

## MINUTES

### DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN FRANK LOEFFLER, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, COMMISSIONERS DR. BUTCH MOSELY, OLIVER SELLERS, RUSSELL SMITH AND JAN GODWIN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR GARY BREEDLOVE, COUNTY CLERK BEVERLY KING, COUNTY ATTORNEY BROWN MOSELEY AND NEWS REPORTER POWELL COBB.

#### PUBLIC HEARING – PRE-APPLICATION FOR CDBG GRANT

Chairman Loeffler stated this is the required pre-application public hearing for submittal of a CDBG grant application.

Chairman Loeffler recognized County Administrator Breedlove. Col. Breedlove explained the purpose of the public hearing, stating the purpose is to allow the public the opportunity to provide ideas concerning potential projects.

Chairman Loeffler opened the public hearing to hear any interested citizens who might have a potential project to present to the Board. There was no public participation.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to close the public hearing. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

#### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Loeffler called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. After the call to order, Reverend Paul Medley gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

#### AMENDMENTS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

County Administrator Breedlove asked the board to approve the following amendments: Add Revonn Miller – Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Update under Special Presentations; Under New Business, Add Report from Corp of Engineers; Request from First Baptist Church for Sunrise Services at the Industrial Park; Resolution for Caterpillar Dozer; and Resolution for ACCG. Commissioner Godwin made a motion to approve the agenda with these amendments. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

**Revonn Miller – Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Report.** Mrs. Miller gave a presentation concerning Life Flight Services. Mrs. Miller stated that Southwest Georgia Regional Commission was presented with a proposal from the Department of Public Safety to partner with them to provide Life Flight Services to Camilla and other Southwest Georgia areas where there is a gap in coverage. Mrs. Miller presented the initial costs and the services that SWGRC would need to contribute along with the advantages in accepting this proposal. Mrs. Miller stated there were going to be more meetings to receive the pros and cons of this proposal and that she would keep the Board of Commissioners informed.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Loeffler recognized Johnnie Mae Livingston. Ms. Livingston expressed concerns pertaining to Bettstown Road. Ms. Livingston stated that the ditches haven't been pulled in over a year which causes the water to flow and settle in her yard. Commissioner Smith said he would call the Public Works Superintendent Dennis Medley and have it taken care of.

Chairman Loeffler recognized Basil Lucas. Mr. Lucas requested permission to have a community garden on one of the vacant lots that was condemned by the recent FEMA flood buy-out program. Suzanne Brandt stated that she and County Administrator Breedlove looked through all the

paperwork and found no conflict to prevent Mr. Lucas to start a community garden on one of the vacant lots. Ms. Brandt stated she would check with the County's insurance to make sure everything was covered.

Chairman Loeffler recognized Gene Powell. Mr. Powell questioned why the commissioners' meetings haven't been advertised lately in the Post Searchlight. Mr. Powell stated that he was told by Mrs. King that they were sent to the Post Searchlight and she didn't know why they weren't posting them. Mr. Powell stated he called the Post Searchlight and was told they didn't have enough room for them in the newspaper. Editor Jeff Finley was at the meeting and stated he would take care of it.

Mr. Powell expressed concerns with pot holes on Old Thomasville Road. Commissioner Mosely said he would follow up with Public Works Superintendent Dennis Medley to see if they can have this taken care of.

### APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Godwin made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held January 14, 2014. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

### OLD BUSINESS

**SPLOST Revenue Trend VS. Obligations.** County Administrator Breedlove briefed the Board regarding SPLOST revenues. Col. Breedlove explained the bond payments that the County owed and the Silver Lake obligation. Col. Breedlove stated that after the County met its obligations, there would be very little money left.

**GEFA Loan Status.** County Administrator Breedlove gave a brief update on the GEFA loan associated with the Waste Water Treatment project stating that the County was waiting on paperwork to start draws from the loan.

### NEW BUSINESS

**2013 Landfill Report.** Chairman Loeffler recognized Suzanne Brandt. Ms. Brandt gave a brief report on the tonnage and revenue at the landfill for 2013. Ms. Brandt stated that Cell 4 subgrade is 99% complete and the drawings for Cell 5 should be ready for review this week.

Ms. Brandt stated that the dirt pan that is shared between the Public Works department and the Landfill is in need of repairs. Ms. Brandt presented 3 bids for the repair and recommended the Board approve the bid from Yancey in the amount of \$49,977.15. Commissioner Sellers suggested that she seek prices for a used dirt pan to see if the County could possibly purchase a used one at a better price than the bid price for the repair. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the bid from Yancey in the amount of \$49,977.15 with a stipulation to have Ms. Brandt seek prices to see if a used dirt pan could be purchased at a better price. Commissioner Mosely seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Approval of Resolution to authorize the preparation and submittal for a CDBG Grant Application.** County Administrator Breedlove read aloud the resolution to apply for a Community Development Block Grant Funds from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Corp of Engineers Report.** County Administrator Breedlove stated that six boat landings on the Flint River were recently inspected by the Corp of Engineers. Col. Breedlove said that all six landings received a satisfactory report.

**First Baptist Church Request.** County Administrator Breedlove stated that he received a letter to request a one time temporary use of Decatur County property at the Industrial Airpark to host an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 20, 2014 from the First Baptist Church. Col. Breedlove stated that the First Baptist Church will be responsible for all logistics, including parking, safety and site cleanup. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Resolution for Caterpillar Dozer.** County Administrator Breedlove stated this was a resolution needed to complete the paperwork for the financing of the caterpillar dozer that was recently approved by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this

resolution. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Resolution for ACCG.** County Administrator Breedlove stated this was a resolution commending the Association County Commissioners of Georgia on the occasion of its Centennial. Col. Breedlove read aloud the resolution. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this resolution. Commissioner Sellers seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

### COMMISSIONERS' REMARKS

Vice Chairman Brinson wished everyone safety in the icy weather predicted to hit our area.

Chairman Smith stated that he was pleased that the City of Bainbridge and all the municipalities came together to agree on the SPLOST issue.

Commissioner Mosely stated he too was pleased with the negotiations.

Commissioner Sellers asked Suzanne Brandt to get the dirt pan situation resolved so that progress could continue on Carters Mill Road.

County Administrator Breedlove pointed out that the Post Searchlight gave an inadequate time frame of his interview and when the Bainbridge City Council met. The Bainbridge City Council met on Tuesday and Powell Cobb interviewed Col. Breedlove on Thursday. The newspaper stated that the Bainbridge City Council responded to some statements made in Col. Breedlove's interview, when in fact, the City Council met before Col. Breedlove's interview. The chronology suggests that Col. Breedlove's quotes from his interview took place prior to the City Council Meeting.

Commissioner Godwin made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

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

Chairman Loeffler stated the Board discussed some board appointments for the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission and the Georgia Pines Community Service Board. There was no action taken at this time.

County Administrator Breedlove announced that the EMS Assessment team will speak at the February 11<sup>th</sup> commissioners' meeting and he will also present the six month financial review.

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

Approved:   
Chairman

Attest:   
County Clerk