

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON
COMMISSIONERS RUSTY DAVIS, STEVE BROCK, GREG MURRAY 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 Dennis Brinson gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Stephens asked that the Board approve the following amendment: Add Under Special Presentations; Audit Report – Ben Lee. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve the agenda with this amendment. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Audit Report - Mr. Ben Lee. Chairman Stephens recognized Mr. Ben Lee. Mr. Lee of Coastal CPA presented the Board of Commissioners with an audit report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017. Mr. Lee stated an unqualified opinion, which is a clean opinion, was issued on the County's financial statements. Mr. Lee stated there were no non-compliance in any of the federal laws or regulations over the expenditures of those funds discovered. Mr. Lee highlighted on some of the areas such as the General Fund – Actual vs Budget; the unassigned financial resources increased by \$1,870,084 as a result of the following budget variances: actual revenues were \$557,003 more than budgeted, actual expenditures were \$831,569 less than budgeted, other financial sources/uses and special items (sale of capital assets) were a positive variance of \$481,512. The general fund balance increased by \$2,281,622 to a positive \$3,135,285. Mr. Lee reported that the general fund had a net change in fund balance of \$1,900,083 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. Mr. Lee stated these general fund positive budgetary results are due to effective budgetary control by management. Mr. Lee stated this is a great turn-around and a great job done by the County Administrator and staff. Mr. Lee said the trend for the County needs to continue to have growth in the unassigned fund balance of the general fund. Mr. Lee stated that the general rule for a government is to have a minimum of six months of budgeted expenditures in the unassigned fund balance. Mr. Lee encouraged the Board and the County staff to continue to have good budgetary management in order to reach that goal. Mr. Lee also suggested the County update its cash management policy and develop a five-year capital project plan.

Chairman Stephens and all the commissioners commended County Administrator Thomas for heading the County in the right direction with his great leadership. County Administrator Thomas commended the staff for making this possible as well.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Stephens recognized Mr. Howard Clark. Mr. Clark expressed concerns with Blackerby Road. Mr. Clark stated that this road is in bad shape and needs to be graded and the ditches pulled. Mr. Clark stated there were weeds growing in the middle of the road, weeds along the sides of the road and several potholes. Mr. Clark stated there was a church on this road and it has a lot of traffic. Commissioner Brock stated that he went to look at the road and agreed that it is in bad shape. Chairman Stephens stated that he would have this looked into.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Murray made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held January 9, 2018 as presented. Commissioner Davis 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 Contract with Tinker & Associates for Business Personal Property Audits. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a contract from Tinker & Associates, Inc. for business personal property audits for 2018. County Administrator Thomas stated there were no changes in the amount of the contract or language from last year and this contract has been approved by the Board of Tax Assessors. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this contract. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve this contract. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Authorization to Engage JMCM Consulting for Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this is the consulting firm that was previously used for the contract with the self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department. County Administrator Thomas stated they were successful in obtaining that grant for over \$400,000. County Administrator Thomas stated this is a new agreement to engage JMCM Consulting to enter another application on behalf of the Fire Department. County Administrator Thomas stated that if they are not successful in obtaining this grant award for the County, there is no fee. If they are successful, the cost is 5% of the federal funded grant amount and it cannot be paid from the grant funds; it must be paid from the County's general fund. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this request. Commissioner Murray made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Personnel and Litigation. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

After executive session the Commissioners assembled back in the board room. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to go into regular session. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Chairman Stephens stated during executive session the Board discussed a personnel matter and litigation. There was no action to be taken at this time.

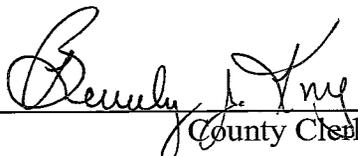
COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

All the Commissioners thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. The Commissioners commended County Administrator Thomas and the staff for a job well-done.

County Administrator Thomas recognized the County staff for the job they do every day.

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

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk