

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2014

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN FRANK LOEFFLER, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, COMMISSIONERS DR. BUTCH MOSELY, OLIVER SELLERS, JAN GODWIN AND RUSSELL SMITH, 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, Vice Chairman Brinson gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

AMENDMENTS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Sellers asked the board to approve the following amendment: Add Old Business: Property Variance for Childree Land; County Attorney Moseley asked the board to approve the following amendment: Under New Business, Claim for Damages from Georgia Miller; County Administrator Breedlove asked the board to approve the following amendment: Add Under New Business, Natural Gas Services. 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

Security Threat Group: Warden Elijah McCoy introduced Georgia Department of Corrections officials Dereck McKinney and Terry Edge. These Department of Corrections officials told the commissioners that the influence of national gangs such as the Bloods and the Crips is increasing within the state inmate population. Mr. McKinney stated there are 49 state inmates who are from Bainbridge which are classified as validated gang members. These officials were at the Decatur County Prison today to conduct gang identification training with the staff.

2014 Year in Review: Suzanne Brandt presented a slide-show of accomplishments made throughout the year 2014. The Commissioners thanked County Administrator Breedlove for his superb leadership through this progress and all the employees for their dedicated work.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held November 20, 2014. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Landfill Cell 4 Status. County Administrator Breedlove gave a brief update on cell 4 status, stating EPD came and did the final inspection and was in the process of doing some tests on the monitor wells. Col. Breedlove stated there will be a residential drop off

for residential garbage near the scale house to make it more convenient for customers.

SIPS Update. County Administrator Breedlove gave a brief update on the removal of the debris at SIPS. Col. Breedlove stated the loose debris is gone but there is a large amount of bulk debris still left.

Consider Approval of Resolution for Defense of County Personnel. County Attorney Moseley stated that he gave the commissioners a revised copy of the Resolution for Defense of County Personnel that plugged up some of the problems that were present in the first resolution. Mr. Moseley stated the Board was going to review the resolution and possibly vote on it at this meeting. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to temporarily approve this resolution until the new commissioners came on board and bring it back to the Board at that time for consideration. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Property Variance for Childree Land. . Commissioner Sellers stated that he wanted the Board to allow the Childree family to divide their land without having to pave the right-of-way or easement. Commissioner Sellers stated that the Childree family did not want to create a subdivision, they were only wanting to divide the property without having to put a paved easement in. County Administrator Breedlove stated that the executor of the Childree property has not asked for a variance of this property. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Sellers made a motion to allow the Childree family to divide their property without having to pave the right-of-way. Commissioner Godwin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed with a 4 to 2 vote. Commissioner Sellers, Commissioner Godwin, Vice Chairman Brinson and Commissioner Mosely voted in favor. Chairman Loeffler and Commissioner Smith opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Employee Activities. County Administrator Breedlove stated he was in the process of selecting an employee of the year and this employee would be recognized at the first Commissioners' meeting in January 2015. County Administrator Breedlove made a recommendation to provide a \$100 employee performance incentive for full time employees hired before December 1, 2014 and \$50 for unelected part time employees. This incentive will be payable with the December 19, 2014 payroll. The Commissioners and County Administrator shall be exempt from this payment by your own decision. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve this request but to include the \$100 performance incentive for County Administrator Breedlove. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Development Authority Appointment. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to appoint Commissioner Smith to the Development Authority Board. The motion failed for lack of a second. Commissioner Smith stated that he volunteered to serve on the Development Authority Board when the Commissioners stated that they thought it was a good idea to have one of the commissioners serve on this Board and when he was under the impression that Ted Martin didn't want to be reappointed. Commissioner Smith stated that he wanted to withdraw his decision since he now knows that Ted Martin was willing to serve another term. Commissioner Godwin stated that she didn't think it was a good idea for an elected official to serve on the Development Authority Board or the Hospital Board. Commissioner Smith stated that he thought the Board should table this issue and allow the new commissioners to help appoint someone to the Development Authority Board. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to reappoint Ted Martin to the Development Authority Board. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Claim for Damages made by Georgia Miller. County Attorney Moseley stated that over the years there have been several claims made by citizens and they have all been presented to the Board to be acted on. Mr. Moseley stated that he received a letter from Progressive Insurance for a claim on Georgia Miller who claims that she received damage on her vehicle while traveling on Calvary Road near Hwy 262 when her vehicle struck a pothole in May of 2014. Mr. Moseley stated that this incident was never reported to the Road Department or to the County Clerk. Mr. Moseley suggested that the Board direct him to

send a response letter to Progressive insurance that the Board does not intend to pay this claim at this time unless they can provide further information to support their claim. Chairman Loeffler made a motion to direct the County Attorney to send a letter to progressive to deny payment unless they can provide further information to support their claim. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Natural Gas Service. County Administrator Breedlove stated that he had been soliciting companies that provide natural gas training for the employees at the Industrial Park. Col. Breedlove stated we are in the process of contracting with Harp & Associates Natural Gas Consulting & Maintenance for this service.

COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

Commissioner Godwin stated that she appreciated the Board of Commissioners for appointing her to serve out Commissioner Perry's term and for having confidence in her. Commissioner Godwin stated that she believed the County has made a lot of achievements and she urged the Board to develop some long-term plans and be proactive. Commissioner Godwin thanked Public Works Superintendent Dennis Medley for his quick response to her requests. Commissioner Godwin stated she would like to make two last requests; make some renovations to the Courthouse and the Silver Lake area needs more signage.

Vice Chairman Brinson thanked Chairman Loeffler and Commissioners Godwin and Sellers for their service on the Board and to the citizens of Decatur County. Vice Chairman Brinson stated it has been a pleasure working with these commissioners and believed they set a president that the Board can disagree on issues but continue to work together.

Commissioner Smith stated he agreed with Vice Chairman Brinson's remarks and also thanked all the commissioners that was going out.

Commissioner Mosely stated that he felt like all the commissioners got along well and have accomplished a lot during the year. Commissioner Mosely stated he was very pleased with the improvements with the County's finances.

Commissioner Mosely discussed the matter of county officials and constitutional officers running in nonpartisan elections. Commissioner Mosely stated that he felt that some good people didn't get elected because of the party they ran under. A brief discussion followed. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to direct the County Attorney to prepare a resolution to present to legislation that would allow county officials and constitutional officers to run in nonpartisan elections. Commissioner Godwin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

County Administrator Breedlove announced that County Agent Justin Ballew will be leaving at the end of the year and will be advertising and seeking a replacement.

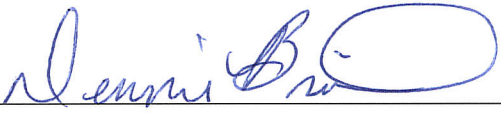
Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Personnel and Litigation. Commissioner Godwin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

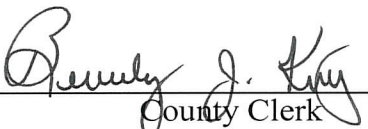
After the executive session the Commissioners assembled back in the board room. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to go into regular session. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Chairman Loeffler stated during executive session the Commissioners agreed to reappoint Dewey Robinson to the Airport Committee.

Chairman Loeffler stated during executive session the Board discussed a litigation matter and the Board of Commissioners has agreed to accept a Letter of Resignation from County Attorney Moseley effective December 31, 2014. Chairman Loeffler stated that County Attorney Moseley has agreed to stay on during the transition period.

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

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk