

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, COMMISSIONERS RUSTY DAVIS, GEORGE ANDERSON, GREG MURRAY 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, Chairman Stephens gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Pete Stephens asked the Board to approve the following amendment: Move Item #2; Consider Approval of Proclamation to #4 on the Agenda. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the agenda with this amendment. Commissioner Davis 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 Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting held March 12, 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 Request from Development Authority – Rick McCaskill.** Chairman Stephens recognized Mr. Rick McCaskill, Executive Director for the Development Authority of Bainbridge and Decatur County. Mr. McCaskill presented the Board with an itemized list of expenditures for work done at Harrell Ag Products, a County owned building at the Industrial Park. Mr. McCaskill stated that Harrell Ag Products is a great tenant and that they have done everything they said they would do. Mr. McCaskill stated that Harrell Ag Products now employs around 20 people and by the year 2020 should increase that number to 65 or more employees. County Administrator Thomas stated that the amount of this project is \$328,900.32 in which the County had agreed to reimburse the Development Authority for these expenses. Mr. McCaskill stated that the lease for this building should pay back the County within 10 years and the County will end up with a renovated building. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this request to reimburse the Development Authority in the amount of \$328,900.32. Commissioner Murray made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Appointments – Decatur County Gilbert H. Gragg Library Board.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that he received a letter from Dianne Washington, Chair for the Decatur County Gilbert H. Gragg Library Board, requesting that that Board of Commissioners reappoint Branagan Webb and Jan

Godwin to the Library Board. Their terms would end June 30, 2022. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this request. Commissioner Davis made a motion to reappoint Branagan Webb and Jan Godwin to the Library Board. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

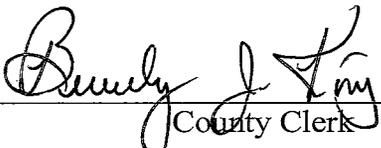
**Consider Approval of Proclamation – Mrs. Ida Price Simmons.** Chairman Stephens recognized Ms. Ida Price Simmons and presented her with a resolution honoring Ms. Simmons on the occasion of her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday which took place on February 28, 2019. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this resolution. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved. Chairman Stephens read aloud the resolution and all of the commissioners gave Ms. Simmons a special thank-you for a life well lived and best wishes for many years of happiness in the future.

**COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS**

All of the commissioners thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and commended Ms. Simmons as the matriarch of her family and to her family for honoring her traditional values.

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

Approved:   
Chairman

Attest:   
County Clerk