

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARDROOM

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025

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

ABSENT: VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON

INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Stephens called the regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.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

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – DONATE LIFE MONTH PROCLAMATION

Chairman Stephens recognized June Faircloth who thanked the Commissioners for their continued support of “Donate Life Month” and read the proclamation aloud to everyone. A copy of the proclamation is attached.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners’ meeting held March 25, 2025, as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorial Hospital and Manor – Georgia Heart Program. Chairman Stephens recognized Memorial Hospital’s Director of Development, Jamie Sinko who discussed the Georgia Heart Program and how the program works for individuals and businesses. Ms. Sinko stated the Georgia Heart Program provides its citizens with a unique opportunity to fulfill their state income tax obligations by directing those funds to eligible rural hospitals. This initiative aims to enhance the financial health and patient services of rural communities across the state. Through the Georgia Heart Hospital Program, individuals and businesses can significantly improve access to healthcare for thousands of Georgians. Ms. Sinko encouraged the Commissioners to spread the word about the program and stated she was available for any questions or concerns about the program.

Consider Approval of Bid – Skid Steer for Public Works. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated a copy of the bid tabulation was in the Commissioners’ packet. Yancey Bros was the lowest bidder for a 2025 CAT 299D3XE skid steer in the amount of

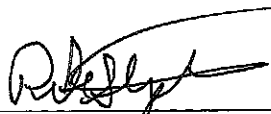
\$121,815. County Administrator Thomas stated the skid steer price includes a five year buy back guarantee of \$43,500 and is currently in stock for purchase and is recommending approval by the Board. Commissioner Barber made the motion to approve the skid steer purchase. Commissioner Anderson seconded 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 Davis, was duly adjourned. Commissioner Brock 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
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, more than 100,000 men, women, and children await lifesaving or life-enhancing organ transplants, of which nearly 3,000 reside in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, 48,189, a record number of transplants, occurred in the calendar year 2024 thanks to the generosity of 24,020 deceased and living donors, of which 1,460 transplant patients and 650 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 16 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

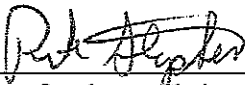
WHEREAS, LifeLink® of Georgia, the non-profit organization dedicated to the recovery of organs and tissue for transplantation therapy in Georgia, with a vision to maximize the gift of life while giving hope to donor families and transplant patients and a mission to honor donors and save lives through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

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

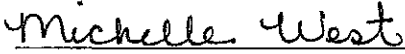
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Stephens, **Chairman of the Decatur County Board of Commissioners** do hereby proclaim April 2025 as **DONATE LIFE MONTH** in **Decatur County**, to honor all those who made the decision to give the gift of life, to focus attention on the extreme need for organ, eye and tissue 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

On This 25th day of March, 2025.





Pete Stephens, Chairman



Michelle West, Clerk