

## MINUTES

### DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 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, DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK MICHELLE WEST 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, 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 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

Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting held February 25, 2020 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

**Audit Report – Ben Lee.** Chairman Stephens recognized Mr. Ben Lee. Mr. Lee of Coastal CPA presented the Board of Commissioners with an audit report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019. Mr. Lee stated an unmodified opinion, which is a clean opinion, was issued on the County's financial statements. Mr. Lee stated there were no non-compliance in any of the federal laws or regulations over the expenditures of those funds discovered. Mr. Lee stated that the County has done another great job this year in managing the budget. Mr. Lee stated that the unassigned financial resources increased by a little over \$2.5 million dollars during the year. Mr. Lee stated that the actual revenues from the General Fund was \$2.7 million over the amount budgeted and the actual expenditures was \$1.4 million less than the amount budgeted. Mr. Lee said that gave a strong positive variance with the budget in both revenue and expenditures. Mr. Lee stated the general fund unassigned fund balance, which is the amount of resources you have available in the general fund that is not restricted or committed to anything increased by a little over \$1.6 million dollars to bring that unassigned fund balance to a little over \$6.6 million dollars. Mr. Lee stated that this is all good news but Decatur County is only half way where it needs to be. Mr. Lee stated these general fund positive budgetary results are due to effective budgetary control by management. Mr. Lee stated this is a great turn-around and a great job done by the County Administrator and staff. Mr. Lee said the trend for the County needs to continue to have growth in the unassigned fund balance of the general fund. Mr. Lee stated that the general rule for a government is to have a minimum of six months to a year of operating expenditures in the unassigned fund balance in the general fund in order to be financially sound. Mr. Lee stated that the County has the landfill and in order to keep the landfill running, the County has to be able to

prove that you have the financial capability to meet the closure and post-closure requirements of the landfill which increase every year. Mr. Lee recommended that the Board hold a workshop in the near future and let him explain what the real financial position is and what the County's requirements are. Mr. Lee reported to the Board that everything looks good and recommended for everyone to stay on course.

**Consider Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Southwest Georgia Regional Commission – Pre-Mitigation Plan.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that this is a Memorandum of Agreement with Southwest Regional Commission that provides the County's Pre-Mitigation plan. County Administrator Thomas stated that this is an update to the plan that is required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency regulations and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency regulations. County Administrator Thomas stated that the total cost for this project is \$15,000 and this agreement extends through March 30, 2022. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this agreement. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this agreement. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Proposed Road Closure – Portion of Old Faceville Road.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a letter from Mr. Greg Smith who represents the clients of James and Gail Brown along with a map that shows the portion of Old Faceville Road that they are requesting to close. County Administrator Thomas stated at this point it is only to inform the Board of their request. County Administrator Thomas stated that he will have Public Works take a look at this and make a recommendation in which we will discuss in a future meeting. County Administrator Thomas stated there is no action to be taken at this time.

**COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS**

All the Commissioners thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and thanked County Administrator Thomas and all the staff for another good year in managing the budget.

County Attorney Bruce Kirbo announced that the Decatur County Surplus Property Sale will offer an online auction to begin April 3, 2020 and end on April 16, 2020. Currently the list of properties to be sold can be accessed online.

County Attorney Bruce Kirbo announced that the lawsuit with the solar company has been resolved.

Chairman Stephens announced that Dr. Ruis from the Health Department will be at the next Commissioners' meeting to discuss the Coronavirus. Chairman Stephens congratulated Commissioner Brock and Vice Chairman Brinson for having no opposition on their elections.

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