

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, COMMISSIONERS, BOBBY BARBER, JR, AND RUSTY DAVIS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ALAN THOMAS, COUNTY ATTORNEY BRUCE KIRBO AND COUNTY CLERK MICHELLE WEST.

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS, GEORGE ANDERSON, AND STEVE BROCK

INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Stephens called the regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. After the call to order, Chairman Stephens gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Stephens requested to amend the agenda to add 1a to the agenda for County Attorney Kirbo to update the Board on the Open Meetings litigation. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the agenda, with the amendment. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no Special Presentations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting held July 23, 2024, as presented. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Comments From County Attorney on Open Meetings Litigation. Chairman Stephens recognized County Attorney Kirbo who gave a brief update on the status of the Open Meetings litigation. County Attorney Kirbo stated that the Judge has ruled to allow Safer Human Medicine to intervene in the Open Meetings litigation.

County Attorney Kirbo stated that it was clear that Decatur County violated the open meetings law and anything done at the December 11, 2023 special called meeting is not binding. County Attorney Kirbo also stated allowing Safer Human Medicine to intervene in the lawsuit should not affect the outcome of the litigation.

Consider Lease Agreement for Solar Development. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated at the last meeting the Board deferred the lease agreements to County Attorney Kirbo to review. County Attorney Kirbo is recommending to discuss the lease agreements further at the next Commissioners' meeting. Commissioner Barber made a motion to discuss the lease agreements at the next meeting. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Purchase of Fire Truck. Chairman Stephens recognized Fire Chief McCann who stated the Seminole County Board of Commissioners is selling a 1990 Ford fire truck for \$10,000. The truck has a 1250-gallon tank, very clean, pumps good, it has 46,000 miles on it, and it's in great shape. Chief McCann would like to purchase the fire truck from the Seminole County Board of Commissioners to replace the fire truck at the Attapulgus Volunteer Fire Department. Chief McCann stated the current tanker at Attapulgus VFD is a 1980 Ford tanker and is in poor condition. Due to the age of the truck, it is very difficult to find repair parts. Chief McCann is recommending the purchase of the 1990 fire truck for the Attapulgus VFD and to sell the current 1980 fire truck. Commissioner Barber made the motion to purchase the 1990 fire truck and to sell the old 1980 fire truck. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Surplus Equipment and Transfer to District Attorney. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated in the Commissioners' packet is a letter from Chief Deputy Wendell Cofer requesting the transfer of a 2019 Ford Explorer with 199,165 miles to the District Attorney's Office and County Administrator Thomas is recommending approval by the Board. Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve the transfer. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

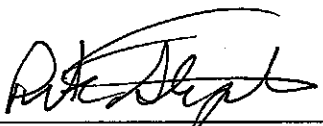
Consider Alcoholic Beverage License Application – Katina D. Shazier – Shazier Solutions, LLC – 2331 Dothan Road. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated Katina D. Shazier, the owner of Shazier's Solutions, LLC which will be located at 2331 Dothan Road has met all the requirements for obtaining an alcoholic beverage license and recommends approval by the Board. Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve the license. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved

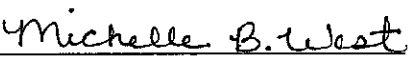
COMMISSIONERS/ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

The Commissioners thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting, on motion by Commissioner Barber, was duly adjourned. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Approved: 
Chairman, Pete Stephens

Attest: 
County Clerk, Michelle B. West

