

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021

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

ABSENT: BOBBY BARBER JR

INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Stephens called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.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

County Administrator Thomas requested to add executive session at the end of agenda to discuss real estate acquisition. Vice Chairman Brinson made the motion to approve the agenda with the amendment. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There was none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Murry White was present to discuss Boutwell Road. Mr. White stated he felt the County was encroaching on his father's land while maintaining the Boutwell Road and wanted the encroachment to end. Chairman Stephens stated the Board would review his complaint regarding Boutwell Road and be in contact with him following a site visit and further investigation of the complaint.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting held April 13, 2021, as presented. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING – DECATUR COUNTY JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to exit the regular session and go into the Public Hearing. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved. Chairman Stephens recognized Barbara Reddick, Deputy Director of the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission who stated it was time to update the 5-year Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Reddick stated before any work could be done on the plan a public meeting must be held to notify the public. The plan is governed under the rules of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Mrs. Reddick stated there is a timeline for updating the plan and the plan had to be complete by October 2022. Mrs. Reddick also stated it is a joint comprehensive plan which includes the cities of Attapulgus, Brinson and Climax and each municipality must be represented. There being no comments from the public, Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to enter back into the regular session. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approval of Proclamation – National Donate Life Month. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the proclamation, a copy of which is attached. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Decatur County Department of Family and Children Services – Jackie Bridges. Jackie Bridges was not in attendance.

Consider Appointment – Decatur County Department of Family and Children Services. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated the term of Erika Mills will expire June 30, 2021 and Ms. Mills had agreed to serve another term. County Administrator Thomas recommended approval to the Board. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the appointment. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Errors & Releases. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who recommended that the Board approve the errors and releases as presented, stating the Tax Commissioner and the Board of Assessors have recommended and approved. Vice Chairman Brinson made the motion to approve the Errors and Releases. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Easement Comments – Sam Dunn. Chairman Stephens recognized Sam Dunn who presented a petition requesting the County to keep open and maintain Ronnie Lambert Road. After some discussion, Chairman Stephens recognized County Attorney Kirbo who told Mr. Dunn that Decatur County was in litigation with Larry Fountain about this road and suggested that Mr. Dunn and his neighbors hire an attorney to voice their concerns.

Executive Session – Real Estate Acquisition. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to go into executive session. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved. Commissioner Davis made a motion to go into regular session. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved. Chairman Stephens stated the Board has authorized County Attorney Kirbo and County Administrator Thomas to pursue the real estate acquisition of property located within the Bethel Heights Subdivision for use as a drainage area.

COMMISSIONERS/ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

The Commissioners thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting, on motion by Vice Chairman Brinson, was duly adjourned. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Approved: 
Chairman, Pete Stephens

Attest: 
County Clerk, Michelle B. West



National Donate Life Month Proclamation

Decatur County PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, one of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another is the Gift of Life; and

WHEREAS, nearly 110,000 men, women, and children await lifesaving or life-enhancing organ transplants, of which over 4,400 reside in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the need for organ, eye, and tissue donation grows daily as a new patient is added to the national waiting list for an organ transplant every 10 minutes; and

WHEREAS, the critical donor shortage remains a public health crisis as an average of 22 people die daily due to the lack of available organs; and

WHEREAS, organ, eye, and tissue donation can provide families the comfort of knowing the gift of donated organs and tissue endows another person with renewed hope for a healthy life; and

WHEREAS, donating life through organ, eye, and tissue donation is the ultimate act of generosity and kindness we **Decatur County** citizens can perform; and

WHEREAS, more than 4.84 million Georgians have already registered their decision to give the Gift of Life at www.donatelifegeorgia.org or when getting or renewing their driver license or state identification card at a driver license office; and

WHEREAS, LifeLink® of Georgia is the non-profit, community service organization dedicated to the recovery of high-quality organs and tissues for transplantation therapy; and

WHEREAS, **Decatur County** supports the life-saving mission of LifeLink® of Georgia; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Stephens, Chairman of the **Decatur County Board of Commissioners** do hereby proclaim April 2021 as

DONATE LIFE MONTH

In **Decatur County**, to honor all those who made the decision to give the gift of life, to focus attention on the extreme need for organ, eye and tissue donation, to encourage all residents to take action and sign up on Georgia's Donor Registry at www.donatelifegeorgia.org, to discuss the miracle of transplantation as a family, and to make a family commitment to organ, eye, and tissue donation

ATTEST: Michelle West
Michelle West, County Clerk

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Pete Stephens, Chairman

A Donate Life Organization





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4/14/2021

E & R / NOD - Mobile Home Tax Digest

2021 Digest Year

Map & Parcel	Name	100% Value From	100% Value To	Memo
72 8	Grant Jack	\$ 58,301.00	\$ -	Owner applied for homestead for 2021. Delete MH tax bill.
31 99 C	Jones Monroe & Renita	\$ 11,670.00	\$ 11,670.00	Homestead removed for 2021.
21D 3	Lawson David Wade & Jan Lee	\$ 77,673.00	\$ 77,673.00	Owner applied for homestead for 2021. Delete MH tax bill. Refund \$970.42 to owners.
97 2 C02	Roberts Holley Morris	\$ 49,685.00	\$ -	Delete 2021 MH tax bill. Owner applied for homestead for 2021.
77 9 B	Stewart Kitty L	\$ 15,571.00	\$ 15,571.00	Delete 2021 MH tax bill. Owner applied for homestead for 2021.
60 11	Tindell Robert Samuel K	\$ 12,984.00	\$ 12,984.00	Delete 2021 MH tax bill. Owner applied for homestead for 2021.

E & R / NOD -Property Tax Digest

2020 Digest Year

Map & Parcel	Name	100% Value From	100% Value To	Memo
B 67 79A	Bainbridge Associates	\$ 939,772.00	\$ 824,996.00	Finalized appeal.
B 96C 10	Geslak Frank W Jr & Sharon B	\$ 307,986.00	\$ 304,685.00	Finalized appeal. Refund \$44.16 to Lereta.

\$ 1,473,642.00 \$ 1,247,579.00

Mark Harrell - Tax Commissioner

Oille H Mackey - Tax Assessor

Pete Stephens, Chairman - Board of Commissioners