

MINUTES

DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' BOARDROOM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

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

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER RUSTY DAVIS

INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Stephens called the regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. After the call to order, Vice-Chairman Brinson gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Barber 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 August 26, 2025, as presented. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion; a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation – Crisis Responder Program. Chairman Stephens recognized Sheriff Wiley Griffin who spoke briefly about the mental health problem in our country and how the county jails are becoming the mental health hospitals for people with mental illnesses. Sheriff Griffin informed the Board the Co-Responder Program is a \$500,000 grant program from Bristol Meyers Squibb Pharmaceuticals with the funds being administered by the Georgia Pines Community Service Board at no cost to Decatur County taxpayers for a term of three years.

Sheriff Griffin introduced Kristi Meade who is the Co-Responder Program Lead for Decatur County and her office is located at the Sheriff's Office. Ms. Meade stated mental health issues are on the rise and the burden is being put on the taxpayers. Ms. Meade stated the Co-responder program partners with law enforcement officers to respond to behavioral health crises, aiming to provide the most appropriate and effective intervention, reduce arrests and unnecessary hospitalizations, and connect individuals to long-term treatment and support services. These programs typically involve clinical co-responders providing expertise in de-escalation and crisis intervention, while officers ensure safety and security, often working together in the same vehicle or meeting at the scene of a call.

Consider Approval of Resolution Authorizing Regional Commission 5311 Application. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission is applying for a grant to continue to provide rural transportation services in Decatur County. County Administrator Thomas stated the resolution is similar to previous resolutions and recommends approval by the Board. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the resolution, a copy of which is attached. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion; a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Bid – Motor Grader with Sloper. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated a copy of the bid tabulation was in the Commissioners’ packet. Dobbs Equipment Company was the lowest bidder for a 2026 John Deere 670P Motor Grader with Sloper in the amount of \$293,550. County Administrator Thomas stated the motor grader will have a five-year buy back guarantee of \$95,000, with a trade-in value of \$80,000 for the current motor grader and is recommending approval by the Board. Vice Chairman Brinson made the motion to approve the motor grader purchase. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion; a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Bid – Motor Grader with Scarifier. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated a copy of the bid tabulation was in the Commissioners’ packet. Yancey Brothers was the lowest bidder for a 2025 CAT 140 Motor Grader with Scarifier in the amount of \$307,102. County Administrator Thomas stated the motor grader will have a five-year buy back guarantee of \$137,788 and is recommending approval by the Board. Commissioner Brock made the motion to approve the motor grader purchase. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion; a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Consider Appointments – Decatur County DFCS. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated in the Commissioners’ packet are copies of two letters. The first letter is from Karen Malone requesting re-appointment to serve on the Department of Family and Children’s Services Board. The appointment term began July 1, 2025 and ends on June 30, 2030.

The second letter is from Jackie Bridges recommending Officer Anthony Stubbs to fulfill the term of Ms. Theodora Rogers on the Department of Family Children Services Board. Ms. Rogers passed away earlier this year. County Administrator Thomas stated the term would start immediately and end on June 30, 2027 and is recommending approval of both appointments by the Board. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the appointments. Vice Chairman Brinson seconded the motion; a vote was taken and unanimously approved.


Consider Approval of Surplus Equipment. Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated a list has been compiled from the Landfill and the Public Works Departments requesting that vehicles and equipment be declared surplus and sold on GovDeals and recommended approval by the Board. The vehicles and equipment listed are beyond their life cycle, high mileage, or require repairs that aren’t financially feasible. Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve the vehicles and equipment as surplus and sold on GovDeals. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion; a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

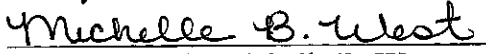
COMMISSIONERS/ADMINISTRATOR’S REMARKS

The Commissioners thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting, on motion by Commissioner Barber, 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 OF THE DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A GRANT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE UNDER TITLE 49 U.S.C., SECTION 5311.

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration and the Georgia Department of Transportation are authorized to make grants to non-urbanized (rural) areas for mass transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon Applicant, including the provision of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is required by the United States Department of Transportation and the Georgia Department of Transportation in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under the Federal Transit Act, the applicant gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the United States Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that Minority Business Enterprise (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Women's Business Enterprise) be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority business shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts and purchase orders when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts, or consultant and other services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant,"

1. That the Designated Official, SW GA Regional Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Official," is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Applicant, a County government, with the Georgia Department of Transportation, to aid in the Purchase of bus transit vehicles and/or the planning, development and construction of bus transit-related facilities pursuant to Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act.
2. That the Official is authorized to execute and file such application and assurances or any other document required by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Georgia Department of Transportation effectuating the purpose of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
3. That the Official is authorized to execute and file all other standard assurances or any other document required by the Georgia Department of Transportation or the U.S. Department of Transportation in connection with the application for public transportation assistance.
4. That the Official is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of the

Applicant with the Georgia Department of Transportation.

5. That the Official is authorized to set forth and execute Minority Business Enterprise, DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) and WBE (Women Business Enterprise) policies and procedures in connection with the project's procurement needs as applicable.

6. That the applicant while making application to or receiving grants from the Federal Transit Administration will comply with FTA Circular 9040.1G, FTA Certifications and Assurances for Federal Assistance 2025 as listed in this grant application and General Operating Guidelines as illustrated in the Georgia State Management Plan.

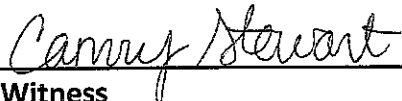
7. That the applicant has or will have available in the General Fund the required non-federal funds to meet local share requirements for this grant application.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of September, 2025



Pete Stephens, Chairman

Signed, sealed and delivered this 9th day of September, 2025 in the presence of:



Witness

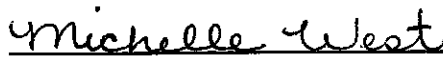


Notary Public/Notary Seal



CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting County Clerk of the Decatur County Board of Commissioners certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting held on September 9, 2025.



Michelle West, Attesting Officer

County Clerk
Title of Attesting Officer

