

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 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 7:00 p.m. After the call to order, Pastor Slade Alday gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Mosely made a motion to go out of the regular meeting and go into a Public Hearing to discuss Project Completion of CDBG Grant for Carter's Mill Road. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

County Administrator Breedlove stated the purpose of this hearing is to inform citizens of the availability of the final quarterly report, to review project accomplishment, and to receive citizens' comments on the Carter's Mill Road Street and Drainage Improvements benefiting 123 residents. There were no comments from the public.

Commissioner Mosely made a motion to close this Public Hearing and go back into the regular session. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

AMENDMENTS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

County Attorney Moseley asked the board to approve the following amendment: Add Under Executive Session, Litigation; County Administrator Breedlove asked the board to approve the following amendment: Add Under New Business, Fire Department Chart. 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

Historical Society Plaque for WWII Hangar. County Administrator Breedlove stated the Decatur County Historical Society chose the WWII Hanger at the Decatur County Industrial Park to provide a plaque for its' historical preservation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Godwin made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held October 28, 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 due to the rain, the final inspection on Cell 4 from EPD has been cancelled until next

week. Last week the landfill had a spot inspection and received a perfect score.

Financials Status / TAN Loan. County Administrator Breedlove gave a brief update on the financial status. Col. Breedlove stated through the department efforts and reduction of expenditures the County was able to reduce its debt ratio, stating the current debt ratio is 54.9% and reduce the amount of loans from 23 to 12.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

Noresco Facility Study. County Administrator Breedlove stated several weeks ago this company, Noresco, did an energy efficiencies study on nine buildings within the County at no cost to the County. They will gather the information collected and send a proposal providing the County with information for better energy efficiency that should result in savings.

Gas Line / Solar Project. County Administrator Breedlove stated that he and Chairman Loeffler met with Trade Wind's representatives and discussed the proposed gas line the County intended to install at the Industrial Park. Agreement has been made and settled.

Consider Approval of Sale of County Owned Property on Cherry Street. County Attorney Moseley stated the Board authorized him in a previous meeting to advertise the sale of this piece of property by a sealed bid process. Mr. Moseley stated the County received two bids and recommended the Board approve the sale of this property to the highest bidder, Barbara Buchanan in the amount of \$603.00. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to sale this property to Barbara Buchanan in the amount of \$603.00. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Purchase of Wheel Loader for Public Works. Chairman Loeffler recognized Public Works Superintendent Dennis Medley. Mr. Medley stated this piece of equipment was a budgeted item for his department and provided the Board with bids received from two companies. Mr. Medley recommended that the Board approve the purchase from the low bidder, Yancey Brothers, but not participate in the buy-back plan. Mr. Medley recommended that the wheel loader that he is replacing be moved to the landfill and the landfill's wheel loader be sold on govdeals.com. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this purchase. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Mr. Medley gave a brief update on the Patch Machine recently purchased by the County, stating recent work done by this piece of equipment saved the County approximately \$15,000.00.

Mr. Medley stated the float is ready for the Swine Time Parade coming up.

Consider Canceling Commissioners' Meeting scheduled for December 23, 2014. County Administrator stated it was traditional to cancel this meeting due to the Christmas Holidays. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to cancel the scheduled meeting for December 23, 2014 but note that the Board could hold a Special Called Meeting if necessary. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Fire Department Chart. County Administrator Breedlove presented the County's Fire Department chart that was started in the early 80's. The chart showed the different fire stations that were placed within a 5 mile radius. Col. Breedlove explained the important functions that the County's fire department and all the volunteer fire departments play throughout the County including the Airport and the Industrial Park. Fire Chief Charlie McCann explained the ISO ratings for the County.

COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

County Administrator Breedlove stated that the issue for the property variance for the Childress land that was recently discussed in the commissioners' meeting has been delayed due to the siblings not agreeing on the decision as to what to do with the property.

AFFIDAVIT OF CHAIRMAN OR PRESIDING OFFICER

Frank Loeffler, Chairman of the Decatur County Board of Commissioners, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief:

1.

The Decatur County Board of Commissioners met in a duly advertised meeting on November 25, 2014.

2.

During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

3.

The executive session was called to order at 7:35 a.m./p.m.

4.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

Consultation with the county attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1);

Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(2) and (insert the citation to the legal authority making the tax matter confidential) _____;

Discussion of the future purchase, disposal of or lease of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4);

Discussion of deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6);

Other _____ as provided in _____.

This 25 day of November, 2014.

Sworn to and subscribed
Before me this 25th day of
November, 2014.

Notary Public Beverly J. King

My commission expires:



Frank Loeffler
Frank Loeffler, Chairman
Decatur County Board of Commissioners

County Attorney Moseley stated that several meetings ago he presented a resolution for Defense of County Personnel. Mr. Moseley stated he was later directed by the Board to make some amendments to the resolution. Mr. Moseley presented a revised copy of the Resolution for the Board to review and provide any suggestions for changes. Mr. Moseley stated that the Board could perhaps approve this resolution at the next scheduled commissioners' meeting.

Commissioner Godwin made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Personnel and Litigation. Vice Chairman Brinson 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 Board discussed a litigation matter and no action was taken.

Chairman Loeffler stated during executive session the Commissioners discussed some Board appointments. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to appoint Doris Cosby to the Decatur County Board of Family and Children Services. Commissioner Mosely seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to reappoint Charles Haddock and David Conoly to the Decatur County Planning Commission. Commissioner Godwin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

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

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk