

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARDROOM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BRINSON, COMMISSIONERS, BOBBY BARBER, JR., RUSTY DAVIS, GEORGE ANDERSON, AND STEVE BROCK, 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 7:00 p.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 Barber 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 September 12, 2023, as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Grady EMS Notice of Non-Renewal of Agreement. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated in the Commissioners' packet is a copy of the letter from Mr. John Hanson, Senior Vice President with Grady EMS stating that Grady EMS is not renewing the Decatur County Emergency Medical Services Agreement. Decatur County and Grady EMS have agreed to terminate the Agreement on June 30, 2024, or upon earlier mutual agreement. County Administrator Thomas stated Randy Williams, Operations Manager, is in the process of preparing an RFP for a new vendor.

Consider Approval of Resolution Requested by ACCG. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated in the Commissioners' packet is a copy of the resolution and is recommending approval by the Board. ACCG is encouraging all counties in the state to adopt this resolution urging the Governor and General Assembly to continue efforts to reform and improve mental health services for the citizens of Georgia. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the Resolution, a copy of which is attached. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Resolution Requested by Calvary Baptist Church. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated a representative from Calvary Baptist

Church made a request to County Clerk West for the Board to approve a resolution recognizing their 90th anniversary of service to the community. County Administrator Thomas is recommending approval by the Board, a copy of which is attached. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Capital Improvement Plan – Airport. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated every year the Board has to provide a Capital Improvement Plan for the Airport to allow for planning and budgeting for federal and state monies through Georgia Department of Transportation. A copy of the plan is attached, on the plan is the fuel farm reimbursement which the Board previously approved to advance monies to complete the fuel farm. County Administrator Thomas stated this is a work in progress plan and the plan could change later to fit the needs of the Airport and is recommending approval by the Board. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the plan. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Appointments – Board of Assessors and Recreation Authority. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated Larry Carroll has agreed to continue serving on the Board of Assessors. The current term ends October 25, 2023 and will renew on October 26, 2023 and will end on October 25, 2026 and recommends approval by the Board.

County Administrator Thomas also stated Kevin Rentz has declined to serve another term, his current term ends October 25, 2023.

Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated Jeremy Ryan has agreed to continue serving on the Recreation Authority Board. Mr. Ryan’s current term will end on December 31, 2023 and his new term will begin January 1, 2024 and will end December 31, 2026 and recommends approval by the Board.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the appointments. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.


Consider Approval of Errors & Releases. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who recommended that the Board approve the errors and releases, stating the Tax Commissioner and the Board of Assessors have approved. Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve the Errors and Releases. 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 Vice Chairman Brinson, was duly adjourned. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Approved: 
Chairman, Pete Stephens

Attest: 
County Clerk, Michelle B. West



RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO REFORM AND IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA

WHEREAS, being the constitutional level of government closest to their constituents, Georgia counties are on the front lines of responding to mental health issues within the community as well as the development of mental health reform efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Decatur County Board of Commissioners supports efforts designed to provide every citizen in need to have accessible, affordable, and adequate mental health services; and

WHEREAS, the Decatur County Board of Commissioners is grateful for the efforts of Georgia's executive, legislative, and judicial branches in working towards mental health reform in recent years, such as the passage of HB 1013 (2022) and introduction of HB 520 (2023), Chief Justice Boggs's work on jail diversion initiatives, and Governor Kemp's commitment to expanding mental health resources in schools for children and young adults; and

WHEREAS, despite these prior steps and successes, the Decatur County Board of Commissioners recognizes that there is still a tremendous amount of work for the citizens of Decatur County and other citizens across Georgia to receive adequate healthcare for mental health and substance abuse disorders; and

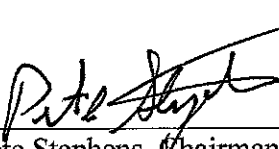
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Decatur County Board of Commissioners that Decatur County government reaffirms its commitment to reforming and improving mental health services for its citizens and all citizens of the state of Georgia.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Decatur County Board of Commissioners specifically urges the Governor and General Assembly to continue efforts in the 2024 Session of the Georgia General Assembly to enhance Georgia citizens' access to vital mental health services, including the provision of state budgetary funding for additional behavioral health crisis centers across the state, additional co-responder units, and other resources to assist those with mental health and substance abuse disorders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners is hereby directed to provide an executed copy of this Resolution to each member of the Decatur County delegation to the Georgia Senate and Georgia House of Representatives and to the Association County Commissioners of Georgia.

SO RESOLVED, this 26th day of September, 2023.

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: 
Pete Stephens, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Michelle West, County Clerk



**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DECATUR COUNTY, GEORGIA
RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE 90th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CALVARY BAPTIST
CHURCH.**

WHEREAS, Second Baptist Church was founded in 1933 in Bainbridge, Georgia where services were held in a tent near the Decatur County Courthouse until a windstorm blew the tent down; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 1948, the name of the church was changed to Calvary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, Calvary Baptist Church completed the building of a new church located at 601 Chason Street, Bainbridge, Georgia where it has continued to serve the congregation until the present time; and

WHEREAS, Calvary Baptist Church will celebrate its 90th anniversary on Sunday, October 8, 2023; and

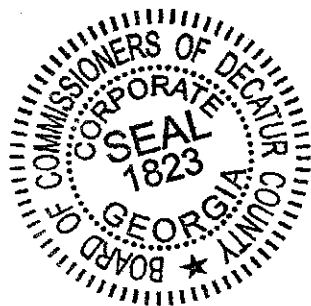
WHEREAS, Calvary Baptist Church has contributed to the spiritual and social well-being of the citizens of Decatur County for many years; and

WHEREAS, Calvary Baptist Church has been an active and influential member of the religious community of Bainbridge and Decatur County throughout its ninety-year history.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Decatur County Board of Commissioners that the friends and members of the congregation of Calvary Baptist Church be congratulated on the successful completion of ninety years of service to this community; that the work and influence of Calvary Baptist Church is acknowledged and appreciated; and that best wishes be extended for continued success in the years to come; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this RESOLUTION be spread across the minutes of this Board and a copy thereof be delivered to the Calvary Baptist Church for its permanent records.

Introduced, read and adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Decatur County, Georgia this 26th day of September, 2023.



**DECATURCOUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



Pete Stephens, Chairman



Michelle West, County Clerk

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Airport Name: Decatur County Industrial Air Park (BG5)

Airport City: Bainbridge, GA

Last Modified: August 14, 2023

GDOT PVI: Ronnie Hall

Runway(s): 09/27 (5,502' x 149'), 14/32 (5,003' x 100')

RDC (Ex./Ult.): 09/27 (Call/Call), 14/32 (B-II/B-II)

FY	Sponsor Priority	Project Description	Grant Breakdown (Federal/State/Local)				Total Project Cost	Total	Federal Share			Other (D)/SAI	State Share	Local Share
			100/0/0	90/5/5	90/0/10	0/75/25			0/0/100	NPE	BIL			
2023	1	Rehabilitate Runway 14-32 Pavement - Design			1		\$ 122,975	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 92,231	\$ 30,744
2024	1	Construct Fuel Farm - Design & Const. (reimbursement)			1		\$ 93,521	\$ 84,169	\$ 84,169	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,352
2024	2	Rehabilitate Runway 14-32 Pavement - Construction				1	\$ 4,600,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,450,000	\$ 1,150,000
2024	3	Update Airport Layout Plan			1		\$ 300,000	\$ 270,000	\$ 209,913	\$ 60,087	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
2024	4	Update DBE Plan, FY 24-26 (reimbursement)			1		\$ 6,575	\$ 5,918	\$ 5,918	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 658
2025	1	Construct 10-Unit T-Hangar Building & Taxiway - Design				1	\$ 150,000	\$ 135,000	\$ 135,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
2025	2	Rehabilitate Terminal Apron Pavement, Ph. 2 - Design & Const.				1	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000	\$ 250,000
2026	1	Construct 10-Unit T-Hangar Building Site Prep - Construction			1		\$ 500,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 165,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 285,000	\$ 25,000
2026	2	Construct 10-Unit T-Hangar Building - Construction A			1		\$ 821,111	\$ 739,000	\$ -	\$ 678,913	\$ 60,087	\$ -	\$ 41,056	\$ 41,056
2026	2	Construct 10-Unit T-Hangar Building - Construction B				1	\$ 842,056	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 631,542	\$ 210,514
2026	2	Construct 10-Unit T-Hangar Building - Construction C				1	\$ 333,333	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 333,333
2026	3	Rehabilitate Runway 9/27, Taxiways, Apron (Rejuvenation) - Design			1		\$ 75,000	\$ 67,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 67,500	\$ -	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,750
2027	1	Construct 10-Unit T-Hangar Building - Construction (reimb.)			1		\$ 166,667	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,667
2027	2	Rehabilitate Runway 9/27, Taxiways, Apron (Rejuvenation) - Const.			1		\$ 600,000	\$ 540,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 540,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
2027	3	Update DBE Plan, FY 27-29 (reimbursement)			1		\$ 12,000	\$ 10,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200
2027	4	Rehabilitate Terminal Apron Pavement, Ph. 3 - Bid				1	\$ 20,000	\$ 18,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
2027	5	Acquire & Install Emergency Generator			1		\$ 135,000	\$ 121,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 121,500	\$ -	\$ 6,750	\$ 6,750
2028	1	Construct 10-Unit T-Hangar Building - Construction (reimb.)			1		\$ 166,667	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,667
2028	2	Rehabilitate Terminal Apron Pavement, Ph. 3 - Construction			1		\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
2028	3	Improve Airport (Security Fencing) - Design			1		\$ 65,000	\$ 58,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58,500	\$ -	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,250
2028	4	Rehabilitate Terminal Apron Pavement, Ph. 4 - Bid			1		\$ 20,000	\$ 18,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
2029	1	Improve Airport (Security Fencing) - Construction			1		\$ 1,000,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
2029	2	Rehabilitate Terminal Apron Pavement, Ph. 4 - Construction			1		\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
2029	3	Construct Corporate Hangar Building (incl. Site Prep) - Design			1		\$ 150,000	\$ 135,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 135,000	\$ -	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
2029	4	Acquire Land (TTF - W. F. Howell - 0.50 ac.) - Land Acq. Svcs. (reimb.)			1		\$ 15,000	\$ 13,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500
2029	4	Acquire Land (TTF - W. F. Howell - 0.98 ac.) - Land Acq. Svcs. (reimb.)			1		\$ 15,000	\$ 13,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500
2029	4	Acquire Land (TTF - W. F. Howell - 3.93 ac.) - Land Acq. Svcs. (reimb.)			1		\$ 15,000	\$ 13,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500
2029	5	Acquire Land (TTF - William F. Howell - 0.50 ac.)			1		\$ 10,500	\$ 9,450	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,450	\$ -	\$ 525	\$ 525
2029	5	Acquire Land (TTF - William F. Howell - 0.98 ac.)			1		\$ 20,100	\$ 18,090	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,090	\$ -	\$ 1,005	\$ 1,005
2029	5	Acquire Land (TTF - William F. Howell - 3.93 ac.)			1		\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,620,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,620,000	\$ -	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000
SUBTOTAL - FY 2024							\$ 5,000,096	\$ 360,087	\$ 300,000	\$ 60,087	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,465,000	\$ 1,175,010
SUBTOTAL - FY 2025							\$ 1,150,000	\$ 135,000	\$ 135,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 757,500	\$ 257,500
SUBTOTAL - FY 2026							\$ 2,571,500	\$ 1,256,500	\$ 165,000	\$ 678,913	\$ 412,587	\$ -	\$ 701,348	\$ 613,653
SUBTOTAL - FY 2027							\$ 933,667	\$ 840,300	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 690,300	\$ -	\$ 37,750	\$ 55,617
SUBTOTAL - FY 2028							\$ 2,251,667	\$ 2,026,500	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 1,876,500	\$ -	\$ 104,250	\$ 120,917
SUBTOTAL - FY 2029							\$ 5,025,600	\$ 4,523,040	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 4,373,040	\$ -	\$ 249,030	\$ 253,530
TOTAL - FY 2025-2029							\$ 11,992,434	\$ 8,781,341	\$ 750,000	\$ 678,913	\$ 7,352,428	\$ -	\$ 1,849,878	\$ 1,301,216



NPE	Balance	Bil	Balance
\$ -	\$ 159,000		
\$ 150,000	\$ 304,000		
\$ 215,831	\$ 449,000		
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\$ 5,918	\$ 388,913		
\$ -	\$ 388,913		
\$ 15,000	\$ 533,913		
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Mark Harrell

DECATUR COUNTY TAX COMMISSIONER

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Bainbridge, GA 39818

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9/18/2023

E & R / NOD - Property Tax Digest

2022 Digest Year

Map & Parcel	Name	100% Value From	100% Value To	Memo
Personal Property	Broad 110 C/O E2A LLC	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	Business closed. Delete 2022 tax bill.
Personal Property	Conley Brandon	\$ 13,500.00	\$ -	Sold boat in 2021. Delete for 2022 digest. Refund \$271.64.
P 12	Georgia Southwestern RR Inc	\$ 77,684.00	\$ 29,347.00	Appeal review. DOR revised value. Refund \$557.88.
Personal Property	Riverbend Ford Inc	\$ 330,772.00	\$ 431,242.00	Assets were purchased in 2021 and should have been reported in 2022 but were not reported until 2023.
Personal Property	Riverbend CDJR LLC	\$ 311,726.00	\$ 323,547.00	Assets were purchased in 2021 and should have been reported in 2022 but were not reported until 2023.
		\$ 743,682.00	\$ 784,136.00	

Mark Harrell - Tax Commissioner

David J. Kendrick - Board of Assessors

Pete Stephens, Chairman - Board of Commissioners