

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 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, Mr. Tommy Wheeler 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 Murray made a motion to approve the agenda with this amendment. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Stephens recognized Recreation Authority Director Al Kelley. Mr. Kelley explained that the Bainbridge Decatur County Recreational Authority is a Municipal Authority supported by various revenue sources. Mr. Kelley stated that a board of directors, which is made up of both Decatur County and Bainbridge representatives, manages the Authority. Chris Hobby and Alan Thomas serve as Ex-Officio on the Board. Mr. Kelley stated that the purpose for the Recreational Authority is to inspire and empower the residents of Bainbridge and Decatur County, of all ages and diversities, by providing fun competitive sports, special events and safe facilities that encourage health and wellness to strengthen individuals and our community. Valerie Faircloth, Special Events & Marketing Director and Karson King, Program Director, presented the Board with a presentation showing all the various programs and events that the Recreation Authority provide. Mr. Kelley explained some of the facility improvements that are taking place. Mr. Kelley and the Recreation Authority members present thanked the Board of Commissioners for their continued support.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held July 25, 2017 as presented. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to be Discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approval of Equipment Purchase. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated bids were opened on Friday for a new motor grader. County Administrator Thomas stated the County does most of their equipment on the 5-year buy-back plan. County Administrator Thomas stated the Public Works Department had a motor grader that came up on the 5-year buy-back plan and the County received a check for this piece of equipment in the amount of \$107,751.25 which will be applied to this purchase if approved by the Board. Bid openings yielded the results from Yancey

Brothers for a 12M3 Caterpillar with a purchase price of \$209,887.00 and a guaranteed five- year buy-back in the amount of \$90,000.00 which left a difference of \$119,887.00. Flint Equipment bid a 770GP John Deere with a purchase price of \$247,978.00 and a guaranteed five-year buy-back in the amount of \$162,867.00 which left a difference of \$85,111.00. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve the low bid purchase from John Deere. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve this purchase from John Deere. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Amendment to Subscribed Regulatory Compliance Service Agreement. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated it was agreed upon when Decatur County signed the agreement with the City of Bainbridge to manage and operate the natural gas system at the Industrial Park to enter into an agreement with the Subscribed Regulatory Compliance Service to assist in achieving and maintaining compliance with federal and state pipeline safety regulations. County Administrator Thomas stated this is an amendment to that agreement that changes the methodology in which they do their billing for their service. County Administrator Thomas stated that this amendment does not go into effect until 2018 and the cost of this amendment will be \$481.00. County Administrator Thomas stated the base fee for this service is \$7,250.00 and our total fee with this amendment will bring the cost to \$7,428.00. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this amendment. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this amendment. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Climax – Elections. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this is an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Climax to contract with Decatur County to conduct all municipal elections for the citizens of Climax 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 Climax. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Disposal of Items as Requested by Sheriff's Department. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a letter from Major Wendell Cofer of the Decatur County Sheriff's department requesting the consideration of the Board of Commissioners for the disposal of four surplus vehicles to be sold on Govdeals.net and irreparable equipment to be disposed of by selling for scrap. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this request. Commissioner Murray made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval for Purchase of Vehicles for Sheriff's Department. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a request from Major Wendell Cofer of the Sheriff's department to purchase a 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe from the low bidder; Ginn Commercial of Covington in the amount of \$31,643.00. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this purchase. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved. County Administrator Thomas stated that he also received a request from Major Wendell Cofer to purchase three 2018 Dodge Chargers from the low bidder; Dean Chrysler Dodge Jeep of Bainbridge in the amount of \$22,000.00 each. County Administrator Thomas stated these items are budgeted and recommended the Board approve this purchase. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this purchase. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Easement for Sign – Southern Power (Solar Farm). Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this is the solar farm located north of Brinson Airbase Road. County Administrator Thomas stated they currently access their property through an easement agreement with the county. County Administrator Thomas stated they have requested additional easement area to place a monument sign. County Administrator Thomas stated this company provided and installed a solar panel to provide light for the flag pole and the sign at the industrial park at no charge. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this request. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve this request. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Error and Release Report from Tax Commissioner. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented

the Board with an Error and Release report from the Tax Commissioner for their consideration of approval. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this report. Commissioner Anderson 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 the members of the Recreation Authority for their presentation.

Commissioner Davis 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. Vice Chairman Brinson 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 pertaining to the Planning Board. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to reinstate the Planning Board with the present members apart from appointing Hal Earnest to fill the expired term of June Faircloth. Mr. Earnest's term will end June 30, 2021. The present members are: Charles Haddock, term ends 6/30/2018; Alan Davis, term ends 6/30/2019; David Conoly, term ends 6/30/2018; Dean Free, term ends 6/30/2021; Kelvin Bouie, term ends 6/30/2021 and James Cooper, term ends 6/30/2019. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

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