33. Amended and approved Resolution 2015-23- A Resolution authorizing Clayton County to amend its professional services agreement with Georgia Public Affairs, LLC. Vote unanimous.

Vice-Chairman Hambrick questioned what was to be done with the current lobbyist if this is approved and passes. Commissioner Rooks stated she was under the impression that the county only had one lobbyist. She was informed by Christie Barnes, Chief Staff Attorney that the
county has contracts with Georgia Public Affairs and with Twelve Oaks, and they are being paid for their services. Commissioner Edmondson stated that in order to end business with either, it was up to the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to terminate the contract with a thirty day (30) notice. Chairman Turner advised that he has not done so as of yet. Chairman Turner stated that he has consulted with Attorney Jack Hancock, and was advised that his office was in active negotiations with the concessionaires and the City of Atlanta on resolving that issue. Commissioner Rooks asked if litigation was occurring on this issue. Chairman Turner advised that there is no litigation taking place, only discussions. Commissioner Gregory asked Commissioner Edmondson for clarification on the resolution. Commissioner Edmondson stated that the resolution provides for Georgia Public Affairs only. He stated that he asked Ms. Barnes to take the $5,000.00 that was not being paid to Twelve Oaks and apply it to Georgia Public Affairs. Commissioner Edmondson voiced that if the Board was open to amending the resolution to terminate Twelve Oaks, he would be open to considering that decision.

Motion made by Commissioner Edmondson to amend the resolution to include the following language- To terminate the contract with Twelve Oaks, second by Commissioner Gregory. This is to be effective with the same written 30 day notice. Motion passed 4-1. Chairman Turner opposed.

Commissioner Gregory stated that her understanding was that Twelve Oaks was supposed to work specifically on House Bill 399, and the original contract with Georgia Public Affairs stated that they were not to touch House Bill 399. She asked if this needed to be amended as well, seeing as though the contract with Twelve Oaks is to be terminated. She was advised by Ms. Barnes, that Resolution 2015-24 outlines what priorities are to take place during the Georgia General Assembly.

34. Amended and approved Resolution 2015-24- A Resolution by the Clayton County Board of Commissioners identifying certain state legislative matters to be addressed during the 2015 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly. Vote unanimous.

Commissioner Edmondson questioned if this resolution could be amended to included dialogue that would reference House Bill 399 and other matters. Ms. Barnes advised that this statement is currently included within the dialogue for this resolution.

Motion made by Commissioner Edmondson, second by Commissioner Gregory, to include dialogue specific to House Bill 399 and other priorities that are to take place during the 2015 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly. Vote unanimous.

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Synopsis: An Order to pay Surety 95% of the bond amount under O.C.G.A § 17-6-72(e)(2) which will be $1,757.00.

Ms. Barnes requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Commissioner Gregory expressed her concerns with making great improvements not only in Economic Development, but throughout the county as a whole. She questioned what the plan was in reference to moving forward after Grant Wainscott’s departure. Chairman Turner advised Commissioner Gregory that this issue will be discussed during executive session.

Commissioner Gregory also expressed her concerns about the cleanliness of the county. She stated that we, as a county, could do better in keeping it clean. Commissioner Gregory expressed the idea of reigniting PUP day (Pick Up Paper); this is when county citizens would ride around on the main roads, particularly those leading into the neighboring counties, just to pick up unnecessary papers lying in the grass and road. Chairman Turner stated that he agreed that the county as a whole should engage in such activity around the county on a regular basis. He expressed that this took place just a few short months ago, particularly on Tara Boulevard where not only were employees involved, but so where civic groups and clubs. He stated that this would be a concerted effort that the county would continue to partake in.

Motion by Commissioner Edmondson, second by Chairman Turner, to go into Executive Session in the Commissioner’s Conference Room at 8:26 p.m. Vote unanimous.

Motion by Commissioner Rooks, second by Commissioner Edmondson, to go out of Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. Vote unanimous.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Hambrick, second by Chairman Turner, to reconvene the Regular Business Meeting in the Commissioner’s Boardroom at 8:46 p.m. Vote unanimous.

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Commissioner Rooks, second by Chairman Turner, to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting of January 6, 2015 at 8:47 p.m. Vote unanimous.