

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 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 JEFF FINDLEY.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Pete Stephens called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. After the call to order, Reverend Ron McCaskill 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 amendment to the agenda: Add #4; Consider Request from Sheriff's Department for Disposal of Surplus Vehicles. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve the agenda with this amendment. Commissioner Murray 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 Murray made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held April 25, 2017. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to go out of the regular session and enter into a Public Hearing for the Proposed Budget for Year Ending June 30, 2018. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas highlighted on some of the areas of the proposed budget, stating there is an increase in this year's budget of \$184,766.00, less than 1.2% increase from the previous year. County Administrator Thomas stated this budget includes a 3% raise across the board for all employees with one exception; for any employee that has received a 15% or more increase in salary from the previous budget, is not recommended for this raise. County Administrator Thomas stated that copies of the proposed budget were distributed to all the commission and one made available to the public at the last commissioners' meeting and it was advertised as required.

Chairman Stephens opened the floor for any comments. County Administrator Thomas thanked all the staff involved in the budget process for their cooperation and recognized Accounting Manager Michelle West for her hard work in putting this document together. All the commissioners commended the great leadership from County Administrator Thomas and thanked him for helping the County get into a better financial state where the employees could receive a raise. The commissioners thanked all the department heads and their employees for working together to achieve the goals set forth by the leadership in County Administrator Thomas.

Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to go out of the Public Hearing and enter back into the regular session. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to Discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approval for Land Acquisition. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated some time ago the Georgia Department of Transportation, Aviation Division, notified the County that they needed to proceed in acquiring some property located adjacent to the airport. County Administrator Thomas stated with assistance from the Georgia Department of Transportation, Aviation Division, County Administrator Thomas presented a copy of the proposed airport property to be acquired. The list provides the name of the property owner, the parcel number and the amount the owner is to be paid. County Administrator Thomas stated the total acquisition cost is \$980,700.00. The cost will be provided by 90% federal, 5% state and 5% county funding. County Administrator Thomas stated this cost is included in the current budget. County Administrator Thomas stated this is not the complete purchase of properties that has been recommended, but that this will be an ongoing project. Additional land purchases at the airport could occur in the future. County Administrator Thomas recommended that the Board approve this list of land purchases presented and authorize Chairman Stephens to sign all documentation necessary to complete these purchases and transactions when the funds become available from the Department of Transportation. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve this recommendation from County Administrator Thomas. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Appointment for the Board of Health – Dr. Winston Price. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas said he received a request from Shaunna Jenkins with the Decatur County Board of Health, stating the physician appointed by the County Commission has been vacated by Dr. Omar Al Haddad. Ms. Jenkins recommended Dr. Winston Price to fill this position for the remainder of Dr. Al Haddad's term, expiring December 31, 2017. Commissioner Davis made a motion to appoint Dr. Winston Price to the Board of Health to carry out Dr. Al Haddad's term. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Request from Sheriff's Department to Transfer Two Surplus Vehicles to the Training Center. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated he received this request from Major Wendell Cofer asking the Board to consider the transfer from the Decatur County Sheriff's Office to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, a 2005 Crown Vic with 207,997 miles and a 2006 Crown Vic with 181,083 miles, for training purposes. County Administrator Thomas stated that these vehicles initially were going to be requested to declare them surplus property and be disposed of before this request was received from the Training Center. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Murray 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 commended County Administrator Thomas for his great leadership and all the county staff for a job well done.

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