

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 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, AND NEWS REPORTER POWELL COBB.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman Pete Stephens 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 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 Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Resolution – Mr. Joe Crine. Vice Chairman Stephens read aloud a resolution honoring Mr. Joe Crine, long time Post Searchlight Sports Editor for 46 years. As the Board of Commissioners presented the resolution to Mr. Crine, each member of the Board personally thanked Mr. Crine for his many years of service and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Workforce Program – Director Charles Williams. Vice Chairman Stephens recognized Director Charles Williams. Mr. Williams gave a brief background of the Southwest Georgia Workforce Program stating that it sustains and encourages economic growth. Mr. Williams stated that this program promotes coordination and alignment of key employment, education and training programs at the Federal, State, Local and Regional level. Mr. Williams presented the milestones of this workforce program. Mr. Williams stated that he needed the chief elected officials' signatures for the Consortium Agreement to allow this program to move forward. Mr. Williams asked the Board of Commissioners to approve Chairman Brinson to sign this agreement. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to allow Chairman Brinson as representative of the Decatur County Board of Commissioners to sign this agreement. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Vice Chairman Stephens recognized Ted Snell. Mr. Snell spoke of concerns pertaining to the rise in crimes and violent rights across the United States. Mr. Snell said that "all lives matter" and that everyone needs to get along and love one another. Mr. Snell invited everyone to attend a gathering to honor the "Black and Blue Lives Matter" Monday, August 1st at the Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 6:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Stephens recognized Doris Cosby. Ms. Cosby spoke of concerns on how some people are being treated at the Clerk's office in the Courthouse. Ms. Cosby stated that she witnessed an elderly couple not getting the proper assistance they needed. Ms. Cosby expressed that the public servants in the Courthouse need to be more friendly and helpful. Vice Chairman Stephens requested that Ms. Cosby meet with the County Administrator to get this problem resolved.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held July 12, 2016. Commissioner Smith 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 Contract – Food Service for Jail and Prison. Vice Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that this contract with Trinity Services Group, Inc. was recommended by Warden Gordon Screen and Chief Deputy Sheriff Wendell Cofer for food service for the jail and the prison. County Administrator Thomas stated this recommendation came after the solicitation and extensive evaluation of four bids. County Administrator Thomas stated the cost savings and the level of service this agreement would provide to the Decatur County Jail and the Decatur County Prison make it the best choice in the opinion of Mr. Screen and Mr. Cofer. County Administrator Thomas stated with that being said, he recommended the Board approve this agreement. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve this agreement with Trinity Services Group, Inc. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval for Disposition of Air Tanks (Fire Dept.). Vice Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this request came from Fire Chief Charlie McCann to dispose of 23 air tanks that are beyond service. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve the disposal of these tanks by allowing them to be sold as scrap metal. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Restaurant License – Hall’s Seafood. Vice Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that all requirements have been met and an inspection of their building conducted. County Administrator Thomas stated that Chief Marshall Keith Pollock has presented a letter stating the building meets all minimum building codes and is in compliance with the Decatur County Environmental Health Department. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this license for Hall’s Seafood. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this license. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Request from DCSO – Donation of Tag Reader to GSP. Vice Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated he received this request from Sheriff Wiley Griffin and Chief Deputy Sheriff Wendell Cofer to donate a Tag Reader that the Sheriff’s department acquired when they purchased all of the equipment from the Climax Police Department. County Administrator Thomas stated the Sheriff’s Department wanted to donate the Tag Reader to the Georgia State Patrol where it would be better utilized while patrolling the highways. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Anderson 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.

County Administrator Thomas thanked Mr. Joe Crine for his many years of dedication to the service of others and the betterment of Decatur County.

Commissioner Davis thanked Mr. Crine for his many years of service. Commissioner Davis said he hoped Mr. Crine had an enjoyable retirement.

Commissioner Mosely thanked Mr. Crine for his dedication and service to Decatur County and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Commissioner Smith dittoed what all the other commissioners have already said.

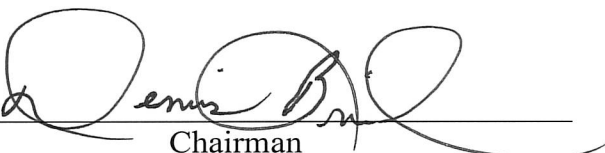
Chairman Brinson wished Mr. Crine well in his future endeavors and thanked him for his service to Decatur County.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Personnel and Litigation. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

After the executive session the Commissioners assembled back in the board room. Commissioner Davis made a motion to go into regular session. Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Vice Chairman Stephens stated that the Board discussed some litigation matters and a personnel matter during executive session but no action is to be taken at this time.

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

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk