

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016

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 REPORTER POWELL COBB.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Brinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the call to order, Reverend 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 Thomas asked that the Board approve the following amendments: Add Under New Business #5; Consider Approval of Contract for Probation Supervision Services, and #6; Consider Closing Portion of Walls Road. 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

There were no Special Presentations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Brinson recognized Ted Snell. Mr. Snell praised the Commissioners and the Development Authority for bringing the Solar Farms into Decatur County to help generate revenue and hoped there would be more to come. Mr. Snell recommended the Board consider moving toward consolidating the City of Bainbridge and Decatur County into one operation. Mr. Snell stated that he was a volunteer at Memorial Hospital but felt that it was time to consider selling the hospital. Mr. Snell stated it was not right to keep the hospital open when it continues to be a burden on the taxpayers.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held March 8, 2016. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider Approval of Subscribed Regulatory Compliance Service Agreement.

Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated it was agreed upon when Decatur County signed the agreement with the City of Bainbridge to manage and operate the natural gas system at the Industrial Park to enter into an agreement with the Subscribed Regulatory Compliance Service to assist in achieving and maintaining compliance with federal and state pipeline safety regulations. County Administrator Thomas stated with that being said he recommended the Board approve this agreement. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve this agreement. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approval of Resolution to Amend the ACCG Defined Benefit Plan. Chairman

Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this amendment in Decatur County's retirement plan would allow a participant who has retired and commenced receiving his accrued benefit and who returns to employment as an employee may continue to receive his accrued benefit and continue to accrue future credited service and compensation, and upon the participant's subsequent retirement an actuarial adjustment will be made for distributions made after his initial retirement. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this amendment and be made effective July 1, 2015. Vice Chairman Stephens made a motion to approve this amendment. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Appointment to Southwest Georgia Regional Commission. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that Vice Chairman Stephens was recently appointed to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission but is willing to relinquish his position on that board to allow a citizen, Billy Poppell, to be appointed if the Board of Commissioners so desires. Vice Chairman Stephens stated he encourages citizens to serve in the community. Vice Chairman Stephens made a motion to appoint Billy Poppell to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission. Commissioner Mosely seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Contract for Probation Supervision Services. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this contract was recommended by Judge Floyd to provide probation services and programs for the State Court of Decatur County. This contract is binding for a period of one year and shall automatically renew under the same terms and conditions provided unless a written notice to terminate is directed. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this contract. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval to Close a Portion of Walls Road. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this is the portion of Walls Road that was just discussed in the Public Hearing concluded before this meeting. County Administrator Thomas stated that all the legal steps have been taken to proceed with this closure and with that being said recommended the Board approve to close this portion of Walls Road. Commissioner Davis made a motion to close and abandon this portion of Walls Road and declare this portion of Walls Road to be surplus property and put out for sealed bids. 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 and encouraged everyone to vote this year to get the right people in the right places.

Vice Chairman Stephens thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and recognized some of the candidates running for commissioners in the upcoming election and wished them good luck.


Commissioner Smith said he dittoed Commissioner Anderson and Vice Chairman Stephens' comments.

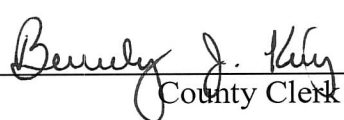
Commissioner Mosely recognized some students at the meeting that participate in the Raymond Miles Leadership Group.

County Administrator Thomas thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and encouraged the youths in the Raymond Miles Leadership Group to stay active in the community.

Chairman Brinson dittoed all the commissioners' comments and also encouraged the youths in the Raymond Miles Leadership Group. Chairman Brinson stated that his daughter participated in this Leadership Group in 2014.

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