

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, 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 Pete Stephens called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the call to order, Pastor Emory Smith gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

County Administrator Thomas asked the Board to approve the following amendments: Add to #4 on the Agenda; Request from Sheriff's Department to Discard of Irreparable Black Creek Tough Screen Monitor from Tower Mitsubishi Diamond Scan and Add #5; Errors and Reliefs Report from Tax Commissioner. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the agenda with these amendments. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no Special Presentations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held April 11, 2017. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Point Broadband Update – Mr. Jason Gauntt. Chairman Stephens recognized Mr. Jason Gauntt. Mr. Gauntt gave a brief update on the internet network formerly known as Turner Broadband, stating that upgraded equipment was being installed on towers throughout the County. Mr. Gauntt stated out of the 13 towers, they have converted all the towers but four to the new equipment. Mr. Gauntt stated that a fully functioning broadband network will be up and running within 45 to 60 days. Mr. Gauntt stated that they were transitioning customers in a phased rollout. Mr. Gauntt said the network is coming along but it has been a slow process in trying to keep the old Turner Broadband system running for customers that have yet to be transitioned to the new equipment. Mr. Gauntt said he was confident that once the process is complete, they will be able to offer fast, reliable internet service to the majority of the citizens of Decatur County. Mr. Gauntt said he would come back before the Board to give another update in 30 days.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Georgia Department of Corrections for State Inmates. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that this is an annual renewal of an agreement between the Georgia Department of Corrections and Decatur County to house state inmates. County Administrator Thomas stated in a previous meeting, the Board approved an amendment to increase the state inmates from 155 to 195. The term of this agreement is from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and is worded the same as last year's contract with no changes. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this agreement. Commissioner Anderson

seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval for Disposal of Surplus Equipment and Vehicle from Public Works Department and Request from Sheriff's Department to Discard an Irreparable Black Creek Touch Screen Monitor from Tower Mitsubishi Diamond Scan. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated these were requests made by the Public Works department to declare a 2002 Ford F350 truck that is retired from EMS and a homemade lawn aerator surplus property and dispose of them by selling them on Govdeals. County Administrator Thomas stated the other request was from the Sheriff's department to dispose of an irreparable black creek touch screen monitor that is obsolete. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve these requests. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Errors and Reliefs Report from Tax Commissioner. Chairman Stephens recognized Tax Commissioner Mark Harrell. Mr. Harrell gave a brief update on the upgrades that were made at the Tax Commissioner's office. Mr. Harrell stated the upgrades have helped in avoiding long lines by doing some remodeling and cross training his employees. Mr. Harrell presented an Errors and Reliefs report for the commissioners' approval. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the Errors and Reliefs report presented by Mr. Harrell. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

All the Commissioners thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and thanked Mr. Harrell for the upgrades that have been made at the Tax Commissioner's office, stating that they have heard great remarks from citizens complimenting the improvements that have been made.

County Administrator Thomas presented the commissioners with a draft of the proposed budget for the year ending June 30, 2018. County Administrator Thomas announced that a Public Hearing on the proposed budget will be held at the next Commissioners' meeting.

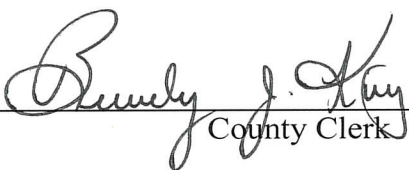
There being no further business, the meeting, on motion by Commissioner Anderson, was duly adjourned. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Approved: _____



Chairman

Attest: _____



County Clerk