

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, COMMISSIONERS, BOBBY BARBER, JR, RUSTY DAVIS, AND GEORGE ANDERSON, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ALAN THOMAS, COUNTY ATTORNEY BRUCE KIRBO, AND COUNTY CLERK MICHELLE WEST.

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER STEVE BROCK

INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Stephens called the regular 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 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 Richard Whigham who lives at 330 Bettstown Road. Mr. Whigham thanked the Public Works Department and the Board for the work that has been done on Bettstown Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting held January 24, 2023, as presented. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Update from Board of Education – Tim Cochran. Chairman Stephens recognized Superintendent Tim Cochran who stated he appreciated the opportunity to come and update the Board on the school system. Superintendent Cochran stated student enrollment is what dictates the funding that the schools receive each year. The student enrollment declined 2.2% from last year, but it's starting to level off. But, with student enrollment down, the staff had to be trimmed to offset the funding decrease. Superintendent Cochran stated the school's graduation rate is 96%.

Superintendent Cochran briefed the Board on each school and ended with stating the construction of the new Bainbridge Middle School started on December 1, 2022, with an estimated completion date of October 2024. The new BMS facility will be paid for with ESPLOST funds and not from property tax revenue.

Consider Board Appointments. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated in the Commissioners' packet is a letter from Shirley Beck requesting the re-appointment of Rita Green to the Decatur County Gilbert H. Gragg Library Board. Ms. Green was appointed in May 2022 to fulfill the remaining term of Julie Harris and recommends approval by the Board based on Shirley

Beck's recommendation. Commissioner Davis made a motion to appoint Rita Green to the Library Board. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval/Disposition of Surplus Equipment. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated Chief Deputy Cofer is requesting that three vehicles be declared surplus and sold on govdeals. The vehicles are a 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe, 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe and a 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe, all three of these vehicles have high mileage and based on Chief Cofer's recommendation he recommends approval of the request. Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve the vehicles as surplus and sold on govdeals. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Executive Session – Property Disposition

Commissioner Davis made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss property disposition. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

After the executive session, the Commissioners assembled back in the boardroom. Vice Chairman Brinson made the motion to enter back into regular session. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Chairman Stephens stated property disposition was discussed in executive session and no action was taken.

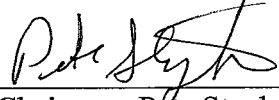
COMMISSIONERS/ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

The Commissioners thanked everyone for coming.

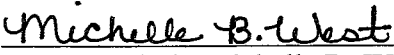
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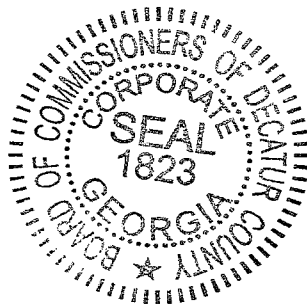
There being no further business, the meeting, on motion by Vice Chairman Brinson, was duly adjourned. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Approved: _____


Chairman, Pete Stephens

Attest: _____


County Clerk, Michelle B. West



AFFIDAVIT OF CHAIRMAN OR PRESIDING OFFICER

Pete Stephens, Chairman of the Decatur County Board of Commissioners, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief:

1.

The Decatur County Board of Commissioners met in a duly advertised meeting on February 14, 2023.

2.

During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

3.

The executive session was called to order at 9:25 a.m./p.m.

4.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

Consultation with the county attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1);

Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(2) and (insert the citation to the legal authority making the tax matter confidential) _____;

Discussion of the future purchase, disposal of or lease of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4);

Discussion of deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6);

Other _____ as provided in _____.

This 14th day of February, 2023.

Pete Stephens

Pete Stephens, Chairman
Decatur County Board of Commissioners

Sworn to and subscribed
Before me this 14th day of
February, 2023.

Notary Public Michelle B. West

My commission expires:

