

## MINUTES

### DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

#### SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015

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

#### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Chairman Brinson stated the purpose of this Special Called Meeting is to vote on a Resolution between the City of Bainbridge and The Board of Commissioners concerning Service Delivery Strategy.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Stephens seconded the motion.

County Administrator Breedlove explained that if the Board approves this resolution it would mean that the County millage rate would increase for the unincorporated area by 2 mils.

Vice Chairman Stephens stated if the figures that were presented will work out, it shouldn't be a full mil increase.

Commissioner Smith stated that every commissioner put a lot of thought into this decision and he thought it was the right thing to do and it was in the best interest of the citizens of Decatur County.

A vote was taken and approved with a 5 to 1 vote. Chairman Brinson, Vice Chairman Stephens, Commissioner Mosely, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Davis approved. Commissioner Anderson opposed.

#### COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Anderson said he felt like there were a lot of citizens that are living on a fixed income that wouldn't be able to afford a tax increase.

Vice Chairman Stephens said this has been a difficult week and the decisions made were not easy. Vice Chairman Stephens complimented the City Council for working with the Commissioners through some of these difficult decisions. Vice Chairman Stephens stated he thought this would resolve the separation between the City and the County and could possibly lead to both parties working together in the future for the best interest of the citizens of Decatur County.

Commissioner Smith said the citizens are the winners in this decision. Commissioner Smith stated he thought this would make it better between the City and the County and help the industry. Commissioner Smith said this was the right thing to do.

Commissioner Davis said he thought this had gone on too long and no decision was going to make everyone happy. Commissioner Davis stated that both the City and the County gave up something and he thought this was a good agreement.

County Administrator Breedlove stated he gave the Board of Commissioners some serious and significant objections and stated that he stood behind those objections.

Chairman Brinson said he struggled with this decision simply because we started discussing things that are not really a part of service delivery strategy. Chairman Brinson stated that some of those areas he felt backed the County into a corner. There are no real answers to all of this, there is no easy decision. Chairman Brinson stated that he hoped the members will work on some areas that could reduce the 2 mils dramatically so no more burdens will be placed on the citizens of Decatur County. Chairman Brinson said he was sorry that the Board didn't have these conversations before.

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

Approved:   
Chairman

Attest:   
County Clerk