

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, VICE CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, COMMISSIONERS RUSTY DAVIS, RUSSELL SMITH AND GEORGE ANDERSON, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ALAN THOMAS, COUNTY CLERK BEVERLY KING, AND NEWS REPORTER POWELL COBB.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Brinson called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. After the call to order, Associate Pastor Rickey Whitley 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 amendment: Add to Old Business #2B, Turner Broadband Update. Vice Chairman Stephens made a motion to approve the agenda with this amendment. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no Special Presentations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Brinson recognized Thea Burke with the Georgia Department of Public Health. Mrs. Burke gave a brief background of the Region K Healthcare Coalition and the Decatur County Community Healthcare Emergency Assistance and Resource Team known as C-Heart. Mrs. Burke stated that C-Heart's purpose is to facilitate preparedness activities within the scope of FEMA's Region K Healthcare Coalition at the local level. Mrs. Burke invited the Board of Commissioners and the County Administrator to a meeting to be held on August 3, 2016 at the Solarium at the Kirbo Center from 11:30 to 1:00.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held June 28, 2016. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Request from Mr. Roland Hebert. Chairman Brinson recognized Roland Hebert. 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 in closing the Pines Golf Course, it has caused a hardship due to the way the Pines was closed. Mr. Hebert requested the cost of the freight for returning the golf carts to Yamaha Corp. in the amount of \$1,250.00 and the taxes, \$1,680.66. Mr. Hebert requested Verizon fee to end service on three phones, \$530.00 and the repacking fee to return two mowers to Home Depot in the amount of \$1,078.48, a total cost of \$4,539.14. After a brief discussion the Board took a vote. Chairman Brinson and Commissioner Anderson voted in favor to pay this cost to Mr. Hebert. Vice Chairman Stephens, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Smith opposed. The motion was denied.

Turner Broadband Update. Commissioner Smith asked Shane Turner to give the Board an

update on the Turner Broadband contract. Mr. Turner stated he was in the process of obtaining a system called Long Term Evolution (LTE). Mr. Turner stated that he tried another method of upgrades and it failed. Mr. Turner stated that he should have this new upgrade, LTE, in place within 30 days and he will then begin a market strategy to try to get back the customers he has lost and hopefully gain more customers. Mr. Turner stated this system should stabilize the internet service. Commissioner Smith asked Mr. Turner to come back before the Board in 30 days and give another update.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Revised Recommendation for 2017 LMIG. Chairman Brinson recognized Public Works Director Dennis Medley. Mr. Medley stated that the estimated funds for the 2017 LMIG increased to \$722,929.63. Mr. Medley presented the Board with 4 different options on projects to use the LMIG funds on, recommending the Board approve option #1. This option would resurface Brinson Airbase Road from the intersection of Beth Road to the intersection of SR 310, 4.15 miles; resurface Fluitt Road from the intersection of SR 309 to the intersection of Stephens Jenkins Road, 1.15 miles. The cost at current prices of asphalt would be \$711,859.98 which would leave \$11,069.65 under budget in case the price of asphalt should increase. Vice Chairman Stephens made a motion to approve Option #1. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved. Mr. Medley gave a brief update on the Simmons-McIntrye project.

Consider Approval for Purchase of Side Arm Mower for Public Works. Chairman Brinson recognized Public Works Director Dennis Medley. Mr. Medley stated the he purchased a 2003 tractor with a side arm mower in 2009. Mr. Medley stated that the tractor is in good shape but the side arm mower is wore out. Mr. Medley presented three bids for a side arm mower and recommended the Board approve the low bid in the amount of \$27,175.00 from Bobcat of Dothan with a one-year warranty. Mr. Medley recommended to sale the old side arm mower on GovDeals. Vice Chairman Stephens made a motion to approve this purchase from Bobcat of Dothan in the amount of \$27,175.00 and dispose of the old mower on GovDeals. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Resolution for Mobile Home Tax Decals. Chairman Brinson recognized Amy Rathel with the Tax Assessors' office. Ms. Rathel stated the Mobile Home Taxation law was amended and became effective January 1, 2016. The deadline to obtain a location permit for the current year and pay taxes due changed from May 1st to April 1st. Ms. Rathel stated this resolution regarding Mobile Home Tax Decals reflect this change and recommended the Board approve this resolution. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this resolution to reflect this change. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Contract for Janitorial Services for Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this is a new contract for janitorial services due to the old contract has now expired. County Administrator Thomas stated bids were solicited and three proposals were received. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve the low bid from Tim Atkins in the amount of \$9,000.00 per year. County Administrator Thomas stated that County Extension Coordinator Lindsey Hayes reviewed the janitorial service proposals and is in agreement with this recommendation. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this contract with Tim Adkins in the amount of \$9,000.00 per year. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval for Disposal of Salvage Vehicles. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this was a recommendation from the Sheriff's Office and the Jail to dispose of five vehicles by selling them on GovDeals. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board to declare these vehicles surplus property and allow them to be sold on Govdeals. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve this request. Vice Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

Commissioner Anderson thanked everyone for attending the meeting and welcomed their comments. Commissioner Anderson encouraged everyone to work together and get along in reference to all the

chaos happening around the world.

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