

**MINUTES**

**DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 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, Chairman Stephens gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

There were no Special Presentations.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Chairman Stephens recognized Johnnie Mae Livingston. Ms. Livingston stated that she lived on Bettstown Road and expressed concerns with limited visibility at the corner of Bettstown and Cooter Bouie Roads due to high weeds in the right-of-way. Ms. Livingston stated there was also a problem with snakes hibernating in those high weeds. Chairman Stephens stated he would address this problem.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held August 8, 2017 as presented. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Chairman Stephens recognized Barbara Reddick, Planning Director for the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission. Ms. Reddick presented the Board with a copy of Decatur County's Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Reddick stated the purpose of a comprehensive plan is to provide a guide for local government officials and other community leaders for making everyday decisions that are supportive of the community's stated goals for its future. Ms. Reddick stated that Decatur County has conducted one Public Hearing and this is the second required Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Reddick explained the purpose for this hearing is to accept input from citizens on the plan before transmitting it to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Ms. Reddick stated that a copy of the Comprehensive Plan is made available on the County's website as well as the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission website. Any comments can be made by calling Ms. Reddick or emailing her.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to be Discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider Approval of Resolution to set the 2017 Millage Rate.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a resolution to set the 2017 Millage Rate. County Administrator Thomas stated that Decatur

County's millage rate is the same as the previous year and read aloud the millage rates per tax district. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a copy of the Resolution from the Board of Education that was approved on August 17<sup>th</sup> which set their millage rate at 15.948, the same as the previous year. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this resolution to set the 2017 millage rate. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Approval of Equipment Purchase for Landfill.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated bids were opened yesterday for a new dozer at the landfill. Bid openings yielded the results from Flint Equipment for a 2018 John Deere 850K with a purchase price of \$354,465.00 and a guaranteed five-year buy-back in the amount of \$105,000.00. Yancey Brothers submitted two bids; one for a 2018 Caterpillar D6T with a purchase price of \$341,749.00 and a guaranteed five-year buy-back in the amount of \$105,000.00; and one bid for a 2018 Caterpillar D6T with an additional landfill package with a purchase price of \$351,600.00 and a guaranteed five-year buy-back in the amount of \$115,000.00, which with the buy-back amount making it around the same price as his first bid. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve the low bid purchase from Yancey for the dozer with the landfill package in the amount of \$351,600.00. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this purchase from Yancey. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Approval for Purchase of Vehicle – Truck for Landfill.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated bids were also opened yesterday for a new pickup truck for the landfill. There were five bids received that resulted in the low bid from Jacky Jones Ford in the amount of \$24,875.00 out of Cleveland, Georgia. County Administrator Thomas stated that the next low bid was from a local dealer, Franklin's Spring Creek in the amount of \$24,999.00. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve the purchase from Franklin's Spring Creek since it was a local dealer and the difference in the bids was only \$124.00. County Administrator Thomas stated there was a truck purchase in the budget for the County Agent and suggested the Board approve a purchase for the same truck from Franklin's Spring Creek at the same price for the County Agent. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve these purchases as recommended by County Administrator Thomas. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Bainbridge – Elections.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this is an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Bainbridge to contract with Decatur County to conduct all municipal elections for the citizens of Bainbridge pursuant to the applicable laws of the State of Georgia. County Administrator Thomas stated the term of this agreement will terminate on December 31, 2023 and recommended the Board approve this agreement. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve this Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Bainbridge. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Authorization to Change Location for the Board of Elections' Meetings.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated he received a letter from Wendell Cofer, Chairman of the Board of Elections, requesting that the Board of Commissioners approve the Board of Elections to change their regular meeting place to the offices of the Board of Elections, located at the Courthouse Annex, 122 W. Water Street with the main reason being that the Board members would have access to their files, computers and other resources for any research or questions that may be brought up during a meeting. County Administrator Thomas stated that the Board of Elections currently holds their meetings in the board room of the Board of Commissioners located at 203 West Broughton Street. County Administrator Thomas stated that the County Attorney confirmed that this request complies with State law and recommended the Board approve this request. Commissioner Murray made a motion to approve this request. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Approval of Quit Claim Deed.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that this quit claim deed returns property that has been redeemed by the owners. This property was acquired by the County through a tax sale. County Administrator Thomas stated the owners have paid the fees and recommended the Board approve this quit claim deed. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this quit claim deed. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Approval of Amendment to Task Order 7: Remark Airfield Pavement and Land Acquisition Services.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this amendment to Task Order 7 is to include crack seal and remarking of runway 14/32 pavement in the amount of \$3,230.00. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this amendment. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License for Tisha Barnard – Super Be Travel Center.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that S P Truck Stop on Highway 84 has recently changed hands and this license request is for the new owner. County Administrator Thomas stated that Tisha Barnard has met all the requirements necessary and recommended the Board approve this license. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve this alcoholic beverage license for Tisha Barnard. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS**

All the Commissioners thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

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