

## MINUTES

### DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 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.

#### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Loeffler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. After the call to order, Reverend Anthony Kason 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 Under Public Participation, Grady EMS and Add Under New Business, Air Conditioner Unit for Courthouse Annex. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the agenda with these amendments. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Loeffler recognized Lindsey Hayes with the 4-H Teams: Shotgun and Judging Teams. Mrs. Hayes introduced members of the Shotgun Team and the Livestock Judging Team. Mrs. Hayes stated that teamwork, cooperation, self-responsibility and character are among the many life skills gained by participating in these programs. Mrs. Hayes said it wouldn't be possible to accomplish these goals without the dedication and hard work of the volunteer coaches.

Chairman Loeffler recognized Charles Williams with Workforce 44. Mr. Williams stated the mission of the Southwest Georgia Workforce Investment Board of Directors is to create a workforce system in Southwest Georgia that encourages and sustains economic growth. Mr. Williams gave a brief background of the Workforce Investment Act goals and key principles.

#### APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Godwin made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held April 22, 2014. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Loeffler recognized Bill Compton with Grady EMS. Mr. Compton spoke to the Board of Commissioners concerning their company's proposal for the EMS service in Decatur County. Mr. Compton stated in addition to the excellent care their company provides for the entire city of Atlanta, their background is in public health and academia. Mr. Compton said, "A significant portion of my senior management team has been transplanted from Florida and has been an extensive background in not only urban medicine but rural medicine. We'll take all our knowledge and apply that to Southwest Georgia." Mr. Compton assured the commissioners that Grady EMS would provide the same class of treatment to the Southwest Georgia as they provide for Atlanta. Mr. Compton also assured the Board almost 100 percent of patients would be taken to local hospital as opposed to Atlanta hospitals.

#### OLD BUSINESS

**Privatization of EMS – Status.** County Attorney Moseley explained in depth the three proposals from Mid Georgia, Grady EMS and Gold Star.

Commissioner Mosely made a motion for the County Administrator of Seminole County, the County Administrator of Decatur County, the Chairman of both Seminole County and Decatur County Board of Commissioners, and the Decatur County Attorney meet at the end of this commissioners' meeting to discuss these proposals and come back with a recommendation for the commission to vote on. Commissioner Godwin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Status: Natural Gas at Industrial Park.** County Administrator Breedlove gave a brief update on the status of the Natural Gas at the Industrial Park, stating that Stacey Watkins is proceeding with the design for the gas route to run additional lines to provide natural gas to all the customers at the Industrial Park.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Airport Overview: Planes, Ramp Area and Future.** Chairman Loeffler recognized Airport Manager Jim Cerone. Mr. Cerone gave a brief overview of a five year capital project plan for the Airport. Mr. Cerone stated this project would help with the industry at the Industrial Park and would be 95% funded by the State or FAA funding.

**Financials: SPLOST / LOST, ETC.** County Administrator Breedlove gave a brief review of the SPLOST monthly average revenue for FY12, FY13 and projection for FY14. Col. Breedlove also discussed the monthly average revenue history and the TAN history. Col. Breedlove stated budget reviews started this month.

**Report from Public Service Commission Inspection.** County Administrator Breedlove stated he received a letter from the Georgia Public Service Commission stating there were no violations of the Pipeline Safety Regulations found during a recent on-site inspection of the gas system.

**Consider Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License & Restaurant License for Bradley Kelley.** Bradley Kelly has applied for a beer license for off premises and a restaurant license for Kelley's Country Store, previously known as Big Boy's Bait and Tackle at 1921 Spring Creek Road. All necessary criteria has been met and approved for these licenses. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve these licenses for Bradley Kelley. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Air Condition Unit for Courthouse Annex.** County Administrator Breedlove stated the air conditioner unit for the courthouse annex was not working. Col. Breedlove stated the unit was over 17 years old and was not feasible to pay the cost to repair the unit. Col. Breedlove stated he received two bids for a new unit and Harrell King was supposed to submit a bid later today. The lowest bid received at this time was from Mills Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$7,875.00. Col. Breedlove stated he would go with the low bidder after receiving Harrell King's bid to replace this unit.

### COMMISSIONERS' REMARKS

Vice Chairman Brinson commended the committee that was selected to discuss the EMS proposals for their time and dedication in the negotiations.

Commissioner Smith stated he concurred with Vice Chairman Brinson and hoped that the best decision would be made for everyone involved.

County Attorney Moseley advised everyone to read about HB60 that legislative passed and is expected to go into effect July 1, 2014. Mr. Moseley stated that Grady County is looking into passing something to able them not to have to comply with this bill.

County Administrator Breedlove announced that after the meeting today at 11:00 there will be a reception for Larry Battle who is retiring after 29 years of service to Decatur County.

County Administrator Breedlove gave a brief update on the operations and the average tonnage volume at the landfill.

Commissioner Mosely made a motion to go into a recess session to allow the selected committee to evaluate the EMS proposals. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

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

Chairman Loeffler stated after meeting with members of Seminole County, some new developments have come up and we would like to table a decision until further negotiations can be conducted with representatives of Seminole County.

Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to table this matter until further negotiations can be conducted with representatives of Seminole County. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

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

After 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 went into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation. No action was taken at this time.

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

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Chairman

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

  
County Clerk