

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARDROOM

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, COMMISSIONERS, RUSTY DAVIS, BOBBY BARBER, JR, 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 7:00 p.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

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Brock 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 Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting held March 11, 2025, as presented. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by Fire and Rescue Department. Chairman Stephens recognized Decatur County Fire Chief Charlie McCann who presented to the Board the results of Decatur County Fire and Rescue Department participating in the 35th annual "Give Burns the Boot" campaign event held on behalf of the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation. Chief McCann stated the Fire Department hosted a softball tournament and raised \$4,484.81 for the event. The Fire Department also received a trophy to display at the department to show appreciation for hosting the event.

Consider Proclamation – National Donate Life Month. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated for a number of years the Board has authorized and approved a proclamation for Lifelink of Georgia, declaring the month of April as Donate Life month. County Administrator Thomas stated a copy of the proclamation is attached and is recommending approval by the Board. Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve the proclamation. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.


Consider Approval of Errors & Releases. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated a copy of the Errors and Releases were included in the Commissioners' packet. County Administrator Thomas stated the Tax Commissioner and the Board of Assessors have approved and is recommending approval by the Board. Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve the Errors and Releases, a copy of which is attached. 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 Brock was duly adjourned. Commissioner Anderson 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

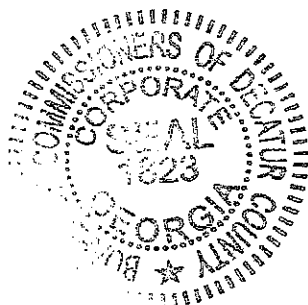
WHEREAS, nearly 3.8 million Georgians have already registered their decision to give the Gift of Life at www.donatelifegeorgia.org, when getting or renewing their driver license or state identification card at a driver license office, or when getting a hunting or fishing license through the Department of Natural Resources; and

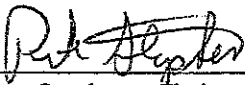
WHEREAS, LifeLink® of Georgia, the non-profit organization dedicated to the recovery of organs and tissue for transplantation therapy in Georgia, with a vision to maximize the gift of life while giving hope to donor families and transplant patients and a mission to honor donors and save lives through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

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

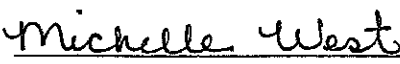
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Stephens, **Chairman of the Decatur County Board of Commissioners** do hereby proclaim April 2025 as **DONATE LIFE MONTH** in **Decatur County**, to honor all those who made the decision to give the gift of life, to focus attention on the extreme need for organ, eye and tissue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



Mark Harrell

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3/17/2025

E & R / NOD -Property Tax Digest

2024 Digest Year

Map & Parcel	Name	100% Value From	100% Value To	Memo
MR 20	Carruth Margaret	\$ 530.00	\$ -	Moved to exempt digest. Delete tax bill.
37 6	LMF Land Inc	\$ 683,199.00	\$ 683,199.00	Covenant breach, \$11,523.78.
B25 17 1	Rivertown Development LLC	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	Changed from taxable to exempt.
B25 17 1	Rivertown Development LLC	\$ 2,414,981.00	\$ 2,414,981.00	Changed from taxable to exempt.
8 32	Smith James Vernon & David Lamar	\$ 80,866.00	\$ 39,153.00	Mobile homes was moved to Barrien county in 2023 & taxed in that county for 2024.
		\$ 3,209,576.00	\$ 3,167,333.00	

E & R / NOD -Mobile Home Digest

2023 Digest Year

Map & Parcel	Name	100% Value From	100% Value To	Memo
24 33A	Miller Grady Lamar & Debra Trawick	\$ 19,884.00	\$ -	Delete 2023 mobile home tax bill. Moved to Seminole county in 2023.

E & R / NOD -Mobile Home Digest

2024 Digest Year

Map & Parcel	Name	100% Value From	100% Value To	Memo
24 33A	Weathersby Ashley Leah	\$ 19,884.00	\$ -	Delete 2024 mobile home tax bill. Now in Seminole county & taxed in Seminole county for 2024 tax year.

E & R / NOD - Mobile Home Digest

2025 Digest Year

Map & Parcel	Name	100% Value From	100% Value To	Memo
5 35	Allen Bobby J	\$ 1.00	\$ -	Mobile home demolished. Delete.

5 35	Allen Bobby J	\$ 7,121.00	\$ -	Mobile home demolished. Delete.
25 20	Ashcroft Abbie Gail	\$ 8,085.00	\$ -	Mobile home torn down. Delete.
97 42A	Boyette James Paxton	\$ 8,067.00	\$ -	Delete 2025 mobile home bill. Mobile home being taxed on map 98-31I for 2025 tax year.
27 26	Brock Mills Lee	\$ 1.00	\$ -	Torn down by owner. Delete.
7 17	Brown Franklin Dewayne	\$ 95,658.00	\$ -	Delete 2025 mobile home tax bill. Owner applied for homestead 5 for 2025 tax year.
94 29	Brown William H & Alice Merle	\$ -	\$ 14,714.00	NOD. Owner needs a 2025 mobile home tax bill mailed. Homestead removed for 2025 tax year.
53 14 2	Bryant Jerome	\$ 34,957.00	\$ -	Delete 2025 mobile home tax bill. Mobile home being homestead for 2025.
27 28	Bryant Larry Allen	\$ 13,124.00	\$ -	Delete 2025 mobile home tax bill. Sold and moved to Early county Nov. 2024.
53 14 14A	Cooper Laura A	\$ 30,970.00	\$ -	Delete 2025 mobile home tax bill. Owner applied for homestead for 2025 tax year.
9 21A	Davis Marion	\$ 3,528.00	\$ -	Mobile home torn down. Delete.
74 23	Dollar Billy G	\$ 6,022.00	\$ -	Mobile home torn down. Delete.
24B 10	Dupree Lillian B	\$ 10,546.00	\$ -	Mobile home moved to Brooks county. Delete.
31B 24	Freeman Lecil & Linda	\$ -	\$ 27,535.00	NOD. Owner needs a 2025 mobile home tax bill mailed. Mobile moved to prebill for 2025 tax year.
50 78A	Gardner William Allen	\$ -	\$ 91,630.00	Owner needs a 2025 mobile home bill mailed to him. Mobile home moved to prebill for 2025 tax year.
5A 19	German Joyce Elaine	\$ -	\$ 30,192.00	NOD. Owner needs a 2025 mobile home tax bill mailed. Homestead removed for 2025 tax year.
100A 17	Hamilton Bernaldyne & James E	\$ 15,404.00	\$ -	Mobile home torn down. Delete.
76D 50	Henry Daniel M	\$ 4,312.00	\$ -	Mobile home torn down. Delete.
82 6	Howard Deshana Yvonne	\$ 16,783.00	\$ -	Mobile home torn down. Delete.
11 30	Humphrey L B	\$ 1.00	\$ -	Mobile home demolished. Delete.
76 19E	Hundly Laura	\$ 1.00	\$ -	Demolished, delete.
24A 24A	Hurst Dewayne	\$ 1.00	\$ -	Delete, mobile home demolished.
16B 61	Janet Ruth & Sammie Joe Cannon	\$ -	\$ 17,666.00	NOD. Owner needs a 2025 tax bill. Homestead was removed.
24 37	Kelly Jaime Strickland	\$ 12,703.00	\$ 9,092.00	Mobile home in poor condition, and still on property.
105 12B	Kenna Jerry L	\$ 1.00	\$ -	Mobile home torn down. Delete.
CL010 23	Long Truett E & Rhonda Freida	\$ 8,165.00	\$ -	Mobile home moved to Grady county.
76 19C	Miller Gene	\$ 4,041.00	\$ -	Demolished, delete.
9 70	Miller Willis Banks	\$ 25,119.00	\$ -	Delete 2025 mobile home bill. Mobile home sold in 2024 and now located in Miller county for 2025.
31 23H	Miller Willis Banks	\$ 9,646.00	\$ -	Torn down by owner. Delete.
5 65	Miller Winfred	\$ 3,857.00	\$ -	Mobile home demolished. Delete.
46 7B	Moore Elaine H & Winston D	\$ -	\$ 7,752.00	NOD. New land owner needs a 2025 mobile home tax bill. Homestead was removed in 2024. Mobile home now on prebill for 2025 year.
22 40	Nesmith Jerry A & Kimberly B	\$ 3,061.00	\$ -	Delete mobile home replaced with another.

50 5	Pearson Willie F	\$ -	\$ 53,383.00	NOD. Owner needs a 2025 tax bill. Homestead was removed.
76D 36	Perkins Antione Bernard	\$ 18,581.00	\$ -	Delete 2025 mobile home tax bill. Owner applied for homestead for 2025 tax year.
14 17B	Sams Ronald S	\$ 11,432.00	\$ 1.00	Mobile home has no value. Set value at \$1 until removed.
76D 62	Scott Gregory T	\$ 4,619.00	\$ 1,123.00	Mobile home in poor condition, and still on property.
40 44	Shores Tommy	\$ 8,032.00	\$ -	Torn down in 2024. Delete mobile home.
40 44	Shores Tommy & Darlene	\$ 3,245.00	\$ -	Torn down in 2024. Delete mobile home.
4 21A	Spring Creek Cooler	\$ 3,477.00	\$ -	Demolished, delete.
76D 62	Sweetriver Properties LLC	\$ 8,558.00	\$ 2,686.00	Mobile home in poor condition, and still on property.
76D 62	Sweetriver Properties LLC	\$ 9,574.00	\$ 3,477.00	Mobile home in poor condition, and still on property.
24A 24A	Rogers Clarissa Nicole	\$ 13,092.00	\$ 1.00	Mobile home burned. No value, set value at \$1 until removed.
CL10 34B	Rogers John M & Amy M	\$ -	\$ 19,280.00	NOD. Owners need a 2025 mobile home tax bill. Moved to prebill for 2025 tax year. Homestead removed.
78 19A	Parker Morgan Dance & Brandon Ross	\$ 21,723.00	\$ -	Delete 2025 mobile home tax bill. Owner applied for homestead for 2025 tax year.
24 33A	Weathersby Ashley Leah	\$ 20,016.00	\$ -	Delete 2025 mobile home bill. Mobile home moved to Seminole county for 2025.
62 56L	Williams Jack Lane	\$ 62,690.00	\$ -	Delete 2025 mobile home tax bill. Owner signed up for homestead for 2025.
		\$ 506,214.00	\$ 278,532.00	

\$ 3,755,558.00 \$ 3,445,865.00



Mark Harrell - Tax Commissioner



Annalee Yarbrough-Board of Assessors



Pete Stephens, Chairman - Board of Commissioners