

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 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 REPORTER POWELL COBB AND BRENNAN LEATHERS.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

AMENDMENTS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Smith asked the board to approve the following amendment: Delete #5, Service Delivery Strategy Implementation. Commissioner Davis asked the board to approve the following amendment: Add Discuss Recreational Authority Board Members. Chairman Brinson asked the board to approve the following amendment: Add Executive Session to Discuss Litigation and Personnel. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda with these amendments. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Brinson recognized Revonn Miller. Ms. Miller submitted a proposal to the Board of Commissioners on behalf of Life Liberty and Lotus, Inc. Ms. Miller stated that her program could service low level non-violent offenders for \$13.00 per inmate which would be a considerable amount of savings to the County. This program would be an alternative method for these types of inmates. Chairman Brinson stated the Board of Commissioners would review Ms. Miller's proposal for consideration.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Brinson recognized Robert Tate, Chairman of Bainbridge Bikefest. Mr. Tate asked the Board of Commissioners to consider waiving the Mass Gathering Permit fee of \$2,500.00 for this year's Bikefest event. Vice Chairman Stephens stated the Board would discuss this request and report their decision at the next scheduled meeting.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2015 Commissioners' meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Landfill Items. Chairman Brinson recognized Suzanne Brandt. Ms. Brandt submitted a contract from BASF Chemical Company to deposit materials to the County's landfill at \$17.00 per ton. Ms. Brandt stated this contract would generate approximately \$250,000.00 in revenue. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve this contract. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Ms. Brandt stated the County has contracts with two surrounding counties to deliver their waste from transfer stations to the County's landfill. The hauler that delivers this waste is in need of two

trailers to better service these customers. Ms. Brandt stated the cost of these two trailers would be approximately \$100,000.00 and would be taken out of SPLOST revenue. Ms. Brandt asked the Board to approve for her to move forward in purchasing these two trailers. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to allow Ms. Brandt to begin searching for two trailers and bring her proposal back to the Board for their approval. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Ms. Brandt stated that an excavator at the landfill is in need of repairs and is critical in the construction of cell 5. The cost of the repairs is \$12,452.00. Ms. Brandt asked the Board for approval of these repairs. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the repairs in the amount of \$12,452.00. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Ms. Brandt stated the landfill's D6 dozer is in Albany, Georgia at Yancey and is being repaired and should be delivered back to the landfill on Friday. Ms. Brandt said she is unsure what is wrong with the D6 but it is being repaired under warranty.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade. Col. Breedlove stated the final contract for installation of the upgraded equipment has been done. Progress is moving forward and is able to submit the first request for funds from the EDA grant.

Courthouse Roof. County Administrator Breedlove stated that Cecilia Willis is helping with getting bids to do the necessary repairs to the courthouse. Once the bids are received they will be brought before the Board for their approval. The cost of these repairs will be taken from SPLOST funds.

Recreational Authority Board Members. County Administrator Breedlove stated the Recreational Authority Board requires the Board of Commissioners to appoint three members that is willing to serve and the first meeting is in July. Commissioner Mosely directed County Clerk Beverly King to advertise these positions to the media. .

County Administrator Position. Chairman Brinson stated the Board of Commissioners is working out the fine points and will be announced soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Financials: Bond, Budget, Etc. County Administrator Breedlove stated a notice was received of the final revenue on the SPLOST V funds which will be available on the 30th of this month. With this distribution the funds will be available to make the final payment on the bond that was issued in March of 2009. The projected LOST and SPLOST revenues for FY 2015 will be down. The first round of budget reviews is completed.

Bank Accounts for Investment Account & Operating Account for SPLOST VI. County Administrator Breedlove stated bank accounts for the investment account and operating account for SPLOST VI needs to be established and asked the Board for their approval. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this request. Vice Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

Commissioner Anderson commended Col. Breedlove for an excellent job he has done as County Administrator, stating he was the best administrator that has served Decatur County this far.

Vice Chairman Stephens thanked Col. Breedlove and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Commissioner Smith thanked Col. Breedlove and wished him well. Commissioner Smith stated the newspaper made a mistake in their recent article concerning the Service Delivery Strategy. Commissioner Smith stated the Board of Commissioners intended on having a committee to implement the Service Delivery Strategy and not to renegotiate it.

Commissioner Mosely stated that was his understanding as well and didn't mean it to come out any other way but to explore opportunities to work together with the City of Bainbridge.

Commissioner Mosely wished Col. Breedlove good luck as he moves on.

Commissioner Davis stated that he won a Yeti cooler at the ACCG Conference in Savannah and presented it to Col. Breedlove as a going away present.

Chairman Brinson stated that he definitely enjoyed working with Col. Breedlove, stating he has always been very informative. Chairman Brinson wished Col. Breedlove well in all his future endeavors and asked that God be upon his life in all that he does. Chairman Brinson thanked Col. Breedlove for all his hard work and dedication he presented to the Board and all the citizens of Decatur County.

County Administrator Breedlove stated he came in the back door to the meeting to transition from being the County Administrator to a concerned citizen. Col. Breedlove said he appreciated the opportunity to be the County Administrator and that it was an honor.

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

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

Chairman Brinson stated the Board discussed a litigation matter. Commissioner Smith made a motion to allow County Attorney Kirbo to move forward with joint the stipulation for the forfeiture of the United States fund in lieu of real property in the case of United States of America versus Daniel Andrew Barnard Jr. Vice Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

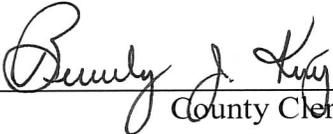
Chairman Brinson stated the Board discussed another litigation matter. Chairman Brinson stated during the ACCG conference the commissioners learned that they cannot establish a committee of three to be a committee without it being a public meeting. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to rescind his motion and disband the committee. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Chairman Brinson stated the Board discussed a personnel matter pertaining to the County Administrator position. Chairman Brinson stated the Board will be utilizing the services of CPA Perry Henry as the County's interim County Administrator. He will help with the financial management of the county's operation and some of the decision making. Chairman Brinson stressed to everyone that Mr. Henry's position was only temporary until the commissioners can go through the process of hiring a new County Administrator. All the commissioners voted to approve this motion.

Col. Breedlove stated that Perry Henry is an excellent choice for an interim County Administrator and announced that Chairman Brinson and Mr. Henry will meet with the all the supervisors Friday in the conference room at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the transition.

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

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk