

## MINUTES

### DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2022

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

#### INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Stephens called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.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

Chairman Stephens requested to amend the agenda and add executive session to the agenda as item 2a. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the agenda, with the amendment. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no Special Presentations.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held November 8, 2022, as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Request from District Attorney.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated in the Commissioners' packet there is a copy of the letter District Attorney Joe Mulholland sent requesting ARPA funds from the South Georgia Judicial Circuit in the amount of \$106,500. The requested amount from Decatur County is \$34,186. County Administrator Thomas stated District Attorney Mullholland has been awarded ARPA grant funds, but in order to be considered for continuation of ARPA funding, it is a requirement of the Judicial Council of Georgia that he request ARPA funds from the counties in the circuit. County Administrator Thomas stated that ACCG has issued guidance to the counties on how to respond to the funding request from the courts. County Administrator Thomas recommended following the guidelines of ACCG and prepare a letter in response to the District Attorney. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to prepare a letter, as recommended, to respond to the District Attorney's request. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL**

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

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

Chairman Stephens stated board appointments were discussed in executive session with no action taken.

**Consider Appointments.** Chairman Stephens stated that a list of the proposed appointments is in the packets provided to each commissioner and each individual identified in the proposal, as listed below, has agreed to accept the appointment and serve in the capacity as a member of the stated agency. Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve the appointments. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

### **Bainbridge-Decatur County Planning Commission Board (Three-Year Term)**

John Marshall to serve a three-year term which expires December 31, 2025.

Dr. Frank Flowers to serve another one-year term which will expire December 31, 2023.

### **Bainbridge/Decatur County Industrial Development Authority Board (Four-Year Term)**

Ted Martin represents Post 2 to serve another four-year term which expires December 31, 2026.

### **Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Board (One-Year Term)**

Steve Brock representing the County to serve another one-year term which expires December 31, 2023.

Sylvia Washington represents the City/County Public Joint Appointment to serve a one-year term which expires December 31, 2023.

Billy Poppell represents the Public Sector to serve another one-year term which expires December 31, 2023.

### **Georgia Pines Community Service Board (Two-Year Term)**

Larry Nichols to serve another two-year term which expires January 31, 2025.

### **Board of Elections (Four-Year Term)**

Gina Burke to serve another four-year term which expires January 31, 2026.

### **Recreation Authority Board (Three-Year Term)**

Tynese Jones to serve another three-year term which expires December 31, 2025.

### **Joint Development Authority (Decatur and Seminole County) (Three-Year Term)**

Ted Martin to serve another three-year term which expires December 31, 2025.

## **COMMISSIONERS/ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS**

The Commissioners thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting, on motion by Commissioner Anderson, 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

