

# CLIFTONDALE COMMUNITY CLUB, INC.

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The Cliftondale Community Club, Inc. met March 12, 2007 at Enon Church and Ministries, in a meeting jointly sponsored with the Cedar Grove Community Association on the proposed City of South Fulton. The meeting focused on the case against the new City, following the February meeting that focused on the case for the new City. An estimated 175-200 members and guests were present.

Vice President Joseph Simien opened the meeting and provided the invocation.

Three guest speakers provided the program: Mark Jackson, Woody Holmes, and Commissioner Bill Edwards.

Mr. Jackson's presentation was based on a thick handout of exhibits. He noted that Commissioner Edwards supported the concept of a new city in December 2005 but changed his position in spring of 2006. Turning to the studies of Dr. Robert Eger on the financial viability of the proposed city, Mr. Jackson cited several inconsistencies between the two 2006 versions in their assumptions and the calculation of revenues and how the Fulton Industrial District should be treated. He noted the burden of start-up expenses. He did concede that incorporation would mean more local control.

Mr. Holmes raised questions about how the new City would handle zoning and possible conflicts within the city council.

Mr. Jackson reviewed the experiences of the three new cities in north Fulton as regards speed traps, start-up issues, and establishing their own fire and police departments.

Commissioner Edwards described the Fulton County Board of Commissioners as having a spirit of cooperation since the last election, which resulted in a Democrat majority. Two pieces of legislation he sponsored, the Wolf Creek Amphitheater and the South Fulton Arts Center, passed without difficulty. He explained that the current "deficit spending" for the South Fulton Special Services District is being covered by withdrawals from Fund 300.

Commissioner Edwards announced he will attend Congressman David Scott's Monday meetings, which focus on matters of local concern for his District.

A lengthy question and answer session followed, with Commissioner Edwards providing most of the answers. Questions centered on taxation and finance, annexation threats, services, and local issues.

President Harold Reid closed the meeting, stressing that the residents must analyze the issues and make their own decision on the City for the June 19 referendum.

Gayle Lesser, Secretary