

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 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, Chairman Stephens gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Stephens asked that the Board approve the following amendment: Add Executive Session to Discuss Personnel. Commissioner Davis 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

Chairman Stephens stated one change needed to be made to the minutes. Under Commissioners / Administrator's Remarks; change all of the Commissioners agreed with Commissioner Brock's comments to all of the Commissioners thanked Commissioner Brock for his comments. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held June 27, 2017 with this change as stated by Chairman Stephens. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to be Discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Update – Public Works Department. Chairman Stephens recognized Public Works Supervisor Dennis Medley. Mr. Medley gave a departmental brief covering 2010 T-SPLOST constrained and unconstrained projects. Mr. Medley presented a list of potential ideas for 2017 T-SPLOST projects if the referendum is passed in November. Mr. Medley also gave an update on LMIG projects and a five-year capital improvement program for the Public Works Department to purchase and replace equipment. Mr. Medley stated for budget purposes, it will cost an estimated \$1 million per linear mile to pave a road and that is just the cost for asphalt and materials. It would typically cost an estimated \$150,000 per linear mile to resurface a road. County Administrator Thomas explained that T-SPLOST (Transportation Local Option Sales Tax) is a one percent tax on all sales in Decatur County and will go toward transportation projects in Bainbridge, Climax, Brinson and Attapulgus. The money stays within the county and can only be used on county projects unlike the regional T-SPLOST. County Administrator Thomas stated that the potential projects that Mr. Medley presented to use T-SPLOST revenue was already on the county's list of projects to accomplish. Using T-SPLOST to pay for them would provide major relief to the county's general fund. County Administrator Thomas encouraged the Board of Commissioners to review the list and discuss with him any additions or ideas they may have of

their own.

Chairman Stephens stated it was impossible to pave every road in Decatur County on a five-year T-SPLOST cycle. If the referendum for T-SPLOST is passed, it will bring in around \$4 million per year.

Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

After the executive session, the Commissioners assembled back in the board room. Commissioner Davis made a motion to go into regular session. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Chairman Stephens stated the Board discussed a personnel issue during executive session; County Administrator Thomas' contract. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to renew County Administrator Thomas' contract for another year effective July 28, 2017. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Chairman Stephens commended County Administrator Thomas for the great job and leadership he is performing.

County Administrator Thomas stated that he appreciates the support from the Board, the staff and the community and looks forward to another positive year.

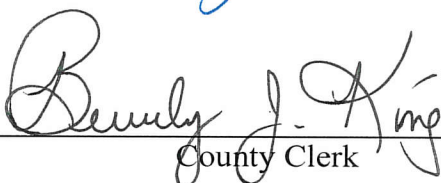
COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

Commissioner Anderson's brother recently passed away and Commissioner Anderson thanked his fellow commissioners and all the county staff for the cards, flowers and phone calls that were received.

All the Commissioners thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Commissioner Brock commended Mr. Medley on his report and the good job that the public works department is doing.

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