

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 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, Chairman Brinson gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Smith 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 Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held November 8, 2016. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider Insurance Enrollment Requirement. Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated at the last meeting, the Board of Commissioners charged himself and the County Attorney to discuss this matter and bring a recommendation back before the Board at this meeting concerning insurance enrollment for elected officials. County Administrator Thomas stated their recommendation is that the Board allow the Clerk of Court; Magistrate Court Judge; Probate Judge, Sheriff and Tax Commissioner to participate in the Health Insurance Plan as offered by the County on the same terms that are offered to employees if the elected officials confirm during enrollment period each year that the salary that he or she will earn from that position during the upcoming year represents 75% or more of that person's anticipated earned income for that year. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this recommendation from the County Administrator. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Stephens stated that he had mixed feelings about this matter, especially with the Magistrate Court Judge position. Vice Chairman Stephens stated that the County was paying the Magistrate Court Judge a salary that is set by the State as a full-time position. Vice Chairman Stephens requested that the Board table this issue due to his illness to allow him more time to make his decision. After a brief discussion Commissioner Smith rescinded his motion and Commissioner Davis rescinded his second. The Board of Commissioners agreed to table this issue until the next scheduled meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Bid Award for Landfill Confirmation Survey (Cell 5). Chairman Brinson recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that requests for proposals to provide Confirmation Survey Professional Services for MSW Cell #5 were sent out and only one bid was received. County Administrator Thomas stated Harbin Engineering

reviewed the one proposal received from Hal Mills & Associates, LLC and recommended the County award Hal Mills & Associates the Certification Survey Contract in the amount of \$29,820.00. County Administrator Thomas stated the County has had successful history with this local firm at the landfill and that Harbin Engineering said the cost is within reason. County Administrator Thomas stated he recommends approval by the Board. Commissioner Davis made a motion to award this contract with Hal Mills & Associates in the amount of \$29,820.00. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Cancellation of 12/27/2016 Meeting. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to cancel the December 27th Commissioners' meeting. Vice Chairman Stephens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

County Administrator Thomas announced that the Board of Commissioners have been invited to a gathering to help Mr. Tommy Wheeler celebrate his 90th birthday. The event will take place November 26th at 3:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Bainbridge. County Administrator Thomas encouraged everyone to attend if possible.

Commissioner Davis thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.


Commissioner Smith said he was told by a citizen that the meetings are boring now that everyone is getting along. Commissioner Smith said he is proud that the Board of Commissioners, the County Staff and the City of Bainbridge are now working together.

Vice Chairman Stephens welcomed some students from the Youth Leadership Program to the meeting. Vice Chairman Stephens read aloud a very touching short story he had written on several of his Thanksgivings he experienced during his recent illness. Vice Chairman Stephens wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Anderson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Chairman Brinson recognized the students from the Youth Leadership Program and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Chairman Brinson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to remember those that are less fortunate.

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