

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, COMMISSIONERS RUSTY DAVIS, STEVE BROCK, 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 Pete Stephens called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the call to order, Reverend Ronald Williams 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 amendments: Remove #2 from the Agenda; Point Broadband Update, Mr. Gauntt will not be attending the meeting. Add #7 to the Agenda; Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment for Inmate Housing Capacity from the Georgia Department of Corrections. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the agenda with these amendments. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Stephens recognized Cole Moore. Mr. Moore is a seven-year-old that wrote a letter to Commissioner Brock about the trees being cut along the roadway on Brock Cemetery Road. Mr. Moore read aloud the letter he wrote before the Commissioners. Commissioner Brock thanked Mr. Moore for coming before the Board and expressing his concerns and encouraged him to continue to speak up and be heard. Commissioner Brock explained that sometimes we must do things to the sides of the roads to make them passable but reassured Mr. Cole that he would visit that area to see if they could do anything to make the trees look better.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Stephens recognized Joe Putnal. Mr. Putnal came before the Board to speak on behalf of Bainbridge Bikefest. Mr. Putnal stated that Bainbridge Bikefest has not gone away and that it has been restructured by using a Bikefest Entertainment Group to hold different events. Mr. Putnal said they are trying to get away from the bad publicity and bad atmosphere. Mr. Putnal stated he came before the Board tonight to hopefully start rebuilding the relationship they once had with the County. Mr. Putnal said he would like to see Bikefest get back on the right track again and continue to raise money for various charities. Mr. Putnal stated that Bikefest has donated \$782,000 over the years to different charities and organizations to help people in need. Mr. Putnal stated that Bainbridge Bikefest has a lot of property that could be utilized to hold different events and could possibly be of use to the City and the County for events such as the fair. Commissioner Davis thanked Mr. Putnal for the hard work that went behind putting on these events and raising money for these different charities. Commissioner Davis stated if they could succeed in cleaning it up, it would be worth continuing to hold these events.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held March 14, 2017. Vice Chairman Brinson 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 Proclamation – National Donate Life Month. Chairman Stephens recognized June Faircloth. Ms. Faircloth stated that her son, Dylan, was killed in a car accident in 2010 and though the community mourned the loss of Dylan, other lives were saved from Dylan's organs. Ms. Faircloth stated that her son made the educated decision to become an organ donor and because of his foresight, lives were saved and enhanced. Ms. Faircloth stated that she became a representative for the Decatur County Transplant Advocacy Group and a spokeswoman for Donate Life Month in honor of her son. Ms. Faircloth encouraged everyone to register as an organ donor. Ms. Faircloth read aloud the Proclamation before the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this proclamation. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Amendment to Food Services Agreement – Trinity Services Group, Inc. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated the County has a contract with Trinity Services Group to provide meals to the inmates at the County Prison and County Jail. County Administrator Thomas stated this amendment allows Trinity to supplement the Saturday and Sunday breakfast menus by adding a one ounce (1 oz.) sausage patty served each day. County Administrator Thomas stated it changes the meal price sliding scale by only one cent. County Administrator Thomas said it is well deserved by the inmates due to the work details that go out in the County daily and recommended the Board approve this amendment. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve this amendment. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval for Alcoholic Beverage Permit – Memorial Hospital Foundation. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this permit request is for the annual Derby Night that is held by the Memorial Hospital Foundation and is scheduled for May 6, 2017. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this permit and waive the application fee. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this alcoholic beverage permit and waive the application fee. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Reappointing Members to Department of Family and Children Services Board. Chairman Stephens stated that the County received a letter from Jackie Bridges with the Georgia Department of Human Services recommending the reappointments of three members to the Decatur County Department of Family and Children Services Board. Those members are Lauren Turner, Theodora Gordon and Sandra Brown. All three members have agreed to serve another term. Commissioner Davis made a motion to reappoint all three members to serve another term on the Department of Family and Children Services Board. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment for Inmate Housing Capacity. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated the purpose of this amendment is for the Department of Corrections to increase the number of state offenders to be housed at the Decatur County Prison by 40 inmates, bringing the total number of inmates from 155 to 195. County Administrator Thomas stated this will become effective May 1, 2017 and that this increase in capacity will not require any additional staff. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this amendment and authorize the Chairman to execute this agreement. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this amendment. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

Commissioner Anderson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and encouraged everyone to offer any input that would help the Commissioners better serve their community.

County Administrator Thomas commended Cole Moore for coming before the Board to express his concerns.

Commissioner Davis also thanked Mr. Moore for coming before the Board and invited him to come back, stating he was sure that Mr. Moore could find other things that the Commissioners could improve on.

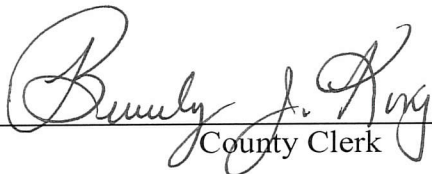
Commissioner Brock thanked Mr. Moore for coming tonight and encouraged him to call him any time he had a problem.

Vice Chairman Brinson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and thanked Mr. Moore for engaging this Board on matters of his concern.

Chairman Stephens thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and thanked Mr. Moore for a job well done. Chairman Stephens asked everyone to remember Commissioner Murray as he was not able to attend the meeting due to an illness.

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

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk