

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 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 7:00 p.m. After the call to order, Pastor Williams 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

There were no Special Presentations

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Stephens recognized Johnnie Mae Livingston. Ms. Livingston asked for an update on the removal of a tree that fell during Hurricane Michael. Ms. Livingston stated the tree fell across a ditch and is now blocking the water from flowing down the ditch causing the water to back up in her yard. County Administrator Thomas stated that he would press to get this done as soon as possible.

APPROVE MINUTES

Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting held January 8, 2019 as presented. 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 Approval of Contract with Tinker & Associates for Business Personal Property Audits. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a contract from Tinker & Associates, Inc. for business personal property audits for 2019. County Administrator Thomas stated there were no changes in the amount of the contract or language from last year and this contract has been approved by the Board of Tax Assessors. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this contract. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this contract. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Contract – Debris Monitoring. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas said he would like to express how much we appreciate the partnership we have with the City of Bainbridge. County Administrator Thomas gave a little back ground on the two contracts; one for debris monitoring and the other for disaster recovery services. County Administrator Thomas stated that the City of Bainbridge and Decatur County put a contingency plan in place in the event that the Corps of Engineers' contractors wouldn't be able to pick up all the storm debris by its deadline. County Administrator

Thomas stated it was his understanding that the contractors are no longer picking up vegetative debris as of the end of this weekend, but they are picking up C&D and root balls. County Administrator Thomas stated the responsibility to have the rest of this debris picked up will fall on the City and the County. County Administrator Thomas stated that Federal guidelines must be followed in this process in order for the City and County to be reimbursed. County Administrator Thomas said the next two contracts that will be discussed, is the process that was taken in following those guidelines. County Administrator Thomas stated the first contract to consider is for debris monitoring which is required by FEMA in order to be reimbursed. County Administrator Thomas stated there were seven proposals received, and after each one was evaluated, True North Emergency Management, LLC was approved by the City of Bainbridge. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this proposal as well and enter into this agreement. County Administrator Thomas stated the agreement states that it is between the City of Bainbridge and True North Emergency Management, LLC, but it is a joint agreement with Decatur County as well. County Administrator Thomas stated the billing for the corporate area will be the City's responsibility and the unincorporated area will be the County's responsibility. County Administrator Thomas stated that the County Attorney has looked at this contract and is in agreement. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve this contract. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Contract – Disaster Recovery Services. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated after accepting bids from various companies, evaluating every proposal according to Federal guidelines, the Bainbridge City Council voted for Crowder Gulf to handle pick up duties once the Corps of Engineers contractors were done. County Administrator Thomas stated this again is a joint effort with the City. County Administrator Thomas stated that residents are asked to have all storm debris ready for pickup on the right of ways by Sunday, Jan. 27, to be picked up by the contractor. County Administrator Thomas stated the debris must be eligible under FEMA guidelines in order for the cities and county to be reimbursed for debris removal costs. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this contract. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this contract. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Appointing the District Attorney's Office for Juvenile Court Prosecutor Services. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that the District Attorney's office was recently awarded a juvenile prosecutor by the State to handle juvenile matters in Decatur County at no cost to the County. County Administrator Thomas stated that for several years the County has contracted Attorney William Douglas Hall to handle juvenile cases in Decatur County. County Administrator Thomas stated that Mr. Hall was paid \$1,150.00 per month for those services. County Administrator Thomas stated if the District Attorney's office is awarded to prosecute juvenile cases in Decatur County, we will save the County the expenses that we were paying Mr. Hall. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board appoint the District Attorney's office to handle juvenile court prosecutor services for Decatur County and that those services should start the 1st of February. Commissioner Murray made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Intergovernmental Agreements for Municipalities – Board of Elections. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with Intergovernmental Agreements for the four municipalities that would allow the Elections Office to hold their municipal elections. County Administrator Thomas stated the purpose for renewing these agreements at this time are due to some changes on the Election's Board; a new member and new chairman. County Administrator Thomas stated the language in the agreements are the same and recommended the Board approve these intergovernmental agreements. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve these intergovernmental agreements. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Request from Sheriff's Department – Lt. Redell Walton. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that Lt. Redell Walton is retiring from the sheriff's department to become Chief of Police for the newly formed Grady County Schools' Police Department. County Administrator Thomas stated this request is from Chief Deputy Wendell Cofer to retire Lt. Walton with his badge, credentials and a weapon that is unused by the Decatur County Sheriff's Office. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this request. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Request from Sheriff's Department – Daryl Long. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that Deputy Daryl Long has retired from the Sheriff's Department under honorable conditions. County Administrator Thomas stated this is a request from Chief Deputy Wendell Cofer to allow Deputy Long to retain his Decatur County issued weapon and his Sheriff's Office identification and badge. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this request. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

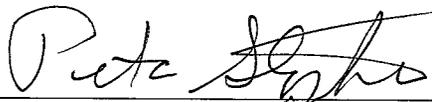
Consider Request from Sheriff's Department – Transfer/Gift Retired Equipment to Arlington Police Department. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this is a request from Chief Deputy Wendell Cofer to gift/transfer some retired equipment to the Arlington Police Department. The equipment consists of (4) Glock gun holsters; (3) hand cuff cases; (2) magazine pouches; and (1) baton holder. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this request. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

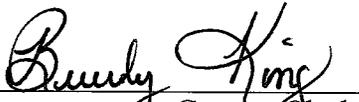
All of the commissioners thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Commissioner Brock stated that Decatur County is losing two good officers and thanked them for their service.

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: _____


Chairman

Attest: _____


County Clerk