

**MINUTES**

**DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024**

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN PETE STEPHENS, COMMISSIONERS, BOBBY BARBER, JR, RUSTY DAVIS, GEORGE ANDERSON, AND STEVE BROCK, 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 9:00 a.m. After the call to order, County Attorney Kirbo 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 September 24, 2024, as presented. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider Approval of Tractor Bid – Public Works.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated a copy of the bid tabulation was in the Commissioners' packet. Ag Pro was the lowest bidder for a 2025 John Deere 6120E tractor in the amount of \$70,243.89. County Administrator Thomas stated the tractor will have a two-year, 2,000-hour warranty and will be available April 2025 and is recommending approval by the Board. Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve the tractor purchase. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Approval of Mower Bid – Public Works.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated a copy of the bid tabulation was in the Commissioners' packet. Ag Pro was the lowest bidder for a 2025 Bush Hog 2215 batwing mower in the amount of \$21,500. County Administrator Thomas stated the mower will have a one-year warranty on the machine and ten-year warranty on the gearbox and will be available in three to four weeks and is recommending approval by the Board. Commissioner Barber made the motion to approve the mower purchase. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Consider Approval of Proclamation – Retired Educator's Day.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated a copy of the Proclamation was in the Commissioners' packet. County Administrator Thomas stated in previous years the Board has approved a Proclamation for Retired Educators Day at the request of the Board of Education. The Proclamation recognizes November 3, 2024

as Retired Educators Day in the State of Georgia. and is recommending approval by the Board. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the Proclamation, a copy of which is attached. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved

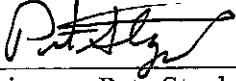
**Consider Board Appointment – Board of Assessors. Consider Appointments.** Chairman Stephens recognized County Administrator Thomas who stated a copy of the letter from Gloria Freeman was included in the Commissioners’ packet requesting reappointment to the Board of Assessors. County Administrator Thomas stated the new term will begin on October 26, 2024 and end on October 25, 2027. County Administrator Thomas recommended approval by the Board. Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the reappointment. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved

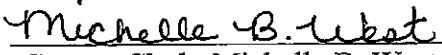
**COMMISSIONERS/ADMINISTRATOR’S REMARKS**

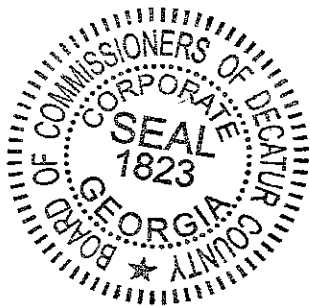
The Commissioners thanked everyone for coming.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting, on motion by Commissioner Davis, was duly adjourned. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion, a vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Approved:   
Chairman, Pete Stephens

Attest:   
County Clerk, Michelle B. West



# Proclamation

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### Decatur County Board of Commissioners

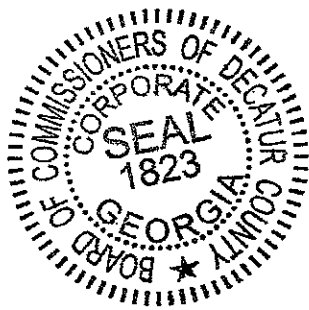
- WHEREAS:** The Governor of the State of Georgia has proclaimed the day of Sunday, November 3, 2024 as Retired Educators Day in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** There are more than 145,000 retired educators in Georgia, 32,000 plus of whom are members of the Georgia Retired Educators Association; and
- WHEREAS:** The retired educators of Georgia donate thousands of hours of volunteer service and make invaluable contributions to the welfare of their respective communities across the state; and
- WHEREAS:** It is appropriate that a day be designated for citizens to express their appreciation for the contributions that retired educators have made and continue to make for the betterment of human lives and for society; and
- WHEREAS:** Local churches will recognize those lasting contributions made by retired educators in this community; now
- THEREFORE:** I, Pete Stephens, Chairman of the Decatur County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the day of November 3, 2024, as "RETIRED EDUCATORS DAY" and I call upon the citizens of Decatur County to observe that day in an appropriate manner honoring retired educators.

Given unto my hand and seal at Decatur County, Georgia on this 8th day of October in the year of our Lord, 2024.

**DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

By:   
**Pete Stephens, Chairman**

Attest:   
**Michelle West, County Clerk**



## Assessor Appointment Resolution

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the Board of Assessors; and

WHEREAS, the law requires the County Commission must appoint a successor when a vacancy occurs; and

WHEREAS, the person appointed will serve a term of 3 years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Decatur County Board of Commissioners appoints Gloria Freeman to the Decatur County Board of Tax Assessors with this term of office to begin on October 26, 2024 and expire on October 25, 2027.

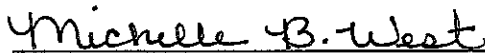
ADOPTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.  
Day Month Year

Decatur COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Signature of Chairman

ATTEST:



Signature of County Clerk

