

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Brinson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. After the call to order, Pastor Ron Kirkland gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

County Administrator Thomas thanked Pastor Ron Kirkland and the Woodmen of the World Organization for providing Decatur County with American Flags.

AMENDMENTS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chairman Stephens made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no Special Presentations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held September 22, 2015. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Proposal from Southern Forestry Commission. Chairman Brinson recognized Alan Emmons. Mr. Emmons stated he received three bids for timber sales on approximately 230 acres with various types of timber. Mr. Emmons recommended the Board approve the high bidder, Mid-South Timber, with a bid of an average of \$1000.00 per acre. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Mid-South Timber. Commissioner Mosely seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Mr. Emmons stated that they were finished thinning out the timber on Butler Ferry Road and had thought the project would end up breaking even, however, it ended up clearing \$20,000.00 after reforestation.

Presentation on Decatur County Airport – Jim Cerone. Chairman Brinson recognized Airport Manager Jim Cerone. Mr. Cerone gave a brief background on the history of the Decatur County Airport. Mr. Cerone listed several of the services the airport has to offer. Mr. Cerone stated the airport is an asset to several organizations such as Pilots and Paws and Angel Flight Missions.

Pilots and Paws help transport animals from our local shelters to homes and Angel Flight Missions transports people in need of medical care to various hospitals. Mr. Cerone stated the airport provides a very comfortable facility with friendly service.

Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Bainbridge. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated in this agreement, Decatur County agrees to house a fire truck and personnel at the West Bainbridge Fire Station and the City of Bainbridge agrees to provide fire service mutual aid in the unincorporated area of Decatur County, when necessary and requested by the appropriate officials. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this agreement. Vice Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Invoice from Harbin Engineering. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this invoice from Harbin Engineering in the amount of \$18,978.46 is for various projects. The amount of \$12,593.00 goes toward the closing of the old 309 Landfill and the remaining amount goes toward various projects at the Decatur County Solid Waste Facility on Highway 27. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this invoice. Vice Chairman Stephens made a motion to approve this invoice from Harbin Engineering in the amount of \$18,978.46. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Proposal from Carlson Environmental Consultants. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this proposal was for professional services for air permitting and GHG reporting services for the Decatur County Solid Waste Facility. County Administrator Thomas stated the Engineers for the landfill recommended the Board approve this proposal. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve this proposal in the amount of \$9,800.00. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Purchase of Articulated Truck for Landfill. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas gave a brief update on the status of the landfill, stating that Bobby Newton has been moved from Public Works to the landfill to help with the development of Cell 5. This will help us stay on schedule or hopefully ahead of schedule to avoid running out of air space before Cell 5 is completed. County Administrator Thomas stated that this truck will also help in that progress. County Administrator Thomas stated that bids were received and opened October 6th for an articulated truck. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve the bid from Yancey Brothers in the amount of \$328,000.00 which met all the specifications. Vice Chairman Stephens made a motion to approve this purchase from Yancey Brothers in the amount of \$328,000.00. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved. County Administrator Thomas stated that this truck will be paid through the GEFA loan.

Consider Purchase of Motor Grader for Public Works. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this motor grader will replace one that is on a buy-back plan from Flint Equipment Company. Flint Equipment Company has a buy-back guarantee on this motor grader for \$103,000.00 which they have agreed to honor. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve the purchase of the new motor grader from Yancey Brothers in the amount of \$217,478.00 with a 5-year buy-back of \$128,000.00. County Administrator Thomas stated the motor grader from Yancey meets all the specifications. County Administrator Thomas stated the \$103,000.00 the county receives from Flint Equipment will be put toward the new purchase. Vice Chairman Stephens made a motion to approve this purchase from Yancey Brothers. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Dr. Bush's Letter of Resignation for the Board of Health. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to accept Dr. Bush's resignation for the Board of Health. Vice Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved. Commissioner Mosely suggested the County Administrator contact the Hospital Administrator, Billy Walker, to see if he could recommend a replacement for the Board of Health.

Consider Reappointing Joe Hartzog to the Board of Tax Assessors. Vice Chairman Stephens made a motion to reappoint Joe Hartzog to the Board of Tax Assessors. Commissioner Anderson

seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

Commissioner Anderson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Commissioner Anderson thanked all the department heads and staff for their dedication and hard work they do for the County.

Vice Chairman Stephens thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Vice Chairman Stephens stated he was very pleased with the relationship improving between the City and the County and working together will certainly benefit the citizens.

Commissioner Smith said he also thanks everyone for coming to the meeting. Commissioner Smith said he was very pleased to see the mutual aid agreement signed and the county and city working together to accomplish goals that will better serve the citizens.

Commissioner Mosely said he dittoed what was already said. Commissioner Mosely commented on Commissioner Smith's effort in working with the city by donating a donkey to replace George in the wake of his passing. George was a donkey that made his home at the Earle May Boat Basin and was there for more than 30 years.

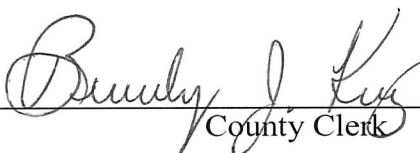
Commissioner Davis said he also appreciated everyone for coming to the meeting and expressed his gratitude toward the improvements with the relationship between the city and the county.

County Administrator Thomas expressed his appreciation for the citizens coming to the meeting. County Administrator Thomas announced that the 19th and 20th of October will be the 2nd and 3rd meeting for the Comprehensive Plan. The meetings will start at 4:00 p.m. County Administrator announced the upcoming Swine Time Parade to be held on November 28th and the Christmas Parade to be held on December the 10th. County Administrator Thomas suggested the commissioners contact the County Clerk to make arrangements for the two parades if they wish to participate. County Administrator also announced the ACCG 10th District Meeting will be held October 26th in Blakely, Georgia and the meeting starts at 4:15 p.m.

Chairman Brinson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and that he also was very pleased in the direction the County is going.

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

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk