

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 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 9:00 a.m. After the call to order, Chairman Dennis Brinson gave the invocation and all that assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

AMENDMENTS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

County Administrator Alan Thomas asked the Board to approve the following amendment: Delete #4 from the Agenda; Consider Request from Memorial Hospital and Manor. 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 was none to be presented.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held September 27, 2016. Vice Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Turner Broadband Update. Chairman Brinson recognized Shane Turner. Mr. Turner addressed the commissioners, stating that a new networking company he is working with will put Decatur County on the map with internet service like they have never seen before. Due to non-disclosure reasons, Mr. Turner said he can't reveal the name of the company or any specifics. Mr. Turner stated with the recent temporary upgrades that were made since the last commissioners' meeting, he has been able to deliver better service to his customers. While the new equipment is being prepped for installation, Mr. Turner is doing everything he can to maintain his current equipment and deliver the best service to his customers. County Attorney Bruce Kirbo stated the County needs to be sure that the new equipment Mr. Turner would be using on County towers would not interfere with the County's own 911 radio equipment. Mr. Turner stated that multiple engineers were working to handle situations like that. County Attorney Kirbo stated that he is reviewing the contract between Turner Broadband and Decatur County.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approval of Road Closure – Laslie Road. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that several years ago the County abandoned a portion of Laslie Road but was never done officially in a Commissioners' meeting. County Administrator Thomas stated that property owners adjacent to Laslie Road are interested in purchasing this portion of Laslie Road and have requested that the County officially

document and record this closure. County Administrator Thomas stated that the property owner adjacent to this property has an attorney present at this meeting to further discuss their request. County Administrator Thomas stated that Public Works Supervisor Dennis Medley can verify that for several years that portion of Laslie Road has been abandoned. A brief discussion followed. County Attorney Kirbo recommended the Board declare that this portion of Laslie Road is suitable to be closed. County Attorney Kirbo stated after this step has been done, there must be an ad run in the local newspaper to notify the public of this road closure and a public hearing scheduled to hear any comments from the public. County Attorney Kirbo stated the next step will be to have the Board of Commissioners vote to abandon this portion of Laslie Road and then it must be advertised for public sale. County Attorney Kirbo stated at that time it will be bid out. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to declare this portion of Laslie Road surplus property and instruct the County Attorney to begin the process to officially abandon this portion of Laslie Road. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of JMCM Consulting for Assistance in Firefighter Grant Program.

Chairman Brinson recognized Fire Chief Charlie McCann. Mr. McCann stated this is a proposal for an agreement with JMCM consulting to prepare a project plan and application for the 2016 Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program. Mr. McCann stated that he has applied for this grant several times over the years and has not been able to secure this grant. Mr. McCann stated this consulting firm has had great success in getting grants awarded. Mr. McCann stated there would be no cost to the County unless the Grant is awarded. Mr. McCann stated JMCM will provide the project development and administrative services for a percentage of the County's match of the grant. Mr. McCann stated he was looking at applying for two grants; one would be for a pumper and the other one is an equipment grant. Mr. McCann stated the pumper would cost between \$300,000.00 and \$350,000.00. Mr. McCann stated the grant will be for around \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00. Mr. McCann stated the pumper is over 13 years old and some of the equipment that needs to be replaced is older than the pumper. Commissioner Mosely made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated a comprehensive review and update of the Decatur County Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan must be completed every five years. County Administrator Thomas stated the County began the update in August 2015. County Administrator Thomas stated the final Public Hearing was held Monday, October 10th at 4:00 p.m. County Administrator Thomas stated that all requirements have been met and recommended the Board approve this Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval for Disposal of Items (911 Department). Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a list of surplus equipment that was requested from 911 for disposal. County Administrator Thomas stated the equipment that can be used for parts will be stored at a designated location and the unusable equipment will be taken to Smith Recycling. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this request. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve this request. Vice Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval for Purchase of Side Arm Mower for Public Works. Chairman Brinson recognized Public Works Supervisor Dennis Medley. Mr. Medley stated that he sent out bid proposals to three companies for a Side Arm Mower to be mounted onto a County owned tractor. Mr. Medley stated he received two bids for the same type mower. Mr. Medley recommended the Board approve the low bid from Ag Pro in the amount of \$24,600.00. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this purchase. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Resolution Authorizing Southwest Georgia Regional Commission to Apply for 5311 Funds for Public Transportation. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this is a yearly request from Southwest Georgia Regional Commission to apply for rural transit 5311 funds on behalf of the participating Counties in the Southwest Georgia Region through the Georgia Department of Transportation to provide rural public transportation. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this Resolution. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve

this resolution. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

Commissioner Anderson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and reminded everyone to get out and vote. Commissioner Anderson reminded everyone that this is a very important election.

Chairman Brinson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and dittoed what Commissioner Anderson said.

Vice Chairman Stephens made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Real Estate Acquisition. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

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

Chairman Brinson stated during executive session, the Board of Commissioners discussed Real Estate Acquisition and no action is to be taken at this time.

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

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk