

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024

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

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER BOBBY BARBER, JR

INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Stephens called the regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. After the call to order, Randy Williams 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 amend the agenda to add a request from the Sheriff's Department. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve the agenda, with the amendment. Commissioner Davis 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

Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting held November 26, 2024, as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

**Request from Beacon on Boulevard Community Kitchen – Missy Rollins.** Chairman Stephens recognized Missy Rollins who stated she is in the process of starting a new ministry which will be a community kitchen on Boulevard Street. Ms. Rollins is requesting the landfill fees be waived for the renovations of the buildings pertaining to this ministry. Commissioner Davis made the motion to waive the landfill fees for the ministry project. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Approval of Bid – 15 Passenger Vans.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated bids were requested from several vendors on two fifteen passenger vans, one van would be for the Extension Service and the other one would be for DCCI. Three bids were received for the vans with Franklin's Spring Creek Ford being the lowest bid for two 2025 transit vans. County Administrator Thomas stated the total cost for both vans is \$108,790, with a delivery date of 120 days and is recommending approval by the Board. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the purchase of the vans. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Appointment.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated Stephanie Daniels has agreed to serve another term on the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Board. The term begins January 1, 2025 and ends December 31, 2025. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to

re-appoint Stephanie Daniels to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Board. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Canceling Scheduled Meeting of December 24, 2024.** Commissioner Brock made the motion to cancel the meeting. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Approval of Local Legislation – Comments from County Attorney.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Attorney Kirbo who commented on O.C.G.A. 45-2-1 and is requesting the Board to adopt a district residency requirement for candidates for the Board of Commissioners. The requirement to qualify for the office is twelve months residency within the district from which each commission candidate seeks election. County Attorney Kirbo also stated Representative Joe Campbell has been requested to introduce appropriate legislation to effectuate such a twelve months residency requirement in the upcoming session of the General Assembly. Commissioner Brock made a motion to pursue the local legislation, a copy of which is attached. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

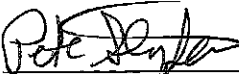
**Request to Destroy Equipment – Sheriff’s Department.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated in the Commissioners’ packet is a letter from Chief Deputy Cofer and Captain Lambert requesting to destroy old equipment that is either broken, non-functional or out of date for use. County Administrator Thomas stated the letter includes the description of the old equipment and is recommending approval by the Board. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the destruction of the old equipment, a copy of which is attached. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.


**COMMISSIONERS/ADMINISTRATOR’S REMARKS**

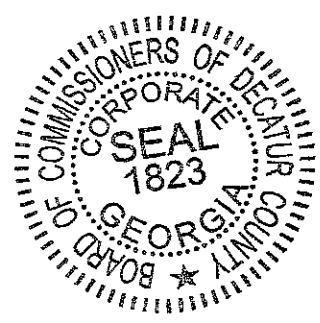
The Commissioners thanked everyone for coming.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting, on motion by Commissioner Davis, was duly adjourned. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Approved:   
Chairman, Pete Stephens

Attest:   
County Clerk, Michelle B. West



**MOTION OF**  
**COMMISSIONER Steve Brock**

I move pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 45-2-1 that Decatur County, Georgia adopt for Board of Commissioner candidates a district residency requirement to hold office of 12 months' residency within the district from which each commission candidate seeks election and that Representative Joe Campell be requested to introduce appropriate legislation to effectuate such a 12 months' residency requirement in the upcoming session of the General Assembly.

**SECONDED**

Seconded by Commissioner Rusty Davis

**VOTE**

	YES	NO	ABSENT
Commissioner Pete Stephens	✓		
Commissioner George Anderson	✓		
Commissioner Steve Brock	✓		
Commissioner Dennis Brinson	✓		
Commissioner Rusty Davis	✓		
Commissioner Bobby Barber, Jr.			✓

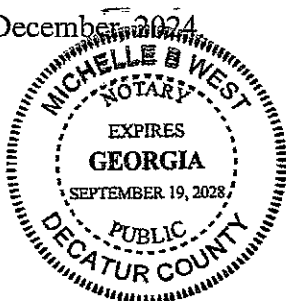
**PASSAGE**

Motion passed with vote 5 "Yes" and - 0 - "No"

**CERTIFICATION**

The forgoing motion was duly made, seconded, and voted upon at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Decatur County, Georgia on December 10, 2024 and was passed as set out above.

This 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024



Michelle B. West  
 Clerk, Decatur County, Georgia  
 Board of Commissioners

