

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 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 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, Pastor Martin Williams gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Murray made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Anderson 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 November 12, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Executive Session – Personnel. Commissioner Brock made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Personnel. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

After the executive session, the Commissioners assembled back in the board room. Commissioner Brock made a motion to go into regular session. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Chairman Stephens stated the Commissioners discussed a board appointment during executive session. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to appoint Mr. Kevin Rentz to the Board of Tax Assessors to carry out Mr. Alan Davis' term. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Request for Eakin Road Closure – Clayton Penhallegon. Chairman Stephens recognized Mr. Clayton Penhallegon. Mr. Penhallegon came before the Board requesting their consideration of closing Eakin Road which adjoins his property. Mr. Penhallegon stated that the County has not maintained this road for a long time. Mr. Penhallegon gave a brief history of the road and the landowners that has property on Eakin Road. County Attorney Bruce Kirbo explained that there were procedures to go through in order to close a road, stating that the first step of the process is to have the Board of Commissioner approve to move forward with the road closure. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Brock made a motion to move forward with this process to close Eakin Road. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Resolution – Building Design Standards for Residential Dwellings. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator

Thomas stated that ACCG and the Georgia Municipal Association are requesting that Georgia's counties and cities adopt the resolution that is presented to you, in support of the ability to establish residential design standards locally to help preserve the aspect of local control. This will help to allow the elected officials to be empowered to enforce locally established building design standards for residential dwellings, for the purposes of economic growth and the safety and welfare of the citizens of Georgia and in particular of Decatur County. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this resolution. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this resolution. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Resolution – Naming a Designated Officer for Sales Tax Information.

Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas Stated this resolution authorizes Georgia Department of Revenue Commissioner to provide certain confidential sales tax information to the designated officer of counties and other local governments. County Administrator Thomas stated that the period for these requests may not exceed one year and that the designated officer shall maintain the confidentiality of such information. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this resolution and name a designated officer. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve this resolution and assign County Administrator Alan Thomas as the designated officer. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Authorization to Engage JMCM Consulting for the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this is the consulting firm that was previously successful in obtaining the grant for the self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department. County Administrator Thomas stated this is a new agreement to engage JMCM Consulting to enter another application on behalf of the Fire Department. County Administrator Thomas stated that if they are not successful in obtaining this grant award for the County, there is no fee. County Administrator Thomas 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.

Consider Approval of Error and Releases Report from Tax Commissioner. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with an Error and Releases report from the Tax Commissioner for their consideration of approval. Commissioner Murray made a motion to approve this report. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Board Appointment – Georgia Pines Community Service Board. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that he received a letter from Georgia Pines Community Mental Health Board stating that currently Mr. Larry Nichols serves as the Decatur County representative on that Board and that his term will end January 31, 2020. Georgia Pines Community Service Board is requesting that Mr. Nichols or another representative be appointed by this Commission. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board reappoint Mr. Nichols to serve another term. Commissioner Brock made a motion to reappoint Mr. Nichols. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

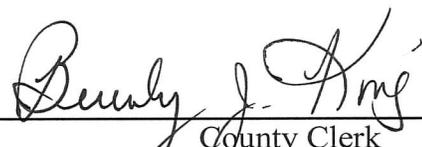
COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

All the Commissioners thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Rentz for his willingness to serve on the Board of Tax Assessors.

Chairman Stephens asked everyone to be in prayer for Georgia Representative Jay Powell's family. Chairman Stephens announced that GED graduation for Decatur County Prison will be held December 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and encouraged everyone to attend.

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

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk