

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021

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

ABSENT: GEORGE ANDERSON, COUNTY ATTORNEY BRUCE KIRBO.

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 Brock made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Barber 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

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting held September 28, 2021, as presented. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Support Resolution – City of Albany State Grant Application. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated the Mayor of the City of Albany called and asked if the Board would consider providing a letter of support for an upcoming grant application the City of Albany intends to apply for assistance from the ARP funds to correct their sewer problem in Albany. County Administrator Thomas recommended approval to the Board, stating that we're downstream and anything Albany puts in the Flint River impacts Decatur County and it would be beneficial to us to approve the letter of support. Commissioner Brock made the motion to approve the support resolution, a copy of which is attached. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated personnel was discussed in the executive session to include a disbursement for an employee incentive from the American Rescue Plan funding Decatur County has received. The Board of Commissioners authorized incentive pay for each employee (excluding elected officials) with the maximum amount of \$2,000 and a minimum of \$500. Full time employees that have been active since March 20, 2020 will receive the maximum amount of \$2,000. Employees who began later will receive a prorated amount based on months of service. Part time (active) employees will receive \$500. The authorization includes employees that have retired since March 20, 2020 and payment will be based on number of months served since that date. Payment will be distributed before November 1, 2021. County Administrator Thomas recommends approval of the disbursement by the Board. Commissioner Barber made the motion to approve the disbursement. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS/ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

The Commissioners thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

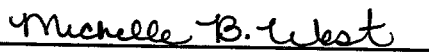
ADJOURN

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

Approved: _____


Chairman, Pete Stephens

Attest: _____


County Clerk, Michelle B. West

RESOLUTION OF THE DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING THE CITY OF ALBANY'S APPLICATION FOR GOVERNOR'S STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS; REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget is facilitating the distribution of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds through a competitive grant process called the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the original deadline for applications has been extended from August 31, 2021, to October 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Decatur County, Georgia, desires to support the City of Albany's application as there is no dispute the City of Albany's CSO Project would benefit Decatur County,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Decatur County, Georgia, and it is hereby resolved by authority of same:

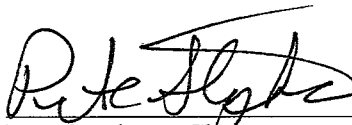
SECTION 1. The Albany CSO Project will benefit Decatur County as well as the City of Albany.

SECTION 2. The City of Albany's CSO Project seeks to protect the Flint River, the latter being a source for water for our Decatur County farmers and industry.

SECTION 3. We also want to point out that the Flint River is a primary recreational resource; that protecting the Flint River from pollution is critically important to Southwest Georgia.


SECTION 4. All resolutions, or parts of resolutions, in conflict herewith are repealed.

Adopted this 12TH day of October 2021.



Pete Stephens, Chairman

ATTEST:



Michelle West, County Clerk



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 October 12, 2021.

2.

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

3.

The executive session was called to order at 9:10 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);

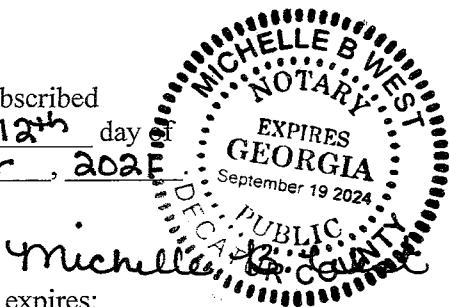
Other _____ as provided in _____.

This 12th day of October, 2021.

Sworn to and subscribed
Before me this 12th day of
October, 2021

Notary Public

My commission expires:



Pete Stephens
Pete Stephens, Chairman
Decatur County Board of Commissioners