

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

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

ABSENT: VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON.

INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Stephens called the regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. After the call to order Chairman Stephens 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 Willie Sapp who lives at 534 Cool Springs Road. Mr. Sapp spoke about the poor conditions of the roads and some bridges in the County and would like for the Board to address the issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting held April 25, 2023, as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Department Grants. Chairman Stephens recognized Jamie Earp, Training Chief of Decatur County Fire Department who stated the Fire Department has applied and received several grants. The first grant awarded was the Fireworks Tax Grant in the amount of \$25,000, the funds will be used to purchase eight sets of turnout gear. Decatur County will receive \$22,500 in grant funds and Decatur County's match funds will be \$2,500 for the grant.

The second grant submitted and pending approval is the ACCG Grant in the amount of \$6,000. Mr. Earp stated a drone kit would be purchased with these funds to help with the search and rescue missions. There would be no match for Decatur County to pay towards this grant.

The third grant awarded is the GEMSA Grant in the amount of \$1,650 which is used to cover some costs of the EMT class. There would be no match for Decatur County to pay towards this grant.

The fourth grant awarded is the Golden Triangle Grant in the amount of \$2,000, which is an educational grant and it is used to cover the costs of classroom supplies. There would be no match for Decatur County to pay towards this grant.

Mr. Earp stated the fifth and final grant applied for is the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in the amount of \$55,000, if awarded these funds would be used for replacement of rescue equipment. Mr. Earp stated he is confident this grant will be awarded and if so, Decatur County would have a small match of funds to cover for the grant.

Breedlove Road CDBG Award Notice. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated at the January 10, 2023 meeting the Board authorized an application for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery program. County Administrator Thomas stated in the Commissioners' packet is a copy of a letter notifying Decatur County that the grant was approved and Decatur County will receive \$1,694,586 in grant funds for street and drainage improvements for Breedlove Road, which sustained significant damage from Hurricane Michael. County Administrator Thomas stated when the contract and agreement is received it will be presented to the Board for final approval.

Consider Commercial Sweeper Bid – Public Works. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated the current sweeper is over twenty years old and is in need of replacing. County Administrator Thomas stated bids were requested from several vendors on a commercial sweeper for Public Works, three bids were received for the sweeper with Tractor and Equipment being the low bidder in the amount of \$78,800 for a John Deere DT74J sweeper, with a delivery date of twenty weeks. County Administrator Thomas is recommending approval by the Board. Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve the purchase of the sweeper. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Executive Session – Litigation

Commissioner Davis made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss litigation. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

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

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

COMMISSIONERS/ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

The Commissioners thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURN

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

Approved: Pete Stephens
Chairman, Pete Stephens

Attest: Michelle B. West
County Clerk, Michelle B. West

