

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED 2016-2017 BUDGET

Chairman Brinson called the Public Hearing to order at 8:30 a.m. and then recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas gave an overview of the proposed 2016-2017 budget pointing out a few items that are included in this budget; a 3% cost of living raise for all full time county employees; a \$500,000.00 contingency item for unexpected expenses; a new 911 radio system; converting the building that was occupied by the Planning Department into the 911 department, stating that Grady County will share the expenses for this project; \$4,200,000.00 for land acquisition and \$452,250.00 for Apron Rehab at the airport. County Administrator Thomas thanked all the staff involved in the budget process for their cooperation and recognized Accounting Manager Michelle West for her hard work in putting it all together.

Chairman Brinson opened the floor for any comments. There was no public participation. Chairman Brinson closed the Public Hearing at 8:45 a.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Brinson called the regular scheduled 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

County Administrator Thomas asked that the Board approve the following amendment: Add to New Business #5, Consider Request from the Development Authority. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the agenda with this amendment. Vice Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no Special Presentations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held May 24, 2016. Vice Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Alan Emmons – Update on Timber. Chairman Brinson recognized Alan Emmons with Southern Forestry. Mr. Emmons gave an overview of Decatur County's timber budget for Butler

Ferry Tract, the Solar Power Project and the Landfill Tract. The actual total for FY 2015-2016 was \$115,062.22. The projections for FY 2016-2017 is around \$75,000.00 including the reforestation of approximately 45 acres on Butler Ferry and approximately 50 acres at the landfill.

Consider Approval of Invoice for Landfill – Beard Equipment Co. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that one of the off-road dump trucks had a transfer case to go out. County Administrator Thomas stated that he received two bids for the repair of the transfer case; one from Beard Equipment Company in the amount of \$18,993.65 and one from Iron Horse in the amount of \$28,624.27. County Administrator Thomas said instead of waiting a week to have the dump truck repaired, he sent out emails to the commissioners to get approval to purchase the transfer case from Beard Equipment Co. County Administrator Thomas stated that County personnel provided the labor to install the transfer case so the price was minus the labor cost. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board ratify the approval of the transfer case from Beard Equipment Co. Commissioner Smith made a motion to ratify the approval of the purchase of the transfer case from Beard Equipment Company. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Mosely recommended extending the spending limit for County Administrator Thomas to enable him to move forward on purchases such as this in a timely manner.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to increase County Administrator Thomas' spending limit without the approval of the Board to \$20,000.00, increasing it by \$10,000.00. Commissioner Mosely seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Landfill – City of Bainbridge. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that he has been in discussions with the City of Bainbridge for some time to bring back their solid waste to Decatur County's landfill. County Administrator Thomas stated they have reached an agreement at a tipping fee of \$23.50 per ton. County Administrator Thomas stated that the City of Bainbridge recently received access to a walking floor trailer and will fully utilize our landfill beginning August 1st. County Administrator Thomas stated this will bring into Decatur County approximately \$300,000.00 per year and that he looks forward to having them return. Chairman Brinson commended County Administrator Thomas for the communication with the City of Bainbridge and their return to our landfill. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Request from Development Authority. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that he received this request yesterday from the Development Authority. County Administrator Thomas stated at one time the Development Authority sold to Kevin Rentz the old Shaw's Maintenance Shop. The Development Authority has requested that Decatur County deed to them .46 acres that is adjacent west to that property. In return, the Development Authority plans to sale this to Billy Smith's Watermelon, Inc. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this request from the Development Authority. Vice Chairman Stephens made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

Vice Chairman Stephens stated he was well pleased with the leaders of Decatur County and the City of Bainbridge for working so well together and having the City of Bainbridge return to the County's landfill.


Commissioner Smith dittoed what Vice Chairman Stephens said and congratulated Powell Cobb and Jeff Findley with the Post Searchlight for their awards they recently received. Commissioner Smith stated they represented Decatur County well.

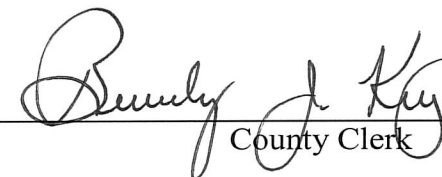
Commissioner Mosely said he was proud to be here and working with his fellow commissioners and that he was going to miss being a part this Board.

Commissioner Davis congratulated the Post Searchlight for their awards. Commissioner Davis commended County Administrator Thomas and the staff for putting the budget together and for County Administrator Thomas explaining it so well. Commissioner Davis said he too was very proud that the City and County is working well together.

Chairman Brinson said he was grateful that the City and County is working together to move forward to provide the citizens a better place to live.

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