

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN FRANK LOEFFLER, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, COMMISSIONERS DR. BUTCH MOSELY, OLIVER SELLERS, RUSSELL SMITH AND JAN GODWIN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR GARY BREEDLOVE, COUNTY CLERK BEVERLY KING, COUNTY ATTORNEY BROWN MOSELEY AND NEWS REPORTER POWELL COBB.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Loeffler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. After the call to order, Reverend Brett Elingburg gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

AMENDMENTS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

County Administrator Breedlove asked the board to approve the following amendments to the Agenda: Delete EMS Assessment Team due to Weather Conditions in Atlanta; Add CDBG Grant for Simmons McIntyre Road under Old Business; Amend #2 Under New Business to Add Consider Automobile Purchase; Add Consider Approval of Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation Under New Business. Chairman Loeffler asked the board to approve the following amendment: Delete Executive Session – Personnel. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the agenda with these amendments. Commissioner Godwin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no Special Presentations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Godwin made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held January 28, 2014. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Dirt Pan Status. County Administrator Breedlove stated that the engine has been pulled and sent to Albany to begin repairs.

CDBG Grant for Simmons McIntyre Road. County Administrator Breedlove stated that part of the procedures to apply for this grant is to do an Economical Survey of residents on Simmons McIntyre Road. This survey will help determine if it would be beneficial to pave this road. The process usually requires the Commissioner from that district to be involved in the survey. Commissioner Godwin stated she would get with Col. Breedlove to see what needs to be done.

GEFA Loan Status. County Administrator Breedlove gave a brief update on the GEFA loan status stating that the County was waiting on paperwork to start draws from the loan.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratify Sheriff's Request: Dog Kennel and Consider Automobile Purchase: County Administrator Breedlove stated that he had polled the Commissioners earlier to approve the request from Sheriff Griffin to allow Warden McCoy's officers to build a dog pen for a K-9 officer that is a very aggressive drug dog and cannot be kept inside an officer's house. The dog pen was built at Sgt. Williams' residence so special permission was needed to allow them to go on private property. The dog pen cost less than \$500.00 which an approximate cost from a private

contractor would have exceeded \$1,500.00. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve this ratification.

Chairman Loeffler recognized Sheriff Wiley Griffin. Sheriff Griffin stated that the sheriff's department was in bad need of two patrol cars due to high mileage and high maintenance cost. Sheriff Griffin said he solicited bids from three vendors and recommended that the Board approve the purchase of two Dodge Chargers from Carl Gregory in Columbus, Georgia. Sheriff Griffin stated he put the specs out for 2014 cars but Carl Gregory had six new 2013 Dodge Chargers for \$21,175.00 that was lower than any bid he received for the 2014 cars. County Attorney Moseley recommended that Sheriff Griffin solicit bids for the 2013 cars from the other vendors to allow them to bid on the same year model. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to allow Sheriff Griffin to do a phone bid for 2013 vehicles and authorize him to purchase the two vehicles at the lowest bid price. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Golf Course – Greens Mower. County Administrator Breedlove stated the golf course had only one greens mower and it was in need of an engine. Col. Breedlove stated he polled the commissioners earlier and received the majority vote to approve an engine replacement in the amount of \$5,215.46. Col. Breedlove stated this was to ratify this action taken by the Board. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve this ratification. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and approved with a 5 to 1 vote. Chairman Loeffler, Vice Chairman Brinson, Commissioners Mosely, Godwin and Sellers approved. Commissioner Smith opposed. Commissioner Godwin requested a copy of the agreement between the County and the Pines Golf Course.

Report on PSC – Comprehensive Inspection at Industrial Park. County Administrator Breedlove stated after a two day comprehensive inspection at the Industrial Park, a very positive verbal report was received. The County will receive a written report in the near future.

Review of FY14, July through December 2013. County Administrator Breedlove commended the county's departments for staying within their budget. Col. Breedlove said he expected the County will need a TAN to carry through the summer months targeting around \$2 million. This is based on no significant catastrophes. Col. Breedlove said he expected that interest rates will creep up so he recommended the Board allow him to ask Perry Henry to solicit bids to get a TAN executed and have that line of credit ready when needed. Col. Breedlove said he anticipated on including a pay increase of approximately \$1,000.00 per employee in this budget. Col. Breedlove said SPLOST and LOST are flat and as long as they stay at this rate, the county will be able to meet the bond payments and Silver Lake obligations.

County Attorney Moseley stated the LOST agreement carries us through the end of this calendar year.

Accounting Manager Michelle West presented the Board with spread sheets showing revenues, expenditures and budget comparative for six months ending December 31, 2013. Mrs. West said the County was able to transfer \$3 million into the investment account to allow it to draw some interest rather than holding it in the general fund. Mrs. West said this would help us not to need to execute the TAN note until possibly July and should carry the county through the dry months. Mrs. West said she anticipates having \$2.7 million to the good by the end of December 2014, which will hopefully help the county need a less TAN note next year.

Commissioner Mosely suggested that Col. Breedlove check into getting the TAN funds put in an investment account to make money off the interest.

Mrs. West stated Ben Lee will be at the next commissioners' meeting to present the audit. Mrs. West presented 2013 Year End Budget Amendments for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013 recommended by Mr. Lee for the Board's approval. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve these amendments. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

County Administrator Breedlove gave an overall goal for the County Budget: Debt Free. Col. Breedlove gave the benefits, revenue background, current projections, assessment and recommendations. (Attached to the minutes)

Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation. County Administrator Breedlove stated this agreement is to conduct an engineering assessment to design apron rehabilitation at the

Decatur County Industrial Air Park. This project contains \$84,836.00 of federal funds and \$3,924.00 of state funds with a county share of the cost being \$4,461.00. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this agreement. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS' REMARKS

Commissioner Godwin commented on upgrading the county's website. Mrs. West stated that Roy Reynolds has agreed to help improve the county's website. Commissioner Godwin suggested putting the survey information on the Simmons McIntyre Road.

Commissioner Mosely said that all county employment positions needed to be advertised on the website and the local newspaper, stating this is a very sensitive issue.

Chairman Loeffler said the Highway 27 developments needed to be on the website to promote businesses.

Commissioner Mosely questioned the payment on the workman's comp for the Climax Volunteer Firemen. Mrs. West said she was checking to see what the cost would be to include them on the workman's comp that the other volunteer firemen were on. Mrs. West stated the payment on the workman's comp for the Climax Volunteer Firemen was to be paid this week.

Commissioner Sellers commented on trees being planted on some of the FEMA lots.

Commissioner Mosely said he was very pleased with the financial progress and to keep up the good work.

County Administrator Breedlove said he had a request by the Disabled Veterans for the County to donate some money to help buy a van to transport veterans to the Veteran hospitals. A brief discussion followed. Col. Breedlove said he would gather more information and bring it back before the Board at a later date.

There being no further business, the meeting, on motion by Commissioner Mosely, was duly adjourned. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Approved: _____


Chairman

Attest: _____


County Clerk