

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

CHARLES H. KIRBO CENTER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2017

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, COMMISSIONERS STEVE BROCK, RUSTY DAVIS AND GREG MURRAY, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ALAN THOMAS, COUNTY CLERK BEVERLY KING, COUNTY ATTORNEY BRUCE KIRBO AND NEWS REPORTER BRANDON O'CONNER.

MEMBERS OF THE BAINBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL AND BAINBRIDGE DECATUR COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.

WELCOME AND EXPLANATION OF MEETING

Mayor Edward Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Reynolds welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave an overview of the meetings' purpose. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce and discuss a memorandum of understanding between the City of Bainbridge, Decatur County and the Bainbridge Decatur County Hospital Authority. The memorandum of understanding would outline the backing of bonds that would restructure the hospital's debt and assist with cash flow.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chairman Brinson gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Stephens opened the floor for public comments.

Chairman Stephens recognized Gary Breedlove. Mr. Breedlove gave a brief history of the Service Delivery Strategy.

Chairman Stephens recognized Charles Stafford. Mr. Stafford asked that someone clarify the indigent care tax use and give a detailed plan for restructuring the Hospital. Hospital Authority Chair Glennie Bench answered in detail Mr. Stafford's questions pertaining to indigent care tax use and provided statistics for some steps in restructuring the Hospital that are already in place and have seen improvements.

Chairman Stephens recognized Basil Lucas. Mr. Lucas questioned the ownership of the Hospital. Hospital Authority Chair Glennie Bench explained the ordinance that developed the Hospital Authority.

Chairman Stephens recognized Lisa Jones. Ms. Jones stated she was one of first employees to be laid off from the hospital. Ms. Jones questioned some specific business practices of the hospital and how those decisions have led up to this point.

There being no more public participation, Chairman Stephens closed the floor.

CONSIDERATION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Mayor Reynolds called for a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding from the Bainbridge City Council. Councilman Don Whaley made a motion to approve this memorandum of understanding as presented. Councilman Phil Long seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Chairman Stephens called for a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding from the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this memorandum of understanding as presented. Vice-Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Hospital Authority Chair Glennie Bench called for a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding from the Hospital Authority Board. Authority Member Charles Walker made a motion to approve this memorandum of understanding as presented. Authority Member Donald Barber seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

In closing statements, Mayor Edward Reynolds, Chairman Pete Stephens and Hospital Authority Chair Glennie Bench each thanked the Boards for the spirit of cooperation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Edward Reynolds.

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk