

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, COMMISSIONERS RUSTY DAVIS, STEVE BROCK AND GEORGE ANDERSON, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ALAN THOMAS, COUNTY CLERK BEVERLY KING, COUNTY ATTORNEY BRUCE KIRBO AND NEWS REPORTER POWELL COBB.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Pete Stephens called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the call to order, Vice Chairman Brinson gave the invocation. Tommy Young and other members of Eagle Scout BSA Troop 502 led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Brock 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

Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held May 9, 2017. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Davis made a motion to go out of the regular session and enter into a Public Hearing to Closeout CDBG Project- Simmons-McIntyre and Alice Lane. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated the purpose of this Public Hearing is to inform citizens of the availability of the final quarterly report, to review project accomplishments, and to receive citizens' comments. County Administrator Thomas stated that the total amount of this project was \$677,282.72; state funds was in the amount of \$500,000.00 and county funds in the amount of \$177,282.71 with \$80,734.32 of that being in-kind labor & equipment so the actual funds the county contributed was \$96,548.39.

Commissioner Anderson stated that there was a portion of the road that didn't get paved and there was question where or not this was private property. Commissioner Anderson stated that this portion of the road was being bladed before Simmons McIntyre Road was paved.

Vice Chairman Stephens stated that the engineer said this area is descriptive property and this section of the road was not included in this project.

County Attorney Bruce Kirbo stated in the beginning all maps of the property that was included in this project was made available and all of the maps showed the beginning and the end of every tract. County Attorney Kirbo stated he would research this piece of property to see who it is deeded to. If it is private property, the county will not be able to go on it. If it turns out that it was given to the county as a right-of-way or a dedicated plat, the county will have to maintain it.

Chairman Stephens opened the meeting for any comments by the public. Being there was no public participation, Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to go out of the Public Hearing and enter back into the regular session. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Brock made a motion to closeout CDBG Project # 14p-y-043-1-5659, Simmons-McIntyre Road and Alice Lane Street and Drainage Improvements. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider Approval of Georgia Department of Transportation Contract. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this is a draft agreement that was discussed in the last commissioners' meeting pertaining to the land acquisition at the airport. County Administrator Thomas stated in this agreement it is identified that the total amount of this project shall not exceed \$1,174,457.00 and out of that the local share will be \$63,015.00. County Administrator Thomas stated in exhibit B of this agreement it identifies the amount of each costs. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this contract and authorize Chairman Stephens to sign all the recommended documents to proceed with this project. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this contract and authorize Chairman Stephens to sign the necessary documents. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Eagle Scout Project – Tommy Young. Chairman Stephens recognized Tommy Young. Mr. Tommy Young stated he just completed the 10th grade at Grace Christian Academy, he is a member of the BSA Troop 502 and has been a scout since the 5th grade. Mr. Young is working toward his last hurdle to achieve his Eagle Badge. The last step of a scout's career is to plan, develop and lead a service project that will benefit the community. Mr. Young stated that the world is oftentimes seen as one large garbage can, and in seeing this problem, the idea occurred to him for his Eagle Scout Project, to do his part in an effort to raise awareness on the potential hazards of electronic litter. Mr. Young, a fan of electronics himself, decided this was the best way to raise awareness on reducing electronic litter and ease up on the flow of electronic waste into landfills. Mr. Young presented some flyers advertising an electronics recycling drive to take place Saturday, May 27, 2017 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Howard Johnson Parking lot. The flyer lists the electronics that will be accepted. Mr. Young also mentioned that Smithco Recycling at the Industrial Park will also take electronics. County Administrator Thomas and Chairman Stephens gave a brief history of young scouts and the dedication and commitments that one must make to become an Eagle Scout. All the commissioners commended Mr. Young and his fellow scout members present for their leadership in taking on a project to help our community and motivation to be outstanding citizens.

Consider Approval of Errors and Reliefs Report – Mark Harrell. Chairman Stephens recognized Tax Commissioner Mark Harrell. Mr. Harrell presented an Errors and Reliefs report for the commissioners' approval. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the Errors and Reliefs report presented by Mr. Harrell. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

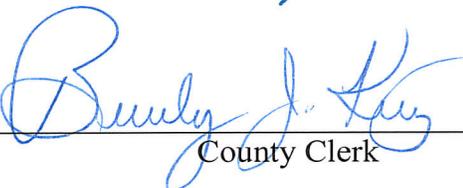
Consider Approval of Resolution to Approve the Budget for Year Ending June 30, 2018. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this resolution is to approve the budget for the year ending June 30, 2018. County Administrator Thomas stated the public hearing for the budget was held at the last commissioners' meeting and the budget is the same as presented at that meeting with no changes made. County Administrator Thomas recommended the board approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this resolution. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

All the Commissioners and County Administrator Thomas thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and praised Tommy and all the scouts present and wished them well with their project. Tommy introduced the other scouts present.

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

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk