

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON
COMMISSIONERS RUSTY DAVIS, GREG MURRAY, STEVE BROCK 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, Pastor Williams 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 amendments: Add Executive Session to Discuss Personnel and move #4; Consider Board of Tax Assessors Appointments after Executive Session. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda with these amendments. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no Special Presentations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Stephens recognized Kevin Bouie. Mr. Bouie commended the County for showing great hospitality to the hurricane victims that came through Bainbridge. Mr. Bouie asked the Board for help in keeping the grass mowed and the litter picked up on Highway 27. Commissioner Anderson stated Highway 27 was a state road and that he would contact Department of Transportation to seek help in this matter.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held September 12, 2017 as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to be Discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Requests from E-911 – Tonya Griffin. Chairman Stephens recognized E-911 Director Tonya Griffin. Ms. Griffin presented the Board with an intergovernmental agreement for the radio system that was sent out to all the participants that was included in the new radio system; Grady County, City of Bainbridge, City of Attapulgus, City of Whigham, City of Cairo and Bainbridge State College. Ms. Griffin stated that every radio that is on the system in those jurisdictions will be helping pay for the maintenance of this system. Ms. Griffin stated that she has received all the agreements back signed by each jurisdiction.

Ms. Griffin stated the next item is a request for a new tower. Currently the property that the Reno Tower is on, is being leased from an individual which the cost is just under \$19,000.00 per year. Ms. Griffin stated this individual was going to increase the amount of that lease to \$49,000.00 per year. The 911 committee decided that they would consider doing something different. Ms. Griffin presented the Board with a proposal from Motorola to erect a new 320-foot self-supported tower at the Reno Fire Department. Ms. Griffin stated the Reno Community Center owns this property and will lease it for \$2,500.00 per year. The quote from Motorola is \$492,500.00 to

construct this new tower at the Reno Fire Department and relocate the radio equipment from the existing radio site. The equipment purchase agreement is for five years from Motorola. Ms. Griffin stated the first payment will not be due until one year from today, when the contract is signed, so it will be included in next year's budget. The cost will be split with Grady County, which Decatur County's part will be 54% and Grady County will be 46%.

Ms. Griffin stated the last item to consider for approval is a change order adding this tower to the current radio project. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve these requests from E-911. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval for Disposal of Surplus Equipment – Public Works. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated these were requests made by the Public Works department to declare a 2000 Ford E350 bus and two pieces of equipment surplus property and dispose of them by selling them on Govdeals. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Grant Award for Fire Department. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas announced that the Decatur County Fire and Rescue has been awarded a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant. The grant was awarded in the sum of \$405,614 with the County contributing \$40,561.00 or 10 percent of the Federal contribution. County Administrator Thomas commended the fire department and their staff for getting this grant approved. County Administrator Thomas stated this grant will allow them to purchase some much-needed equipment, specifically some self-contained breathing apparatus. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this grant award. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

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

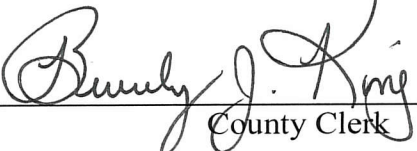
Chairman Stephens stated during executive session, the Board of Commissioners discussed some personnel issues pertaining to appointments for the Tax Assessors Board. Chairman Stephens stated there were two members, Larry Carroll and Johnny Skipper whose terms were expiring October 25, 2017. Chairman Stephens stated there was one member, Ray Brock, who is resigning from the Board effective September 30, 2017. Both members, Larry Carroll and Johnny Skipper have requested to be re-appointed. Commissioner Murray made a motion to appoint Bill Harrell to carry out the term of Ray Brock, which his term ends October 31, 2018; to appoint Alan Davis to replace Johnny Skipper, whose term will end October 31, 2020 and to reappoint Larry Carroll, which his term will end October 31, 2020. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

All of 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 Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk