

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 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 regular scheduled 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

Commissioner Smith asked the Board to approve the following amendments: Add to Old Business #1B, Turner Broadband Update; and Add Executive Session to Discuss Litigation. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda with these amendments. Commissioner Mosely 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 stated that he attended the last City Council meeting and thanked all the City Council for working together with the County and for the decision they made to start using the County's landfill again. Mr. Snell expressed concerns with medical insurance steady increasing and how it effects the senior citizens. Mr. Snell stated he would like to see Memorial Hospital live within their budget so there would be no more increases in taxes for the citizens of Decatur County. Mr. Snell said it would be nice if there could be a surplus in the budget that would allow the County to refund senior citizens over the age of 75, \$100.00 to help with their medical and day to day cost of living expenses.

Chairman Brinson recognized Dianne Robinson. Mrs. Robinson came before the Board requesting that the road she lives on, Blakeby Road in Vada be paved. Mrs. Robinson stated that the road is in bad shape and causes problems for the residents and the farmers that have to use this road. Mrs. Robinson stated that the road is approximately 5 miles long. Commissioner Mosely suggested that maybe the County could look into putting GAB on the road, that he has had a road in his district that had GAB put on it about eight years ago and the road is still in good condition. Commissioner Mosely stated that route would save the residents that live on Blakeby Road from having to give up land for right-of-ways.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held June 14, 2016. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING – DECATUR COUNTY REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Chairman Brinson called the Public Hearing to order and then recognized Development Authority Director Rick McCaskill. Mr. McCaskill stated this revolving loan is for SmithCo Recycling, a company that has moved into a building at the Industrial park. The purpose of this business is to provide recycling services to local business partners and to the residents of Bainbridge. SmithCo Recycling specializes in metal, plastics and renewables. Mr. McCaskill stated the loan is for

\$10,154.65 on a short, 3- year term at a 3% interest rate. Mr. McCaskill stated that the committee has already met and approved this loan. County Administrator Thomas stated the County has to go by regulations and guidelines promulgated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. County Administrator Thomas stated the current regulations state that the loan cannot have an interest rate less than 5%. County Administrator Thomas stated that he had a call into the Department of Community Affairs to see if he can get approval for the interest rate on this loan to be at 3% but at this time he has not been given that approval. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve this revolving loan at the interest rate approved by the Department of Community Affairs. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

### OLD BUSINESS

Turner Broadband Update. Commissioner Smith asked for an update on the Turner Broadband contract. County Administrator Thomas stated that the consultant the County hired has been communicating with County Attorney Kirbo and Shane Turner. County Attorney Kirbo stated he has had communication through emails with the consultant and Mr. Turner and they are working on verifying the capital resources and the proposed updates that are necessary to provide adequate service.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Roland Hebert – The Pines Golf Course.** Chairman Brinson recognized Roland Hebert. Mr. Hebert stated that in two days the Pines Golf Course will be officially closed. Mr. Hebert thanked the Board for the opportunity he had in running the golf course for over thirteen years. Mr. Hebert stated under the direction of the Recreation Authority before they voted to close the golf course, he was told to do whatever it takes to keep the golf course open. After being told that, he leased some mowers and paid his workers compensation. Mr. Hebert stated he was trying to get out of the lease for the mowers but that he may be coming back to the Board to ask for some help if he is not able to get out of the lease, could be up to \$12,000.00. Chairman Brinson and the rest of the Board thanked Mr. Hebert for his services and Chairman Brinson told Mr. Hebert to come back before the Board if he needed to.

**Consider Approval of FY 2016/2017 Budget Resolution.** Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that State law requires that each county operate under a balanced budget adopted by ordinance or resolution. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this resolution for the 2016/2017 budget. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Approval of Property Agreements for Georgia Pines.** Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this is a recurring annual property agreement for Decatur Seminole Service Center facility located at 333 Airport Road and the Decatur County Mental Health facility located at 1005 Washington Street. County Administrator Thomas stated that the agreement is for the term of one year and recommended the Board approve this agreement. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve this agreement. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Approval of Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement.** Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this is an agreement with the Circuit Public Defender Office for the provision of criminal defense for indigent persons accused of violating the laws. County Administrator Thomas stated the budget does reflect this expense and recommended the Board approve this agreement. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this agreement. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

### COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

Commissioner Davis thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and thanked Mr. Hebert for his years of service.

Commissioner Anderson thanked everyone for attending the meeting and welcomed their comments. Commissioner Anderson commended the county employees for their hard work and dedication.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Litigation. Commissioner Mosely 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 litigation matters during executive session and no action is to be taken and this time.

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

Approved:   
Chairman

Attest:   
County Clerk