

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, COMMISSIONERS GREG MURRAY, RUSTY DAVIS, 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 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 Davis made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Brock 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 Murray made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting held June 11, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING – C&D SITING DECISION

Commissioner Murray made a motion to go out of regular session and enter into a Public Hearing for a C&D Siting Decision Concerning Horizontal and Vertical Expansion. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas read aloud the advertisement placed in the local newspaper for this Public Hearing. County Administrator Thomas stated this Public Hearing is held to explain the process of expanding the footprint and receive any comments from citizens about the expansion. County Administrator Thomas stated the Waste Management needs are to extend the life of the C&D landfill within the current landfill boundary. The C&D landfill has experienced an increase in waste-stream as a result of the disaster-relief clean-up for the County and waste volumes for the 4.75-acre landfill are approaching existing design capacity. County Administrator Thomas stated that the County plans to expand the facility boundary on the west side of the property adjacent to the existing C&D landfill to allow enough space to establish a new 200-ft undisturbed buffer. By keeping the expanded C&D waste footprint within the existing property, this will help expedite approval from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division so the County can meet their waste management needs before the current footprint meets capacity.

Chairman Stephens opened the floor for comments. Commissioner Murray asked if the landfill was receiving debris from other counties. County Administrator stated that the landfill was receiving debris from other counties but at a higher rate than Decatur County's rate. Commissioner Brock asked how much longer he anticipated the landfill accepting debris from the hurricane. County Administrator Thomas stated approximately 3 to 4 more

months. There being no other comments, Commissioner Davis made a motion to close this Public Hearing and enter into the regular scheduled meeting. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the C&D expansion at the current location. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Attached to the minutes is a transcript of this Public Hearing done by Ms. Sherry Parker.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to be Discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between Decatur-Grady 911 and the City of Albany. Chairman Stephens recognized E-911 Director Tonya Griffin. Ms. Griffin presented to the Board a Memorandum of Understanding between Decatur-Grady 911 and the City of Albany for the Southwest Georgia Regional Radio System that Decatur County is a part of. Ms. Griffin stated this region consists of Decatur, Grady, Thomas, Dougherty and Lee counties with Mitchell County expected to join soon. Ms. Griffin stated that this is the master site, which is the core of the system. Ms. Griffin stated that this memorandum of understanding allows us to participate in the City's P25 radio system. Ms. Griffin stated that the radio count is 1177 and the cost is \$121,100.60 to be shared by all the partners on the system, so everyone on our system will help pay for this cost. Ms. Griffin stated that this cost is included in this year's budget and is under the budgeted amount. The initial term of this agreement is 10 years. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Albany. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Quit Claim Deed. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a Quit Claim Deed from the Tax Commissioner which was drawn up by County Attorney Bruce Kirbo. County Administrator Thomas stated that this property, known as 133 Alice Lane, was acquired by Decatur County through a tax sale and is being quit claimed back to Kenneth Jones in which he is the previous owner of this property. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this Quit Claim Deed. Commissioner Murray made a motion to approve this Quit Claim Deed. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Request from Sheriff's Department – Purchase of Vehicles. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented a letter from Chief Deputy Sheriff Wendell Cofer requesting the authorization to purchase 2 new Ford F-150 (2-wheel drive) Trucks, 2 new Ford F-150 (4-wheel drive) Trucks and 2 used Ford Crown Victoria vehicles. County Administrator Thomas stated in that letter are bids from 5 companies with the low bid from Sunbelt Ford Lincoln of Albany, Georgia, on both the 2-wheel drive trucks and the 4-wheel drive trucks, however, Riverbend Ford, a local dealer, came in at just 1.67% over the low bid. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve the purchase from Riverbend Ford, as the local dealer preference, with a sale price of \$26,846.40 for the 2-wheel drive truck and \$29,716.40 for the 4-wheel drive truck. Commissioner Murray made a motion to approve these purchases as recommended. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Ratify Debris Pickup on Magnolia Lane. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that Lake Seminole was hit hard by Hurricane Michael. County Administrator Thomas stated that some private owned land on Magnolia Lane, across from the Recovery Volunteer Fire Department, had around 1200 cubic yards of vegetative debris pushed on it due to the homeowners in that area didn't have much room to put their debris after Hurricane Michael. County Administrator Thomas stated that he received permission from this Board by email to authorize Crowder Gulf, who is a company that the City and County has contracted to pick up the remaining debris from Hurricane Michael, to pick up that debris on Magnolia Lane. County Administrator Thomas stated that this request is to ratify that action that has been taken. Commissioner Murray made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Comments – Sam Dunn. Chairman Stephens recognized Mr. Sam Dunn. Chairman Stephens

recognized Mr. Sam Dunn and Mr. Jay Lewis. Mr. Dunn and Mr. Lewis expressed concerns with a drainage problem on Palmer Road. Mr. Dunn provided the Board with a letter dated December 18, 1985, from then County Attorney, Harold Lambert, to some of the residents on Palmer Road implementing an effort to resolve the drainage problem they were having on Palmer Road. Mr. Dunn also provided the Board with a diagram of the area, pointing out some of the problems. Mr. Dunn stated that he believed if the ditches were properly maintained and a holding pond in that area was also properly maintained, this would eliminate the problems they are having. A brief discussion followed. Chairman Stephens asked Mr. Dunn to give the County a few weeks to try to get this problem resolved.

COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

All of the Commissioners thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Chairman Stephens invited everyone to attend the Graduation of some inmates at the Decatur County Prison, Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

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