

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, COMMISSIONERS RUSTY DAVIS, GREG MURRAY, GEORGE ANDERSON AND STEVE BROCK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ALAN THOMAS, COUNTY ATTORNEY BRUCE KIRBO, 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 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

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Stephens recognized Cheryl Weathersby and Kylie Holley with Spring Creek Charter School. Mrs. Holley, Superintendent of Pataula Charter Academy, stated that students in Decatur, Miller and Seminole counties will now have a Public Charter School option as a result of a vote by the State Charter Schools Commission (SCSC). Mrs. Holley stated that the SCSC approved a five-year charter for Spring Creek Charter Academy, a replication of Pataula Charter Academy. Mrs. Holley said the recommendation stated Pataula Charter Academy has consistently demonstrated success as a State Charter School and has a track record of meeting SCSC performance standards, therefore, SCSC staff has strong reason to believe that Spring Creek will be positioned for long-term success. Mrs. Holley said they were excited about expanding their educational program to more students in Southwest Georgia and plan to build on their proven record of success. Mrs. Holley stated that SCCA is expected to open in fall of 2019 with grades K-5 and add one grade level per year until 12th grade. Mrs. Holley stated that initially, the school will seek to enroll approximately 276 students in grades K-5 and will be using an online platform for pre-enrollment and a lottery to ensure accuracy and transparency in the enrollment and lottery process. Mrs. Holley stated that the existing board that oversees PCA will also serve as the governing board for Spring Creek Charter Academy but will be expanding to include community members of SCCA. Mrs. Holley stated that the mission of Spring Creek Charter Academy is to prepare students for life-long success by partnering with families and communities to create a safe, nurturing learning environment that engages and challenges students, fosters creativity, and instills integrity and leadership skills that inspire students to reach their full potential, according to SCCA.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Stephens recognized Mr. Richard Whigham. Mr. Whigham inquired about the status on the contract for debris removal. Mr. Whigham stated there were trees hanging over the roadway on Bettstown Road and inquired if they were on the schedule to be cut back. Mr. Whigham stated there was a road crew working in that area and asked if they would do the complete area before leaving. County Administrator Thomas stated the crew would do the entire road and they were working district by district.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Murray made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting held January 22, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to be Discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Purchase of Motor Grader – Public Works. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a bid tabulation sheet for a motor grader for Public Works that was put out for bids. County Administrator Thomas stated that two bids were received and opened on February 6, 2019. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve the low bid from Yancey in the amount of \$247,000.00 with a trade-in allowance of \$61,340.00, which brings the sale price to \$185,660.00 with a 4.14% finance rate. The five-year guaranteed buy-back price is \$95,000.00. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the low bid from Yancey. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

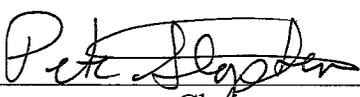
Consider Purchase of Dozer – Landfill. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a bid tabulation sheet for a dozer for the landfill that was put out for bids. County Administrator Thomas stated that three bids were received and opened on February 6, 2019. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve the low bid from Yancey in the amount of \$361,000.00 with a trade-in allowance of \$60,000.00, which brings the sale price to \$301,000.00 with a 4.14% finance rate. The five-year guaranteed buy-back price is \$115,000.00. County Administrator Thomas stated that the tractor that is being traded in was not bought through a five-year guaranteed program and there is a balance of \$117,000.00 that will have to be paid off. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the low bid from Yancey. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Contract with Department of Transportation – Industrial Air Park. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a contract between Department of Transportation of Georgia and Decatur County for Airfield Lighting Replacement and Installation of Automated Weather Observing System at the Industrial Air Park. County Administrator Thomas explained in depth the summary of the construction and reimbursement for this project. County Administrator Thomas stated that Decatur County has paid out \$40,502.70 for design work to get this project started and also \$9,994.29 for overruns from the last project at the Airport for remarking and crack seal. County Administrator Thomas stated the total amount of these two payments to be reimbursed to Decatur County is \$50,496.99. County Administrator Thomas stated the total cost of this project is \$831,817.27. County Administrator Thomas stated out of that amount, the obligation of State and Federal funds for this this project is \$753,980.14 and the cost to Decatur County is \$91,712.13. County Administrator Thomas stated the reimbursement money, \$50,496.99, will be applied to the out of pocket money for Decatur County which will bring the total cost of out of pocket money for Decatur County to \$41,215.14 for this project. County Administrator Thomas stated this cost includes using the LED lighting. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this contract. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this contract with the Department of Transportation. 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. Chairman Stephens announced the death of Mr. T.D. David, former Commissioner and E-911 Board Member from Grady County. Chairman Stephens asked that everyone keep his family in their prayers.

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