

**MINUTES**

**DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 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, SEMINOLE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BRENDA ROGERS, ROGER LANE, DARIUS CULVERSON, CHUCK ORRICK, AND NEWS REPORTER POWELL COBB.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Loeffler called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m. After the call to order, Reverend Damon gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Chairman Loeffler recognized Teresa Adkins with UGA Extension. Ms. Adkins introduced Bo Bailey, an 11<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H'er at Robert F. Munroe. Ms. Adkins stated that Bo won Grand Champion Market Steer Award (with a steer he raised) at the Georgia Junior National Livestock Show held in Perry, Georgia on February 19-22, 2014. With a second steer, Bo won Grand Champion Crossbred Steer and also won the overall Grand Champion Steer (with the crossbred). By winning this honor, Bo has become a master 4-h'er. This is the highest honor a 4-h'er can receive in one area. This is Bo's second Overall Champion Steer at the Georgia Junior National Livestock Show.

Chairman Loeffler recognized the EMS Assessment Team. Four members of the Emergency Medical Services Assessment Team are visiting with Decatur County and Seminole County this week to gather data to assess feasibility of establishing and operating a regional (2 county) EMS. The Assessment Team will provide an enumerated list of identified issues in both regions. Deputy Director Ernie Doss gave some background information of the EMS Assessment Team. Mr. Doss stated the Assessment Team will provide a list of the identified issues, along with a model for a regional (2 county) system but will not make a recommendation, just list the pros & cons. This assessment could take up to four to six months before they have a report ready.

**AMENDMENTS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

County Attorney Moseley asked the Board to approve the following amendment: Add Notice of Utility Deposit Reimbursement from Propex; Commissioner Mosely asked the Board to approve the following amendment: Add Personnel to the Executive Session. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve the agenda with these amendments. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Chairman Loeffler recognized Joe Putnal. Mr. Putnal gave a brief background of his life as a citizen of Decatur County and stated his intention to run for County Commissioner in District 4.

Chairman Loeffler recognized Rusty Davis. Mr. Davis said he was a lifelong resident of Decatur County and stated his intention to run for County Commissioner in District 4.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held February 25, 2014. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Roadway Repair Equipment – Randy Williams, Adams Equipment Company.** Public Works Superintendent Dennis Medley and Randy Williams with Adams Equipment Company presented the pros and cons of purchasing a new Pothole Patcher versus a used one. Mr. Adams stated he had a refurbished Durapatcher with approximately 83 hours on it with a 2 year warranty for \$48,500.00. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to purchase the refurbished Durapatcher for \$48,500.00 and allow the County Administrator to work out the financing at the best available interest rate. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Proposal for Narrowband Radio “Reprogramming”.** County Administrator Breedlove and E911 Director Tonya Griffin explained that the new radios that were recently purchased during the Narrow Band upgrade had both the old system information and the new system information in the radios. Ms. Griffin stated the old system needs to be cleared out of the radios to help with efficiency. The cost for Decatur County is approximately \$22,000.00. Col. Breedlove stated there was no immediate cause to have this done now and it could be budgeted for in the FY15 budget. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve the reprogramming of the radios in the FY15 budget. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Watkins Proposal – Natural Gas Line.** Engineer Stacy Watkins stated with the new industry coming to the Industrial Air Park and the expansions of some of the companies at the Industrial Park, there is a need for a high pressure service. Mr. Watkins said the proposal would be to keep the low pressure system that already exists and add a high pressure system. Mr. Watkins stated he would also need to negotiate for more usage, a higher volume allotment for the additional capacity. Mr. Watkins stated he would make sure the allotment is available before going forward with the contract. Commissioner Smith made a motion to proceed with this proposal. Commissioner Sellers seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Proposal on Waste Water Treatment Plant Equipment.** Engineer Stacy Watkins gave a brief update on the status at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Watkins stated three main pieces of equipment is needed to be ordered in order to stay on schedule with the EPD consent order. Mr. Watkins stated the amount of the three pieces of equipment is \$840,811.00. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to allow Mr. Watkins to order this equipment. Commissioner Sellers seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Contract on Carter Mill Road.** Engineer Stacy Watkins stated bids were received and opened for the CDBG Carters Mill Road project on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014. One bid was received from Oxford Construction Company with a total base bid of \$477,879.70 and was determined to be the low bidder. Mr. Watkins recommended that the Board of Commissioners enter into an agreement with Oxford Construction Company, to construct the project in the amount of \$477,879.70. Mr. Watkins recommended the Board to immediately enter into an agreement for a change order to use soil cement base in lieu of sand-clay to allow the County to stay within the budget on this project. The owner has the right to select alternate bid items in determining the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder for this project. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve this contract. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**WWII Hangar Phase I “Dedication”.** County Administrator Breedlove announced the WWII Hangar Dedication will be Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the World War II Hangar. Mr. Tom Smith is expected to fly his BT-15 aircraft to Bainbridge for the ceremony.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Sale / Planting of Timber at Landfill (Helps with local drop area)** County Administrator Breedlove recommended the Board approve 393.1 acres at the landfill to be scouted for recommendations to cut the timber and use the funds to replant the western area to allow this area to possibly be harvested and replanted with pines before that area is needed for air space for the landfill. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this recommendation. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Proposal on Noresco Energy Assessment.** County Administrator Breedlove asked the Board to approve Noresco Energy Company to perform an energy assessment in all the county facilities to make recommendations to save money on energy use. This assessment will be at no cost to the county. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this assessment. Commissioner Sellers seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Notice of Utility Deposit Reimbursement from Propex.** County Attorney Moseley stated as part of a federal bankruptcy settlement, a judge ordered Propex to pay a cash deposit equal to one half of their utility bill to Decatur County. Mr. Moseley stated he received a letter from an attorney requiring Decatur County to refund this deposit. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to authorize the payment of this refund. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**COMMISSIONERS' REMARKS**

Vice Chairman Brinson commended County Administrator Breedlove on the recommendation of cutting the timber at the landfill. Vice Chairman Brinson stated he thought this was a very good recommendation.

Commissioner Mosely and Commissioner Smith expressed concerns with the length of time it would take for the EMS assessment to be completed.

Commissioner Sellers recommended the Public Works department stay busy on the Carters Mill Road project.

County Attorney Moseley recommended that everyone work toward getting the SPLOST VI referendum passed.

County Administrator Breedlove announced the EMS Assessment Team will give a preliminary presentation to the Decatur County and Seminole County Board of Commissioners at 11:00 a.m. on March 13, 2014 in the Commissioner's Board room.

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

Chairman Loeffler stated the Board of Commissioners discussed some board appointments but no action was taken at this time.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Vice-Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

  
County Clerk