

## MINUTES

### DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 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 9:00 a.m. After the call to order, Reverend Jeff Baxley gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Murray made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Anderson 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 Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held May 23, 2017. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

#### OLD BUSINESS

**Update on Simmons McIntyre Road – Right of Way.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Attorney Kirbo. County Attorney Kirbo stated at the last meeting he was charged by the Board to research a piece of property on Simmons McIntyre Road that was in question whether it was private property or county owned. County Attorney Kirbo stated after diligently researching this property he found nothing to indicate this was county owned property and that it was in fact private property. County Attorney Kirbo stated if the Public Works department was grading this portion of the road in the past, they should not have been. Commissioner Anderson stated he was satisfied with the findings.

**Update on Trans-Loading Multimodal Transportation Project at Industrial Park.** Chairman Stephens recognized Rick McCaskill, Executive Director for the Development Authority of Bainbridge / Decatur County. Mr. McCaskill stated to finalize authorizations for the Trans-loading multimodal transportation project at the Industrial Park he needed the Board of Commissioners to approve two things; one being to provide in-kind services for various site work from the County valued at approximately \$24,120.00 and second thing to convey all the property identified in a survey to the Development Authority (approximately 28 acres). County Administrator Thomas stated the Board of Commissioners agreed to transfer this property to the state at the commissioners' meeting held February 23, 2017. County Administrator Thomas stated it needs to be transferred to the Development Authority rather than the state and recommended the Board approve these requests. Commissioner Davis made a motion to authorize the County to provide in-kind services to include clearing, grubbing and site work in the development of a Trans-Loading multimodal transportation site project at the Industrial Park valued at approximately \$24,120.00. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to convey all the property (approximately 28 acres)

identified in a survey to the Development Authority of Bainbridge and Decatur County for the development of a Trans-loading multimodal transportation site at the Industrial Park. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Update on Eagle Scout Project – Tommy Young.** Chairman Stephens recognized Tommy Young. Mr. Tommy Young is working toward his last hurdle to achieve his Eagle Badge and in doing so he planned, developed and lead a service project that benefited the community. Mr. Young held an electronics recycling drive to help raise awareness on the potential hazards of electronic litter. Mr. Young reported on the success of his Eagle Scout project, saying he collected over 13,200 pounds of electronic waste. County Administrator Thomas and all the commissioners commended Mr. Young for his leadership in taking on a project to help our community.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Report on Fire Services Consolidation Study.** Chairman Stephens recognized Paula Sanford with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government University of Georgia. Ms. Sanford presented an analysis of proposed consolidation of fire services between the City of Bainbridge and Decatur County. The City of Bainbridge and Decatur County were researching the feasibility of combining both governments' fire departments for a county-wide service. Ms. Sanford stated the purpose of the study was to see if a merger would improve service quality of firefighting, increase area-specific training and reduce the turnover rate at Bainbridge Public Safety, among other areas. Attached to these minutes is a copy of the analysis submitted by Ms. Sanford.

**WorkSource Southwest Georgia.** Chairman Stephens recognized Melody Pierce. Ms. Pierce appeared before the Board of Commissioners to give a brief update on the activities with WorkSource Southwest Georgia. Ms. Pierce stated that WorkSource offers a variety of work-based learning services, which provide employers an opportunity to customize the training offered to future employees based on the tasks and functions required for the job.

**Board Appointment: Bainbridge / Decatur County Hospital Authority.** Chairman Stephens stated in accordance with State law requirements of this appointment, the governing authority of the County submits a list of three eligible persons to the Board of the Hospital Authority. The Hospital Authority then selects one of the three persons submitted to sit on the board. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to submit to the Hospital Authority Board for their selection: Paul Johnson, Cliff Bailey and Sufronia Clark. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

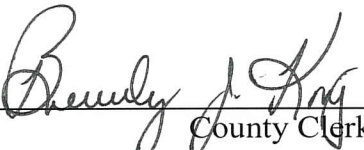
**Consider Approval for Alcohol License for Ankita Patel – SABS, Inc.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that Ms. Ankita Patel has applied for an alcohol license for SABS, Inc. located at 1921 Spring Creek Road and has met all the requirements necessary. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this request. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve an alcohol license for Ankita Patel. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

### COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

All the Commissioners and County Administrator Thomas thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and praised Mr. Young for his successful project. All the Commissioners and County Administrator Thomas thanked Ms. Sanford and Ms. Pierce for great presentations, stating they were both very informative.

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

Approved:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Attest:  \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk