

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Business Meeting
7:00 P.M.

July 19, 2016

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PRESENT: Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner, Commissioner Gail Hambrick, Commissioner Michael Edmondson, Commissioner Shana M. Rooks, and Clerk Sandra T. Davis.

ABSENT: Vice-Chairman Sonna Gregory.

1. Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Chairman Turner called for a Moment of Silence to be observed for the slain officers across our country and for those who have lost their lives to senseless violence.

2. Invocation was given by Reverend Richard Jenkins, Associate Minister of Travelers Rest Baptist Church, Morrow, Georgia. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Chairman Turner.

Clerk Sandra T. Davis announced on behalf of Vice-Chairman Sonna Gregory that advanced notice was given of her absence from this evening's meeting.

3. Amended the agenda by Removing Budget Amendment #4-3/2004 SPLOST/FYE 6-30-17 - To appropriate funds from fund balance to provide additional funding for the District 4 Recreation Center, in the amount of \$1,721,000. Vote unanimous by the four board members present. Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting. Amended the agenda by Removing Item #15: Appointment to the Zoning Advisory Group to fill the expiring term of Frenda Norwood. The term is three years expiring on August 19, 2019. (Full Board Appointment); Item #16: Appointment to the Zoning Advisory Group to fill the expiring term of Addie Whittaker. The term is three years expiring on August 19, 2019. (Full Board Appointment) and Item #17: Appointment to the Veterans' Advisory Board to serve in a new seat. The term is four years expiring on June 6, 2020. (Commissioner Edmondson's Appointment- District Four). Motion passed 3 to 1. Chairman Turner opposed. Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting. Motion by Commissioner Rooks, second by Chairman Turner, to adopt the agenda as amended. Vote unanimous by the four board members present. Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting.

4. Approved the July 5, 2016 Regular Business Meeting minutes. Vote unanimous by the four board members present. Vice-Chairman Gregory absent for the meeting.

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

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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 of Hampton, Georgia spoke of the crime statistics in Clayton County in the unincorporated areas which is under the jurisdiction of the Clayton County Police Department during the years of 2013, 2014 and 2015. As stated in the last three (3) Regular Business Meetings that Category Number One (#1) of burglaries there was a significant decrease in burglaries, and a slight increase in Category Number Two (#2) of robberies. In terms of Category Number Three (#3) larcenies-including stealing and shoplifting- there was a significant increase. In Category Four (#4) of Motor Vehicle Thefts there was a slight decrease. Category Five (#5) of aggravated assaults there was a slight decrease. Category Six (6) of simple assault there was a very significant increase. In terms of Category Seven (#7) of rape- in 2013, there were 82 reported cases of rape in unincorporated Clayton County. In 2014, there were 65 cases of rape and in 2015, there were 88 cases of rape. His final analysis is that in a three (3) year period between 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of rapes has increased by 6. In terms of Category Eight (#8) of criminal homicides- in 2013, there were 31 reported cases of criminal homicides in unincorporated Clayton County. In 2014, there were 22 cases of criminal homicides and in 2015, there were 18 cases of criminal homicides. His final analysis is that in a three (3) year period between 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of criminal homicides has decreased by 13. In conclusion, Dr. Anderson stated that in the total of all eight (8) categories, there were 12,591 criminal cases in 2013; 12,905 criminal cases in 2014 and 12,681 criminal cases in 2015. His final analysis is that in a three (3) year period between 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of crimes in total of all eight (8) categories increased by 90. He stated that this presentation of crime statistics and information in unincorporated Clayton County comes from the Clayton County Police Department.
2. Ms. Linda Grainger of Clayton County stated that she is here about a formal complaint and she is exercising her rights as a citizen of Clayton County and in the USA. She stated that in terms of Black Lives Matter she believes that All Lives Matter. Her concern is if she came in and the security is not working it is on the boards hand to make sure everything is within the guidelines. When Ms. Grainger began addressing the audience, Chairman Turner stated that Ms. Grainger must address the board and not the audience and if there is a complaint; then, please lodge the complaint with him or someone else and we will address it with the Chief of Police. Ms. Grainger stated to Chairman Turner that she would like for the two officers to his left and right to be arrested for violating her civil rights and going through her purse. Ms. Grainger then described her experience at the Southside Discount Mall, located at 6525 Tara Boulevard in Jonesboro, Georgia, on July 14, 2016. Also, she filed a police

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report in connection with the receipt she received after making a purchase. The receipt she received has John Creek, Georgia on it. She stated that this shows that they are doing business here but we are not getting the money in Clayton County. In addition to our tax increase in the county, this is the complaint she has. In conclusion, Ms. Granger stated that she is asking the board to investigate this situation and to get a contact number from the seller she bought merchandise from at the Southside Discount Mall.

Chairman Turner recognized Deputy Chief Woodall who was seated in the audience and suggested that she meet with him before she leaves today if she has a complaint on a police officer; he will take her complaint and take it serious.

3. Ms. Gwendolyn Gooden of Jonesboro, Georgia stated that she is requesting that the board immediately eliminate the recently created position of Consultant. Clayton County does not need this position and if the Board of Commissioners has found extra money in the budget, she suggests that they use those monies to hire additional police officers, because the Clayton County Police Department is understaffed. In conclusion, if the board still feels there is a need for this position, she stated that it is her recommendation that they find another employee since the one for this position is already a paid employee with the county.
4. Mr. Orlando Gooden of Jonesboro, Georgia stated that the last time he was here at a meeting, there was a proposal for \$50,000 for 55 inch television monitors. Commissioner Edmondson said during the course of that conversation that could we not get them from HHGregg. Being a former employee of HHGregg he went back and checked. Four (4) 55 inch monitors and six (6) 22 inch monitors were found for a total of \$10,000. He stated so the question would be is where the other \$40,000 is going. It would not have been for installation or for programming. That proposal was voted out. He stated that the following meeting, there was a proposal for \$36,000 for a paid consultant. What do we need a paid consultant for? Mr. Gooden stated that he was voted down by his board, because he didn't get approval from Clayton County, then got reinstated. He stated he is not following the use of \$36,000 for a consultant when the question came up as to how much do we pay an officer per year- which is \$35,000. We could use that money and we all know- we have had meetings about the gym and aquatic fitness center which he has been using to get fit- where there are busted lockers, disgusting showers, all of that is supposed to be addressed; it has not been addressed for two (2) years. We can take that \$36,000 and use it for that. In conclusion, he stated he would like to find out who approved this \$36,000 and was a background check not done for this man, and if it was done and still approved; then, there is something wrong with that.

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5. Mr. Timothy Jefferson of Clayton County, Georgia stated that the theme of his concerns for this evening is integrity and due diligence. He stated that he had to freshen up on his Sunshine Laws because the way the consultant position was created seems to have had private meetings done prior to the emergency vote of Resolution 2016-118 that was brought to the table. In the mist of his findings through the Open Records Act, he found a disturbing email that Mr. Starr sent to the County Attorney Jack Hancock and Commissioner Edmondson. He stated to the board that he had a couple of concerns dealing with time records. He does not want to have to provide time records and his view is that he is compensated for the value of his work, not the quantity of his work. Mr. Jefferson stated that in other words, he has dealt with the government and negotiated with them to satisfy the business needs. There are some other issues but that to him is blatant collaboration, which is on the borderline of Sunshine Law violation. It was stated that it was an emergency to add it to the agenda and that the county would save extra dollars. He did not see the emergency on his due diligence as he dug deep into this issue. Not only that but due diligence was not done because by him being the Executive Director of the Clayton County Housing Authority, there was a clause in his contract that he was unable to even engage the board without the Clayton County Housing Authority Board's approval. Therefore, the due diligence was not done when the board signed the contract with him on June 8, 2016. Nobody did due diligence not the County Attorney or the board and he does not understand the need. We have a qualified Economic Development Director and Community Development Director; in his mind there is internal collaboration for the betterment of the county. By him being the Executive Director of the Housing Authority, it simply should have been collaboration and not \$54,000 which adheres to an 18-month period. In conclusion, Mr. Jefferson stated that not only that, but in Resolution 2016-118, his contract was due to start on July 1, 2016 but yet he had the audacity to submit an invoice for \$2,300, which he assumes Mr. Starr prorated the invoice himself.

6. Mr. Robert Johnson, a former candidate for District 2 Commissioner, of Clayton County, Georgia stated that he is concerned about certain things. He stated that in regards to the agenda he is latching on to what has been said earlier about Wade Starr. He met him during his campaign and he is a nice guy. The people in District 2 of Clayton County who voted for Robert Johnson desire answers regarding his appointment. He asked the Board of Commissioners what they were thinking and stated this is what their constituents were asking via his email and website. He stated in regards to the Veterans Advisory Board, he stood before the board on May 17, 2016 and asked the Board of Commissioners to establish this advisory board. He asked what are the requirements and the pre-requisites to actually sit on this board. Are they veterans? Are they sponsored by the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars)? These are questions that need to be asked because they are serious questions

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- concerning qualifications. In conclusion, he stated to the board to take a strong look at this board. He told the board on May 17, 2016 that he has had thirty (30) years as a war officer. He has called, emailed, and sent a check sheet with the establishment of an advisory board and never heard anything back. He asked the board to please consider those things and to remember that we work for the citizens of Clayton County.
7. Ms. Morgan Goss of Clayton County, Georgia stated that she is here to speak on Equi Awareness in Clayton County or the lack that we have of it. She stated that she was involved in an accident on July 4, 2016 with a vehicle that hit her from the back while she was riding her horse. The officer did not know if it was legal or not for me to ride my horse and she explained to them that it is legal- it is a law, code and everything. They still did not cite the person driving the car, because they did not know. This brought her to thinking that we don't have anything in Clayton County for Equi or livestock- as far as a veterinary office. Our officers and Fire Department do not have any medicines or equipment to handle large animals in case of an emergency. For instance, if she didn't move her horse when she did, and the car did strike her entire horse and herself, there would be an ambulance for her but nothing for her horse. Everybody in the Equi community, we see our horses as our children. We do not have a vet office we can take our horses to, or have anybody for an emergency that we can call if our horses become sick- if our horses get stuck in mud and break a leg we have nothing and nobody. She stated that she has to travel nearly thirty (30) to forty (40) minutes to get to the nearest vet office. We do not have street signs on the roads where it is legal for us to ride our horses. Ms. Goss stated that she was hit on a road where there was a street sign but since the officer did not see it, once again he did not cite the car. So the car got off with hitting her on her horse. In conclusion, Ms. Goss stated what she would like to get across is that we need more signs where horses are allowed to ride, we need horse crossing signs in front of our farms so people know there are horses in that area; because getting hit on a horse is a terrible feeling and it can be a terrible outcome for both the owner and the horse.

Chairman Turner asked Ms. Goss what part of town she lives in. Ms. Goss answered that she lives in Ellenwood, Georgia. Chairman Turner stated that her District Commissioner is Ms. Sonna Gregory, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners if she did not know. He recommended that Ms. Goss meet with Vice-Chairman Gregory and David Dixon, her Constituent Aide, to discuss what can be done in that area. Ms. Goss stated that she would also like to know if we can educate our officers and Fire Department on this issue. Chairman Turner recognized Deputy Chief Woodall who was seated in the audience and suggested that she meet with him before she leaves today.

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6. PRESENTATION: "Introduction to TEAMS (Total Enterprise Activity Management System) a comprehensive database to track and monitor the progress of SPLOST Projects". (Presented by Mr. Gregory Dixon, SPLOST Program Manager / Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc.)

Mr. Gregory Dixon, SPLOST Program Manager stated that he has Jennifer Manouse with him today and we are here to present to the board the system we are using to assist us in monitoring the SPLOST projects. We have been recently sending monthly reports to the board, but this program will make it easier to access information on our projects in the individual districts and throughout the county. He stated that Ms. Manouse will now give a short presentation.

Ms. Jennifer Manouse gives a brief presentation via PowerPoint. She stated that this is a comprehensive database that was developed specifically for these types of sales taxes and is made up of multiple modules. One of the things that makes TEAMS (Total Enterprise Activity Management System) such a powerful tool is this web browser. Users can access from their mobile device and at home; they can see information when a person has accessed it in offices almost immediately. TEAMS is very user friendly, and there are easy visuals to give you immediately the type of information that you think you are going to want to see. This entry level screen is a Google Map that includes all of your SPLOST projects. They are color coded so it can be immediately shown which projects are under construction, completed or which ones are yet to start. There is an option to narrow down and filter this information by district so you can quickly get to which projects interest you. It has Google Map capability and with one click on the screen you can click on the project information and learn more about that project including the scheduling; with one more click you can get to the detailed information. You are getting real time updates which give the information needed. All of these SPLOST projects are then able to be formatted; we have various reports that are customizable and a monthly history log which shows what is happening to-date; and monthly reports that can be seen with the click of a button. We could not get through all of the modules but one of the most important modules is the Contract Management Invoices. This is where we track our small local business and minority numbers- which allows you to keep up-to-date. Monthly Report- which she has seen in cases where it takes a couple of weeks to produce- can be seen with the click of a button. We are very proud of our Executive Local Reporting with customizable graphs and charts that you can see immediately with high level types of numbers. Also, based on email and password, you are able to customize on a device what is shown; for example you can choose to see only projects in your district at first glance or only projects that are under construction, or completed. As a final comment, Ms. Manouse stated that we think this is a very powerful system, and we think that it is useful and will add transparency and will help deliver a successful program.

Mr. Dixon stated that the path forward is to basically start training staff on this and we want to assist in setting it up on your iPads, iPhones or whatever device you decide to access it on. He stated that there

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will be different drill down doles for different directors or department heads. Therefore, we will be implementing that program going forward.

Mr. Dixon stated that another thing that the COO suggested that he mention is another program that we are working on- which is our Communications Program. We are going to be meeting with the CCTV-23 and the IT Department to basically provide updates to them- video and graphics- that will be on the county website under the SPLOST tab. He stated he thinks this will start to give the citizens a good idea of what is going on as we report on the project. We are looking at interesting things such as using drones- we haven't talked to Jeff Mertako about that yet but, Parks and Recreation Department and the Fire Department we found out have drones, which will give us an opportunity to put some video up of the larger projects, which will give a good bit of distance and make it easier to see what is going on from the altitude that will be provided rather than just being on the ground. In conclusion, Mr. Dixon stated that we have some great ideas and some great things in motion in regards to openness, easier reporting and easier access to information on the SPLOST Program.

Chairman Turner stated that he appreciates the presentation given and thanked Mr. Dixon for the work that he is doing. Commissioner Hambrick asked Mr. Dixon when we will expect this first report from TEAMS, because she is interested in knowing what we are doing. Mr. Dixon answered that the board has already received a hard copy and we started publishing this and sending it to the board in April. Commissioner Hambrick stated that she thought TEAMS was electronic. Mr. Dixon stated that as far as TEAMS access, we will start scheduling the roll out to board members and department heads immediately. Commissioner Hambrick thanked him and stated that she has big projects going on and would like to know what is going on with them. Chairman Turner thanked Mr. Dixon again for his presentation.

7. Consider requests of Carol Rogers, Interim Director 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 the **Cancellation of Contract for Convenience of County: RFB #14-48 Clayton County Tree Services as requested by the Interim Director of Parks and Recreation.** (Computerbuzz Inc., located in Atlanta, Georgia). As requested by the Department of Parks and Recreation. Vote unanimous by the four board members present. Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting.

Commissioner Rooks asked Carol Rogers, Interim Director of Central Services, what the specific breach was with the vendor. Ms. Rogers answered that the contract determined that in regards to the quote, they were actually supposed to quote us by caliber of inches of the tree diameter and they were

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doing it by the inches- which was costing us more money. So when we went back to make sure they were in line with the contract, they determined they could not do it; so at that point, we decided to go ahead and cancel the contract; the vendor was in agreement, so we will rebid and in the meantime will quote services as needed. Commissioner Rooks asked did we pay, and Ms. Rogers answered at the beginning we did, but when we looked at the invoices we realized that they were not matching up to the terms of the contract, and at that point, we did contact the vendor and this is the result.

- 2) Inconclusive Vote for Action on the **Recommendation for the Design and Build of the Flat Shoals Park Concession Building utilizing a Georgia Statewide Contract: SWC# 90818-01 (SWC 2016-25)**. (\$470,000.00 / Centennial Contractors Enterprises Inc., located in Atlanta, Georgia. Funding is available through the FYE 2009 SPLOST and HUD CDBG Grant). As requested by the SPLOST PM. Pursuant to Section 2-136 (6) of the Clayton County Code of Ordinances, General Purchasing Methods; Clayton County has developed annual contracts for frequently used items and services. These contracts are a result of a sealed bid. The contract allows the county to order goods and services directly from the awarded suppliers through the use of an annual contract document. Inconclusive vote of 2 to 2. Chairman Turner and Commissioner Rooks opposed. Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting.

Chairman Turner stated he had a few questions. He asked Chief Financial Officer, Detrick Stanford to approach and Commissioner Hambrick asked Community Development Director, Patrick Ejike to approach. Chairman Turner asked what was the original amount budgeted for this concession stand. COO Stanford answered that there was not an amount budgeted for this concession stand; there was an allocation of \$250,000 through the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funding that we were looking at initially. Chairman Turner stated that he has before him an estimate of \$470,000 for a concession stand so what more are we getting above the \$250,000 that was originally earmarked. COO Stanford reiterated that the earmark was the amount of money we were initially looking at for renovation. Once we looked at the renovation, the initial amount was not feasible based upon some water issues and other issues we needed to address. Commissioner Hambrick asked what year was the initial request. COO Stanford answered that the initial request was in 2012. Chairman Turner asked again what we are getting for \$470,000 in terms of the building and size of the structure and how does that compare to the other concession stands that we have around the county. COO Stanford answered that for \$466,000 we get two things: a design and a new building instead of the initial renovation.

Commissioner Rooks asked do any of the other parks across the county qualify for a new building of a concession stand. COO Stanford stated that there are two (2) funding sources: CDBG funding and SPLOST funding; there are a lot of other buildings throughout the county that do not qualify for CDBG funding because of some of the requirements for CDBG. Community Development Director, Patrick Ejike added that it is the low moderate income requirement. For instance; COO Stanford explained that

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Panhandle Park would not qualify. Commissioner Rooks clarified it is because the income level in that area is higher than the income level at Flat Shoals Park, at which time, and Mr. Ejike stated that is correct.

Chairman Turner asked could the CDBG money be used for any other projects because he has a dilapidated run down Police Station that is in District One that badly needs renovations, but we are taking this money and sticking it into a concession stand and he has a problem with that. COO Stanford answered yes, the CDBG money could be used for other projects. Commissioner Hambrick stated that when she was elected and took office in 2009, she went around to all of the parks. She stated that Flat Shoals Park had been left out of any renovations or monies for many years. Nobody paid any attention to Flat Shoals Park. There was a list of things that the citizens in District Two wanted to see happen. This list included improvements at Flat Shoals Park, which included the concession building. When that was looked into, there were so many problems with the water and other things; there was no way that we could renovate that facility. Because we did not move swiftly, other things kept coming up; Flat Shoals Park was put on the back burner. Now, we finally get the money and funding for this park after four (4) years and now she would like to see the citizens of District Two finally catch up with the other parks in the county- which have always gotten monies from the county and grant funding. Commissioner Hambrick maintained that we are asking for a concession stand that is conducive to all of the others in the county.

Commissioner Rooks stated that it is not conducive it is superior, because we do not have a concession building in District Three. Chairman Turner added not one with \$470,000 worth of work. Chairman Turner then asked can a nice concession stand be built for \$200,000- the regular amount absent of this CDBG funding. COO Stanford stated that the escalation cost has a lot to do with material costs. When we talked about this internally which was about two (2) years ago, the material alone was about \$250,000; we were able to save money by using county labor to build the facility. When it became infeasible to build this with county labor, that is why we went out to a state contractor to take care of the work, which is why there is now an escalation not just for material cost but also labor cost. Based upon the state contract and use of outside labor, this is the going cost right now. Chairman Turner stated that he understood that but his question to COO Stanford, is can a cheaper building be built. COO Stanford replied that he cannot answer that question because he does not have the information at hand to speak intelligently on that. Commissioner Hambrick asked how much is the water problem totaling to. COO Stanford answered around \$35,000 to address some of the water issues.

3) **Recommendation for Renewal of Annual Contracts:**

1. The following Annual Contracts are being recommended for renewal pursuant to Section 2-136: (1) and (6) of the Clayton County Code of Ordinances, General Purchasing Methods.

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Pursuant to Section 2-136 (1) of the Clayton County Code of Ordinances, General Purchasing Methods; 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. Pursuant to Section 2-136 (6) of the Clayton County Code of Ordinances, General Purchasing Methods; Clayton County has developed annual contracts for frequently used items and services. These contracts are a result of a sealed bid. The contract allows the county to order goods and services directly from the awarded suppliers through the use of an annual contract document.

A. Approved **RFB #14-04 Clayton County, Georgia for the Department of Transportation & Development Landfill Earthen Material Services – Annual Contract Renewal with: Stephens Industries, LP**, located in College Park, Georgia. The renewal period is from August 25, 2016 through August 24, 2017. There are no remaining renewals on this contract. The Board of Commissioners approved this award on July 15, 2014. Vote unanimous by the four board members present. Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting.

B. Approved **RFB #14-06 Tools and Hardware Supplies for Clayton County – Annual Contract Renewal (Multi-Award) with: (1) Swint's Feed and Garden Supply, Inc.**, located in Jonesboro, Georgia with a renewal period from August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017 and **(2) W.W. Grainger, Inc.**, located in Alpharetta, Georgia. The renewal period is from August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017. There are no remaining renewals on this contract. The Board of Commissioners approved this award on July 15, 2014. Vote unanimous by the four board members present. Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting

C. Approved **RFB #14-36 Liquid Asphalt Supply Services for Clayton County for the Department of Transportation & Development - Annual Contract Renewal (Multiple Award) with: (1) Blacklidge Emulsions, Inc.**, located in College Park, Georgia with a renewal period from September 22, 2016 through September 21, 2017; and **(2) Ergon Asphalt & Emulsion, Inc.**, located in Pelzer, South Carolina with a renewal period from September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017. There is one (1) remaining renewal on this contract. The Board of Commissioners approved this award on August 5, 2014. Vote unanimous by the four board members present. Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting

D. Approved **2014-Y Electronic Monitoring Services and Equipment for the Clayton County Juvenile Court – Annual Contract Renewal with B. I. Incorporated**, located in Boulder, Colorado. The renewal period is from August 5, 2016 through August 4, 2017. There are no remaining renewals on this contract. The Board of Commissioners approved this award

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on July 15, 2014. Vote unanimous by the four board members present. Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting.

4) Approved the **Recommendation for Extension of Contract, Second Amendment: RFB #13-09 Public Safety Uniforms.** (30 day extension / T&T Uniforms South, Inc., located in Jonesboro, Georgia). As requested by the Fire & Emergency Services Department, Sheriff Department and Police Department. Pursuant to Section 2-136 (1) and (6) of the Clayton County Code of Ordinances, General Purchasing Methods. Pursuant to Section 2-136 (1) of the Clayton County Code of Ordinances, General Purchasing Methods; 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. Pursuant to Section 2-136 (6) of the Clayton County Code of Ordinances, General Purchasing Methods; Clayton County has developed annual contracts for frequently used items and services. These contracts are a result of a sealed bid. The contract allows the county to order goods and services directly from the awarded suppliers through the use of an annual contract document. Vote unanimous by the four board members present. Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting.

8. Consider requests of Ramona Bivins, Chief Financial Officer.

1) Approved Budget Amendment #4-1/2009 SPLOST/FYE 6-30-17 - To appropriate funds from fund balance to provide additional funding for improvements at Bonanza Mini Park, in the amount of \$6,500. Vote unanimous by the four board members present. Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting.

Chairman Turner asked in regards to the Bonanza Mini Park, where exactly is it located. COO Stanford answered that it is off of Panhandle Road, next to the Fire Station.

2) Approved the Request for Refund to Sherina Kimbro for fees paid for the purpose of a business license, in the amount of \$50. Vote unanimous by the four board members present. Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting.

3) Approved the Request for Refund to Amin Punjani for fees paid due to the denial of an alcohol license, in the amount of \$2,000. Vote unanimous by the four board members present. Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting.

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- 4) Approved the Request for Refund to MPTC, LLC for fees paid due to the denial of a business license, in the amount of \$1,800. Vote unanimous by the four board members present. Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting.
9. Approved Resolution 2016-143- A Resolution authorizing Clayton County to accept forfeited real property pursuant to O.C.G.A. 16-13-49 and Superior Court Order 2016-CV-04127-9 for County use without restriction. Vote unanimous by the four board members present. Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting.

Synopsis: This Resolution will allow the County to accept real property known as 7356 Merlin Way, Riverdale, Georgia for use without restriction by Clayton County Superior Court.

Commissioner Rooks asked in regards to forfeiting real property, what will happen after we handle that real estate. Major Kenneth Green, Legal Advisor for Clayton County Office of the Chief of Police, answered that it would be at sold auction.

10. Approved Resolution 2016-144- A Resolution authorizing Clayton County to accept a forfeited Toyota Rav4 from a Clayton County Police Department Drug Investigation. Vote unanimous by the four board members present. Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting.
Synopsis: This Resolution allows the County to sell at auction a 1998 Toyota Rav4, VIN JT3GP10V2W7028589.

Interim Chief Staff Attorney Jack Hancock requested an executive session on litigation and personnel.

11. DISCUSSION ITEM: Commissioner's Block Grant.

Commissioner Rooks started the discussion on the Commissioner's Block Grant by stating that one entity we had on the list was no longer in effect and asked have we gone through this list of people who have requested funding from us to see if they are actually in existence. Commissioner Hambrick asked have they always done this. CFO Bivins answered that to her knowledge, The Collaborative Authority reviewed the applications. Commissioner Edmondson stated they started about two (2) years ago. Commissioner Hambrick stated that it was not done last year because the organizations that were on there were no longer in existence. CFO Bivins added this is why this year, we sat down and discussed it with them. The applications that she sent to the board, there were also two sent in after the deadline, she believes that they had their business licenses or EIN numbers in there as well; that is what was given to us to move forward with the commissioners.

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Commissioner Rooks asked CFO Bivins what is going to be our process for awarding this grant money; what do you recommend to us. CFO Bivins answered that we decided that since the commissioners are awarding the grants to your constituents or different entities, and after the issues last year, that we would let the commissioners look at all of the grants and would come forth with their own recommendations for the grant award. After the recommendations, the contracts will go out to each individual organization for them to sign. Once they sign the contract, they send it back to us and The Finance Department would disburse the funds at that time. Commissioner Rooks stated so based on the list that we have before us; we can make a recommendation about the amount that has already been budgeted per what the organization requested. CFO Bivins stated that amount is \$1,862,125.00 but we have \$2,785,574.00 in requests.

Commissioner Hambrick asked do we get reports from these organizations as to what they have done; have they spent the money. CFO Bivins answered that they send copies of their annual financial reports. Commissioner Hambrick asked how can we go about adding requests; for example if they say they serve fifty (50) people- if there are requirements, how do we change them and if there are not requirements; then, we need to make some requirements instead of just handing out money; they need to be accountable. Chairman Turner stated that he agrees, but first, we need to know what those requirements are and how are they rating them. CFO Bivins stated that she has a copy of one and the application has information that is required on there and she can see if she can get more copies to see if the board wants to add anything on there. Chairman Turner said for a bigger discussion, he would like to receive a copy of the requirements they look at when they are vetting the applications and down the road; then, the board can have another discussion in terms of strengthening those requirements or whatever direction the board wants to go with it.

Commissioner Edmondson asked for clarification. He asked CFO Bivins the Collaborative Authority has a list of requirements that this board does not know about and accept applications based on an unknown list of requirements and vet them, but then Legal Department and Finance Department have to go back and check for business licenses and EINs. For example; the organization Historic Jonesboro, they never even picked up their check from last year, or so they told him. He asked that between the Legal Department, Finance Department, Collaborative Authority and Board of Commissioners, who is in charge and do we have any idea- plus as CFO Bivins just stated what discretions the individual members want on here- and how many police officers could be hired for that amount of money. CFO Bivins stated she does know that we do not disburse any funds until we get that contract from the Legal Department. In response to another question from Commissioner Edmondson, CFO Bivins stated that if an organization does not pick up their check or sign the contract and send it back before the end of the fiscal year; then, they just lose it if they try to come after that fiscal year is over. Commissioner Edmondson asked if this is the case, is there a forfeiture clause in the contract or is that part of the application process; and who makes that decision and who writes the

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contract. CFO Bivins answered that without a contract we cannot pay and that the Legal Department writes the contract.

Commissioner Hambrick asked what qualifies the Collaborative Authority to do this. Commissioner Rooks then asked are they in place simply to vet these entities or do they do something else. Commissioner Edmondson responded that they are there to provide a buffer between this board and the public asking us for money for every little thing. Commissioner Edmondson asked that in the budget process, who signs the dollar amount to be allocated amongst the various requests; who determines the dollar amount for the year whether it will be \$1 million or \$2 million for example. CFO Bivins answered that since she has been here, it has not increased or anything so it has always been established around that amount and it has not been increased; so, it is a continuation of funding issued. Commissioner Edmondson asked is there no model or formula that she is aware of it is just some number that was carried forward from previous years; CFO Bivins answered yes, that is correct.

Commissioner Hambrick stated that she knows some groups that have requested one amount but they either received more or received less so, who makes that determination whether they get that amount or not before it gets to us? CFO Bivins answered that the organization that requests the amount- they include their request in the application- and so the Collaborative Authority makes that decision based off of their recommendations. Chairman Turner stated to Commissioner Hambrick that from looking at the stipulations in those cases, it looks like the organizations either received the amount they requested or less; nobody got more than they requested. Commissioner Hambrick stated that it has happened and Chairman Turner agreed that yes, if a commissioner had requested more, then they did receive more than was requested. Commissioner Hambrick asked how long does the Board of Commissioners have; can we go until November or December for instance. In conclusion for the Commissioner's Block Grant discussion, Chairman Turner stated that a lot of these organizations are waiting and this is a lot of their operational costs- which is the purpose of us rewarding the grants. CFO Bivins clarifies to Commissioner Hambrick that the approval time is in October. She stated for example that she had one organization last year that Vice-Chairman Gregory called her about. The Legal Department had not received any communication from them and so she reached out to that organization twice with no response; if they do not respond to us then they do not get it.

12. Announcement of the finalists to be interviewed for the Zoning Administrator position at the August 2, 2016 Board of Commissioners meeting. Copies of the application documentation for the top three finalists will be immediately available for public review in the Human Resources Department, located at 120 Smith Street, Jonesboro, Georgia 30236.

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COO Stanford announced that the three finalists to be interviewed for the Zoning Administrator position at the August 2, 2016 Board of Commissioners meeting include: Mr. Kalonos Johnson, Ms. Tarika Peeks and Ms. Kimberly Smith.

13. Approved the reappointment of Don McMillian, Jr. to the Board of Appeals (Zoning) to fill the expiring term for which he is currently serving. The term is three years expiring on August 19, 2019. (Full Board Appointment). Vote unanimous by the four board members present. Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting.
14. Approved the reappointment of George Sligh to the Board of Elections and Registration to serve in a seat for which he is currently holding. The term is four years expiring on December 31, 2016. (*Commissioner Gail Hambrick's Appointment*). Vote unanimous by the four board members present. Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Rooks, second by Chairman Turner, to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel at 8:10 p.m. Vote unanimous by the four board members present. Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Rooks, second by Chairman Turner, to go out of Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. Vote unanimous by the four board members present. Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Hambrick, second by Chairman Turner, to reconvene the Regular Business Meeting at 8:47 p.m. Vote unanimous by the three board members present. Commissioner Rooks was absent for the vote and Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting.

Attorney Jack Hancock presented three (3) items before the Board for their consideration from the executive session:

Approved the first item, which is a contract with Mr. Robert Burns for the acquisition of a permanent easement across his property on Walt Stephens Road for the extension of a path that is being installed there. The compensation pay is in the amount of \$3,000 plus installation of a 4-foot fence, along the path. Vote unanimous by the three board members present. Commissioner Rooks was absent for the vote and Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting.

Approved the second item, which is the signed agreement with UHS of Anchor LP to allow the relocation of a sign for that business on Godby Road due to the taking of right-of-way property from them for the expansion of Godby Road. The track remaining does not allow for relocation of the sign,

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and this signed agreement would allow them to locate it on the right-of-way subject to the conditions we can require for the relocation. Vote unanimous by the four board members present. Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting.

Approved the third item, which is an extension of the contract with Steve Palmer, the Washington Consultant, who has been assisting the county with regards to the aviation fuel tax issue in Congress for an additional 6 months to expire on December 31, 2016. The terms of the contract would be payments of our portion which is slightly under 50%, of \$4,000, for September, October, November and December, with the cities that are participating in the portion percentage of the LOST (Local Option Sales Tax) agreement, and the school board is paying the other 50%. Vote unanimous by the four board members present. Vice-Chairman Gregory was absent for the meeting.

Commissioner Hambrick asked are the cities and school systems in agreement to this contract extension and Attorney Jack Hancock answered that they are in agreement- he does not know if they have voted on it, but they have been polled and indicated their agreement.

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Commissioner Rooks, second by Chairman Turner, to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting of July 19, 2016 at 8:50 p.m.