

## MINUTES

### DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON  
COMMISSIONERS RUSTY DAVIS, GREG MURRAY, 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 9:00 a.m. After the call to order, County Attorney Bruce Kirbo gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged 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 Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Stephens recognized Rick McCaskill, Executive Director for the Development Authority of Bainbridge / Decatur County. Mr. McCaskill gave a brief economic development update pertaining to the industry at the Industrial Park and other areas throughout the County. Mr. McCaskill stated he was pleased with the growth that is going on and the potential growth that would produce employment opportunities for the citizens of Decatur County.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Stephens recognized James Conyers. Mr. Conyers expressed concerns with buzzards in the area and especially around the water tower and asked that the Commissioners do whatever they could to help with that problem.

#### APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held October 24, 2017 as presented. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to be Discussed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Consider Approval of Resolution – Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that previously Decatur County entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Bainbridge to operate and maintain the County's natural gas system at the Industrial Park. County Administrator Thomas stated as part of that agreement, the County agreed to join the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia once we were out of the contract with our current gas supplier. County Administrator Thomas stated the contract with our current supplier will end February 2018. County Administrator Thomas recommended that the Board approve this resolution and the supplemental contracts to have our natural gas supplier change to the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia. County Administrator Thomas stated that he has delivered copies of this resolution and supplemental contracts to the County Attorney for him to review and that the County Attorney concurs with these documents. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve these documents. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve these documents. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Proposal for C&D Landfill Expansion – Harbin Engineering.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated in August of this year the County received the most recent remaining capacity report for the landfill. In that report it stated that the landfill had an expectancy of three years left on the construction and demolition part of the landfill. County Administrator Thomas requested Harbin Engineering provide the County with a proposal for an expansion on the C&D landfill. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a proposal from Harbin Engineering in the amount of \$45,000.00 which carries it through the processing phase with EPD and hopefully to permit. County Administrator Thomas stated it could take up to a year to get this approved and get the site prepared. County Administrator Thomas stated this will allow the County an additional six years for a total of nine years for the C&D landfill. County Administrator Thomas stated that the County is currently ongoing with efforts in trying to expand our permitting foot print of the entire site of the landfill and this will be in coordination with that plan. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this proposal from Harbin Engineering. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Proposal for Firefighters' Cancer Benefit Program.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this is a program that is required by House Bill 146 to be effective January 1, 2018, for all firefighters to have a cancer benefit program. County Administrator Thomas stated that ACCG has provided a proposal for the County's volunteer and paid firefighters to comply with House Bill 146. The proposal from ACCG is in the amount of \$12,494.00. County Administrator Thomas stated that the County received another proposal from a different vendor in the amount of \$20,396.00. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve the proposal from ACCG in the amount of \$12,494.00. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this proposal from ACCG. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Purchase of Rubber Tire Backhoe – Public Works.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated bids were opened on November 7 for a new rubber tire backhoe for the Public Works Department. Bid openings yielded the results from Flint Equipment for a 2018 John Deere 310SL with a purchase price of \$82,525.00 and a guaranteed five-year buy-back in the amount of \$50,000.00. Yancey Brothers submitted two bids; one for a 2018 Caterpillar 416F2 with a purchase price of \$87,819.00 and a guaranteed five-year buy-back in the amount of \$46,000.00; and one bid for a 2018 Caterpillar 420F2 with a purchase price of \$94,243.00 and a guaranteed five-year buy-back in the amount of \$49,000.00. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve the low bid purchase from Flint Equipment in the amount of \$82,525.00 with a guaranteed five-year buy-back in the amount of \$50,000.00. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve this purchase from Flint Equipment. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Purchase of Vehicle – Administration.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that request for bids were sent out to all the local dealerships and three external dealerships for a full size 2018 SUV. County Administrator Thomas stated that two bids were received and one of those bids did not meet the specs. County Administrator stated that the other bid was from Brannen Motor Company for a 2018 Tahoe in the amount of \$36,630.00, which did meet all specs and recommended this bid for approval. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve this purchase. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Approval for Disposal of Surplus Vehicles and Equipment.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this is a request to declare a 2000 New Holland Backhoe and two vehicles from the Sheriff's Department surplus property and dispose of them by selling them on Govdeals. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Approval of Error and Release Report from Tax Commissioner.** Chairman Stephens recognized Tax Commissioner Mark Harrell. Mr. Harrell presented the Board with an Error and Release Report for their consideration of approval. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve this report. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Ratify Proclamation for Retired Educators Day.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this proclamation was sent by email to each member of the commission and received a response back from the majority of the commission approving it. County Administrator Thomas stated that he recommended the Board

approve this ratification for this proclamation proclaiming Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> as Retired Educators Day. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Appointment for Decatur County-Gilbert H. Gragg Library Board.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas said that he received a letter from the Vice Chairman of the Library Board, Dianne Washington, stating that one of the members, Ruthie Giles, has resigned from their Board. County Administrator Thomas stated that Ms. Washington requested that the Board of Commissioners appoint Branagan Webb to the Library Board to fulfill Ms. Giles' unexpired term that ends June 30, 2019. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to appoint Branagan Webb to the Library Board to fulfill Ms. Giles' unexpired term. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS**

All the Commissioners thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

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

Approved: Pete Stephens  
Chairman

Attest: Beverly J. Kay  
County Clerk