

## MINUTES

### DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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, 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, Vice Chairman Pete 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. Vice Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There was none to be presented.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Brinson recognized Lane Bush. Mr. Bush stated that he needed to discuss a matter that pertained to Land Acquisition and Real Estate. Mr. Bush asked the Board if it would be appropriate to go into executive session to discuss this matter. After a brief discussion, Chairman Brinson suggested that Mr. Bush make an appointment to speak with the County Attorney and County Administrator at a later date and they will advise the Board on how to handle this matter.

Chairman Brinson recognized Ted Snell. Mr. Snell commented on the eight (8) pages of tax sales in the recent Post Searchlight. Mr. Snell said that the Development Authority Director stated that Decatur County's economy was doing well at the last commissioners' meeting and that he disagreed with that statement. Mr. Snell stated that Decatur County has gotten some new businesses to come in but it would only mean that the existing businesses would either have to close their doors or their business would slow down dramatically. Mr. Snell encouraged the Board to focus on helping get more jobs for citizens in Decatur County to help boost the economy.

#### APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held September 13, 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 Budget Amendments for Year Ending June 30, 2016.** Chairman Brinson recognized CPA Perry Henry. Mr. Henry presented the Board with some budget amendments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. Mr. Henry stated that these changes were from different funds but no net change in overall budget was made. Mr. Henry stated the changes were to just move money around within the departments to make it balance. Mr. Henry commended all of the County's departments for staying within their budget.

**Consider Approval of Proposal from Harbin Engineering for Environmental Monitoring**

**Services.** Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that Harbin Engineering is the County's engineer for the landfill. County Administrator Thomas stated that he requested Harbin Engineering submit a proposal to Decatur County to perform EPD required environmental monitoring services at both the Decatur County Solid Waste Facility and the closed Decatur County SR 309 Landfill. The total price of this proposal is \$41,395.00 for monitoring both of the landfills. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this proposal. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Donating County Property to the City of Bainbridge to Expand Oak City Cemetery.** Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that Decatur County acquired some property located at 1115 Cooper Street through a tax sale in 2012. County Administrator Thomas stated he received a letter from the City of Bainbridge requesting the Board of Commissioners donate this property to the City for the purpose of expanding Oak City Cemetery. County Administrator Thomas stated this property is approximately 0.27 acres and recommended the Board approve this request. Vice Chairman Stephens made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and approved with a 4 to 1 vote. Chairman Brinson, Vice Chairman Stephens, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Davis voted in favor. Commissioner Anderson opposed.

**Consider Approval of Proclamation – Domestic Violence Awareness Month.** Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that he received a letter from Larry Nichols, Chairman of the Decatur County Citizens Against Domestic Violence, requesting that the Board of Commissioners prepare a proclamation recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. County Administrator Thomas presented a proclamation to the Board prepared by the County Attorney for the Board's approval. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this proclamation. Vice Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Chairman Brinson recognized some young ladies and young men that attended the meeting on behalf of the Youth Leadership Program.

#### COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

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

Vice Chairman Stephens thanked everyone for attending the meeting and commended the attendees from the Youth Leadership Program, stating it was good to see some youth interested in County Government.

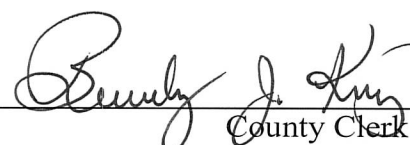
Commissioner Smith dittoed what the other commissioners said.

Commissioner Davis thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Chairman Brinson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and prayed everyone had a safe travel home.

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

Approved:   
Chairman

Attest:   
County Clerk