

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 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 7:00 p.m. After the call to order, Sr. Pastor Mark Worsley 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: Add Discussion on Rainfall Chart; Add Update on Financials; and Add Tax Anticipation Note Resolution. Commissioner Sellers asked the Board to allow him to make a brief statement during Public Participation. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve the agenda with these amendments. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no Special Presentations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Loeffler recognized Kelly Godwin. Ms. Godwin asked the Board of Commissioners several questions pertaining to the SPLOST VI referendum. Ms. Godwin recommended the Board update the County's website to include the capital projects and detailed information pertaining to the SPLOST VI referendum so the citizens can get an insight before voting. Ms. Godwin also recommended the Board to place a poll page on the County's website to allow citizens to privately express their concerns and comments on projects before the Board considers them for approval.

Commissioner Sellers gave the following statement:

I am speaking for myself and will go way out on a limb to say back when a vote was taken for an offer to the City for landfill tipping fees, no intent was made on my part to cause a problem. The City did a bid process and we lost fair and square. I cannot agree that we could not have worked out the difference had we talked. At this time I will be man enough to say I am sorry for the hard feelings caused by this or any other prior dealings. I cannot turn back what has happened in the past. I can only hope that the future will hold a great relationship between the two governments. I will do my part to make that happen. I do not think the cutoff of the landfill use was approved by the Board and I want to invite the City or anyone else that wants to use the landfill to come on down. It belongs to all of us. I will go further to say I am but one and will work with the City in any way possible for the good of the citizens on any issue that may arise between the two governments. I will listen to both sides. I am putting it in the form of a motion to open up the landfill to everyone that wants to use it. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and failed with a 4 to 2 vote. Commissioner Sellers and Commissioner Smith voted in favor. Chairman Loeffler, Vice Chairman Brinson, Commissioner Mosely and Commissioner Godwin opposed.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Godwin made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held April 8, 2014. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

EMS Options – Status. County Administrator Breedlove gave a brief update on the EMS status. Col. Breedlove stated the committee will meet Thursday with some of the EMS representatives that turned in a proposal to give a presentation and answer any questions the committee might have.

Landfill Items / GEFA Loan Application Cell 5. Chairman Loeffler recognized Andrew Jones and Suzanne Brandt. Mr. Jones gave the Board a brief update of the landfill status and the MSW tonnage for January through March 2014. Ms. Brandt stated it was critical for the County to begin construction of Cell 5 following the construction of Cell 4 because of its anticipated schedule. Ms. Brandt recommended the Board approve for the County to move forward with the Cell 5 GEFA application and pre-construction for Cell 5. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this request. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Simmons-McIntyre Road Project. County Administrator Breedlove gave a brief update on the Simmons-McIntyre Road Project stating the grant application has been completed and sent in for review.

NEW BUSINESS

Solid Waste “Bidding, Negotiation, and Analysis” County Administrator Breedlove gave a brief update on the bidding process that took place with the City of Bainbridge for their solid waste at the County’s landfill. Col. Breedlove stated that he attended the City Council Meeting on Tuesday and asked questions, sent emails pertaining to their analysis and still resulted in the City transporting their solid waste to Florida.

Consideration of Damage Claim. County Attorney Moseley presented the Board with copies of a letter, an invoice and pictures he received from Mr. Willie Miller, Sr. asking for reimbursement for damages Mr. Miller claims was caused by hitting a pothole on Kelly Road. County Attorney Moseley stated to his understanding the Public Works Department was not informed of this pothole prior to this incident. After receiving notification of this pothole, the Public Works Department has repaired it. County Attorney Moseley stated the County was under no obligation to pay this claim unless otherwise authorized by the Board of Commissioners. Chairman Loeffler made a motion to deny payment for this claim. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Discussion on Rainfall Chart. County Administrator Breedlove presented the Board with a recorded Rainfall Chart provided by the Public Works Superintendent Dennis Medley. Col. Breedlove stated several roads were in bad shape but the Public Works department can’t do any work on them until the water dries up some.

Update on Financials. Chairman Loeffler recognized Accounting Manager Michelle West. Mrs. West presented the Board with the projected cash flow through April 22, 2014. Mrs. West also provided the Board with the revenues and expenditures of January through April 2014. Mrs. West stated she anticipated getting through June, 2014 without using any more of the funds from the TAN note.

County Administrator Breedlove stated with the Board’s actions and the departments staying within their budgets the County has decreased its capital debt.

Tax Anticipation Note Resolution. County Attorney Moseley presented the Board with a resolution for the Tax Anticipation Note for their approval. Mr. Moseley stated this resolution is necessary to allow the County to proceed with the TAN application from First Port City Bank in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 with an interest rate of 1.74%. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this resolution. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS’ REMARKS

Commissioner Godwin thanked everyone for coming to the Commissioners’ meeting and commented on upgrading the county’s website.

Vice Chairman Brinson thanked everyone for coming to the Commissioners’ meeting and commended County Administrator Breedlove and staff for soliciting business to the Decatur County landfill.

Commissioner Smith asked “who approves Open Record requests?” Commissioner Smith stated an Open Records request was sent to the City and he knew nothing about it. County Attorney Moseley stated he was directed by the Board. Commissioner Smith stated he thought it was a personal attack on the City Manager. Commissioner Smith said “it saddens me to see the relationship between the City and the County, we should work together.”

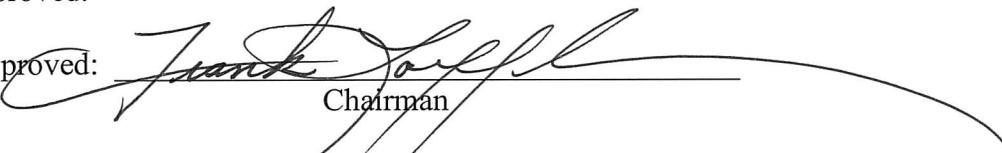
Chairman Loeffler stated he believed if the City and County cannot improve their relationship between the two bodies, then he was supportive of a consolidation of the two governments.

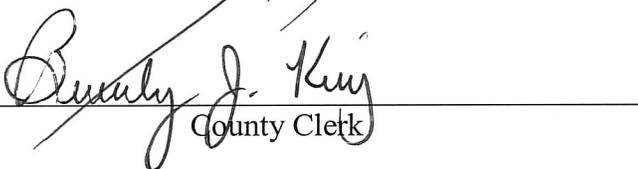
Commissioner Mosely said he agreed with Chairman Loeffler. Commissioner Mosely stated that fighting was not his style and he would do whatever it takes to resolve this matter. Commissioner Mosely stated he agreed with what Jeff Findley put in his editorial to have a meeting between the two bodies to try and resolve their differences.

Commissioner Godwin stated that Mayor Edward Reynolds sent the Board of Commissioners an email just before their meeting asking them to agree to a meeting with the City Council next Tuesday at the Memorial Hospital class room.

County Administrator Breedlove stated the water project at the Industrial Park is approximately 40% complete. Col. Breedlove said it has been very beneficial working with Bates and Associates on this project.

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

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk