

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, VICE CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, COMMISSIONERS RUSTY DAVIS, STEVE BROCK, GREG MURRAY 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 Brinson gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

County Administrator Alan Thomas asked the Board to approve the following amendment: Add # 6 to the Agenda; Consider Request from Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda with this amendment. Vice Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

APPOINT CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN, COUNTY CLERK & COUNTY ATTORNEY

Commissioner Davis made a motion to appoint Commissioner Pete Stephens as Chairman, Commissioner Dennis Brinson as Vice-Chairman, Beverly King as County Clerk and Bruce Kirbo as County Attorney for the year 2017. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Vice-Chairman Brinson recognized Tim Cochran with the Decatur County Board of Education. Mr. Cochran, Decatur County School Superintendent, gave a presentation on the overview of the Decatur County School System to include education enrollment; graduation rate for Decatur County; school budgets and the different impacts the school system faces with budget cuts from the State. Mr. Cochran encouraged the Board of Commissioners to promote to continue the one cent ESPLOST for the local school system.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

APPROVE MINUTES

Chairman Stephens made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held December 13, 2016. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

**Turner Broadband Update – Shane Turner.** Vice-Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that he has not heard from Mr. Turner and does not know why he did not show up for the meeting.

**Ratify Insurance Enrollment Requirement.** Vice-Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated at the last meeting, the Board tasked himself and the County Attorney to formulate a plan for health insurance coverage for the following elected officials: Clerk of Court, Magistrate Judge, Probate Judge, Sheriff and Tax Commissioner. County Administrator Thomas stated that he did as requested and sent out a copy

of the plan by email to each member of the commission and received a response back from the majority of the commission approving it. County Administrator Thomas read aloud the certification requirement. Attached to these minutes is a copy of that certification requirement. County Administrator Thomas stated that he recommended the Board approve this ratification. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the ratification for insurance enrollment for elected officials. Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved. County Administrator Thomas stated that the Clerk of Court, Magistrate Judge and Sheriff are the only three elected officials that have enrolled in the County's health insurance, the other two have their own coverage.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Consider Request from Sheriff's Department – HVAC Contract.** Vice-Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a memorandum from Chief Deputy Sheriff Wendell Cofer, submitting two bids for a Heating and Air Conditioning contract for the Decatur County Sheriff's Office and Jail only. County Administrator Thomas stated that Mr. Cofer is recommending the Comfort Systems USA Southeast Systems bid for a Comprehensive Agreement in the amount of \$21,041.78. This agreement includes everything except the replacement of obsolete parts and has a 30 day exit clause from the contract by either party. County Administrator Thomas stated in the last fiscal year, approximately \$37,000.00 was spent with Johnson Controls which includes the agreement as well as service calls, parts and labor. County Administrator Thomas stated with this new contract there is a potential savings of approximately \$16,000 annually and recommended the Board approve this request. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve this request. Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Recommendation of Bid Awards from Harbin Engineering.** Vice-Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented to the Board a letter from Harbin Engineering which states that bids were received and opened on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 regarding Installation and Material bid items for Cell 5 construction at the landfill. County Administrator Thomas stated in this letter is a breakdown of the bid award recommendations. County Administrator Thomas stated in these recommendations, the total amount for installation only is \$140,929.00 and the total amount for the materials is \$366,793.29 for a combined total of \$507,722.29. County Administrator Thomas said based upon the cost which was used in estimating this project, if these recommendations for award are approved, there is an anticipated amount of \$75,472.59 in savings. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve these bid awards as presented. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve these bid awards as presented. Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Request from Sheriff's Department.** Vice-Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented an email from Chief Deputy Sheriff Wendell Cofer stating that he has verbally placed on hold three used vehicles with Brannen Motor Company. County Administrator Thomas stated that one is a 2009 Crown Vic with 14,068 miles for \$16,000.00; another is a 2009 Crown Vic with 9559 miles for \$15,000.00 and the last one is a 2008 Chevy Tahoe with 7692 miles for \$26,700.00. County Administrator Thomas stated that Mr. Cofer has requested that the Board approve these purchases and that these items have been budgeted. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve these purchases. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

### COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

Commissioner Anderson said this is a new year and he hoped bigger and better things for Decatur County. Commissioner Anderson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Chairman Stephens commended Vice-Chairman Brinson for an outstanding job as Chairman for the past two years. Chairman Stephens thanked his fellow commissioners for the honor to serve as Chairman for 2017. Chairman Stephens thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and showing their support.

Commissioner Murray said it was an honor to serve on the Board and looked forward to working with his fellow commissioners.

Commissioner Brock said he looked forward to working with everyone and that he hoped he could

contribute to this Board and Decatur County.

Commissioner Davis said he appreciated Vice-Chairman Dennis for serving as the Chairman for two years and that he did an outstanding job. Commissioner Davis said he looked forward to working with the new commissioners and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

County Administrator Thomas announced that the Decatur County Fire and Rescue is holding their annual banquet at the Cloud Livestock Pavilion, Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and has invited all the commissioners to attend. County Administrator Thomas said that he looked forward to working with this Board in this upcoming year.

Vice-Chairman Brinson thanked everyone for coming to the first meeting of the new year. Vice-Chairman Brinson thanked his fellow commissioners for allowing him to serve as Chairman for two years and said that he hopes that the Board will continue to serve as they have done in the past.

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

Approved:   
Chairman

Attest:   
County Clerk