

## **MINUTES**

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

#### **COMMISSIONERS' BOARDROOM**

**TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025**

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, COMMISSIONERS, BOBBY BARBER, JR, RUSTY DAVIS, 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 9:00 a.m. After the call to order, Randy Willimas 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 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 22, 2025, as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2025/2026 BUDGET**

Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to enter into the Public Hearing. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Chairman Stephens stated the purpose of the public hearing and opened the floor for any questions or comments from the audience or the Board. Mr. Odell from the audience commented that maintenance needed to be done on Meadowbrook Drive. The Board stated that funds were included in the Public Works budget for maintenance on Decatur County roads.

There being no other comments or discussion from any member of the Board or audience, Vice Chairman Brinson made a motion to enter back into Regular Session. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Consider Appointment – Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases Regional Advisory Council.** Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve Heather White to the Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Disease Regional Advisory Council. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Board of Education Update – Dr. Boyd English.** Chairman Stephens recognized School Superintendent, Dr. Boyd English who spoke about the current events going on in the school system and the plans to increase technology in the school facilities to help prepare the students for the future. Dr. English stated there are approximately 4,169 students currently enrolled in the Decatur County School System from Pre-K to 12th grades, and the total number of faculty and staff is 650. He said there's no plans to increase the millage rate this year, but ESPLOST is coming up for renewal and he is requesting the support of the Decatur County Board of Commissioners. The Board thanked Dr. Boyd for the update.

**Consider GDOT Airport Apron Rehab Funding.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated a copy of the letter and email were included in the Commissioners' packet. County Administrator Thomas stated he received an email regarding the availability of \$1,000,000 for Apron Rehab Phase 2 at the airport. Decatur County would have to match the funding with \$333,333 for the project. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the funding. Commissioner Brock 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.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION – PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Commissioner Davis made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss property acquisition. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

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

Chairman Stephens stated property acquisition was discussed in executive session and no action was taken.

## 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: Pete Stephens  
Chairman, Pete Stephens

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





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## E & R / NOD - Property Tax Digest

### 2024 Digest Year

Map & Parcel	Name	100% Value From	100% Value To	Memo
90 16 30	D R Horton Inc	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	Delete 2024 tax bill. Incorrect property owner. WCP III Bainbridge LLC to get 2024 tax bill.
66 20	Griffin John Keith & Luther Craig	\$ 1,759,426.00	\$ 1,759,426.00	Preferential covenant breach, \$23,791.77.
67 17B	Griffin John Keith & Luther Craig & Luther Griffin Farm	\$ 656,176.00	\$ 656,176.00	Preferential covenant breach, \$9,732.79.
Personal Property	Macs Point Lodge & Marina	\$ 25,749.00	\$ -	Delete account for 2024 tax year.
42 10C	Strickland Winston L & Barbara J	\$ 80,620.00	\$ 80,620.00	Veterans Homestead, retroactive to 2024. Refund \$390.38 to customer.

\$ 2,551,971.00 \$ 2,496,222.00

# E & R / NOD -Mobile Home Digest

## 2025 Digest Year

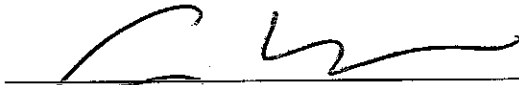
Map & Parcel	Name	100% Value From	100% Value To	Memo
62A 30	Ahearn Christopher James	\$ 7,240.00	\$ -	Delete 2025 mobile home bill. Owner applied for homestead for 2025 tax year.
102 31	Bouie Sadie & Frank	\$ 9,939.00	\$ 1.00	Mobile home set value at \$1. Delete 2025 mobile home tax bill.
CL20 11A	Brown Willie C & Annie	\$ 10,782.00	\$ 250.00	Owner needs a correct mobile home bill mailed to her for 2025 tax year.
24 78	Ritter Cameron	\$ -	\$ 2,770.00	NOD. Owner needs a 2025 mobile home tax bill mailed to him. Mobile home purchased in 2024.
B80 14B	Willis Lofton	\$ 500.00	\$ 1.00	Finalized appeal. Refund \$5.93 to the customer.
97 42A	Winburn George Steven & Laura K	\$ 41,227.00	\$ -	Delete 2025 mobile home tax bill. Mobile home was detitled Nov. 19, 2024. Moved to real property for 2025 tax year.
		\$ 69,688.00	\$ 3,022.00	

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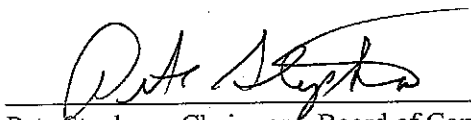
\$ 2,621,659.00 \$ 2,499,244.00



Mark Harrell - Tax Commissioner



Annalee Yarbrough - Board of Assessors



Pete Stephens, Chairman - Board of Commissioners

