

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, COMMISSIONERS RUSTY DAVIS, GEORGE ANDERSON, GREG MURRAY AND STEVE BROCK, 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, Vice Chairman Brinson 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

There were no Special Presentations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Stephens recognized Mr. Jerry Adams. Mr. Adams stated that he lives at 424 Batten Road. Mr. Adams expressed concerns about how much water is being dumped onto dirt roads by tomato growers. Mr. Adams stated when the tomato growers use the plastic sheeting, it takes up approximately 35% of the grounds ability to absorb the water and as a result of that, the excess water from heavy rains is dumped onto our dirt roads at such a volume that the culverts are not sufficient to handle the rain water, causing road destruction. Mr. Adams suggested that the County require that retention ponds be constructed on all farms that grow tomatoes. Commissioner Murray stated that he would go with the Public Works Superintendent to talk to the tomato farmers to see if they can do something about this problem. County Administrator Thomas suggested discussing this issue with the County Extension office and the landowners to see what they could do to help. Chairman Stephens stated that the County will certainly do what they can to help in this matter.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting held July 9, 2019 as presented. Vice Chairman Brinson 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 Tax Sale and Authorizing Terry Howe and Associates to Auction the Proposed Properties. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Alan Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that he presented to this Board at a previous meeting, a list of properties that the County acquired through tax sales and the Board approved that list. County Administrator Thomas stated that tonight he is presenting an updated list of properties. County Administrator Thomas stated that he has been in discussions with the County Attorney and the Tax Commissioner concerning this matter and is presenting a proposal from Terry Howe and Associates that they recommend handling this tax sale for the County. County Administrator Thomas stated that there will be no direct cost to the County for their service, the way this vendor

is paid is with a 15% buyer's premium that is added to the bid price. County Administrator Thomas recommended the Board approve this updated list of properties and authorize Terry Howe and Associates to auction the proposed properties. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve this list of properties and authorize Terry Howe and Associates to auction the proposed properties. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Local Government Agent. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that he received an email from Magistrate Court Judge Maggie Smith stating that last year, there was a new legislation enacted on Abandoned Mobile Homes that came in effect May 1, 2019. Mrs. Smith stated that this law is not effective in a County until the Board of Commissioners appoints what they call a "Local Government Agent." County Administrator Thomas stated that he discussed this matter with Chief Marshal Keith Pollock, and he has agreed to accept this appointment. County Administrator Thomas stated that he recommends the Board appoint Keith Pollock along with his Deputy Marshals Trey Mock and John Mills as the Local Government Agents. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Resolution to Ratify Lease with Bainbridge Solar, LLC. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas. County Administrator Thomas stated that the Board of Commissioners earlier approved leasing some land for a solar project. County Administrator Thomas stated that he received an email from Julie Beauchemin requesting that this resolution document be signed for their title company. County Administrator Thomas explained that this resolution is simply certifying that we indeed entered into the lease on December 21, 2018 with Bainbridge Solar, LLC to lease the land to Bainbridge Solar, LLC and is ratifying the signing of that lease. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve this resolution. Commissioner Murray 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 Commissioner Davis, was duly adjourned. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Approved: 
Chairman

Attest: 
County Clerk