

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 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, Commissioner Greg Murray gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

County Administrator Alan Thomas asked the Board to approve the following amendments: Add #8; Consider Approval of Service Agreement with Cornerstone Government Affairs, Inc. and add #9; Consider Approval of Underground Easement for Georgia Power Company. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve the agenda with these amendments. 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 Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting held July 24, 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

Environmental Health Presentation – Ansley Johnson and Justin Smith. Chairman Stephens recognized Decatur County Environmental Health Manager Ansley Johnson and District Environmental Health Director Justin Smith. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Smith presented the Board with an ordinance to review and adopt for the enforcement of Decatur County Environmental Health regulations. Mr. Johnson stated that currently, Decatur County has only adopted Decatur County Board of Health's Rules and Regulations relating to onsite sewage systems and individual water supplies. Mr. Johnson stated the adoption of the proposed ordinance will allow enforcement of all Board of Health Rules and Regulations at the local level. Mr. Johnson said with the aid of Code Enforcement, this ordinance will allow enforcement through Magistrate Court or Sheriff's Department rather than State Court. County Administrator Thomas stated if the Board approves this ordinance he recommended the effective date be October 1, 2018 to allow proper time for notifying the public. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this ordinance. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Mr. Johnson stated that the Decatur County Board of Health is considering the adoption of a policy to have all undeveloped properties evaluated by a registered soil classifier, registered engineer, or registered geologist prior to onsite sewage system approval and permitting by their

office. Mr. Johnson stated the Board of Health would like the commissioners to be aware of the policy and give feedback prior to the Board of Health voting to adopt the policy at its August 28th meeting. Mr. Johnson stated the soil evaluation policy requirement is only for the installation of new septic systems or adding a new additional septic system to a developed piece of property. Environmental Health regulations already require soil evaluations for subdivision approvals. Mr. Johnson stated that individual Boards of Health could be held liable for mistakes or errors which occur by the Environmental Health Specialist when performing soil evaluations. Soil classifiers have more education, training, and field experience performing soil evaluations than an environmental health specialist and they carry at least \$1,000,000 errors and omissions liability insurance. Mr. Johnson stated that nine of the fourteen counties within the Southwest Health District require soil evaluations by a soil classifier prior to onsite sewage system permitting. Mr. Johnson stated the District Environmental Health Director and District Health Director would like to see all Boards of Health within our District adopt the soil evaluation policy. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to table this issue until the next meeting and asked that Mr. Johnson meet with them at another time to further discuss this issue.

Consider Duty Weapon Purchase – Sheriff’s Department and Prison. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a letter from Sheriff Wiley Griffin requesting the purchase of duty weapons. County Administrator Thomas stated the bidders were required to submit split bids and an overall total cost for the purchase of seized/forfeited guns from Decatur County and the purchase of duty weapons for the Decatur County Sheriff’s office and Decatur County Prison. County Administrator Thomas stated that four bids were received. County Administrator Thomas stated that Sheriff Griffin and Warden Screen requested that the Board approve the bid from GT Distributors, Inc. to purchase all duty weapons and sell all seized weapons with GT Distributors owing Decatur County \$3,182.80; which this money could be used to purchase spare holsters and magazines. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve this purchase. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Purchase of Vehicles – Sheriff’s Department. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a request from Major Wendell Cofer of the Sheriff’s department to purchase two vehicles. County Administrator Thomas stated that four bids were received and recommended the Board approve the low bid from Spring Creek Ford in the amount of \$26,990.00 each. One vehicle will replace a 2012 Dodge Charger with 197,870 miles and the other will replace a 1992 Caprice with 170,583 miles. County Administrator Thomas stated these are budgeted items. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this purchase. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Purchase of Semi-Truck – Public Works. Chairman Stephens recognized Public Works Director Dennis Medley. Mr. Medley requested the purchase of a 2012 Peterbilt 386 semi-truck from Rush Truck Centers in Jacksonville, Florida in the amount of \$42,000.00. Mr. Medley stated that it would be replacing a 1993 Mack CH613 semi-truck with 765,360 miles that needed a brake job. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this purchase. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Disposal of Surplus Vehicle – Public Works. Chairman Stephens recognized Public Works Director Dennis Medley. Mr. Medley requested the Board to declare a 1993 Mack CH613 Semi-Truck with 765,360 miles as surplus property and advertise for sale on GovDeals. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Purchase of Dozer – Landfill. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated bids were opened Friday, July 27th for a new dozer at the landfill. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve the low bid purchase from Flint Equipment for a 2019 John Deere 750K LGP with a sale price of \$259,590.00, trade-in allowance of \$80,000.00, 5-year buy-back of \$95,000.00 and finance rate of 2.75%. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this purchase. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Service Agreement with Cornerstone Government Affairs, Inc. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a service agreement between Cornerstone Government Affairs, Inc and Decatur County. County Administrator Thomas stated that Cornerstone provides strategic consulting and advocacy services to assist with federal, state and local governments and governmental regulatory authorities. County Administrator Thomas stated the payment for these services is \$1,500.00 per month and this is a budgeted item. County Administrator Thomas stated

that the City of Bainbridge and the Development Authority both have agreements with this company and recommended the Board approve this service agreement. Commissioner Murray made a motion to approve this agreement. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Underground Easement for Georgia Power Company. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that in the last meeting this Board approved an agreement with Nexamp Solar, for the benefit of Danimer Scientific. County Administrator Thomas stated this is an underground easement for Georgia Power to provide that service. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this easement for Georgia Power. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to go into executive session to discuss litigation. 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 litigation matters and no action is to be taken.

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 Murray, was duly adjourned. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk