

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 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, AND COUNTY CLERK BEVERLY KING.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Pete Stephens called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the call to order, Vice Chairman Dennis Brinson gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Murray 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 June 9, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG / EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM GRANT

Commissioner Murray made a motion to go out of regular session and enter into a Public Hearing for the CDBG / Employment Incentive Program Grant. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that the purpose of this public hearing is to allow the public the opportunity to provide ideas concerning potential projects for this grant.

Chairman Stephens opened the floor to hear from interested citizens concerning potential projects. There being no comments, Commissioner Murray made a motion to close this public hearing and enter into the regular scheduled meeting. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approval of Resolution – CDBG / EIP Grant. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated following the Public Hearing that we just held, this is a resolution to authorize the County to apply for a CDBG / EIP Grant. County Administrator Thomas stated that this would be specifically for work done at the Industrial Park for a project that is coming in that would create 130 jobs. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this resolution. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this Resolution. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this is an annual agreement for the Circuit Public Defender Office for provision of criminal defense for indigent persons accused of violating ordinances or state laws. County Administrator Thomas stated the cost for the county is \$203,463.77 and is included in the budget. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this agreement. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that this pertains to the Cares Act which stands for Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act. County Administrator Thomas stated this agreement is with the Georgia Department of Transportation to supply the Decatur County Airport with a grant for \$30,000. County Administrator Thomas stated that he has already provided information to apply for this grant and confirmed that we have already spent this money, so this is actually to reimburse us for those expenditures. County Administrator Thomas stated that this agreement requires the Chairman's signature. County Administrator recommended the Board approve this agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign the appropriate documents for this agreement. Commissioner Davis a motion to approve this agreement. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Purchase of Motor Grader with Sloper – Public Works. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a bid tabulation sheet for a motor grader with sloper for Public Works that was put out for bids. County Administrator Thomas stated that two bids were received and opened on June 18, 2020. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve the low bid from Flint Equipment in the amount of \$268,500.00 with a trade-in allowance of \$50,000.00, which brings the sale price to \$218,500.00 with a 2.41% finance rate. The five-year guaranteed buy-back price is \$70,000.00. County Administrator Thomas stated that this piece of equipment will be paid out of TSPLOST. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this purchase from Flint Equipment. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Purchase of Motor Grader – Public Works. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a bid tabulation sheet for a motor grader for Public Works. County Administrator Thomas stated that three bids were received and opened on June 18, 2020. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve the low bid from Flint Equipment in the amount of \$236,300.00 with a trade-in allowance of \$45,000.00, which brings the sale price to \$191,300.00 with a finance rate of 2.41%. The five-year buy-back price is \$70,000.00. County Administrator Thomas stated that this motor grader will also be paid out of TSPLOST. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve this purchase from Flint Equipment. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Error & Release Report from Tax Commissioner. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with an Error and Release Report from the Tax Commissioner for their consideration of approval. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this report. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Employment Agreement. Chairman Stephens stated that the Board has discussed renewing County Administrator Thomas' contract for another two years with a \$12,500.00 increase. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this agreement. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

County Administrator Thomas stated by email last week, he sent out a version of a Solar Energy System regulation that the Planning Commission recently approved to all the Commissioners and Council. County Administrator stated that he wanted to allow ample time for everyone to review this and that he planned to put this on the next commissioners' agenda for discussion. County Administrator Thomas stated that if everyone is in agreement, he would put this regulation on the following commissioners' meeting for adoption.

All the Commissioners thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and encouraged everyone to stay safe. The Commissioners thanked County Administrator Thomas for taking on another two years and for his leadership in getting the County where it is today.

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

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Decatur County is eligible to apply for CDBG/ EIP Grant Funds from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Decatur County has held the required Public Hearing to obtain citizens input into the development of an application; and

WHEREAS, Decatur County has assessed eligible program activities; and

WHEREAS, Decatur County has determined that there are community needs that can be addressed by the EIP Grant Program Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Decatur County hereby authorizes the preparation and submittal of an EIP Grant Application for 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Chairman Pete Stephens is authorized and consents to act as the Authorized Certifying Official for this program

Adopted this the 23rd day of JUNE, 2020.

Pete Stephens
Pete Stephens, Chairman

June 23, 2020
Date

ATTEST:

Beverly J. King
Beverly King, County Clerk

June 23, 2020
Date

(SEAL)