

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman Brinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the call to order, Pastor Diana Williams gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None to be presented.

AMENDMENTS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

County Administrator Gary Breedlove asked the Board to approve the following amendments: Add TAN Note to New Business and Move #1; EMS Assessment Options after Personnel in Executive Session has been discussed. Commissioner Godwin made a motion to approve the agenda with these amendments. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Vice Chairman Brinson recognized Ted Snell. Mr. Snell commended Rick McCaskill, Executive Director for the Development Authority, stating that his job is the most important job within the County. Mr. Snell stated that Mr. McCaskill has done a great job bringing jobs to the community.

Vice Chairman Brinson recognized Basil Lucas. Mr. Lucas expressed concerns with the lack of cooperation between the County and the City officials. Mr. Lucas urged the County Commissioners to work with the City to keep their business at the landfill.

Commissioner Mosely stated there was lack of cooperation on both sides. Commissioner Mosely stated the County would offer the City a fair price for landfill tipping fees. Commissioner Mosely stated lack of communication between the two needs to stop, too many issues go unsolved.

County Administrator Breedlove stated the City has had the same tipping fee at the landfill for eight years with no increase. The City has put an RFP out for solid waste disposal tipping fees. Last week the County received an Open Records Request from a law firm hired by the City to get a copy of all invoices for landfill fees for the year 2013 and the first two months in 2014.

Mr. Lucas stated he would attend the next City Council meeting and express the same concerns to the Council men and women.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Godwin made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held March 11, 2014. Commissioner Sellers seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Pot Hole Repair Equipment. Public Works Superintendent Dennis Medley stated Randy Williams with Adams Equipment Company presented the pros and cons of purchasing a new Pothole Patcher versus a used one at the last commissioners' meeting. Mr. Adams stated he had a refurbished Durapatcher with approximately 83 hours on it with a 2 year warranty for \$48,500.00. The commissioners agreed to purchase this machine. Unfortunately it was sold during a

demonstration. Mr. Williams has agreed to sale the County a brand new machine for \$54,700.00. The commission was polled by phone and gave permission to order this machine. This action is to ratify the verbal agreement. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to ratify this purchase. Commissioner Sellers seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

WWII Hangar Status. County Administrator Breedlove presented the Board with a draft of the WWII Hangar Dedication Program to be held Saturday, April 5th at 11:00 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Governor Deal – Global Air Announcement: Wednesday March 26th 9:30 – 11:00. County Administrator Breedlove stated this was just a reminder of this event at the Bainbridge State College. Col. Breedlove stated representatives of Bainbridge Manufacturing will be giving a presentation of the big picture of their plans after the event.

Bainbridge Downtown Master Plan – Thursday 6:00 p.m. County Administrator Breedlove announced the Downtown Master Plan final presentation will be held March 27th at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall – City Council Chambers.

Lindsey Bell Hayes. County Administrator Breedlove announced that Lindsey Bell Hayes is featured in “Women to Watch” in Decatur County. Mrs. Hayes works with recreational activities in 4-H and FAA programs.

Landfill Items. County Administrator Breedlove gave a brief update on Cell 4 status at the landfill. The GEFA application for Cell 5 is being finalized. Col. Breedlove stated the landfill is in need of (2) 6” pumps to pump out the ponds. The cost of the pumps is \$16,245.00 each. Col. Breedlove recommended the Board approve the purchase of (2) 6” Thompson pumps for a total price of \$32,490.00 plus freight. Chairman Loeffler made a motion to approve the purchase of (2) Thompson pumps for \$32,490.00 plus freight. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

City of Bainbridge RFP on Solid Waste. Vice Chairman Brinson recognized Suzanne Brandt. Ms. Brandt presented to the Board a proposal she intends to submit to the City of Bainbridge for a term of two years to be revisited at the end of the two years. Chairman Loeffler recommended the County leave the tipping fee for the City of Bainbridge at \$24.50 to have a chance to keep their business rather than loose it completely. Commissioner Mosely stated there has been no increase since 2006 or eight years. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to keep the tipping fees for the City of Bainbridge at \$24.50. Commissioner Mosely seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Sale of County Real Property to Kim Brooks (85’ x 100’). County Attorney Moseley stated in most cases the County is required to go through a bid process to sale any property unless you are dealing with a small amount of property that would only benefit citizens that own adjoining land. Mr. Moseley stated this is a very small piece of property and will only benefit the owners of the property that is adjoining it which is Kim Brooks. Mr. Moseley stated he received a letter from Kim Brooks requested to purchase this piece of property. Mr. Moseley recommended the Board approve the purchase of this piece of property to Kim Brooks for the total price of \$650.00. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Sellers seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

EIP Revolving Loan – Bainbridge Manufacturing. County Administrator Breedlove stated he met with Rick McCaskill and the committee that oversees the EIP Revolving Loans. Mr. McCaskill asked the committee to consider approving Bainbridge Manufacturing to borrow the remaining balance of funds in the EIP Revolving Loan, which is \$214,000.00. Bainbridge Manufacturing plans to use the money to repair a portion of the roof and to restore the electrical panels in the building. Col. Breedlove stated the committee approved the loan with the contingency that the County receives the natural gas figures from Bainbridge Manufacturing that they anticipate needing for the plant. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve this request as presented by Col. Breedlove. Commissioner Mosely seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

RFP 2014 Tan Note. County Administrator Breedlove stated three bids was received and opened last Friday for the 2014 TAN Note. First Port City Bank came in with the lowest interest rate at 1.74%. Col. Breedlove stated he should have the paperwork ready to execute at the next commissioners’ meeting.

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

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

Vice Chairman Brinson explained the purpose of the EMS assessment and listed the three options the assessment team presented to the Board at the last commissioners' meeting.

County Administrator Breedlove stated a cardiac monitor was ordered January 7th but not received due to a manufacturing shipping delay.

Chairman Loeffler made a motion to select option # 2. The Assessment Team provides a written report listing the identified issues, along with a model for a regional (2-county) system; but would specifically recommend against any effort to establish such system until all identified issues are resolved. Commissioner Godwin seconded the motion.

Commissioner Mosely stated he was in favor of privatizing; to get a specific price and to incorporate with Seminole County if they wish to do so.

Commissioner Smith stated the County needs new ambulances, equipment and their facility needs a lot of work.

Col. Breedlove stated the only figure he has received was verbally from Mid-Georgia for \$440,000.00 for Decatur County and \$320,000.00 for Seminole County. They would provide two ambulances in Decatur County, one ambulance in Seminole County and one ambulance to share between the two counties. Decatur County would provide the building and utilities.

Commissioner Smith stated Ken Morey with Mid-Georgia quoted him a price of \$325,000.00 for Decatur County and \$175,000.00 for Seminole County.

A vote was taken and failed with a 3 to 3 vote. Vice Chairman Brinson, Commissioner Godwin and Chairman Loeffler voted in favor of Option # 2. Commissioners Smith, Mosely and Sellers opposed.

Commissioner Mosely made a motion to contact Mid Georgia and Gold Star and ask for a specific price or dollar amount of what they would do our EMS Service and to contact Seminole County and do the same for them if they wish to entertain their services. A total price at the present service level as we have now. Commissioner Sellers seconded the motion.

County Administrator stated this was option #3, Counties consider alternative service delivery model.

County Attorney Moseley stated you would need them to specify exactly what services they are willing to provide; what equipment they would provide; personnel and what the price would be.

Commissioner Mosely stated that County Attorney Moseley was capable of writing the specifics and get the proposals based on the terms he said we needed to get.

Commissioner Mosely made a motion to contact Mid Georgia and Gold Star and any other company interested, and ask them to provide us in writing what services they would provide; what equipment they would provide; what kind of personnel coverage they would provide; and for what price. Have them contact Seminole County to see if they would like the same.

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed with a 5 to 1 vote. Chairman Loeffler, Vice Chairman Brinson, Commissioner Sellers, Commissioner Mosely and Commissioner Smith voted in favor. Commissioner Godwin opposed.

COMMISSIONERS' REMARKS

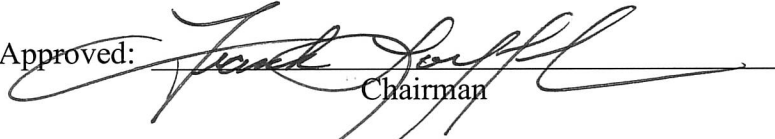
Commissioner Smith stated the EMS staff has been jerked around long enough. It was time the County did something about it.

Commissioner Mosely asked the EMS staff to bare with them and they would try to do the right thing.

County Administrator Breedlove stated he has only received two complaints on the EMS department during his time with the County. One incident was due to budget restraints.

Vice Chairman Brinson stated the County Commissioners have been kicking around this issue with the EMS department for months. Vice Chairman Brinson thanked the EMS staff for being patient with them and stated hopefully we can move forward and keep the county employees' best interest at heart when making any decisions.

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

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk