

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2015

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, VICE CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, COMMISSIONERS DR. BUTCH MOSELY, RUSTY DAVIS, RUSSELL SMITH AND GEORGE ANDERSON, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ALAN THOMAS, COUNTY CLERK BEVERLY KING, COUNTY ATTORNEY BRUCE KIRBO, AND NEWS REPORTERS 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, Minister Tynese Jones 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 # 5 Victims of Crime Act Assistance Grant Program. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve the agenda with this amendment. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no Special Presentations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Brinson recognized Billy Poppell. Mr. Poppell requested the Board of Commissioners to participate in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Belks, Monday, December 7, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mr. Poppell said the Board could work out their own schedule for the time frame of the event. The Board of Commissioners agreed to the request.

Chairman Brinson recognized Basil Lucas. Mr. Lucas commended the Board of Commissioners for the relationship they now have with the City of Bainbridge. Mr. Lucas questioned if Decatur County was planning to share the Human Resources Director and Health Insurance Plan with the City of Bainbridge and Memorial Hospital. County Administrator Thomas said the County was discussing this plan with the City of Bainbridge and Memorial Hospital.

Chairman Brinson recognized Ted Snell. Mr. Snell spoke concerning jobs and opportunity to provide jobs in Decatur County. Mr. Snell stated if Legislature passed a bill that is to be introduced in January to allow casinos in the State of Georgia, it would provide approximately 2000 people with jobs if it came to our area. Mr. Snell encouraged the Board of Commissioners to contact Legislature to help pass this bill.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held November 10, 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 Approval of Resolution for Georgia D.O.T. REBC (Roadside Enhancement & Beautification Council) Grant. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this was a grant the local Civics 101 group would like to apply for. One of the grant's requirements is that they work with a local government and with a non-profit. They are requesting Decatur County and Keep Decatur County Beautiful partner with them in this venture. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this resolution to allow them to proceed with the application for this grant. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval for FY 2017 Capital Improvement Program. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this capital improvement program involves four projects at the Industrial Air Park. The total cost of the projects is \$452,250.00 and the County's portion is \$23,025.00. County Administrator Thomas stated the Airport Committee has approved these projects and recommended the Board of Commissioners approve them as well. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve this FY 2017 Capital Improvement Program. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Agreement with City of Bainbridge for Vehicle Maintenance. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated in an effort to reduce spending and cut costs wherever possible, the City of Bainbridge has evaluated the workload at their vehicle maintenance shop and determined they could take on the county's vehicle work and would not be overloaded. They will use their personnel and not have to add any additional personnel. County Administrator Thomas stated that he went to the Vehicle Maintenance Shop and discussed this issue with the two employees currently working there and told them their last day would be December 31, 2015 if the Board of Commissioners approved this agreement with the City of Bainbridge. County Administrator Thomas stated he would work on finding new positions for the two workers who are currently employed at the Decatur County's vehicle maintenance shop. The City of Bainbridge would charge Decatur County \$45.00 an hour for work on its vehicles plus parts would be an additional cost. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this agreement. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this agreement with the City of Bainbridge. Vice Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Victims of Crime Act Assistance Grant Program. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this request was delivered by the District Attorney's office. This is a grant program that services crime victims who have suffered physical, sexual, financial or emotional harm as a result of the commission of a crime. This grant is for \$54,400.00 with matching funds of \$13,600.00 that is to be paid out of the Prosecuting Attorney's Council Funds. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this Grant Program. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this Grant Program. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

Commissioner Davis thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Commissioner Davis said he appreciated the compliments on the County mending the relationship with the City of Bainbridge. Commissioner Davis said he is very pleased with the progress that County Administrator Thomas has made in working together with the City.

Commissioner Mosely said he wanted to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and that we all have a lot to be thankful for. Commissioner Mosely said he is proud to say that he has lived his entire life in Decatur County. Commissioner Mosely said he appreciates the good job that County Administrator Thomas is doing and that he would like for him to look into combining more departments with the City, naming the Planning Department as one of the departments.

Commissioner Smith also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and said he was very pleased with the relationship the County now has with the City. Commissioner Smith said he wants to continue to combine services with the City if it would help save the citizens money.

Vice Chairman Stephens wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Vice Chairman Stephens said he was also proud to live in Decatur County, that he loves this County. Vice Chairman Stephens asked

everyone to pray for the needy during the holidays.

Commissioner Anderson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving. Commissioner Anderson reminded everyone to attend the Swine Time Parade Saturday.

Chairman Brinson wished everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving. Chairman Brinson thanked County Administrator Thomas for his hard work and commended him for building the relationship with the City of Bainbridge. Chairman Brinson said the Board of Commissioners are committed to working together to better the citizens of Decatur County. Chairman Brinson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

County Administrator Thomas said he echoed what has already been said by the Commissioners and that he appreciates the continued support from the Board. County Administrator Thomas wished everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

Vice Chairman Stephens 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. 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 the Board discussed some personnel matters and a litigation matter during executive session but no action is to be taken.

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

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk