MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN FRANK LOEFFLER, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, COMMISSIONERS DR. BUTCH MOSELY, OLIVER SELLERS, RUSSELL SMITH AND JAN GODWIN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR GARY BREEDLOVE, COUNTY CLERK BEVERLY KING, COUNTY ATTORNEY BROWN MOSELEY AND NEWS REPORTER POWELL COBB.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Loeffler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the call to order, Reverend Randy Moseley gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

AMENDMENTS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

County Administrator Breedlove asked the board to approve the following amendments: Delete #6 Under Old Business, Natural Gas Project; Add #10 Under New Business, Alcoholic Beverage License for Mary Estes; and Add #11 Under New Business, City Correspondence. Commissioner Godwin asked the board to Add Personnel to Executive Session. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the agenda with these amendments. Commissioner Godwin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

County Administrator Breedlove asked the Board to go into a Public Hearing Post Award for the 2014 CDBG. Col. Breedlove stated this is an informational hearing only. Col. Breedlove stated the CDBG funds have been approved for construction of street and drainage improvements in the Simmons-McIntyre Road Neighborhood, benefiting 81 low and moderate income residents. County Administrator Breedlove read aloud the following: Funds are available for the following activities:

a. Approximately $25,150.00 for activity Contingencies.
b. Approximately $278,377.00 for activity Street Improvements.
c. Approximately $33,405.00 for activity Engineering.
d. Approximately $120,075.00 for activity Flood and Drainage Facilities.
e. Approximately $12,993.00 for activity Engineering.
f. Approximately $30,000.00 for activity Administration.

Approximately $142,416 for the project from Decatur County as match and leverage.
There were no public comments therefore the Public Hearing was closed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Loeffler recognized Ted Snell. Mr. Snell said the State of Georgia rated number 1 for having the highest unemployment in the nation. Mr. Snell spoke of unemployment statistics and the number of foreclosures in Decatur County. Mr. Snell asked the Board to take leadership in this area and consider combing the two governments, city and county, to save money.

Chairman Loeffler recognized Rick McCaskill, Executive Director of the Development Authority. Mr. McCaskill asked the Board of Commissioners to approve an easement at the Decatur County Industrial Park for a 25' underground electrical line for the 156 acre Solar Project. Mr. McCaskill stated this project looks very solid and would generate approximately $40 million in tax dollars beginning in the year 2015. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve this request pending the approval of Georgia Department of Transportation. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

APPROVE MINUTES

Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held September 9, 2014. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Simmons McIntyre Ceremony. County Administrator Breedlove announced that a photo-op ceremony took place this morning at 9:00 a.m. at the church parking lot next to intersection with approximately 25 people present.

Cooler Road Ceremony. County Administrator Breedlove announced that a photo-op ceremony will be held Wednesday, September 24th at 9:00 a.m. at the south end of recently repaved section of Cooler Road.

Carters Mill Road Ceremony. County Administrator Breedlove announced that a ceremony will be held Thursday, September 25th at 9:00 a.m. at the north end of Carters Mill Road. The purpose is to publicize the achievements by our county employees, primarily Public Works Department, toward making Decatur County a better place to live.

Landfill Cell 4 Status. County Administrator Breedlove gave a brief update on cell 4 status, stating that it should be completed by the end of this month if the weather is good.

Water / Waste Water Treatment System Status at Industrial Park. County Administrator Breedlove stated the water part of this project is 99% complete with a few punch list items to be done. Col. Breedlove announced the following week he would plan a similar ceremony at the Water System/Water Tower at the Industrial Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Watkins Contract – Natural Gas Line at Industrial Park. County Administrator Breedlove updated the Board of Commissioners on the plans to install an 8 inch gas line at the Industrial Park.

Sale of County Owned Property. County Attorney Moseley stated that a resident of Decatur County had inquired about purchasing a piece of property located on Cherry Street that the County acquired through a tax sale. Mr. Moseley recommended the Board of Commissioners authorize him to advertise the sale of this piece of property by a sealed bid process. Commissioner Smith made a motion to authorize the County Attorney to advertise and sale this piece of property on Cherry Street by a sealed bid process. Commissioner Godwin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Proclamation. County Administrator Breedlove recommended the Board approve this proclamation recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve this proclamation. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Alcoholic Beverage License for Mary Estes. County Administrator Breedlove stated this was an alcoholic beverage license for Mary Estes, who was taking over ownership of Faceville Country Store. Col. Breedlove recommended the Board approve these license pending final inspection by the Building Inspector. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this alcoholic beverage license pending the final inspection by the Building Inspector. Commissioner Sellers seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

City Correspondence. Chairman Loeffler made a motion to appoint a committee comprised of himself, Vice Chairman Dennis Brinson and County Administrator Gary Breedlove which would review the information sent by the City and report back to the Board of Commissioners at a later date. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Commissioner Mosely said he had given the situation some thought and suggested the committee might include an impartial citizen from both the City of Bainbridge and Decatur County hoping

this would prohibit both parties from ending up in Court.

Chairman Loeffler amended his motion. Chairman Loeffler made a motion to appoint a committee comprised of himself, Vice Chairman Dennis Brinson, County Administrator Gary Breedlove and an impartial citizen from both the City of Bainbridge and Decatur County. Commissioner Mosely seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

Commissioner Godwin said that something needed to be done to encourage the State to keep the median mowed on the State roads in Decatur County. Commissioner Godwin inquired about Maggie Bridges signs. Col. Breedlove stated he was working on them.

Commissioner Mosely stated he concurred with Commissioner Godwin, stating the State road in the Climax area needed mowing also. Chairman Loeffler stated he would contact Darlene Taylor to see if she could help out with this problem.

Commissioner Brinson commended Lindsey Hayes for the successful 4-H Banquet.

Commissioner Sellers also inquired about the Maggie Bridges signs, stating he would like to see one in Brinson.

County Attorney Moseley stated that he placed a draft of an application for Decatur County Facility Use. Mr. Moseley stated he also provided a facility use agreement and facility rental fee schedule. Mr. Moseley suggested the Board of Commissioners look over them and provide any input. Mr. Moseley stated the Board could possibly vote to approve these documents at the next commissioners' meeting.

County Administrator Breedlove gave a brief update on the debris removal from SIPS at the Industrial Air Park.

Commissioner Godwin made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Personnel and Litigation. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

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

Chairman Loeffler stated the Board discussed a litigation matter and a personnel matter. No action is to be taken at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting, on motion by Commissioner Godwin, was duly adjourned. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Approved: Frank Loeffler
Chairman

Attest: Beverly J. King
County Clerk