

**MINUTES
DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013**

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 .m. After the call to order, Reverend John Thomas gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

AMENDMENTS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Commissioner Mosely asked the board to add the following item to the agenda; Consider removing the interim title from Col. Breedlove and making him the county administrator with an additional one year on his contract. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve the agenda with this amendment. Vice Chairman Loeffler seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Department of Natural Resources. Chairman Smith recognized Brian Vickey. Mr. Vickey introduced Matt Kile, the Field Service Coordinator and John Denton, the Acting Regional Supervisor and Wild Life Biologist. Mr. Vickey gave a brief update on some projects at Silver Lake and within the region. Mr. Vickey stated that DNR plans to build a shop facility and make other upgrades in the near future at Silver Lake. Chairman Smith asked Mr. Vickey why Decatur County was not receiving any funds from the timber that has been cut at Silver Lake. Mr. Vickey stated that those funds were going toward maintaining and upgrading the facilities and to help buy the necessary equipment. Mr. Vickey discussed the future development of horse trails and camp sites at Silver Lake. Mr. Vickey thanked Chairman Smith for inviting them to the meeting and looked forward to a lasting relationship with the Board of Commissioners.

County Administrator Breedlove recognized four employees that was nominated by their department heads for the employee of the year; Nadine Brown, nominated by Larry Battle; Willie Norris Brown, nominated by Elijah McCoy; Martin Duncan, nominated by Eric Swain; and Dewey Thompson, nominated by Dennis Medley. Col. Breedlove stated that a committee selected Nadine Brown as the county's employee for the year 2012. Col. Breedlove stated that Nadine Brown would receive \$300.00 in her next paycheck and the other three nominees would receive \$100.00.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- PERTAINING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There was no public participation pertaining to items on the agenda.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Loeffler made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting held December 11, 2012. Commissioner Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Loeffler made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held December 21, 2012. Commissioner Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Fire Alarm Contract. Chairman Smith recognized Sheriff Wiley Griffin. Sheriff Griffin welcomed the two new commissioners, Dennis Brinson and Jan Godwin. Sheriff Griffin

explained that the fire alarm system at the sheriff's department was damaged by lightning last year. Sheriff Griffin stated the county's insurance has paid \$75,000.00 toward replacing the system. Sheriff Griffin submitted a contract with Ace Technologies in the amount of \$65,103.00 to replace the fire alarm system at the Sheriff's office for the commissioners to consider. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve this contract with Ace Technologies in the amount of \$65,103.00. Commissioner Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Removing Interim from the County Administrator's Title. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to remove the interim title from Col. Breedlove and making him the county administrator with an additional one year on his contract. Vice Chairman Loeffler seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Mosely stated that Col. Breedlove told the County Commissioners that he does not want to receive any salary increase until the county's employees are able to receive raises again.

Appoint County Attorney. Chairman Smith stated he recently had concerns about the County Attorney's contract. Chairman Smith stated we now have a contract that is acceptable to him and the commissioners. Chairman Smith stated the billing submitted by the County Attorney will be more explanatory and all his concerns have been addressed. Vice Chairman Loeffler made a motion to reappoint Brown Moseley as the County Attorney. Commissioner Sellers seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

County Attorney Moseley stated his billing rate has not increased within the past six or seven years. Mr. Moseley stated he would not be requesting an increase until the county's employees are able to receive raises again.

Appoint County Clerk. Vice Chairman Loeffler made a motion to reappoint Beverly King as the County Clerk. Commissioner Mosely seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Fire Department – Water Truck. Col. Breedlove stated a few months ago Fire Chief McCann received some information about a sale of a used water truck and was able to purchase this piece of equipment for \$4,000.00. Col. Breedlove stated this piece of equipment listed for around \$174,000.00 several years ago and was owned by the Marine Corp. Col. Breedlove asked the commissioners to go to the parking lot and look at this truck as part of the meeting. Col. Breedlove stated this water truck would hopefully help with the ISO rating for the county.

Consider Authorization for Tax Commissioner to Receive Checks. Col. Breedlove explained upon entering office, the tax commissioner needs to receive written authorization from the county governing authority allowing him to receive checks on behalf of the county. Vice Chairman Loeffler made a motion to approve the Tax Commissioner to receive checks for the county. Commissioner Mosely seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval for Restaurant and Alcoholic Beverage License for Bainbridge Truck Stop. County Clerk Beverly King stated all requirements have been met to approve these licenses. Vice Chairman Loeffler made a motion to approve these licenses. Chairman Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

Commissioner Sellers stated he was pleased with the status on Carters Mill Road and to continue the progress.

Commissioner Mosely welcomed Commissioner Brinson and Commissioner Godwin to the Board. Commissioner Mosely encouraged all the commissioners to work toward being an example of how a government body can work for the best interest of the citizens of the county. Commissioner Mosely pledged to do his part and go the extra mile to make it work.

Chairman Smith welcomed Commissioner Brinson and Commissioner Godwin and said he looked forward to working with both of them. Chairman Smith stated he too wanted the board to work together for the best interest of the citizens they represent.

Commissioner Mosely asked the Chairman to consider moving the Public Participation portion of the agenda back to the front of the meeting and have only one public participation. Chairman Smith stated he agreed.

Vice Chairman Loeffler welcomed Commissioner Brinson and Commissioner Godwin to the Board and said he looked forward to working with them.

Commissioner Brinson stated he was glad to finally become part of the Board.

Commissioner Godwin thanked the Board for the opportunity to be a member of the Board and said she was ready to go to work. Commissioner Godwin stated she hoped to please the citizens in her district by getting some work done on the Attapulcus-Faceville Road to improve it.

County Administrator Breedlove stated the fuel system upgrade project was slowly moving along. Col. Breedlove stated an extension through the year 2017 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant permit was received yesterday. Col. Breedlove stated they were moving ahead with the RFP for bids on the water tower. Col. Breedlove stated Seminole County solid waste is now underway.

County Attorney Moseley stated he appreciated the vote of confidence in retaining him as the county attorney and pledged to cooperate with all the commissioners.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (PERTAINING TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

There was no public participation pertaining to non-agenda items.

Vice Chairman Loeffler made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation. Commissioner Mosely seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

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

Chairman Smith stated the Board received information pertaining to some litigation matters. Chairman Smith stated no action was taken at this time.

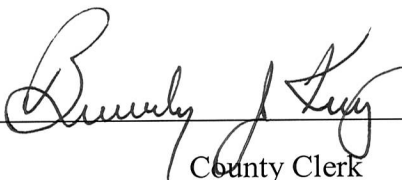
Chairman Smith stated some board appointments were discussed.

Vice Chairman Loeffler made a motion to appoint Andy Bell on the Bainbridge Decatur County Industrial Development Authority Board to replace Steve Bench. Commissioner Mosely seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Brinson made a motion to reappoint Marlon Breedlove to serve another term on the Bainbridge Decatur County Industrial Development Authority Board. Vice Chairman Loeffler seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

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

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk