

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, COMMISSIONERS GREG MURRAY, RUSTY DAVIS, GEORGE ANDERSON 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 9:00 a.m. After the call to order, Reverend Lamar Sweet 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 Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no Special Presentations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Stephens recognized Mr. Emory Johnson. Mr. Johnson stated that he lived at 2261 Antioch Church Road. Mr. Johnson expressed concerns with the probability of closing a portion of Amsterdam Road. Mr. Johnson shared some historic stories and memories about Amsterdam Road. Mr. Johnson stated that he didn't have a problem with the temporary closing of this portion of Amsterdam Road, but he did have a problem with closing it permanently, stating he felt it was a crucial connection for emergency travel such as ambulance services and the fire department.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting held April 24, 2018 as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to go out of the regular meeting and into a Public Hearing for the Closure of a Portion of Amsterdam Road. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Chairman Stephens recognized Mr. Steve Stewart. Mr. Stewart stated that he represented Coastal Timber Company. Mr. Stewart stated that Active Minerals International had initially approached the Board regarding possible temporary closure of a portion of Amsterdam Road. Mr. Stewart stated that he understands that, to date, the Board has not been able to establish the full chain of title for the ownership of the Road parcel in its entirety and believes that any closure and auction of the road at this time would be premature and could cause actual and material damages to Coastal Timber Company and Active Minerals International. Mr. Stewart said he respectfully requests that the Board not proceed with the closure and auction of this portion of Amsterdam Road.

Mr. Richard Sullivan stated that he represented Active Minerals International and that he too is requesting that the Board not proceed with the closure of Amsterdam Road. Mr. Sullivan stated that his company will take every safety measure possible to keep citizens safe during their operations.

Chairman Stephens stated that he had concerns for the safety of citizens that travel in that area with the trucks crossing the road and the liability that goes along with that. Mr. Sullivan assured the Board that Active Minerals International will make safety the main concern for this project.

There being no more comments, Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to close this public hearing and enter into the regular scheduled meeting. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to leave this portion of Amsterdam Road open to the public. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and approved with a 5 to 1 vote. Chairman Stephens opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to be Discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Georgia Department of Corrections for State Inmates. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that this is an annual renewal of an agreement between the Georgia Department of Corrections and Decatur County to house state inmates. County Administrator Thomas stated the term of this agreement is from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and is worded the same as last year's contract with no changes. Commissioner Murray made a motion to approve this agreement. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval for Alcohol License for Nikki Wells – Nic's Quick Stop #3. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that Ms. Nikki Wells has applied for an alcohol license for Nic's Quick Stop #3, located at 2943 Vada Road, formerly known as Scott's Grocery, and has met all the requirements necessary. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this request. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve an alcohol license for Ms. Nikki Wells. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Board Appointment – Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities. Chairman Stephens stated the Board would discuss this issue after Executive Session.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Personnel. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

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

Chairman Stephens stated during executive session the Board discussed a personnel matter pertaining to a board appointment. Commissioner Davis made a motion to appoint Justin Gravlee to the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Board. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

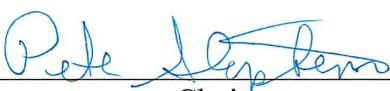
All of the Commissioners thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

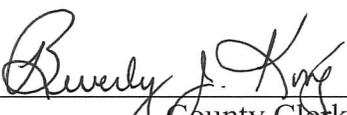
County Administrator Thomas announced that a copy of the proposed 2018-2019 budget has been given to the commissioners for their review and placed on the County website for the citizens to view. County Administrator Thomas stated that a public notice has been given to the local newspaper to advertise for a Public Hearing for the 2018-2019 budget which is scheduled for the next commissioners' meeting, on May 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. County Administrator Thomas stated that the adoption of the 2018-2019 budget was also in that public notice which is scheduled for June 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. during the regular scheduled meeting. County Administrator Thomas stated that a copy of the budget is available to the public to view during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Decatur County Administrative Building.

County Administrator Thomas also announced that the County has successfully applied for an EPD Scrap Tire grant which will allow the citizens of Decatur County to bring scrap tires to the Decatur County Landfill at no charge. This event will take place Monday, June 11, 2018 through Saturday, June 16, 2018 and the hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m.

to 12:00 noon. This event will be advertised in the local newspaper and placed on the County's website.

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: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk