

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 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, 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 Stephens gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

AMENDMENTS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

County Administrator Alan Thomas asked the board to approve the following amendment: Add Under Old Business; Consider Approval of Invoice from Harbin Engineering for the Landfill. Chairman Brinson asked the board to approve the following amendment: Change the Date on Consider Approval of Minutes for the Commissioners' Meeting held August 11th instead of April 11th as stated on the Agenda. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda with these amendments. Vice Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no Special Presentations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Brinson recognized Ted Snell. Mr. Snell expressed concerns with the anticipated tax increase for property owners in Decatur County. Mr. Snell asked the commissioners to concentrate on two possible incomes that could help relieve some tax burdens on the citizens of this county; one being solar energy and the other being generating more income for the landfill.

Chairman Brinson recognized Gary Breedlove. Mr. Breedlove thanked the County staff that attended Civics 101 on August 24th at the Library to help citizens better understand the County's budget. Mr. Breedlove expressed concerns relating to the proposed millage rate.

Chairman Brinson recognized Frank Geslak. Mr. Geslak stated since he moved to Bainbridge in 2006, his property taxes have increased over 49% with no pay increase during that time frame. Mr. Geslak stated that money could be saved throughout the county just by cutting off lights when they weren't necessary and asked that everyone within the county be more diligent in ways to save money.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting held August 11, 2015. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Decatur County Courthouse Roof. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that requests for proposals were distributed to five different vendors and also advertised in the local newspaper. The County

received only one bid from Streamline Roofing and Construction, Inc. from Tallahassee, Florida in the amount of \$68,300.00 per the specifications that were provided. County Administrator Thomas stated that the courthouse has been in dire need of these roof repairs for some time and he recommended the Board approve this bid in order to prevent further damage to the courthouse. Vice Chairman Stephens made a motion to approve this bid from Streamline Roofing and Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$68,300.00. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Adoption of the 2015-2016 Decatur County Budget. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that the required public hearing for the 2015-2016 budget was held prior to the commissioners' meeting on August 11, 2015 and recommended the Board approve this budget as presented. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 Decatur County Budget. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Purchase of Vehicles for Decatur County Sheriff's Department. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this is a request from Sheriff Griffin to purchase three vehicles for investigators that work for the Decatur County Sheriff's department. County Administrator Thomas stated that Brannen Motor Company contacted the sheriff's office to offer the sale of three vehicles that were formerly owned by government agencies with low mileage. County Administrator Thomas stated that Sheriff Griffin has the money in his budget to purchase these vehicles. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this purchase of three vehicles from Brannen Motor Company in the amount of \$18,000.00 each. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Request / Presentation from Decatur EMS – Randy Williams. Chairman Brinson recognized EMS Director Randy Williams. Mr. Williams stated that Grady EMS was in the process of negotiating services in surrounding counties and has already went live in Brooks County. Mr. Williams asked for permission from the Board to change the name on Decatur EMS ambulances to South Georgia EMS to assist in having less confusion for everyone in the surrounding areas. It would also be beneficiary in case they needed to swap ambulances around. Vice Chairman Stephens made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Mr. Williams gave a report on the statistics of the ambulance service in Decatur County stating their response time was at 8.96 minutes. Grady EMS is holding a First Responder Certification course on September 26th.

Interlocal Agreement Between Leon County and Decatur County. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas explained this was an agreement for the mutual exchange of services for the disposal of solid waste utilizing either party's disposal system during an emergency event. Decatur County accepting solid waste from Leon County will be the maximum amount of 800 tons per day not to exceed a 60 day period. Leon County accepting solid waste from Decatur County will be the maximum amount of 300 tons per day not to exceed a 60 day period. Each party agrees to pay the other party a service charge on a per tonnage basis for the actual number of tons at its current advertised rate per ton. This agreement will have a term of one year which will automatically renew unless terminated by either party. County Administrator Thomas stated the County Attorney has reviewed this contract. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this agreement. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Restaurant License for Letha Hallman. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this was a license for Letha Hallman for a restaurant called Grace in Attapulgus. County Administrator Thomas stated that Ms. Hallman has met all the requirements and recommended the Board approve this license. Vice Chairman Stephens made a motion to approve this restaurant license for Letha Hallman. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Concrete at Decatur Gin. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas.

County Administrator Thomas stated Decatur Gin has 2 dump truck loads of concrete they would like to donate to Decatur County provided the County pick the concrete up. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve Public Works to use the County's dump truck to pick up this concrete and deliver it to the County's yard to have crushed at a later date and be used for GAB on county roads. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Agreement Between Croy Engineering and Decatur County. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas explained that Task Order 4 and Task Order 5 covers the services associated with Phase 1 of the through-the-fence land acquisitions at the Industrial Park. Task Order 5 is additional land acquisition services for the Harrell Properties that were later added to the master plan. Mr. Harrell will be responsible for that cost which is \$24,088.00 until it can be included into the Department of Transportation Contract, at that time Mr. Harrell will be refunded the amount of that cost. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this agreement. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Replacement of Board of Health Member. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated he received a letter of resignation from Health Board member Babs Coyle. This is to inform the public if anyone is interested in serving on that Board. Chairman Brinson instructed the County Clerk to advertise this position in the local newspaper.

Invoice from Harbin Engineering for the Landfill. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this invoice in the amount of \$11,678.75 is for services provided for various projects at the landfill and recommends the Board approve payment for this invoice. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve payment for this invoice. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

Commissioner Anderson thanked EMS for their great service and thanked all the citizens for coming to the commissioners' meeting. Commissioner Anderson encouraged everyone to give their input to help the commissioners better serve them.

Vice Chairman Stephens thanked the first responders and everyone that had a hand in helping with the explosion that recently took place, stating it was great how everyone worked together to help during this disaster. Vice Chairman Stephens stated he recently attended Ed Mobley's memorial service and commented how touching it was to have known this man who was such a positive influence on everyone that knew him.

Commissioner Smith said he dittoed what the previous commissioners commented on and that he was proud to see the County and City working together in a positive way.

Commissioner Mosely said he seconded all that the previous commissioners have said.

Commissioner Davis said he also agreed with the commissioners' statements. Commissioner Davis responded to Mr. Snell's statement concerning solar energy, stating he would love to see some steel poles go up in his fields.

County Administrator Thomas said he also would like to extend his gratitude to the first responders and all persons that helped in the explosion. County Administrator Thomas thanked Mr. Snell for inviting him to Civics 101, stating he thought it was very informative.

Chairman Brinson stated he went to the site where the explosion occurred and seen for himself how everyone was working together to control the fire. Chairman Brinson commented on a great job everyone did in working together as a team. Chairman Brinson stated he was grateful for all the support Decatur County received from other governmental entities.

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

After the executive session the Commissioners assembled back in the board room. Commissioner

Anderson 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 personnel matter during executive session and no action is to be taken and this time.

Chairman Brinson stated a litigation matter was discussed during executive session. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to consummate a settlement for an EEOC suit filed by a former employee, Tiffany Coleman. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

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

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk