

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Murray 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

Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting held March 13, 2018 as presented. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to be Discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Request from Active Minerals International – Richard Southerland. Chairman Stephens recognized Mr. Richard Southerland. Mr. Southerland stated that he represented Active Minerals International located at 2606 Antioch Church Road. Mr. Southerland requested that the Board consider the possibility of temporarily closing New Amsterdam Road between the community of New Amsterdam and Antioch Church Road. Mr. Southerland presented the Board with a map indicating the section of the road in question. Mr. Southerland said based upon their observations, this section of road is rarely traveled and there are no residences located along this section of road. The property on both sides of the road are owned by Coastal Timber Company and that he has obtained their approval. Mr. Southerland stated that temporarily closing this portion of the road, will allow more restrictive measures to limit access to the mining area and create a safer work environment. County Attorney Kirbo explained the procedures the Board would have to go through in order to grant this request. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to table this issue until the next meeting.

Seminole Sanitation – Kathy Clark. Chairman Stephens recognized Ms. Kathy Clark. Ms. Clark expressed concerns about the City of Bainbridge placing a commercial container at a convenience store located in the County, on Spring Creek Road. Ms. Clark questioned if the City of Bainbridge was going to be allowed to provide garbage services to residential and commercial customers in the County. Ms. Clark stated that Seminole Sanitation has been servicing Decatur County since 1995 and has not had this problem until now. Chairman Stephens stated that Decatur County has not been in a contract with Seminole Sanitation since 2005. County

Administrator Thomas stated to his knowledge at this point, the City of Bainbridge is not interested in providing garbage services to residential customers in the County. County Administrator Thomas stated that he was not aware of the dumpster that was placed at this particular business located on Spring Creek Road, but he has no problem with that. County Administrator Thomas stated that the Board of Commissioners voted awhile back to allow the City of Bainbridge to service the Industrial Park by customer choice. County Administrator Thomas stated that some of the customers at the Industrial Park has chosen to be serviced by the City of Bainbridge. Commissioner Brock stated that any government entity could not compete with the private sector if they provided good service. County Administrator Thomas stated that he has no problem with the City of Bainbridge servicing customers in the County if the customer so desires, as it is a free enterprise.

Amendment to Probation Supervision Services Contract – State Court. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that he has shared this agreement with the County Attorney for him to look over. County Administrator Thomas stated the original agreement was signed on March 14, 2016 for a one-year period; this is a five-year agreement that shall automatically renew on an annual basis under the same terms and conditions unless written notice to the contrary is directed to the other party 30 days prior to the expiration date. County Administrator Thomas stated the only change in this agreement is that in the original agreement the probation fee was \$35.00 per month and in this agreement that price has increased to \$40.00 per month. County Administrator Thomas introduced Jessica Merritt to the Board in case they have any questions. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this amendment to the Probation Supervision Services Contract. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Disposal of Surplus Vehicles – Sheriff’s Department. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with two letters from Major Wendell Cofer of the Decatur County Sheriff’s department requesting the consideration of the Board of Commissioners for the disposal of five surplus vehicles to be sold on Govdeals.net. County Administrator Thomas stated that in Mr. Cofer’s letter he also proposed that the Board allow the sheriff’s department to offer some old law enforcement equipment that will be left over after these vehicles are disposed of to the Decatur County School Police Department and other surrounding small agencies. Any remaining equipment that these agencies choose not to take will then be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for proper disposal of their choosing. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve these requests. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve these requests. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Error and Release Reports from Tax Commissioner. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with two Error and Release Reports from Tax Commissioner Mark Harrell for their consideration of approval. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve these reports. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

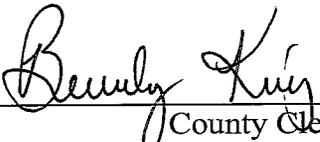
COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

All of the Commissioners thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Chairman Stephens asked that everyone remember Commissioner Anderson in their prayers, he wasn’t feeling well.

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