

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chairman Brinson 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

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting held March 8, 2022, as presented. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG-EIP

Commissioner Davis made a motion to enter into the Public Hearing. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated the regulations of the Department of Community Affairs require local government recipients of a Community Development Block Grant to conduct a public hearing to discuss approved project activities. County Administrator Thomas stated CDBG stands for Community Development Block Grant and EIP stands for Employment Incentive Program. CDBG/EIP funds of \$500,000 have been approved for the Public Facilities and Improvements to assist with water and sewer improvements to serve the new manufacturing facility for A-1 Trusses, Ltd at our Industrial Airpark and will be creating 130 jobs. The funds are available for approximately \$470,000 for activity E-17B-00ED – Public Facilities and Improvements. Approximately \$30,000 for activity A-21A-00 Administration that will be paid to Bob Roberson and Associates for the administration of the grant and \$250,000 for the project site from Decatur County as match and leverage. County Administrator Thomas also stated A-1 Trusses, Ltd is up and running and is in compliance with the guidelines of Department of Community Affairs and this public hearing has been duly advertised and scheduled. County Administrator Thomas stated he would be glad to answers any questions that the citizens or Board members may have.

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Brock made a motion to enter back in to regular session. Commissioner Davis 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. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated for years the Board has been requested to recognize April as National Donate Life Month by a proclamation and the Board has approved prior proclamations. County Administrator Thomas stated the drafted proclamation is similar to the previously approved proclamations and recommends approval to the Board. 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.

Consider Approval of Resolution – Safety Coordinator. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated this is not a new position, but a personnel change and has existed for years and is also a requirement of Decatur County's liability insurance with ACCG. County Administrator Thomas stated the resolution names Jamie Earp as the new Safety Coordinator, Mr. Earp has gone through the classes and is now certified to serve in the position of Safety Coordinator which allows for Decatur County to receive a discount on the liability insurance. This position also allows for opportunities to apply for grants for safety improvements, the past several years Decatur County has been awarded those grants of \$4,000-\$5,000. County Administrator Thomas stated the Fire Department has purchased turn out gear and other safety measures with the grant funds. County Administrator Thomas stated ACCG requires this resolution for them to accept the new Safety Coordinator and recommends approval to the Board. Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve the resolution, a copy of which is attached. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Restaurant License – Patricia Fabian – At Ease Campground and Marina, LLC – 139 Wingate Road. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated Patricia Fabian, owner of At Ease Campground and Marina, LLC located at 139 Wingate Road has met all the requirements for obtaining a restaurant license and recommends approval to the Board. Commissioner Anderson made the motion to approve the license. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Alcoholic Beverage License – Patricia Fabian – At Ease Campground and Marina, LLC – 139 Wingate Road. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated Patricia Fabian, owner of At Ease Campground and Marina, LLC located at 139 Wingate Road has met all the requirements for obtaining an alcohol license and recommends approval to the Board. Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve the license. Commissioner Anderson 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, stating the Tax Commissioner and the Board of Assessors have approved. Commissioner Barber made the motion to approve the Errors and Releases. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS/ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

The Commissioners thanked everyone for coming.

County Administrator Thomas informed the Board that the First Responder Grant from the State of Georgia has been awarded and the payments have been disbursed to qualified first responders.

ADJOURN

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

Approved: Pete Stephens
Chairman, Pete Stephens

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



National Donate Life Month Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, more than 106,500 men, women, and children await lifesaving or life-enhancing organ transplants, of which nearly 3,535 reside in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, 41,354, a record number of transplants, occurred in the calendar year 2021 thanks to the generosity of 20,401 deceased and living donors, of which 1,243 transplant patients and 574 deceased and living donors, also a record number, were from Georgia; and

WHEREAS, more than 2.5 million people throughout the country and in Georgia benefit annually from tissue transplantation thanks to thousands of tissue donors; and

WHEREAS, the need for organ, eye, and tissue donation remains critical as a new patient is added to the national waiting list for an organ transplant every 10 minutes and millions more could experience improved quality of life through tissue transplantation; and

WHEREAS, the critical donor shortage remains a public health crisis as an average of 20 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, nearly 3.8 million Georgians have already registered their decision to give the Gift of Life at www.donatelifegeorgia.org, when getting or renewing their driver license or state identification card at a driver license office, or when getting a hunting or fishing license through the Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, LifeLink® of Georgia, the non-profit organization dedicated to the recovery of organs and tissue for transplantation therapy in Georgia, with a vision to maximize the gift of life while giving hope to donor families and transplant patients and to honor donors and save lives through organ and tissue donation; and

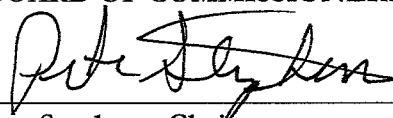
WHEREAS, Decatur County supports the life-saving mission of LifeLink® of Georgia; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Decatur County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 2022 as **DONATE LIFE MONTH**, 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

On this the 22nd day of March 2022.



DECATUR COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Pete Stephens, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Michelle West, Clerk

SAFETY COORDINATOR RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Decatur County has created the position of Safety Coordinator to establish and oversee a safety program to assist with the loss prevention efforts of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Safety Coordinator will be responsible for insuring compliance with certain safety rules and regulations that protect the well-being of county employees and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Safety Coordinator will be responsible for:

- Establishing and coordinating safety meetings and self-inspections to identify safety related hazards;
- Coordinating and implementing safety rules and training for supervisors and employees and/or making recommendations to management regarding such items;
- Reviewing and/or investigating all employee accidents for causes and making recommendations for improvements and corrections;
- Conducting periodic safety self-inspections of all vehicles, buildings, grounds, equipment and machinery, and work practices and conditions to determine potential injury exposures;
- Documenting and maintaining inspection records and implementing any follow up actions; and

WHEREAS, the Safety Coordinator can ensure that qualifications have been met that will enable the county to receive a substantial discount on their insurance costs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Jamie Earp will serve in the position of Safety Coordinator for Decatur County.

RESOLVED this 22nd day of March, 2022.



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
DECATUR COUNTY, GEORGIA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Stephens", written over a horizontal line.

Pete Stephens

, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle West", written over a horizontal line.
Michelle West, County Clerk



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3/10/2022

E & R / NOD - Mobile Home Tax Digest

2022 Digest Year

Map & Parcel	Name	100% Value From	100% Value To	Memo
105 16A	Brown Janie L	\$ -	\$ 21,965.00	NOD. Owner needs a 2022 mobile home bill mailed to them.
32 13A	Bullock Randy James	\$ 7,558.00	\$ -	Delete 2022 mobile home tax bill. Mobile home burned October 2021. Refund \$89.61.
63A 10	Connell Ashley Lynne & Richard Ben Henri Jr	\$ 154,351.00	\$ -	Delete 2022 mobile home tax bill. Owner applied for homestead for 2022 tax year.
63A 10	Connell Michael W & B Lorie	\$ -	\$ 19,087.00	NOD. Owner needs a 2022 mobile home bill mailed to them. Now on prebill for 2022 tax year. Homestead removed.
AT1 39	Corriveau Christopher % Eakin Derrick & Nikki & Worsham Paul D	\$ 61,250.00	\$ -	Delete 2022 mobile home tax bill. Mobile home located on AT1 34.
81 11A	Dollar James Emmett Sr	\$ 2,473.00	\$ -	Delete 2022 mobile home tax bill. Mobile home sold and moved to Gadsden County in 2021.
24A 44A	Fierro Esmeralda Rodriguez	\$ 16,736.00	\$ -	Delete 2022 mobile home tax bill. Owner applied for homestead for 2022 tax year.
B44 71	Gabriel Irma Giron	\$ 10,316.00	\$ -	Delete 2022 mobile home tax bill. Owner applied for homestead for 2022 tax year.
16D 2	Long Willis Jr	\$ 26,846.00	\$ -	Delete 2022 mobile tax bill. Owner applied for homestead for 2022 tax year.
76B 14	Powell Huey A	\$ 6,823.00	\$ -	Delete 2022 mobile home tax bill. Mobile home burned October 2021.
105 16A	Sholar Willard	\$ 21,965.00	\$ -	Delete 2022 mobile home tax bill. Homestead removed for 2022 tax year. New owner to pay for 2022 mobile home taxes.
79 18 4	Wacaser William Davis	\$ 38,966.00	\$ -	Delete 2022 mobile home tax bill. Owner applied for homestead for 2022 tax year.
63A 12	West Dallas S & Ashley L Conell	\$ 42,302.00	\$ -	Delete 2022 mobile home tax bill. Mobile home in Thomas county as of 2021.

E & R / NOD - Mobile Home Digest

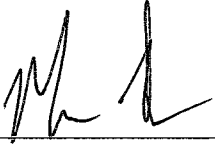
2021 Digest Year

Map & Parcel	Name	100% Value From	100% Value To	Memo
AT1 39	Eakin Derrick & Nikki & Worsham Paul D	\$ 61,250.00	\$ -	Delete 2021 mobile home tax bill. Mobile home on map AT1 34.
B30 1	Jones Mobile Home Sales Inc	\$ 19,168.00	\$ -	Delete 2021 mobile home tax bill. Jones Mobile Home turned in on their 2021 Personal Property list.

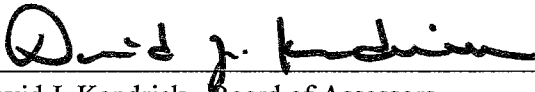
E & R / NOD - Property Tax Digest

2020 Digest Year

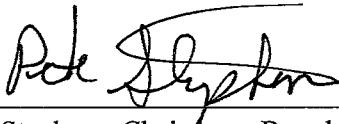
Map & Parcel	Name	100% Value From	100% Value To	Memo
Personal Property	Faircloth Richard A	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	Aircraft sold to William F. Howell on February 5, 2019. Delete for 2020 Digest.
Personal Property	Howell William F		\$ 50,000.00	NOD. William F Howell bought aircraft on Feb. 5, 2019.
		\$ 520,004.00	\$ 91,052.00	



Mark Harrell - Tax Commissioner



David J. Kendrick - Board of Assessors



Pete Stephens, Chairman - Board of Commissioners