

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, COMMISSIONERS 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 9:00 a.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

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 Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting held June 25, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING – C&D SITING DECISION

Commissioner Brock 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 Notice of Public Meeting that was placed in the local newspaper; posted at the Court House; the Administrative Building and the Landfill for this Public Hearing. County Administrator Thomas stated the purpose for this Public Hearing is 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. County Administrator Thomas stated that the County intends to expand approximately 2.6 acres of additional C&D disposal area to take place within the existing permit boundary and 5.0 acres of new area for the required 200-foot buffer is proposed on adjacent property already owned by Decatur County to the west. 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. County Administrator Thomas presented an aerial site image that shows the proposed expansion of the C&D landfill site and stated that it is available to the public for viewing.

Chairman Stephens opened the floor for comments. There being no comments, Commissioner Davis made a motion to close this Public Hearing and enter into the regular scheduled meeting. 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 Emergency Medical Services Agreement. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with an Emergency Medical Services Agreement between Decatur County and Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation d/b/a South Georgia Emergency Medical Service. County Administrator Thomas stated that the current agreement expires August 31, 2019. County Administrator Thomas stated this is a five-year contract but will be year to year commencing on September 1, 2019 and ending on August 31, 2020. County Administrator Thomas stated that the County will pay an annual fee of \$250,000 each year for the first two years of this agreement; for the third year, the County will pay an annual fee of \$275,000; and for years four and five, the County will pay an annual fee of \$300,000. This agreement may automatically renew for a period of 12 months, each renewal term, under the terms and conditions as provided unless either party sends written notification of termination. County Administrator Thomas highlighted on some of the services provided in this agreement and recommended the Board consider this agreement for approval. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve this agreement. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

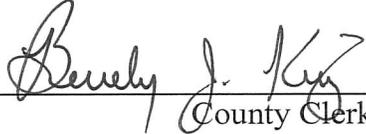
COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

All of the Commissioners thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Chairman Stephens stated that the Commissioners had discussed giving County Administrator Thomas a bonus for his outstanding leadership, but County Administrator Thomas refused to take it, stating it wasn't necessary and he felt that other County employees were worthy also. Chairman Stephens commended him for his loyalty and dedication.

County Attorney Kirbo stated that the City of Attapulgus attempted to compensate Decatur County for some work that they had done for the City of Attapulgus but the County refused to accept the payment. Chairman Stephens said it makes him proud to know that there are good people in this County. Commissioner Anderson stated on behalf of the City of Attapulgus, they appreciate it.

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

Approved:  _____
Chairman

Attest:  _____
County Clerk