

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Business Meeting  
7:00 P.M.

June 16, 2009

POST SUMMARY MINUTES

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

1. Chairman Bell called the meeting to order.
2. A moment of silence was led by Chairman Bell. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Chairman Bell.
3. Amended the agenda by adding Linda Summerlin, Executive Director of Arts Clayton; holding item #12 (Appointments to the Transit Advisory Board. The terms of Deryl Belser (Chairman Bell), Joe Frierson (Commissioner Hambrick), and Randy Segner (Commissioner Ralph) expired on December 31, 2008. New terms are for four (4) years; expiring on December 31, 2012 (coinciding with commissioners' terms). A vacancy also exists in District 1 (Commissioner Singleton)); and adding Resolution 2009-89 (Authorizing Clayton County to join with the Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership and other metro counties to form a Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 Consortium to compete for a grant provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act). Vote unanimous.
4. Approved the June 9, 2009 Regular Business Meeting minutes. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Vice Chairman Ralph abstaining due to absence.
5. PRESENTATION: Federal Transit Administration (Frank Billue, Region IV Civil Rights Officer).

Chairman Bell acknowledged that Ms. Yvette Taylor, Regional Administrator for the Federal Transit Administration, was present.

Mr. Billue spoke about the Civil Rights requirements under Title 6 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination due to race, creed, and national origin. The components of the Title 6 plan relative to transit include the level of service, the quality of service, and the development of a limited English proficiency program. Also, when fare increases and service changes are being considered, there is a requirement for an equity and fare study. The purpose of the study would be to evaluate possible discriminatory impacts for the fare increase and service reductions.

Chairman Bell asked if there were any time tables that dictated when the studies had to be performed and the standards for change after the study is performed.

Mr. Billue stated that the study should be performed prior to any changes being implemented, but there is no specific time frame.

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6. PRESENTATION: Linda Summerlin (President of Arts Clayton).

Ms. Summerlin stated that she had distributed the annual summer camp t-shirts to the Commissioners, and she also thanked Commissioner Singleton for coming to registration. She invited the Commissioners to come out Friday at 7:00 pm for the program. The grant from the Metropolitan Atlanta Art Foundation for art programs has successfully been completed for the Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center and Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center. Ms. Summerlin recognized a lady who had assisted her and also recognized Detrick Stanford, Director of Parks & Recreation, and staff. Currently, there is enough groundwork laid down and the program will be in need of additional funding to finish. She also mentioned that as Chairman of the Tourism Authority, that board will look to see what is on track for the hotel/motel tax with Community Development. Holiday Inn on Old Dixie Highway, which has the highest producing hotel/motel tax, has changed to Clarion.

Commissioner Hambrick asked Grant Wainscott, Economic Development Director, to speak about the new Comfort Inn Suite.

Mr. Wainscott stated that Clarion was the highest producer, but now Comfort Inn Suites is and has rates of \$105.00 – 109.00 per night. The hotel has 80+ rooms and hospitality products. The roof-top restaurant is open now and a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held in the next few weeks.

7. Rod Gray, Director of Central Services, presented the following items which resulted in these actions:

1) Approved the recommendation to purchase (P.R. #2198) equipment and installation for eleven (11) Police Pursuit Vehicles which have already been approved by the Board of Commissioners. This equipment purchase is a request by the Police Department. The current annual contract holder is Trans Comm Service, Incorporated in Griffin, Georgia. The total purchase amount of the equipment and installation for the eleven (11) vehicles is \$74,035.24. This purchase is funded by Drug Funds and was approved in the 2009 budget. Vote unanimous.

2) Approved the recommendation to establish an annual preventive maintenance program and repair contract (RFB PKG #08-53) for the air filtration systems and HVAC equipment at the Clayton County Prison, as requested by the Building and Maintenance Department. The recommendation is to award the contract to ARS located in Conyers, Georgia with the lowest bid of \$3,019.00 for the Preventive Maintenance Program and the lowest normal working hours repair hourly rate of \$69.00. Vote unanimous.

3) Approved the recommendation to establish an annual contract (RFB PKG #08-63) to purchase an indefinite quantity of miscellaneous medical supplies for the Fire and Emergency

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Services. The recommendation is to issue multi-award contracts to the lowest, responsive bidders who met the bid specifications of the various supplies.

**VENDORS**

**AWARDED ITEMS**

Armstrong Medical, Lincolnshire IL

94

Bound Tree Medical LLC, Dublin OH

**44,61,79,90,96,101,102,103,105,113**  
114,**115,116,118**,121,**127**,128,129,130,  
131,132,**133**,134,135,136,148,**153,158**,  
165,166,175,179,180,181,182,183,186,  
187,188,189,190,191,**193,198**,203,204,  
211,**212,218**,223,224,**228**,247,**255,256**

Kentron Health Care Inc, Springfield TN

46,47,**62**,64,66,**85**,97,**120**,159,160,  
**161,162,163**,164,168,184

Matrix Medical (Henry Schein) Irmo SC

38,50,58,**69**,73,74,75,83,**84**,86,87,89,  
91,92,93,99,**100**,107,**110,111,112**,137,  
138,139,140,141,145,**152,154**,155,172,  
205,206,213,**217**,221,222,**225,229,235**,  
**238**,242,245,246,**249**,251,254

Midwest Medical Supply LLC, Earth City, MO

**49,53,54,55,56**,57,60,**63**,68,**71**,76,77,  
78,**81,82**,88,95,**108**,119,122,124,**142**,  
146,**150**,156,170,171,**178**,185,196,199,  
200,**201**,207,208,209,210,214,**226,227**,  
**230,231**,232,233,234,**243,244**,248,**250**

S & W Healthcare Corp, Brooksville FL

**143,144**,173,177

Southeastern Emergency Equip, Wake Forest NC

39,40,41,42,**43**,45,48,52,59,65,67,**70**,  
72,**98**,106,109,117,**123**,125,126,149,  
157,**167**,169,**192,194,197,202**,215,**216**,  
236,**237,239,240,241**

**ITEMS NOT AWARDED**

**Section I, Items 1-31 Pharmaceuticals**

**No Bidder met the specifications on the following items:**

51,80,104,147,151,174,176,195,219,  
220,252,253

**Bold** represents all stock items. All other items will be ordered as needed.

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Vote unanimous.

4) Approved the recommendation to purchase ready mix concrete (RFB PKG #09-03) as a multi-award contract. The primary award would be to West Georgia Industries located in LaGrange, Georgia whose firm is the low bidder. The secondary award would be to Walker Concrete Co., LLC located in Stockbridge, Georgia, the second lowest bidder. Vote unanimous.

5) Approved the recommendation to establish an annual contract (RFB PKG #09-08) for an indefinite quantity of trophies and awards as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. The recommendation is to award a contract to Awards To Remember located in Ohatchee, Alabama whose firm is the lowest bidder. Vote unanimous.

6) Approved the recommendation to purchase concrete sand (RFB PKG #09-09) as a multi-award contract. The primary award would be to C&J Carriers, LLC located in Lovejoy, Georgia whose firm is the low bidder. The secondary award would be to Atlanta Sand & Supply Company located in Macon, Georgia, the second lowest bidder. Vote unanimous.

7) Approved the recommendation for the Professional Engineering Services for Red Light Violation Photo Enforcement Program (RFQ/RFP PKG #09-12). This project is to permit the existing two red light camera locations as the State of Georgia law now requires, to review data of possible ten intersections for camera installations, and to allow the permitting of future camera locations. The recommendation is to award this project to Street Smarts, Inc., located in Duluth, Georgia whose firm was the highest scored and proposed the lowest fee of \$26,800.00. Vote unanimous.

8. Renee Bright, Director of Human Resources, presented the following items which resulted in these actions:

1) Approved the renewal of Excess Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance coverage for Clayton County for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010. Renewing coverage at this time with the current carrier, Midwest Employers Casualty Company with its \$350,000.00/\$500,000.00 retention will give more coverage to the County for a 9% lower premium than last year. This coverage protects the County in the event a Workers' Compensation claim exceeds \$500,000.00 and provides Employers Liability coverage that would respond to suits filed by employees or third parties. Vote unanimous.

2) Approved the renewal of Excess Coverage with HCC Life Insurance Company for the period of July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 for the Self-Funded Medical Plan. Clayton County purchases this coverage annually to help protect the Self-Funded Medical Plan from excess claims expense. If a participant's claims cost exceeds \$125,000.00 within a year, the County will be reimbursed the amount over the \$125,000.00. The renewal of the coverage with HCC Life has a 20% increase in premiums and will financially impact the County by paying the

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estimated premium of \$402,241.00. This premium could change due to it is based on the number of employees and retirees that are enrolled in the plan. The coverage will benefit the County against potential large claims costs for the plan year. Vote unanimous.

3) Approved the renewal of the County's Employment Practices Liability Insurance for the period July 1, 2009 – July 2010, and to grant approval to the Finance Director to amend the budget as necessary. This insurance provides coverage for claims against the County alleging discrimination, sexual harassment or wrongful termination to employees, former employees, or applicants by the County. The financial impact to the County is an increased premium to \$284,000.00 from \$258,000.00. Vote unanimous.

9. Resolution 2009-88 – Authorizing Clayton County to enter into a Grantee-Subgrantee Agreement with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency in accordance with the fiscal year 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program Citizen Corps Program; to accept grant funds (\$19,720.33) on behalf of the Clayton County Fire Department and to provide for the terms and conditions under which funds will be utilized; to authorize the Chairman to execute the Grantee-Subgrantee Agreement, and otherwise perform all other acts necessary to accomplish the intent of the resolution. Vote unanimous.

10. Resolution 2009-89 - Authorizing Clayton County to join with the Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership and other metro counties to form a Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 Consortium to compete for a grant (\$9,732,000.00) provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; to authorize W. Frank Newton, Inc., to assist the consortium in completing and submitting an application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive said funds. Vote unanimous.

11. Approved the reappointment of Jewell Lewis (Commissioner Hambrick) to the Department of Family & Children Services Board. The new term is for five (5) years; expiring on June 30, 2014. Vote unanimous.

12. Approved the appointment of Connie Whitlock to the Clayton County Community Service Board (Mental Health, Developmental Services, and Addictive Diseases). The new term is for three years; expiring on June 30, 2012. Vote unanimous.

13. Approved the reappointments of Judy M. Serritella (Commissioner Edmondson) and Arlene Webster (Commissioner Hambrick) to the Library Board. The new terms are for three (3) years; expiring on June 30, 2012. Vote unanimous.

14. Approved the acceptance of a street light petition for The Avery, Unit 2 (Meadowview Drive)/District 3/Vice Chairman Ralph. Vote unanimous.

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Vice Chairman Ralph commented about the emails he has received regarding the proposed budget. He stated that people have asked him about the Finance Committee's recommendations. The Finance Committee has made no recommendations as it relates to the budget and has not been a part of the budget process. Vice Chairman Ralph stated that he just received a copy of the budget this evening and will be looking at the budget document tonight and over the next week in preparation for the Public Hearing on June 23, 2009.

Commissioner Singleton stated that she also just received a copy of the budget today. She stated that she understands the employees' concerns with all the rumors going around. Commissioner Singleton stated that the budget will be looked at in every way without having to furlough the employees. She will be talking to her constituents to get their feedback on the possibility of raising taxes. There is a concern about raising taxes to support some of the enterprises and laying off, and furloughing the public service people.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) R. Travis – Ms. Travis expressed her concerns about the CDBG grant and the funds being distributed for homes.
- 2) Kliff Grimes – Officer Grimes is a member of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers. He stated that it was sad to hear that the Board was just getting the budget two weeks prior to it being approved. Public Safety is the #1 priority for the County. There are rumors of a 10% budget cut for the Police Department and right now, Public Safety cannot afford to be cut. If furloughs go through, then over 4,500 man hours per month will be lost. The organization would like to meet with each Commissioner to bring forth saving solutions.
- 3) Shawn Southerland – Officer Southerland is a 20-year employee with the Sheriff's Office. Within his 20 years of service, he has watched the County make good and bad decisions. Officer Southerland understands that it has been discussed to cut the pay of County employees and implement furloughs. Less than five years ago, the County had \$40 million in reserves and he questioned what happened to that money. He asked whether or not the County's financial responsibility, or lack thereof, should be shrugged off on the backs of the County workforce. There have been no merit increases for 5 years. Officer Southerland explained ways why it is not feasible to cut the Sheriff's budget by 14%.