

## MINUTES

### DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON  
COMMISSIONERS RUSTY DAVIS, 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 9:00 a.m. After the call to order, Reverend Mike Brown gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

**Memorial Hospital and Manor – Mr. Jim Lambert.** Chairman Stephens recognized Mr. Jim Lambert, CEO of Memorial Hospital and Manor. Mr. Lambert presented the Commissioners with an update on improving the quality and service for Memorial Hospital and Manor. Mr. Lambert stated some of the projects included the quality of care, medical staff, and changing the culture. Mr. Lambert said that Memorial Hospital and Manor is committed to improving the quality of not only the health of our community, but the healthcare services provided to our community. Mr. Lambert discussed the financial status and revenue cuts. Mr. Lambert stated the mission for Memorial Hospital and Manor is to deliver courteous, respectful, safe, and quality care to every patient, every time.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Stephens recognized Mr. Richard Whigham. Mr. Whigham thanked the Board of Commissioners for getting the reflectors put on the stop sign at the corner of Cooter Bouie and Cool Springs Road. Mr. Whigham stated that he had some concerns with Bettstown Road, but he had discussed them with Public Works Superintendent Dennis Medley and that Mr. Medley is going to take care of those issues.

#### APPROVE MINUTES

Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting held January 23, 2018 as presented. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

#### PUBLIC HEARING- CDBG APPLICATION

Commissioner Davis made a motion to go out of the regular session and enter into a Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Application. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated the purpose of this public hearing is to announce that Decatur County will be applying for a 2018 Community Development Block Grant and allow the public the opportunity to provide ideas concerning potential projects for this grant. County Administrator Thomas stated that Decatur County applied for this grant last year but was not successful. The maximum amount for this 2018 CDBG grant application is \$750,000. County Administrator Thomas stated the County was anticipating on using this grant money for street and drainage improvements. Chairman Stephens opened the floor for comments. There being no comments, Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to close this public hearing and enter into the regular scheduled meeting. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

## OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to be Discussed.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Consider Resolution – Community Development Block Grant.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas said this resolution states the intent to submit a Community Development Block Grant application and designates the Chairperson to act as Certifying Official for this project. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this resolution. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve this resolution. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Ratify Purchase of Fire Truck.** County Administrator Thomas stated that on January 25<sup>th</sup> he emailed each Board member a request for recommendation for a purchase of a new fire truck to be used in one of the volunteer fire departments. That recommendation was for \$35,000.00, the purchase price of that truck. County Administrator Thomas stated that he received by email authorization to proceed with that purchase and that purchase has been made. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this ratification for this purchase. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this ratification. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Purchase of Tractor – Public Works.** Chairman Stephens recognized Public Works Superintendent Dennis Medley. Mr. Medley stated that he sent out bid proposals for a Mowing Tractor and received two bids. Mr. Medley recommended the Board approve the bid from the local vendor, AgPro for a John Deere 6120E in the amount of \$52,000.00. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve this purchase. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Purchase of Bat-Wing Mower – Public Works.** Chairman Stephens recognized Public Works Superintendent Dennis Medley. Mr. Medley stated that he sent out bid proposals for a Bat-Wing Mower to go with the tractor that was just approved and received two bids. Mr. Medley recommended the Board approve the low bid from Clark-Monroe for a Bush Hog 3815 Mower in the amount of \$18,450.00. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this purchase. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Purchase of Rubber Tire Excavator – Public Works.** Chairman Stephens recognized Public Works Superintendent Dennis Medley. Mr. Medley stated that he sent out bid proposals for a Wheeled Excavator with a CIMAF Mulcher Head and received 5 bids. One bid did not meet specs. Mr. Medley recommended the Board approve the bid from Yancey for a 2018 Caterpillar M318F in the amount of \$257,000.00 with a Buy-Back in the amount of \$98,000.00 for a total cost of \$159,000.00. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this purchase. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Approval of Disposal of Surplus Vehicle – Industrial Park.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated this is a request to declare a 1990 Dodge Truck from the Waste Water Treatment Plant surplus property and dispose of it by selling it on Govdeals. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Brock 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 Tax Commissioner Mark Harrell for their consideration of approval. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this report. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Board Appointment – Decatur County Gilbert H. Gragg Library.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated he received a letter from Susan Whittle, Executive Director for the Southwest Georgia Regional Library recommending the Board of Commissioners reappoint Mrs. Diane Washington for another term on the Library Board. Commissioner Brock made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Diane Washington to the Library Board for another term. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A

vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Board Appointment – Recreation Authority.** Commissioner Brock made a motion to appoint Mr. Greg Smith to the Recreation Authority. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved. Chairman Stephens stated that Mr. Smith will be carrying out the term of Jeff Lynn and his term will begin March 1, 2018. Chairman Stephens thanked Mr. Lynn for the time he spent on this Board and for a job well-done.

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

After 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 during executive session the Board discussed a litigation matter. There was no action to be taken at this time.

**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 Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Approved:                     Pete Stephens                      
Chairman

Attest:                     Beulah J. King                      
County Clerk