

## MINUTES

### DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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 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. Vice Chairman Brinson 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 August 23, 2022, as presented. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Consider GDOT Request for Increased Funding – Whigham Dairy Road Project.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated back in January 2022 the Board approved a memorandum of agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the Whigham Dairy Road Project in converting it in to a state route. With that agreement, the Board agreed to commit local funding of \$3,000,000 based on a 60/40 percent split between the County and City. The Board and City both agreed to the agreement, but a few weeks ago we received information from GDOT that the estimated cost had increased substantially and requested that the local government participate in the additional project costs. County Administrator Thomas stated that he has included a copy of the letter in the Commissioners' packets which states as of May 2022, the Estimated Right of Way cost increased to \$4,060,000, which is an increase of \$2,216,000. Also, a second utility phase was added in the amount of \$265,800. County Administrator Thomas stated that GDOT is requesting the local government to contribute additional funds for the project. The additional local cost of the project is \$744,540 bringing the total local cost of the project to \$3,744,540. County Administrator Thomas stated he has been in contact with the City of Bainbridge and they are in agreement to continue with the 60/40 split to get the project completed and recommends approval to the Board. Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve the additional funding. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion and a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Bids for Backhoe/Loader for Public Works.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated bids were requested from several vendors on a lease-purchase agreement for a backhoe/loader for Public Works. Two bids were received for the backhoe with Flint Equipment being the lowest bid for a John Deere 310SL backhoe for \$113,000 with a buy-back guarantee at 5 years of \$55,000. County Administrator Thomas stated the current backhoe has a buy-back guarantee of \$63,500, but instead of opting for the buy-back on that backhoe, he is requesting to send that backhoe to the Industrial Park for use and the backhoe previously transferred from Public Works to the Industrial Park has a guaranteed buy-back of \$30,000 and is requesting to sell that machine back to Flint Equipment instead. County Administrator Thomas stated the delivery date for the backhoe is January/February of 2023 and recommends approval to the Board. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the purchase of the backhoe. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Approval of State Contract Vehicle Order.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated the current state contract pricing for a Chevrolet Tahoe is \$38,138 and he is requesting to purchase two of them, one would be issued to Warden Screen at DCCI. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the vehicle purchases. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – LITIGATION**

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

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

Chairman Stephens stated there was no action taken in executive session.

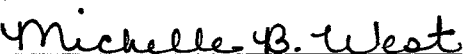
**COMMISSIONERS/ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS**

The Commissioners thanked everyone for coming.

**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



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 September 13, 2022.

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);

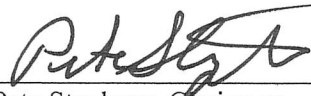
Other \_\_\_\_\_ as provided in \_\_\_\_\_.

This 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

Sworn to and subscribed  
Before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of  
September, 2022.

Notary Public Michelle B. West

My commission expires:  
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Pete Stephens, Chairman  
Decatur County Board of Commissioners

