

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, COMMISSIONERS RUSTY DAVIS, GREG MURRAY, GEORGE ANDERSON 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, Vice Chairman Dennis Brinson 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 Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no Special Presentations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Stephens recognized Ms. Johnnie Mae Livingston. Ms. Livingston stated that she lived on Bettstown Road and wanted to thank Public Works Director Dennis Medley and the Public Works department for maintaining the ditches on Bettstown Road.

APPROVE MINUTES

Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting held February 11, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to be Discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Bainbridge Decatur County Humane Society. Chairman Stephens recognized Ms. Cecilia Willis. Ms. Willis presented the Board with a report from the Bainbridge Decatur County Humane Society showing how many animals the Humane Society takes in and what is done with the animals after they receive them. Ms. Willis discussed the expenditures involved with taking these animals in how it has become a big problem with so many abandoned animals. Ms. Willis presented the Board with a budget from 2019-2020 and asked that the Board consider increasing the amount of funds that the County provides to the Humane Society. After a brief discussion, Chairman Stephens requested that three commissioners meet on Wednesday and three on Thursday with some of the members of the Humane Society to further discuss this matter. Everyone was in agreement.

Consider Approval of Contract with Norman Appraisal Services. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that the County has held a contract with Norman Appraisal Services for a number of years for maintenance and appraisal updates on real property. County Administrator Thomas stated this contract has been approved and recommended by the Board of Tax Assessors. County Administrator Thomas stated it is a three-year contract in the amount of \$168,000.00 per year and recommended the Board approve this contract. Commissioner Murray made a motion to approve this contract. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Contract with Tinker & Associates. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a contract from Tinker & Associates, Inc. for business personal property audits for 2020. County Administrator Thomas stated the amount of this contract is \$22,500 for one year and has been approved by the Board of Tax Assessors. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this contract. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this contract. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Request from Sheriff's Department – Transfer Vehicle to College. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this is a request from the Sheriff's Department to gift/transfer a 2013 Dodge Charger and accessory equipment to Southern Technical College Police Department. County Administrator Thomas stated the Sheriff's Department was originally taking this vehicle out of service to be sold on Govdeals. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this request. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Request from Sheriff's Department – Disposal of Surplus Vehicles. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that this is request from the Sheriff's Department to declare four vehicles; a 2005 Ford Crown Victoria, (2) 2011 Ford Crown Victoria, and a 2013 Dodge Charger surplus property to be sold on Govdeals.net. County Administrator Thomas stated that this vehicle was used as a courtesy car at the airport and that the County has recently purchased a replacement for this vehicle. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this request. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

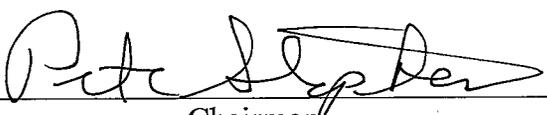
Consider Request from Landfill – Disposal of Surplus Property. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a list of equipment and vehicles from the Landfill requesting the Board to declare surplus property and advertise for sale on Govdeals.net. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this request. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

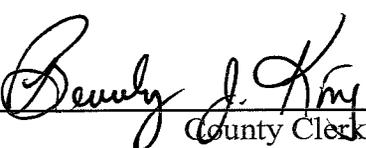
Memorandum of Understanding – Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that this is a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and Decatur County for the provision of Cooperative Extension Services and Personnel in Decatur County. County Administrator Thomas stated that UGA Extension offers reliable information and programs in areas of agriculture. County Administrator Thomas stated in return the County provides a suitable office agreed on by all parties as well as funds to pay for all necessary office supplies and other items necessary for the operation of an effective Extension program. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this Memorandum of Understanding. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this Memorandum of Understanding. Commissioner Brock 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 thanked Ms. Livingston for her positive remarks.

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

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk