

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARDROOM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024

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

INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Stephens called the regular 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 Davis made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. 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 November 12, 2024, as presented. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG

Commissioner Davis made a motion to enter into the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated this Public Hearing has been duly advertised to discuss the Community Development Block Grant that Decatur County has been awarded for the Kelly Crossing Subdivision Street and Drainage System Improvements project, which includes Gail Drive, Fay Drive and Melissa Drive. The proposed improvements include installation of drainage piping with drainage inlets and paving of 0.48 miles of existing dirt roadways. The County has been awarded \$982,403.00 in grant funding and Decatur County will provide \$110,000 in matching cash funds to complete the project. The total estimated project cost is \$1,092,403.00. The project will benefit 62 low to moderate income individuals. This public hearing is for any citizen to ask questions or provide comments. County Administrator Thomas commented he would be glad to answer any questions from the Board or the public at this time.

Chairman Stephens opened the floor up for questions or comments from the Board or audience on the CDBG project. After a brief discussion from the Board and there being no comments or questions from the public, Commissioner Anderson made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. and enter back into Regular Session. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approval of Resolution and Proposal – First Responder PTSD Program. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated in the Commissioners' packet are three documents pertaining to the PTSD program. The first one is the resolution authorizing participation in the program, the second is the invoice proposal for coverage and the third is the participation agreement. County Administrator Thomas stated in the last legislative session HB451 was passed and will be effective January 1, 2025. The HB451 requires all public entities in the State of Georgia to provide and maintain sufficient insurance coverage for each of its first responders. The cost of the coverage will be \$29,206 annually. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the Resolution and Proposal, a copy of which is attached. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Surplus Vehicles. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who requested the Board to authorize two (2) fire trucks as surplus and approval to place them on govdeals for disposal. The first fire truck is a 1971 Ford F750, which was known as engine 227 and has been out of service for a number of years. The second fire truck is a 1983 Ford 8000 which was known as engine 231 and was located at Attapulgus VFD and was replaced earlier this year with a newer truck purchased from Seminole County. Commissioner Barber made a motion to surplus and sell the trucks. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Appointments. Chairman Stephens stated that a list of the proposed appointments was in the Commissioners' packets provided to each commissioner and each individual identified in the proposal, as listed below, has agreed to accept the appointment and serve in the capacity as a member of the stated agency. Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve the appointments. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Bainbridge-Decatur County Planning Commission Board (Three-Year Term)

Mr. Alan Davis has agreed to serve another three-year term which expires December 31, 2027.

Dr. Frank Flowers has agreed to serve another one-year term which expires December 31, 2025.

Development Authority of Bainbridge and Decatur County (Four-Year Term)

Mr. Andy Bell represents Post 4 and has agreed to serve another four-year term which expires December 31, 2028.

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Board (One-Year Term)

Mr. Steve Brock representing the County has agreed to serve another one-year term which expires December 31, 2025.

Mr. Billy Poppell represents the Public Sector and has agreed to serve another one-year term which expires December 31, 2025.

Recreation Authority (Three-Year Term)

Mr. Kyle Staples will be replacing Mr. Winston Brock, Jr, which term ends December 31, 2024. Mr. Staples has agreed to serve a three-year term which begins January 1, 2025 and expires December 31, 2027.

Joint Development Authority (Decatur and Seminole County) (Three-Year Term)

Mr. Glenn Heard has agreed to serve another three-year term which expires December 1, 2027.

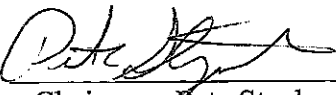
Consider Approval of Errors & Releases. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who recommended that the Board approve the errors and releases, stating the Tax Commissioner and the Board of Assessors have approved. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the Errors and Releases, a copy of which is attached. Commissioner Davis 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 Brock, was duly adjourned. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Approved: 
Chairman, Pete Stephens

Attest: Michelle B. West
County Clerk, Michelle B. West



Decatur County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting - 11/26/2024
Sign-In Sheet

NAME	ADDRESS
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Donna Barber	1817 Pendleton Rd
David Barber	" " "
Yvona Murray	
Charlene Walker	Bainbridge
LeAnn Ellins	Bobby
STEVEN DAVIS	278 Rich Road Bainbridge