

## MINUTES

### DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, MAY 22, 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, 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

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Murray 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 Murray made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting held May 8, 2018 as presented. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to go out of the regular meeting and into a Public Hearing for the FY 2018/2019 Budget. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that a draft of the budget was distributed to the Board at the last Commissioners' meeting. County Administrator Thomas commented on some of the areas of the budget stating the overall budget increase from last year's budget is \$1,589,948.00. The justification for that increase is one; \$838,078.00 in the Airport operation. County Administrator Thomas stated that the airport was identified in previous years in the Enterprise funds in error, it has now been corrected and moved to the general fund, so it is not new money, it has just been moved to a different area in the budget. County Administrator Thomas stated another increase is that a new roof has been budgeted for the jail, the amount for that is \$650,000.00, which is \$150,000.00 above last year's budget. County Administrator Thomas stated another one is Public Works had an increase of \$352,183.00, primarily for equipment cost. County Administrator Thomas stated the roof for the jail will be paid out of the SPLOST funds and the Public Works equipment will be paid out of the TSPLOST account. County Administrator Thomas stated that for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive budget proposal year there is a 3% pay increase across the board recommended for the employees which is also included in this budget proposal. County Administrator Thomas stated this clarifies the increase in the budget overall from last year. County Administrator Thomas stated the overall total increase from last year, including all funds combined is \$386,950.00. County Administrator Thomas stated with all that being said, he was also proud to announce that the County will not be recommending an increase in the millage rate. Commissioner Murray had a few questions about the budget in which County Administrator Thomas answered.

County Administrator Thomas announced that the adoption of the proposed budget is scheduled for the next commissioners' meeting, June 12, 2018.

There being no more comments, Commissioner Brock 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.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to be Discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider Resolution for Georgia Department of Transportation.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that the County has been working with the State for a period of time trying to get them to pick-up Whigham Dairy Road for a truck route. County Administrator Thomas stated this paperwork is the initiation of that project. County Administrator Thomas stated that one of the documents is the State Highway System Revisions, an Order of Commissioner from Georgia Department of Transportation. County Administrator Thomas stated in these documents is a map showing what DOT intends to abandon and what they intend to pick-up. County Administrator Thomas stated the other document is an authorizing resolution that basically agrees that the County understands that part of the right-of-way is being revised and a new route will be designated to Whigham Dairy Road. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this resolution and authorize Chairman Stephens to sign all the recommended documents to proceed with this project. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve these documents and authorize Chairman Stephens to sign all the recommended documents. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS**

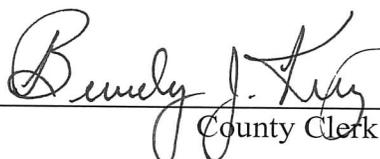
All of the Commissioners thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

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

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

  
County Clerk