

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 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 Kenneth Cloud 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 #8A to Old Business for Budget Amendment; Delete #11, Decatur County Correctional Institute Audit, Under New Business; and Add #15 Under New Business for BT-15 Aircraft at the Decatur County Airport. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve the agenda with these amendments. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

County Administrator Breedlove introduced Leslie Hitchcock, the newest addition to the Decatur County Board of Commissioners' administrative office.

Chairman Loeffler recognized Lindsey Hayes and Teresa Atkins with the Decatur County 4-H and UGA Extension. Hayes and Atkins gave a slide-show presentation to the Board of Commissioners on 4-H, the world's largest and most effective youth organization. Mrs. Hayes stated there were 250 members of the 4-H Program in 2008. In 2014 there are 539 members. Mrs. Hayes stated that 4-H life skills offer numerous of opportunities.

Chairman Loeffler recognized Doug Young. Mr. Young spoke on behalf of the Decatur County Airport Committee to ask for help cleaning the large pile of debris on the SIPS Team USA property. Mr. Young presented photographs to the commissioners he had taken of debris that had blown off SIPS property throughout the hangars. Mr. Young stated this debris has now blown all over the east end of the airport on taxi ways and is an immediate danger to personal property and aircraft at the airport. Mr. Young asked the commission to take immediate action to clean up SIP's property with County forces and bill SIPS for the expense.

Attached to the minutes is a statement presented to the Board of Commissioners by president of SIPS, Ron Harrigan on possible solutions.

Commissioner Sellers stated that he wanted to go on record as suggesting the County Attorney serve SIPS with an eviction notice, allowing him 15 days to vacate the area and find another location for his company. Commissioner Sellers stated this was clearly not an industry that needs to be at an airport. Commissioner Sellers said if a piece of the debris got sucked into an aircraft, the County would never recover from that.

Commissioner Smith said he agreed with Commissioner Sellers, if a suitable industrial building could be found it would be better to have SIPS relocate from the airport.

Commissioner Godwin asked Mr. Harrigan to return to the next commissioner's meeting set for August 26<sup>th</sup> to report on any progress that has been made on the waste pile.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

APPROVE MINUTES

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

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

### OLD BUSINESS

**Carters Mill Road — CDBG.** Public Works Superintendent Dennis Medley gave a brief update on the Carters Mill Road project. Mr. Medley stated if there are no rain delays the asphalt should be completed by August 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>. Public Works Department would then complete the signage and striping.

**Financials: TAN, LOST, SPLOST.** The Board of Commissioners was provided with a three year history of LOST and SPLOST revenues. County Administrator Breedlove stated that SPLOST revenues were down \$900,000 from 2012 to 2014. The balance remaining from the TAN loan is \$2,165,000.00

**EMS Transition Status — Pete Richey.** Interim EMS Director Elijah McCoy presented the Board of Commissioners a slide presentation of the renovations at the EMS Building. Mr. McCoy stated the renovations were completed last Wednesday. The anticipated transition with Grady EMS is expected to take place September 3, 2014.

**Landfill Timber Management.** County Administrator Breedlove presented the Board of Commissioners with a Forestry Management Review for Decatur County tracts at the landfill and Butler Ferry Road prepared by Southern Forestry Consultants. Col. Breedlove recommended the County enter into an agreement with Southern Forestry Consultants to provide guidance on the management of these two properties to ensure that they are reforested and cut when it's appropriate. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to proceed with an agreement with Southern Forestry Consultants to provide guidance on managing these two properties. Commissioner Godwin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Landfill Cell 4 Status.** County Administrator Breedlove gave a brief update on cell 4 status, stating that it should be completed by the end of August provided the weather is good. After cell 4 is complete, the plan is to move immediately into developing cell 5.

**Propane Operator at Industrial Park.** Industrial Park Manger Eric Swain provided pictures of the new Propane Company coming in at the Industrial Park. Rick McCaskill is working on the sale of the property with the new owner.

**Water / Waste Water Treatment System Status at Industrial Park.** Industrial Park Manager Eric Swain provided pictures on the renovations and gave a brief update on the status of the Water and Waste Water Treatment System at the Industrial Park. Col. Breedlove recognized David Knight, an employee of the Waste Water Treatment Plant, who took a test that would qualify him for Waste Water Treatment Class 2 Operator and passed the test with a score of 83. It is said that only 1 of 5 test-takers actually pass the test the first time.

**Natural Gas Project.** County Administrator Breedlove stated he was working with Bob Roberson to get an EDA grant for the installation of the new pipelines at the Industrial Park.

**Budget Amendment.** County Administrator Breedlove recommended the Board of Commissioners approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$10,000.00 which would come from the TAN loan to cover the budget increase for the Humane Society that the Board approved at a previous meeting. Col. Breedlove stated the Sheriff's Department is adding a line item in their budget for legal aspects but that no approval was needed from the Board on that transition. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve the budget amendment for \$10,000.00 for the Humane Society. Commissioner Godwin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

### NEW BUSINESS

**EPD at Industrial Park Water System.** County Administrator Breedlove stated he received a letter from EPD to confirm the results from their inspection at the Industrial Park Water System. The report was good.

**ISO Planning Department.** County Administrator Breedlove stated the report from the ISO was good news. The rating for the residential went from 6 to 5 and for commercial from 5 to 4. Both improved by one point. Col. Breedlove announced that the fees taken in from the Planning

Department this past year covered the amount that the Planning Department was budgeted, therefore, the Planning Department operated at no cost to the County.

**Millage Rate.** County Administrator Breedlove stated the resolution to adopt the millage rate for 2014 was approved at a Special called meeting on August 18, 2014. The meeting had to be rescheduled and the resolution adopted for the second time due lack of a 14-day window period in the advertisement.

**Bainbridge Bikefest.** Chairman Loeffler stated that the application for a Mass Gathering has been provided by the Bainbridge Bikefest and they have met all the requirements. County Attorney Moseley stated that Bainbridge Bikefest has been made aware that the Decatur County Sheriff's Department will not be providing security for this event. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Mass Gathering application for the Bainbridge Bikefest. Commissioner Sellers seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Waive Landfill Fees for Bainbridge Bikefest.** Commissioner Sellers made a motion to waive the landfill fees for Bainbridge Bikefest. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**BT15 Aircraft at the Decatur County Airport.** County Administrator Breedlove announced that on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tom Smith will fly his 1942 Vultee BT-15 back to the site where it began its journey 72 years ago, the Bainbridge Army Air Field. Col. Breedlove invited everyone to attend and bring your cameras.

#### COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

Commissioner Mosely stated he appreciated all the staff and how smoothly everything has been going lately.

County Administrator Breedlove announced (4) ribbon cuttings in the near future; Carters Mill Road; Decatur County Water System; EMS Renovation and Transition; and Cell 4 at the Landfill. Col. Breedlove stated these were positive achievements with the support of the staff and Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Mosely made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Personnel and Real Estate. Commissioner Godwin 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 discussed a personnel matter and a real estate matter. No action is to be taken at this time.

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

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

  
Chairman

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

  
County Clerk