

Decatur County Chairman's Annual Report – 2010

By working together, the Board, county staff, and personnel have been able to accomplish much during the 2010 year.

1. Finances

No increase in county millage rate
No personnel layoffs, furloughs, or pay cuts
No reductions in county services for citizens

2. Board composition

On May 28, 2010, Gov. Perdue signed into law Board-requested local legislation setting in place a rotational chairmanship based on seniority of Board service.

3. Retreat and Work Sessions

One all-day retreat and 7 work sessions were held by the Board

4. Professional growth

Commissioners Stafford and Smith completed the ACCG program to become Certified County Commissioners
Commissioners Stafford and Smith are continuing to work toward completing ACCG Certified Commissioner Advance Program requirements
Commissioners attended ACCG conferences in Atlanta in February and October and annual ACCG conference in Savannah in April

5. Board and committee participation

Commissioner Phillips served as a member of the ACCG GEBCorp Board (Government Employee Benefits Corporation of Georgia), Regional Development Authority Board, US 27 Commission Board, and the county Telecommunications Committee
Commissioner Stafford served as representative to the SW Georgia Regional Commission, county Health Board, Region 4 MH/AD/DD Planning Board, and on the county Telecommunications Committee
Commissioner Rich served as representative to the Decatur Grady E911 Board and on the county Personnel Interview Committee
Commissioner Mosely served as Board Vice Chairman, on the Ag Building Committee, as representative to the Library Board and KDCB Board, and on the county Personnel Interview Committee
Commissioner Smith served on the Finance Committee and as representative to the Georgia Pines Community Service Board
Commissioner Perry served as Board Chairman, Finance Committee Chairman, as representative on the Regional Transportation Roundtable, as county representative on the Regional Commission County Chief Elected Officials Work Investment Board committee, and participated in Bainbridge/Decatur County Development Authority meetings

6. Major projects

- US 27 Solid Waste Facility Cell 3 constructed
- New visitation room constructed at DCP
- Roof replacement, tile replacement, and painting done at Decatur/Seminole Training Center
- Grant-funded improvements at airport facilities
- Deteriorated portion of Gilreath building removed at Airport Industrial Park
- Plans developed for new Ag Center building for USDA, Extension Services, 4-H facilities
- Storm water holding ponds built at Meadowbrook, Slough Loop, and other locations
- Slough Loop road repairs completed
- Thirty-five county-owned properties within City of Bainbridge were auctioned for \$35,434.61 and returned to the tax digest
- Mainstreet Broadband service available to residents in 75% of county
- Historic voting buildings from Bell, Parker, Pine Hill precincts moved to Swine Time grounds in Climax and refurbished
- Revisions to county Human Resources manual
- FEMA buyouts approved for 16 flooded properties
- Inmate firefighters state certified and assigned to Central, Attapulcus, Faceville, Black Jack stations
- County joined ACCG-sponsored BC/BS inmate health insurance program
- Negotiations underway for participation in carbon credits sales program
- Corrections Corporation of America signed Memorandum of Understanding for development of a private prison facility at Airport Industrial Park

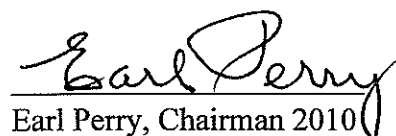
7. Awards

- ACCG 2010 County of Excellence Award for Silver Lake project
- State-designated Work Ready Community
- State grant of \$400,000 for improvements at Industrial Park
- Flag pole, U.S. and Georgia flags from Faceville Woodmen of the World placed at the front of the county administrative building

I thank my fellow Board members for their cooperation.

On behalf of the entire Board, I thank the Decatur County staff and personnel for their vision, their cooperation and hard work during 2010. Also, I thank the county elected officials, their staffs and personnel for their cooperation and hard work during 2010.

Many positive results have been accomplished by our working together.


Earl Perry, Chairman 2010

12/14/10
Date