

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, COMMISSIONERS RUSTY DAVIS, GEORGE ANDERSON, GREG MURRAY 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 9:00 a.m. After the call to order, Vice Chairman Brinson gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Davis 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 26, 2019 as presented. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider Board Appointment. Commissioner Davis made a motion to appoint Mr. Frank Flowers as Chairman of the Bainbridge Decatur County Planning Commission. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Jail Roof Replacement – Darrin Blankenship. Chairman Stephens recognized Mr. Darrin Blankenship with Arcworks, LLC. Mr. Blankenship stated that the project for a roof replacement at the Decatur County Jail was recently bid based on plans and specifications that they prepared with a 25-year warranty. Mr. Blankenship stated that there were eight bidders and that Centennial Roofing out of Panama City, Florida was the low bidder in the amount of \$1,290,000.00. Mr. Blankenship stated after further inspection of the plans and talking with various roofers, Centennial Roofing has submitted a bid alternate proposal, (Value Engineering Option). Mr. Blankenship stated that they have bid a Soprema Modified Roof System for the Concrete & Metal Deck Area. Mr. Blankenship introduced David Hudlow with Centennial Roofing and they explained in depth what this modification was and how it would work. Mr. Blankenship stated that the total price for this Value Engineering Option was \$1,089,300.00 which would save the County over \$200,000.00. Mr. Blankenship stated that they intended to perform a nuclear testing to take one last look at the concrete to ensure that the concrete is dry enough to go with the VE option. County Administrator Thomas stated that based on what he has heard today and throughout this process, if the nuclear tests show what they think it will show, he is comfortable with the Value Engineering Option and save the County \$200,000.00 and still have the 25-year warranty. County Administrator Thomas stated however, if the Nuclear testing proves otherwise, we would need to go back to the original bid and have the concrete removed. County Administrator Thomas said with that stated, this would be his recommendation to the Board. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve these recommendations. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote

was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Resolution – Appointment of Legislative Coordinator. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that ACCG established the County Legislative Coordinator to help improve communications between counties and legislators while the General Assembly is in session. County Administrator Thomas stated that Chairman Stephens has served as the Legislative Coordinator for the past two years. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a resolution to officially appoint one county official or staff person designated by the Board of Commissioners to serve as Decatur County’s Legislative Coordinator. Commissioner Murray made a motion to approve Chairman Stephens as the Legislative Coordinator for Decatur County. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Resolution – Qualifying Fees for 2020. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented a resolution to set the qualifying fees for elective county offices of Decatur County for the 2020 elections. Commissioner Murray made a motion to approve this resolution. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Cancellation of Commissioners’ Meeting December 24, 2019. Chairman Stephens called for a motion to cancel the second meeting of December which falls on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2019. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to cancel the December 24th Commissioners’ meeting. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Employee Performance Incentive. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that last year the Board approved a performance incentive pay of \$125.00 per full-time employee and \$50.00 for part-time employees that were hired on or before October 1, 2019, excluding all elected officials. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this again for this year. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to expedite a performance incentive pay of \$125.00 per full-time employee and \$50.00 per part-time employee hired on or before October 1, 2019, excluding all elected officials. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

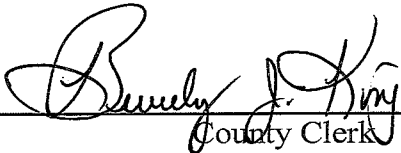
All the Commissioners thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. County Administrator Thomas stated that the Ribbon Cutting for Taurus last week was a well-attended event. County Administrator Thomas stated that he was pleased to announce that Taurus is up and running and should be in full force very soon.

Chairman Stephens commented on a statement that Senator Burke made at the ribbon cutting for Taurus, “Elections have Consequences”. Chairman Stephens said he would like to challenge the Board members to look into the future and continue doing what they have done this year to make Decatur County a better place. Chairman Stephens thanked every Board member, County Administrator and County Attorney for all they have done to make it a good year.

Chairman Stephens reminded everyone of the GED Graduation Award Ceremony at the Decatur County Prison on December 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and encouraged everyone that can to attend.

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

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk

RESOLUTION
of the
DECATUR COUNTY COMMISSION

Re: Qualifying Fees; County Offices

WHEREAS, Georgia law specifies that the governing authority of the county shall set the qualifying fee for elected county offices no later than February 1 of any year in which a general primary, nonpartisan election, or general election is to be held; and

WHEREAS, general primary, nonpartisan and general elections are by state law set to be held during the calendar year 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131, the qualifying fees are hereby set and published for the following elective county offices of Decatur County:

County Commissioner	\$	216.00
Board of Education	\$	54.00
Coroner	\$	108.00
Chief Magistrate	\$	1,491.65
Probate Judge	\$	1,491.65
Sheriff	\$	1,779.86
Clerk of Court	\$	1,491.65
Tax Commissioner	\$	1,491.65
State Court Judge	\$	1,623.40
State Court Solicitor General	\$	1,498.84

This 10th day of December, 2019.

Attest:


County Clerk

Decatur County Commission:


Chairman

RESOLUTION

Decatur County Board of Commissioners Appointment of County Legislative Coordinator (CLC)

WHEREAS, legislative decisions made by the Georgia General Assembly increasingly impact county governments; and

WHEREAS, ACCG monitors and reports on legislative proposals on a regular basis during and after each legislative session; and

WHEREAS, ACCG regularly seeks input and comment from county officials and staff in assessing the impact of legislative proposals and in developing responses to such proposals; and

WHEREAS, to ensure an effective and accurate response, there must be a process whereby reports from ACCG and requests from ACCG for information or analysis of legislative proposals are directed to the most appropriate county officials or staff for a response; and

WHEREAS, counties are most effective when they communicate directly with their legislative delegation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to most effectively respond to legislative proposals affecting counties, there shall be one county official or staff person designated by the board of commissioners to serve as the County Legislative Coordinator (CLC) for Decatur County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CLC for Decatur County shall have the following:

1. Access to all department heads and county officials to obtain information and data.
2. Access to the members of the board of commissioners.
3. Working knowledge of county operations.
4. The ability and time to respond to requests for information from ACCG policy staff in a timely manner.
5. Authority within the county government structure to request and receive timely responses to requests for information.
6. Knowledge of the various departments within the county and the points of contact within each to obtain information and feedback.
7. Ability to provide periodic reports to the members of the board of commissioners and other county officials regarding the legislative reports and activities of ACCG.
8. Ability to coordinate the county's feedback directly with its legislative delegation.

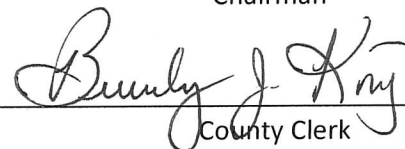
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board of commissioners hereby designates Chairman PETE STEPHENSON to serve as CLC for Decatur County and until further notice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this appointment be immediately transmitted to the Association County Commissioners of Georgia.

This the 10th day of December, 2019.



Chairman



County Clerk