

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 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, 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 Brock made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Stephens recognized Sheriff Wiley Griffin. Sheriff Griffin stated since Bainbridge and Decatur County was established, there have been six law enforcement officers that have lost their lives protecting and serving the citizens of Bainbridge and Decatur County. Sheriff Griffin stated that on Wednesday, May 15th at 11:00 a.m., at the Decatur County Sheriff's office, his employees will have a memorial service to honor these six law enforcement officers that have lost their lives in the line of duty. Sheriff Griffin extended an invitation to the Board of Commissioners and the County Administrator to attend this memorial service to help honor these officers.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting held April 9, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' Work Session held April 18, 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 Agreement with Watkins & Associates, LLC for Engineering Services. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented a proposed agreement for professional engineering services with Watkins and Associates, LLC. County Administrator stated that this agreement is for hydrologic and hydraulic analysis on Kemp Road. County Administrator Thomas stated that a couple of cross drain pipes were eroded on Kemp Road from the recent hurricane which forced the County to close this road. As a follow up, while FEMA was in Decatur County assessing the damages, they recognized the water shed area and the volume of water that goes through that area. FEMA suggested that replacing the existing pipe culvert crossing at the bridge might be a better alternative. To proceed with this approach in trying to get this project funded by FEMA at a 75% rate, this study is required to submit along with the County's application. Once this project is completed, it will be submitted to FEMA for their consideration in reimbursing the County.

County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this agreement. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this agreement. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Request from Magistrate Court Judge Maggie Smith. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with an email sent to him from Magistrate Court Judge Maggie Smith requesting that he submit to this Board an Order for Appointment of a Senior Magistrate for their consideration. County Administrator Thomas stated that Ms. Smith is requesting to appoint Ms. Linda Fowler as a Senior Magistrate of Decatur County for a term beginning on this date and ending December 31, 2020. County Administrator Thomas stated that this Order must be approved by the Board of Commissioners. County Administrator Thomas stated that he has reviewed this with the County Attorney and recommended the Board approve this request. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this request. Vice Chairman Brinson 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. County Administrator Thomas announced that the debris removal began picking up again this morning and should be completed within 30 days. Chairman Stephens announced that the 4-H Awards Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cloud Livestock Facility and encouraged all of the commissioners to attend if possible. Chairman Stephens commended Sheriff Griffin on recognizing Officers killed in the line of duty.

There being no further business, the meeting, on motion by Commissioner Davis, was duly adjourned. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Approved: _____



Chairman

Attest: _____



County Clerk