

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARDROOM

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, COMMISSIONERS, GEORGE ANDERSON, BOBBY BARBER, JR, STEVE BROCK, AND RUSTY DAVIS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ALAN THOMAS, OPERATIONS MANAGER RANDY WILLIAMS, 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, Chairman Stephens gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Stephens requested to remove Executive Session from the agenda. Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to accept the agenda with the requested amendment. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no Special Presentations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Stephens recognized Grace Cooper who was complaining about a 911 call she placed on February 20, 2026. Chairman Stephens stated the matter would be investigated with 911.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting held February 24, 2026, as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion; a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

WorkSource Southwest Georgia – National Dislocated Worker Grant. Chairman Stephens recognized Melody Pierce, who presented information regarding the National Dislocated Worker Grant to the Board. Ms. Pierce explained that individuals who have been laid off may qualify for services provided through the grant. She further stated that the grant can also offer benefits to employers, particularly when hiring new employees, by supporting workforce development and training initiatives.

Consider Appointment for Fire Chief. Chairman Stephens recognized Manager Williams who is recommending to appoint Jamie Earp to the Fire Chief position. Mr. Earp has been acting Fire Chief since January 1, 2026 and has proven to be a great leader. Commissioner Brock made a motion to appoint Jamie Earp as Fire Chief. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion; a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Appointment for EMA Director. Chairman Stephens recognized Manager Williams who is recommending to appoint Tonya Griffin as EMA Director. Ms. Griffin has been the acting

EMA Director since January 1, 2026 and has been the Co-Director for twenty years and has proven to be a great leader. Commissioner Davis made a motion to appoint Tonya Griffin as EMA Director. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion; a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Vehicle Surplus for Decatur County Prison. Chairman Stephens recognized Manager Williams who stated Warden Screen is requesting to surplus a 2009 Ford Crown Vic and have it sold on govdeals. Manager Williams stated based on Warden Screen's recommendation to remove the vehicle from service, he recommends the Board approve declaring the vehicle as surplus and authorizing its sale on govdeals. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the vehicle as surplus and authorize its sale on govdeals. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion; a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Request for the Recreation Authority Board to use our Board Room for their March 12th Meeting. Chairman Stephens recognized Manager Williams who stated the Recreation Authority has requested use of our Board Room for their meeting scheduled on March 12, 2026, due to anticipating a larger than normal attendance. Manager Williams is recommending approval by the Board. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve request. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion; a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval – Alcoholic Beverage License Application – Ronnis Davis – Davis Entertainment – 503 Od Pelham Road. Chairman Stephens recognized Manager Williams who stated Ronnis Davis, owner of Davis Entertainment located at 503 Old Pelham Road has met all the requirements for obtaining an alcoholic beverage license and recommends approval by the Board. Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve the license. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

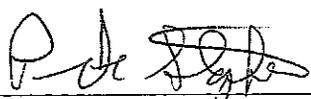
Executive Session – Personnel. Chairman Stephens announced the cancellation of the Executive Session. No further action taken by the Board.

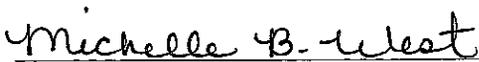
COMMISSIONERS/ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

The Commissioners thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURN

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

Approved: 
Chairman, Pete Stephens

Attest: 
County Clerk, Michelle B. West

