

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, VICE CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, COMMISSIONERS DR. BUTCH MOSELY, RUSSELL SMITH, RUSTY DAVIS AND GEORGE ANDERSON, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR GARY BREEDLOVE, COUNTY CLERK BEVERLY KING, ATTORNEY BROWN MOSELEY AND NEWS REPORTER POWELL COBB.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Brinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the call to order, Vice Chairman Stephens 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 New Business: Courthouse Tower; and Off Road Dump Truck. County Attorney Moseley asked the Board to approve the following amendment: Add Real Estate to Executive Session. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the Agenda with these amendments. Vice Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Lindsey Bell Hayes. Mrs. Hayes introduced 4-H member Heath Parker. Mr. Parker announced the Decatur County Legislative Live Stock Show Down scheduled for February 14, 2015 starting around 9:15 am. Mr. Parker and Mrs. Hayes invited all the commissioners to attend.

Ben Lee, CPA. Chairman Brinson recognized Auditor Ben Lee. Mr. Lee said "This year, unlike some other years, it's a pleasure to report some positive financial numbers." Mr. Lee highlighted on some of the reporting in his audit. Mr. Lee stated that Decatur County is on an upper trend. Mr. Lee reported that every department in the county was under budget, stating that was a phenomenal job by a lot of people. Mr. Lee recommended that the cash management policies be reviewed and revised to complement the current accounting software being used by the County which was implemented subsequent to the adoption of the Cash Management policies. Mr. Lee also emphasized the importance of developing an anti-fraud program. Mr. Lee offered to return at another date to present more information on a fraud deterrent system for Decatur County. Mr. Lee stated he appreciated the opportunity to be of service to Decatur County and will be available to assist with any of the aforementioned suggestions.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Brinson recognized Mary Brock. Ms. Brock stated that the road sign on Kelley Lane was misspelled and requested that the Board authorize the Public Works department to change the sign to spell it correctly. The correct spelling should be Kelly Lane, which is named after Ms. Brock's daughter.

Chairman Brinson recognized Lucas Basil. Mr. Basil suggested that Decatur County and the City of Bainbridge combine their vehicle maintenance shops to perhaps save the taxpayers of Decatur County money.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting

held January 13, 2015. Commissioner Anderson 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 they are still putting soft trash in the cell to protect the liner.

Vice Chairman Stephens made a motion to lift the suspension to our regional landfill for the City of Bainbridge. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Commissioner Mosely questioned if the City had made any indication they were interested in using the county's landfill again. Chairman Brinson stated it is a good time to make that gesture so that we can bridge the gap between the City and the County. County Administrator Breedlove stated with the transition of the Board with the new members, it makes sense to lift the suspension. If the City wanted to use the landfill for inert waste such as limbs and bushes, it could be there for their use. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Award Contract for Waste Water Treatment Plant Equipment Installation. County Administrator Breedlove stated these bids were received and opened on January 8, 2015 resulting in North Florida Construction, Inc. being the low bidder. Col. Breedlove recommended the Board enter into an agreement with North Florida Construction, Inc. to construct this project. Col. Breedlove stated after this contract is awarded, we should be able to draw funds from the grant which will be preferable to borrowing from GEFA. Commissioner Smith made a motion to award this contract to North Florida Construction, Inc. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Status at the Industrial Park. County Administrator Breedlove stated he has temporary personnel in place while continuing to search for the right people going forward to fill vacant positions. Col. Breedlove stated we are stable or better in all areas.

Employee Sick Leave. After a brief discussion on the County employee's sick leave, the Board recommended that the County Administrator seek help from ACCG to give guidelines to amend the County's sick leave policies.

NEW BUSINESS

Airport Property Opportunity. County Administrator Breedlove explained the situation between the County and Georgia Department of Transportation, Aviation Department and FAA concerning private ownership of airport property. This situation has increased in importance do to GDOT / FAA funding for airport projects. It will be a significant opportunity going forward.

Airport Advisory Committee. County Administrator Breedlove stated that the Airport Committee met Wednesday afternoon to start their third year of meetings. All members were present except for Mayor Pro Team, including new member Vice Chairman Stephens. The Committee elected a new chairperson, Jimmy Rentz, and a new vice chairperson, Doug Young.

Resolution Authorizing 5311 Program. County Administrator Breedlove stated this is a recurring yearly resolution for the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission to apply for rural transit 5311 funds through the Georgia Department of Transportation on behalf of the participating Counties/Cities in the Southwest Georgia region to provide rural public transportation. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Courthouse Tower. County Administrator Breedlove stated that Doug Young, owner of PDC Construction pointed out to him that the bell tower at the Courthouse is in great need of repairs. Mr. Young did the renovations to the Courthouse in 1999 and is familiar with the Courthouse. Mr. Young presented a proposal for the repairs of the bell tower. Attorney Brown Moseley suggested that the bell be placed under the dome instead of on top of the tower. Col. Breedlove recommended that the Board approve the proposal from PDC Construction to repair the bell tower. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to allow PDC Construction to repair the bell tower due to his previous experience on the renovations at the Courthouse. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Off Road Dump Truck. County Administrator Breedlove stated the Board approved the Cell 5 GEFA loan at the last meeting which included this off-road dump truck. Col. Breedlove stated he discussed a lease purchase option with Yancey Brothers and was given a 2.75% interest rate. Col. Breedlove stated through ACCG he was offered a 1.92% interest rate financing it though BB&T Governmental Finance. Col. Breedlove stated that Yancey Brothers will still provide the buy-back program for this dump truck. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve this resolution authorizing the execution of a lease purchase agreement with ACCG for this dump truck. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

Commissioner Anderson thanked all the employees in each of the departments throughout the County for staying within their budget.

Vice Chairman Stephens thanked all the employees for staying within their budget and stated he appreciated the County staff at the Administrative Office for what they accomplish with such a small staff.

Commissioner Smith thanked all the Department Heads, the County staff and County Administrator Breedlove for doing a great job in staying within their budgets.

Commissioner Mosely stated it was great hearing that the financial situation was improving for the County and he appreciated everyone’s efforts in staying within their budget. He suggested that this good audit report be put in the local newspaper to spread some good news.

Commissioner Davis stated he was proud that the County was on an upward trend.

Attorney Brown Moseley reported that a notice pertaining to the resolutions approved at the last commissioner’s meeting concerning local legislature will be coming out in the next edition of the local newspaper which is required by law to advertise.

County Administrator Breedlove stated that the minutes for the Monday morning staff meetings will be emailed to all of the commissioners in the future. Col. Breedlove stated that he attended the Chamber of Commerce “Government Affairs Committee” meeting at the hospital. Col. Breedlove stated they are looking at pulling back funding for non-certified employees.

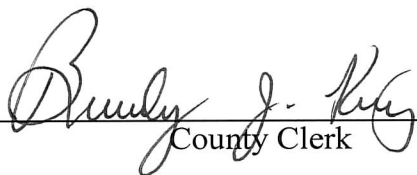
Commissioner Anderson made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Personnel, Real Estate and Litigation. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

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

Chairman Brinson stated that the Board discussed a litigation matter during executive session but no action was taken at this time. Chairman Brinson stated that the Board discussed a Real Estate matter during executive session but no action was taken at this time. The Board did not discuss personnel during executive session.

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

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk