

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, COMMISSIONERS RUSTY DAVIS, GEORGE ANDERSON AND STEVE BROCK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ALAN THOMAS, COUNTY ATTORNEY BRUCE KIRBO AND COUNTY CLERK BEVERLY KING.

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, Vice Chairman Dennis Brinson gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Stephens recognized Ms. Carolyn Newberry with Level-Up Program. Ms. Newberry gave a brief history on the Level-Up Program, stating that this program is for students in grades 3-8 that shows interest in the sport of tennis. Ms. Newberry stated that the program focuses on academic excellence, community citizenship, and athletic sportsmanship. The measure of success is shown through the continued participation each year by the students as well as the increase of interest by students wanting to be a part of the program. Students meet at assigned time and day of the week at the Joe L. Sweet Community Center located on Potter Street. Level-Up is designed to focus on enhancing your child's academic opportunities outside the classroom. This high-quality instruction opportunity will teach children about good sportsmanship and commitment through introducing them to the lifelong game of tennis. Ms. Newberry stated that their focus is to teach good citizenship, the importance of an education, and create exercise skills that will follow children throughout their lives. Ms. Newberry encouraged the Board to refer any children that would be interested in joining this program to contact her.

Chairman Stephens recognized Mr. Norm Joyner with YMCA. Mr. Joyner gave a brief background of himself, stating he has been with the YMCA for 51 years and 17 of those years were spent as Interim CEO. Mr. Joyner stated that the YMCA put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all and separates them from other organizations. Mr. Joyner stated that he came to this YMCA to revitalize and help move it to the next level. Mr. Joyner stated that he had three areas to focus on; quality childcare programs, senior programs and wellness and fitness. Mr. Joyner stated that the YMCA has been anchored in the community of Bainbridge, with a promise to deliver lasting personal and social change. While our programs and facilities are always based on the unique needs and interests of our communities, every YMCA has one thing in common: our people. The volunteers, staff, members and donors of the YMCA are all united by a deep commitment to strengthening our communities. Mr. Joyner stated that he believed that lasting personal and social change can only come about when we all work together to invest in our kids, our health and our neighbors. Mr. Joyner invited the Board to come by and see him to discuss any issues or ideas they might have.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

APPROVE MINUTES

Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting held February 12, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to be Discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider Purchase of Two (2) Mowing Tractors / Mowers – Public Works.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a bid tabulation sheet for two mowing tractors and mowers for Public Works that was put out for bids. County Administrator Thomas stated that three bids were received and opened on February 21, 2019. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve the low bid from AgPro for both the mowing tractors and mowers. The tractors are \$40,106.19 each and the mowers are \$4,500.00 each, bringing the total amount to \$89,912.38. County Administrator Thomas stated that this purchase will be funded by T-SPLOST. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve these purchases. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Approval of Voca Supplemental Competitive Funding – District Attorney’s Office.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that this is a Memorandum of Agreement between Prosecuting Attorney’s Council of the State of Georgia, Decatur County and the District Attorney. County Administrator Thomas stated this agreement is for funding of prosecution based VOCA program supplemental competitive funding. County Administrator Thomas stated out of that funding is federal funds in the amount of \$192,103.00 with matching funds of \$48,026.00 provided through the District Attorney’s office. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this agreement. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this agreement. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Request from Public Works – Disposal of Surplus Vehicles.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a memo from Public Works Superintendent, Dennis Medley, requesting to declare a 1993 Mack CH613 Semi-Truck with 765,360 miles and a 1993 Ford F-150 Truck that needs an engine, as surplus property and advertise for sale on GovDeals. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this request. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Request from Prison – Disposal of Surplus Vehicle.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with a memo from Warden Gordon Screen, requesting to declare a 2001 Ford F-350 Super Duty Truck that is not serviceable, as surplus property and advertise for sale on GovDeals. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this request. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Approval of Errors and Reliefs Report – Tax Commissioner.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas presented the Board with an Error and Release Report from the Tax Commissioner for their consideration of approval. Commissioner Anderson a motion to approve this report. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**COMMISSIONERS / ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS**

All of the commissioners and County Administrator Thomas thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and commended the two presentations that were given.

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