

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 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, COUNTY ATTORNEY BRUCE KIRBO AND NEWS REPORTERS BRENNAN LEATHERS AND POWELL COBB.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

AMENDMENTS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

County Commissioner Mosely asked the Board to approve the following amendments: Change the terminology on Item # 6 to include Efficiency Study of all Departments; and Delete #7, Service Delivery Strategy Implementation Factors. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve the Agenda with these amendments. Commission Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and approved with a 5 to 1 vote. Vice Chairman Stephens, Commissioners Anderson, Mosely, Smith and Davis approved the motion. Chairman Brinson opposed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no Special Presentations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Brinson recognized Oliver Sellers. Mr. Sellers addressed the Board with concerns of the recent negotiations made with the City of Bainbridge during mediation.

Chairman Brinson recognized Ronald McMillan. Mr. McMillan works for the Decatur County Prison and addressed the Board with concerns of a rumor that Decatur County Commissioners were considering shutting down the Decatur County Prison due to \$2.1 million budget shortfall.

Chairman Brinson recognized Hospital CEO Billy Walker. Mr. Walker came forward to thank the Board of Commissioners for their recent decision to financially help the hospital with Indigent Care through the service delivery agreement.

Chairman Brinson recognized Basil Lucas. Mr. Lucas requested a copy of the resolution recently approved by the Board of Commissioners regarding Service Delivery Strategy.

APPROVE MINUTES

Vice Chairman Stephens made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Works Road Shop held February 24, 2015, the Commissioners Meeting held February 24, 2015, the Special Called Meeting held March 5, 2015, the Special Called Meeting held March 10, 2015 and the Special Called Meeting held March 12, 2015. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Natural Gas Line Status. County Administrator Breedlove gave a brief update on the status of the natural gas line being installed at the Industrial Park.

Water Service for Solar – North. County Administrator Breedlove stated the North Solar project had requested fire line water support be placed under Brinson Airbase Road. A six inch line has been installed and they now have access to water.

Solar South Project. County Administrator Breedlove stated some representatives from Southern Power Company visited last week to meet some of the people here and visit the site. The Contract Engineers for the South Project is expected to arrive tomorrow to get permits for that project.

NEW BUSINESS

Motor Grader Repair - \$28,140.00. County Administrator Breedlove stated this request was sent by email a few days ago to the commissioners in order to go ahead and have this motor grader repaired. This request is just to follow up and have it formally approved by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Landfill Bulldozer Repair/Replacement. Chairman Brinson recognized Landfill Manager Andrew Jones. Mr. Jones spoke to the commissioners concerning a bulldozer that is broke down. Mr. Jones stated it would cost around \$50,000 to repair it and it is only worth approximately \$45,000.00. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to lease a bulldozer in the amount of \$7,400.00 per month, advertise the old bulldozer on GovDeals.com, if it doesn't bring the amount of money that Yancey has guaranteed to give the County for a trade-in, keep it until the purchase of a new bulldozer for a trade-in; and put out a request for bids for a new bulldozer to bring before the Board for approval. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Prison Audit Discussion and Efficiency Study of all Departments. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to begin an efficiency study on all the departments in the County in an effort to view possibilities to save money by hiring an outside authority that specializes in this type of government audits. Vice Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Chairman Brinson recognized Warden Elijah McCoy. Mr. McCoy presented the Board of Commissioners with report with figures showing what the labor cost would be to hire employees to replace inmate labor. A brief discussion followed.

COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

Commissioner Anderson thanked all the citizens for coming to the meeting and welcomed everyone's comments. Commissioner Anderson stated the County has a lot of issues to work out.

Vice Chairman Stephens thanked all the citizens for coming to the meeting. Vice Chairman Stephens stated that the mediation the County and City were in was intense, troublesome and the worst experience he had ever gone through. Vice Chairman Stephens stated that the new commissioners had inherited a lot of problems. Vice Chairman Stephens stated he gave everything he heard during mediation a lot of thought and he thought the decision the Board made was the right thing to do. Vice Chairman Stephens stated he would be happy to talk with anyone one on one.

Commissioner Smith said he concurred with what Vice Chairman Stephens said. Commissioner Smith stated he also thought the Board made the right decision and that the citizens are the winners in this.

Commissioner Mosely stated that he stood by his vote. Commissioner Mosely said the Board was told that it would cost over a half million dollars to take this case to court. Commissioner Mosely said if the City will come through with their end of the deal, everyone will benefit.

Commissioner Davis stated that this was a very hard decision to make. Commissioner Davis

challenged everyone to put their self in the Commissioners' shoes. Commissioner Davis stated he voted to approve the resolution and he stood by his vote and hope everyone could move forward.

County Administrator Breedlove stated he had no comment to contribute to the demeanor. Col. Breedlove said he would be happy to talk with anyone one on one.

Chairman Brinson spoke of cooperation between the City of Bainbridge and Decatur County moving forward to set in motion a better spirit through the mediation process that took place. Chairman Brinson stated with this new strategy that has been set in motion between the City of Bainbridge and Decatur County, basically the County has bailed out the City of Bainbridge and Memorial Hospital. Chairman Brinson stated it was time Decatur County Board of Commissioners started taking care of the citizens that work for Decatur County.

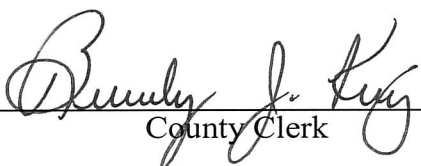
Commissioner Anderson made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Personnel and Litigation. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

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 and a personnel matter during executive session but no action was taken at this time.

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

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk