

## **MINUTES**

### **DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

#### **COMMISSIONERS' BOARDROOM**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025**

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, COMMISSIONERS, RUSTY DAVIS, BOBBY BARBER, JR, STEVE BROCK, AND GEORGE ANDERSON, 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**

Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting held April 8, 2025, as presented. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL/LITIGATION**

Commissioner Barber made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

After the executive session, the Commissioners assembled back in the boardroom. Commissioner Davis made the motion to enter back into regular session. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Chairman Stephens stated personnel and litigation were discussed in executive session and no action was taken.

**Consider Appointment – Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases Regional Advisory Council.** Commissioner Stephens stated the Mental Health, Developmental

Disabilities and Addictive Diseases Regional Advisory Council appointment of Ms. Heather White was discussed in executive session.

**Consider Appointment – Decatur County Public Library Board.** Commissioner Barber made a motion to reappoint Beverly Pollock to the Decatur County Public Library Board. The term will begin July 1, 2025 and will end June 30, 2028. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**County Attorney Remarks – Litigation.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Attorney Kirbo who stated bond litigation was discussed in executive session and presented an overall summary of the current status of the litigation. After the discussion, County Attorney Kirbo recommended to the Board to join in with the Plaintiff's and file a motion in court requesting a temporary restraining order to keep the project on hold until the courts rule on the matters that are in this litigation.

**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: Pete Stephens  
Chairman, Pete Stephens

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



STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF DECATUR

AFFIDAVIT OF CHAIRMAN OR PRESIDING OFFICER

Pete Stephens, Chairman of the Decatur County Board of Commissioners, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief:

1. The Decatur County Board of Commissioners met in a duly advertised meeting on:  
April 22, 2025.
2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.
3. The executive Session was called to order at 7:02 a.m./p.m.
4. The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law;

☒ Consultation with the county attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1);

Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state laws as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(2) and (insert the citation to the legal authority making the tax matter confidential) \_\_\_\_\_;

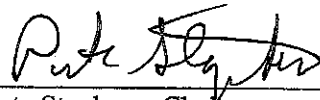
Discussion of the future purchase, disposal of or lease of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4).

☒ Discussion of deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6).

Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ as provided in \_\_\_\_\_.

This 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2025.

  
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Pete Stephens, Chairman  
Decatur County Board of Commissioners

Sworn to and subscribed  
Before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of

April, 2025.

Notary Public

Michelle B. West

Commission Expires:  
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