

## MINUTES

### DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, VICE CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, COMMISSIONERS DR. BUTCH MOSELY (BY PHONE), RUSSELL SMITH, RUSTY DAVIS AND GEORGE ANDERSON, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PERRY HENRY, 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 9:00 a.m. After the call to order, Chairman Brinson gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

#### AMENDMENTS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chairman Stephens asked the board to approve the following amendments: Add Charles Hadsock – Road Improvements in Climax and Delete # 6, Monroe Godwin's Airplane, the Airport Authority is going to take care of that issue. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the agenda with these amendments. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Brinson recognized Alan Emmons, Area Manager of the Southern Forestry Commission. Mr. Emmons spoke to the Board concerning the Decatur County Timber budget for July 2015 through June 2016. Mr. Emmons stated that timber sales were estimated to generate around \$70,500 in July. Mr. Emmons stated timber sales in three strands is expected to generate a total of \$164,500. Mr. Emmons stated these were projections only. Mr. Emmons gave a projected cash flow for the next three years, stating reforestation costs in 2016 would be around \$60,000, a positive cash flow for 2017 would be estimated at around \$180,000 and a negative projected cash flow for 2018 would be approximately \$30,000. Mr. Emmons stated it is going up and down, but overall it will have a significant positive projection over the next three years.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Brinson recognized Colonel Gary Breedlove. Col. Breedlove spoke about the national debt and the Decatur County statistics. Col. Breedlove challenged the Board to do whatever it takes, if it meant going to court, to change the Service Delivery Strategy.

#### APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting held June 23, 2015. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Vice Chairman Stephens made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held July 2, 2015. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

#### OLD BUSINESS

**Contract for Someone Who Cares Food and Clothing Bank.** Interim County Administrator Perry Henry stated that he received complaints that this organization was not abiding by their contract and using space to store items that was beyond their contract. Perry Henry stated that he and Vice Chairman Stephens went to the facility to check on the complaints and found it to be a

disaster. This organization according to their contract was to pay the utility bills for this building and they have failed to do that. After a brief discussion Vice Chairman Stephens made a motion to appoint the County Attorney to draft a letter to terminate their contract and to clean up the facility before vacating it. A vote was taken and approved with a 5 to 1 vote. Chairman Brinson, Vice Chairman Stephens, and Commissioners Mosely, Smith and Davis voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Anderson opposed, stating he felt they should be given the opportunity to correct the problems.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Pending Appeals from the Tax Assessor.** Chairman Brinson stated a copy of the tax appeals presented from the Tax Assessor was in the commissioners' agenda packets. This was to just acknowledge that the Board of Commissioners received this information.

**Proposals for Courthouse Roof.** Interim County Administrator asked the Board to table this issue until he had the opportunity to review these proposals and make a recommendation to the Board. The Board agreed to table this issue.

**Charles Hadsock – Road Improvements in Climax.** Chairman Brinson recognized the Mayor of Climax, Charles Hadsock. Mr. Hadsock asked the Board to approve assistance from Decatur County's Public Works in cleaning out a burn pit where residents of Climax bring yard debris to burn. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this request. Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Mr. Hadsock asked the Board to approve assistance from the Public Works Department to replace an undersized culvert in front of Head Start and clip the shoulders to allow water to flow in the culvert to prevent flooding issues that some of the residents experience when heavy rains occur. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Public Works Superintendent Dennis Medley to do a cost analysis on this project and report back to the Board before approving this request.

**Resolution to Interview all Board Appointments.** Vice Chairman Stephens stated the Board of Commissioners have the opportunity to appoint members to certain boards and he feels that the members that are appointed need to be interviewed and the duties of the position discussed with them before appointing them. Vice Chairman Stephens made a motion to approve a resolution to interview all board appointments made by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Mosely seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Georgia Pines Service Center.** Vice Chairman Stephens stated that Georgia Pines Service Center had requested that the County haul off several loads of contaminated recyclables and trash that was collected in the recyclable bins at the center. Vice Chairman Stephens stated that he called City Manager Chris Hobby to see if the City would assist them in hauling this trash off since it was in the City limits. Mr. Hobby agreed to haul the trash off. Vice Chairman Stephens stated he would like to publically thank Mr. Hobby with his assistance in this matter.

**SIPS.** Vice Chairman Stephens stated that Development Authority Director Rick McCaskill was supposed to be at the meeting to address this issue but was unable to make it. Vice Chairman Stephens stated that the debris that is behind the SIPS building at the airport is still a major problem and needs to be addressed and resolved of. The Board of Commissioners agreed to table this issue until the next meeting to allow Rick McCaskill to be present for this discussion.

**Consider Funds for Department of Family and Children's Services.** Chairman Brinson stated the Department of Family and Children's Services came before the Board of Commissioners a couple of meetings ago requesting assistance to help improve the lives of others. They were requesting \$3,500.00 for the Fiscal Year Budget 2015-2016. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

### COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

Commissioner Anderson thanked all the citizens present for coming to the meeting and for their input.

Vice Chairman Stephens thanked all the citizens present for coming to the meeting and encouraged all

of the citizens to get involved in County issues that involves tax dollars.

Interim County Administrator Perry Henry apologized to the Board for not being able to make a recommendation to the Board on the Courthouse Roof Issue. Mr. Henry had not seen the proposals until the day of the meeting and didn't have time to review them.

Chairman Brinson thanked all the citizens for coming and taking part in the county commissioners' meeting.

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

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

Chairman Brinson stated during executive session the Board discussed some personnel issues and no action was taken at this time.

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