

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 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 9:00 a.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 Anderson 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 October 25, 2022, as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Update from EMA – Chief Charlie McCann. Chairman Stephens recognized Fire Chief/EMA Director McCann who recognized EMA Co-Director Tonya Griffin who stated EMA would like to appoint a couple of new EMA personnel. The first employee to appoint is Jamie Earp, he has been with DCFR since June 2010, he obtained the Basic Certified Emergency Management certificate in 2019 and obtained the Advanced Certified Emergency Management certificate in 2020. Ms. Griffin stated EMA would like to appoint Jamie Earp as Deputy EMA Director over Exercise and Training. The second employee to appoint is Tyler Dalton who has been employed with DCFR since 2019. Tyler Dalton completed his public information training in October 2021 and EMA would like to appoint Tyler Dalton as the Public Information Officer. Commissioner Barber made a motion to appoint Jamie Earp as Deputy EMA Director over Exercise and Training and Tyler Dalton as Public Information Officer. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Co-Director Griffin stated the first project for Mr. Earp and Mr. Dalton was to get the EMA app up and running. Mr. Earp stated the app will be user friendly and will be greatly beneficial to the citizens of Decatur County in getting information to the public in the event of a disaster. The app will have nine sections beginning with the news release where all social media notifications would go out through the news release. The app will have an emergency planning checklist supplied by FEMA, join our team applications will be available, record power outages for citizens to know the length of power outages from the various power companies. The app would include shelter information from the Red Cross, EMA share partners, resources for CPR and how to get a burn permit. Also, a Find Me feature that

allows a citizen in distress to input an email or telephone number so that emergency personnel could locate them quicker. The soft release is scheduled for November 22, 2022 and two weeks later the full release will be done as long as there are no issues.

Consider Resolution – Formation of Bicentennial Committee. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated in the Commissioners’ packet is the proposed joint resolution between Decatur County, City of Bainbridge and the Decatur County Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. County Administrator Thomas stated the joint resolution is to form a bicentennial committee and recommends approval by the Board, a copy of which is attached. Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Brock 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 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



**JOINT RESOLUTION OF DECATUR COUNTY, GEORGIA, THE CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA, AND DECATUR COUNTY HISTORICAL AND
GENEAOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC. REGARDING THE FORMATION OF A
BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Decatur County, Georgia was created on the _____ day of _____, 1823, making 2023 it bicentennial year; and

WHEREAS, Decatur County, Georgia (the "County"), the City of Bainbridge, Georgia (the "City") and the Decatur County Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (the "Historical Society") agree that the bicentennial of Decatur County is a momentous occasion which should be recognized and celebrated; and

WHEREAS the parties desire for the Historical Society to be in charge of Bicentennial celebrations as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1.

The County and the City agree and request that the Historical Society form and operate a committee within the Historical Society consistent with the framework set forth in this Resolution, and that the committee be named the Bicentennial Committee.

2.

The Historical Society shall decide on the number of members of the Bicentennial Committee, or it might decide not to limit membership. Within the Bicentennial Committee there will be an Executive Committee which will have nine members. Three members will be appointed by the County, and at least one of them will be a County Commissioner. Three members will be appointed by the City, and at least one of them will be a member of the City Council. Three members will be appointed by the Historical Society, and at least one of them will be a board member and/or officer of the Historical Society.

3.

The Bicentennial Committee, by and through its Executive Committee, will be in charge of all aspects of the Bicentennial celebrations. It will elect officers. It will plan all Bicentennial celebrations and functions, and it will raise funds and pay all expenses associated with those celebrations and functions. It may purchase and sell souvenirs and other products.

4.

The Bicentennial Committee will exist throughout the year 2023 and as long thereafter as the Historical Society desires for it to exist. At the end of the Bicentennial Committee's existence, all money in the Bicentennial Committee's account shall remain with the Historical Society. Likewise, all products ordered for sale, such as souvenir programs, coins, and t-shirts, which products remain unsold at the end of the Bicentennial Committee's existence, shall be the property of the Historical Society to display and/or to continue to sell, all at the discretion of the Historical Society:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County, City, and Historical Society adopt this Joint Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 8th day of November, 2022.

DECATUR COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: Pete Stephens
Pete Stephens as Chairman

Attest: Michelle B. West
Michelle B. West as Clerk

(IMPRESS COUNTY SEAL)



SO RESOLVED, this _____ day of _____, 2022.

CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA

By: _____
Edward F. Reynolds as Mayor

Attest: _____
Allie Godwin as Clerk

(IMPRESS CITY SEAL)

SO RESOLVED, this _____ day of _____, 2022.

DECATUR COUNTY HISTORICAL &
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

By: _____
Roslyn W. Palmer as President

Attest: _____
Carol H. Lewis as Secretary

(IMPRESS CORPORATE SEAL)