

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 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 Dennis Brinson called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the call to order, Reverend Adren Bivens gave the invocation and all that assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

AMENDMENTS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Anderson 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 City Council meeting last week and there were only three citizens in the audience. Mr. Snell stated that people need to get involved and voice their opinions. Mr. Snell spoke of the financial condition that Decatur County is in with foreclosures, people leaving our area to go find jobs and a better way of life. Mr. Snell stated that the City of Bainbridge rolled their millage rate back ½ mil but are planning to raise the utilities for all residents in the city limits. Mr. Snell encouraged all the leaders of our community to be kind and considerate to the citizens who are suffering and struggling to make ends meet.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held August 9, 2016. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approval of Resolution to Set the 2016 Millage Rate. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a resolution to set the 2016 millage rate. County Administrator Thomas stated the unincorporated area is set at the same as last year at 11.19; the incorporated area is set at 10.61; Fire Services District at 0.91; the Hospital Authority is reduced from last year to 1.58; the Recreation Authority is 1.5 and the Development Authority is at 0.25. County Administrator Thomas also presented the Board with a signed Resolution from the Board of Education setting their millage rate at 15.948. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board of Commissioners approve this resolution. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this resolution to set the 2016 Millage Rate. Vice Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Contract Approval for Motorola Communications System – Tonya Griffin. Chairman Brinson recognized E911 Director Tonya Griffin. Ms. Griffin stated that E911 has had some serious issues with the current radio system. Ms. Griffin presented a proposal from Motorola with a total cost of \$4,263,989.00. These costs will be shared with Decatur County, Grady County, City of Cairo, City of Bainbridge and the Board of Education. There is an additional \$131,827.88 which is for the master switch. Ms. Griffin stated this system is a (7) channel, 700 MHz system and it will be sharing the master switch with Albany and the City of Thomasville. This will be a regional system with (4) sites that covers Decatur County and Grady County. Ms. Griffin presented a price list of the shared costs and showing what each entity will be paying. The price will be based on actual number of subscribers on the system for each jurisdiction. Ms. Griffin also presented the Board with a lease purchase with payments of \$683,108.23 per year for seven years. Everybody participates in this lease option except for the Board of Education, the City of Cairo and the City of Attapulgus, which will be paying for their cost up front. Ms. Griffin presented the County Attorney with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for him to review for each agency to sign and agree to their portion of costs. Ms. Griffin stated the life of this system should last 20 years with some possible software upgrades needed within 10 years. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this contract. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval for Purchase of a Generator and Transfer Switch – 911 Center. Chairman Brinson recognized E911 Director Tonya Griffin. Ms. Griffin presented the Board with a bid tabulation for a generator and transfer switch for the renovated 911 center. Ms. Griffin stated when she budgeted for the renovation of the new 911 center, Grady County had agreed to donate a generator for the center. Ms. Griffin stated unfortunately, that generator is not large enough to handle everything at the 911 center. Ms. Griffin stated she solicited bids and received three. Ms. Griffin recommended the Board approve the low bid in the amount of \$32,869.00 from Power System Electric South. Ms. Griffin stated the person with Power System Electric South who presented this low bid is also the person that does the load testing for the generator at the Sheriff's Department and he has a lot of experience with 911 centers. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this purchase. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval for Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement. Chairman Brinson recognized E911 Director Tonya Griffin. Ms. Griffin stated this agreement will be replacing the current agreement the County now has with GEMA. This agreement outlines who can request assistance and the procedures to take for reimbursement during any disaster or emergencies. Ms. Griffin stated this Mutual Aid Agreement has to be renewed after a certain amount of years and it is time for that renewal. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this agreement. Vice Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval to Purchase – Two (2) Tractors and Mowers for Public Works. Chairman Brinson recognized Public Works Supervisor Dennis Medley. Mr. Medley presented the Board with a bid tabulation for two tractors and two mowers. Mr. Medley stated the bids were solicited from five companies within the surrounding area. Three bids were received. Southern Harvest presented a bid for a mower but no bid for a tractor. Mr. Medley recommended the Board approve the low bid from Ag Pro for the tractor and mower in the amount of \$28,300.00 each. Mr. Medley stated the life expectancy for this tractor and mower is around 10 years. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this purchase. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval for Disposal of Surplus Equipment from Public Works and the Golf Course. Public Works Director Dennis Medley stated Public Works has four pieces of equipment that he requested the Board approve to dispose of and sell on Govdeals. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented a list of items from the Golf Course that were of no use to the County and recommended the Board declare them to be surplus property and sold on Govdeals. County Administrator Thomas stated that he also received a letter from the Decatur County Sheriff's Department requesting the Board to declare as surplus property a 1993 GMC Sierra Truck and sold on Govdeals. Vice Chairman Stephens made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Discussion – 2016 Remaining Capacity Report for Decatur County Solid Waste Facility.

Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that last year he gave the Board some information concerning the landfill running out of space before the completion of cell 5. County Administrator Thomas read from a capacity report from Harbin Engineering that because the County increased their waste compaction and maintained a steady waste stream, this has allowed for adequate time to complete the construction of Cell 5. County Administrator Thomas stated that he anticipates the completion of the construction of Cell 5 by the end of next year, so there is adequate time available for both landfilling and construction. County Administrator Thomas stated the estimated date of completion under what is permitted now, not the constructed and completed waste sites, our permit should carry us through estimated September, 2056. Chairman Brinson commended County Administrator Thomas for managing that well and having the foresight of needing to do something before running out of air space. County Administrator Thomas commended the operator and the staff of the landfill for doing a great job in managing it.

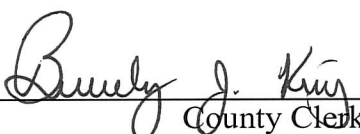
COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

Commissioner Anderson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and thanked all the County staff for their hard work.

Chairman Brinson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and showing that you care about your County.

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