

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, COMMISSIONERS RUSTY DAVIS, GREG MURRAY, 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, 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

Chairman Stephens asked the Board to approve the following amendment: Move #6 to after Executive Session. 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

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 June 26, 2018 as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to be Discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

**Consider 2019 LMIG Project List – Dennis Medley.** Chairman Stephens recognized Public Works Director Dennis Medley. Mr. Medley presented the Board with a project report for the 2019 LMIG funds and stated that the estimated funds for the 2019 LMIG is \$785,231.685. Mr. Medley recommended the Board approve three roads for this project; Woodhull Road, Bell Dixon Road and Kelley Road. Mr. Medley stated that it is his determination that these roads are the most qualified for resurfacing. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve this project list as recommended by Mr. Medley. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved. Mr. Medley gave a brief update on the 2017 and 2018 LMIG projects stating that the 2017 LMIG projects on Brinson Airbase Road and Fluitt Road are nearly complete, the only thing left to do is the driveways along Brinson Airbase Road. Mr. Medley stated that continuation of the 2018 LMIG project is set to begin next Monday on Booster Club Road and Booster Club Circle. Both roads have been leveled and top coating on both will begin next week.

**Consider Authorization to Engage JMCM Consulting for the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan 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 Davis made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Participation in Class Action Law Suit.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that this is a notice of the United States Court of Federal Claims Class Action Lawsuit to recover monies that the Court has determined that the federal government owes for the underpayments in lieu of taxes on federal property. County Administrator Thomas stated the County will not have to pay any fees or expenses to join this law suit. County Administrator Thomas stated the only way to obtain any monies from this lawsuit, without having to file our own lawsuit, is to submit this Class Action Opt-In Notice form. County Administrator Thomas stated that the County Attorney has review this. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve to opt-in on this class action law suit. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Approval for Disposal of Surplus Vehicle – Fire Department.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this is a request from the Fire Department requesting the consideration of the Board of Commissioners for the disposal of a 2001 Ford Crown Vic with over 157,000 miles to be sold on Govdeals.net. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

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

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

Chairman Stephens stated the Board discussed some Board Appointments and the County Administrator's contract during executive session.

Chairman Stephens stated the following three names were agreed by the Board for submission to the Hospital Authority for their consideration: Mrs. Marvelyn Carroll, Mr. Randy Irving, and Ms. Sufronia Clark.

Chairman Stephens stated that the Board agreed to reappoint Mr. Charles Haddock and Mr. David Conoly to the Planning Commission to serve another term.

Chairman Stephens stated that the Board agreed to renew County Administrator Thomas' contract for another two years. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve all three items listed above. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Brock made a motion to authorize Chairman Stephens to sign County Administrator Thomas' contract. Commissioner Davis 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.

The Commissioners thanked County Administrator Thomas for doing a great job and agreeing to serve for another two years.

Commissioner Davis thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during his recent illness.

County Administrator Thomas thanked the Board for their continued support.

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

Approved:                       
                    *Rick Stephen*  
                    Chairman

Attest:                       
                    *Dwight J. King*  
                    County Clerk