A GUIDE TO

ROCKDALE

COUNTY

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FORWARD

This booklet was created to help citizens and visitors easily find the information they seek on Rockdale County government.

The founding vision for this publication was to develop a telephone directory that is arranged by topics so that even if you know nothing about the way Rockdale County government is organized, you can quickly locate the department that administers the services you need.

While the publication focuses primarily on Rockdale County, we have also included frequently called phone numbers for the City of Conyers, the Rockdale County Public School system, and several other government-related entities.

OVERVIEW

Rockdale County is located 24 miles east of Atlanta on Interstate I-20. It is approximately 132 square miles in size—the second smallest of Georgia’s 159 counties—and has a population estimated by the Atlanta Regional Commission of 90,000. The County seat is the City of Conyers, which has a population of approximately 16,200 and is the only city within Rockdale County.

Rockdale County is governed by a three-member board of Commissioners, which includes a full-time chairman and two part-time commissioners. Commission members are elected at partisan, at-large elections to serve staggered terms of four years each.

The Chairman of the Board Commissioners serves as the chief executive officer of the County Government and generally supervises, directs and controls the day-to-day operations of the County. The directors of all County-run departments, with the exception of those headed by other elected officials, report to the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Among the services provided by the County government are public safety, planning and zoning, parks and recreation, public works, senior services, code enforcement, water and sewer.

In addition to county Commissioners, the following local positions are elected by Rockdale voters: Superior, State, Magistrate and Probate judges; Clerk of Court; District Attorney; Sheriff; Tax Commissioner and Coroner.
ROCKDALE COUNTY HISTORY

Rockdale County was created on October 18, 1870 and received its name from Rockdale Baptist Church (est. 1846), which was named after the granite strata that rests under the county's red clay top soil. A bill introduced by John F. Hardin and John Harris carved Rockdale out of the northern portion of Newton County; parts of Rockdale County also came from neighboring Henry, Walton, Gwinnett, and DeKalb counties.

Conyers, Rockdale’s only incorporated town and urban center, became the county seat. Conyers was home to the prosperous mill community known as Milstead. The Village of Milstead, located two miles north of Olde Town Conyers, was once home to Milstead Manufacturing Company, later known as Callaway Mills. In its day it was a bustling, closely-knit, industrial town located on the banks of the Yellow River.

With the construction of Interstate 20 through Rockdale County in the 1960s, the community began to change again. Olde Town Conyers gave way slowly to development along West Avenue and the I-20 access roads, then south along Georgia Highway 20/138, creating a business district of bright signs and national chains. During the 60s, the team of Gus Barksdale and Clarence Vaughn joined other influential citizens and the Chamber of Commerce in bringing numerous major businesses to Rockdale County. With new schools and the highest paid teachers in the area, Conyers and Rockdale County became a draw for young families.

Access to Atlanta became quick and easy for Rockdale residents. The summer of 1996 was an exciting time in Conyers-Rockdale County’s history. Over 600,000 visitors visited the community during the period of the Centennial Olympic Games. Visitors thrilled to equestrian events, first-ever mountain bike competition and the final two events of the modern pentathlon at Conyers’ Olympic venue, the Georgia International Horse Park. The Olympics put Conyers and Rockdale County not only on the map but in the minds of thousands that soon began relocating their homes, families and businesses to the area. It is a combination of small town and big city, of rural scenes and urban shopping.
ROCKDALE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: Main: 770-278-7001 Fax: 770-278-8900
Chairman, Oz Nesbitt, Sr., 770-278-7003
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Post I Commissioner, Sherri L. Washington, Esq., 770-278-7014
sherri.washington@rockdalecountyga.gov
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doreen.williams@rockdalecountyga.gov

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Superior Judge Robert F. Mumford, Main: 770-278-7690
State Court Judge Nancy Bills, Main: 770-278-7720
Magistrate Court Judge Phinia Aten, Main: 770-278-7800
Probate Court Judge Clarence Cuthbert, Main: 770-278-7700
District Attorney Alisha Johnson, Main: 770-278-7990
Sheriff’s Office Eric Levett, Main: 770-278-8000
Tax Commissioner Tisa Smart-Washington, Main: 770-278-7600
Coroner George Levett, Main: 770-278-7390
Clerk of Superior/State Court Clerk Of Courts, Jamie Cabe, Main: 770-278-7900

APPOINTED OFFICIALS
Juvenile Court Judge Maureen Wood, Main: 770-278-7761
Public Defender Steven Purvis: Main: 770-278-7820
County Departments
-- Chief of Staff, Main: 770-278-7015
-- Board Of Assessors, Main: 770-278-7676
-- County Attorney M. Qader A. Baig Main: 770-929-1665
-- County Clerk/Legislative, Main: 770-278-7009
-- Finance, Director, Main: 770-278-7555
-- Fire-Rescue, Director/Chief, Main: 770-278-8401
-- Planning & Development, Main: 770-278-7100
-- Public Relations, Main: 770-278-7050
-- Recreation & Maintenance, Main: 770-278-7282
-- Stormwater, Main: 770-278-7155
-- Talent Management, Main: 770-278-7575
-- Technology Services, Main: 770-278-7070
-- Transportation, Main: 770-278-7200
-- Water Resources, Main: 770-278-7450
ROCKDALE COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Chairman
Oz Nesbitt, Sr.

Commissioner Post 1
Sherri L. Washington

Commissioner Post 2
Dr. Doreen Williams

Superior Court
Chief Judge
David B. Irwin

Superior Judge
Robert F. Mumford

State Court Judge
Nancy Bills

Magistrate Court
Judge
Phinia Aten

Probate Court
Judge
Clarence Cuthpert

District Attorney
Alisha Johnson

Sheriff
Eric Levett

Tax Commissioner
Tisa Smart-Washington

Coroner
George Levett

Clerk of Courts
James McCabe
ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL  Main: 770-278-8403

BLACK SHOALS PARK & RANDY POYNTER LAKE
Main: 770-278-7246  jprec@rockdalecountyga.gov

BOARD OF ASSESSORS:  Fax: 770-278-8906
To Request Property Information: boa@rockdalecountyga.gov

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oz.nesbitt@rockdalecountyga.gov
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Post II Commissioner, Doreen Williams, Ph.D.: 770-278-7008
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BURN PERMITS
Main: 1-877-652-2876  visit: www.gatrees.org

CAPITAL & COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS
Main: 770-278-7090  Fax: 770-278-8909

CAR TAGS & TITLES
Main: 770-278-7600

CHILD SAFETY SEATS
Main: 404-416-5547

CORONER  Main: 770-278-7390
Email: coroner@rockdalecountyga.gov

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Main: 770-278-7209

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COURT SERVICES

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SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE
ROBERT F. MUMFORD
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STATE COURT JUDGE NANCY BILLS
Main: 770-278-7720    Fax: 770-278-8950

MAGISTRATE COURT JUDGE PHINIA ATEN
Main: 770-278-7800    Fax: 770-278-8915

PROBATE COURT JUDGE CLARENCE CUTHPERT
Main: 770-278-7700    Fax: 770-278-8928

JUVENILE COURT JUDGE MAUREEN WOOD
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DISTRICT ATTORNEY ALISHA JOHNSON
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CLERK OF SUPERIOR/STATE COURT
Clerk of Courts, Jamie Cabe: 770-278-7863
Main: 770-278-7900    Fax: 770-278-7921
State Court: Fax: 770-278-8922

PUBLIC DEFENDER STEVEN PURVIS
Main: 770-278-7820    Fax: 770-918-6313

ELECTIONS/VOTER REGISTRATION
Main: 770-278-7333

EMPLOYMENT
Main: 770-278-7575
Email: TalentManagement@rockdalecountyga.gov

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Main: 770-278-7340

EXTENSION SERVICE Main: 770-278-7373    uge1247@uga.edu
FACILITY RENTALS (For availability and fees call 770-278-7246)

- Black Shoals Retreat House
- Costley Mill Park
- C. E. Steele Center
- Earl O’Neal Sports Complex
- Johnson Park Recreation Center
- J. P. Carr Community Center
- Pine Log Park
- Rockdale County Auditorium
- Wheeler
- Veterans Park Amphitheatre

FIRE & RESCUE Main: 770-278-8401

FIRE SAFETY Main: 770-278-8401

FINANCE Main: 770-278-7555

JOHNSON PARK RECREATION CENTER
Main: 770-278-7246  jprec@rockdalecountyga.gov

JURY DUTY Main: 770-278-7900

KEEP CONYERS-ROCKDALE BEAUTIFUL
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LICENSES
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Business License, Main: 770-278-7137
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Marriage License, Main: 770-278-7700
Pistol License, Main: 770-278-7700

PARKS & RECREATION
Main: 770-278-7246  jprec@rockdalecountyga.gov
PARKS
*Black Shoals Park and Randy Poynter Lake, 3001 Black Shoals Road, Conyers, 30012
*Costley Mill Park, 2455 Costley Mill Road, Conyers, 30013
*Earl O’Neal Sports Complex, 2709 Old Covington Road, Conyers, 30013
*Johnson Park, 1781 Ebenezer Road, 30094
*Lakeview Estates Park, 2500 Lake Rockaway Road, Conyers, 30012
*Lakeview Estates Park #2, 50 Skyline Drive, Conyers, 30012
*Milstead Park & Splashpad, 1665 Main Street, Conyers, 30012
*Pine Log Park, 1451 Pine Log Road, Conyers, 30012
*Richardson Park, 3779 Union Church Road, Stockbridge, 30281
*Dog Park at Richardson Park, 3779 Union Church Road, Stockbridge, 30281
*Shady Grove Park, 2100 Old Covington Road, Conyers, 30013
*South Rockdale Community Park, 3939 E. Fairview Road, Stockbridge, 30281
*South Rockdale Park Mountain Bike Trail, 3939 E. Fairview Road, Stockbridge, 30281
*Veterans War Memorial, 3001 Black Shoals Road, Conyers, 30012
*Wheeler Park, 1350 Parker Road, Conyers, 30094

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT Main: 770-278-7100
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Code.ViolationsMailbox@rockdalecountyga.gov
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    Email: businesslicense@rockdalecountyga.gov
    Email: inspections@rockdalecountyga.gov

PUBLIC RELATIONS Main: 770-278-7050 publicrelations@rockdalecountyga.gov
RECYCLING CENTER, Main: 770-785-6883

TALENT MANAGEMENT  Main: 770-278-7575
TalentManagement@rockdalecountyga.gov

TENNIS CENTER  1350 Parker Road, Conyers, 30094
Main: 770-278-7251

RECREATION & MAINTENANCE  Main: 770-278-7282

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SENIOR CENTER  Main: 770-278-7230

SHERIFF’S OFFICE  Main: 770-278-8000

STORMWATER
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TAX COMMISSIONER
Main: 770-278-7600

TRANSPORTATION
Main: 770-278-7200
WATER RESOURCES  Main: 770-278-7450
Customer Svc/Billing: 770-278-7400
Call Center (24/7): 770-278-7500
Email: rwrfeedback@rockdalecountyga.gov

ZONING  Main: 770-278-7100

Other Numbers To Know:

Conyers-Rockdale Chamber of Commerce: 770-483-7049

Conyers-Rockdale Nancy Guinn Memorial Library: 770-388-5040

City of Conyers Municipal Court: 770-929-4208

Georgia State Patrol: 770-464-1800

Georgia Dept. of Driver Services: 678-413-8650

Housing Authority of Conyers: 770-483-9301

Rockdale Family & Child Services: 770-388-5028

Rockdale Piedmont Medical: 770-918-3000

Veteran Services: 770-388-5075
Conyers Welcome Center
901 Railroad Street, Conyers, Georgia 30012

FREQUENTLY REQUESTED PHONE NUMBERS:

Administration/Finance: 770-483-4411
City Clerk: 770-929-4226
City Hall: 770-483-4411
City Manager's Office: 770-929-4226
Chief of Police's Office: 770-929-4201
Conyers Convention and Visitors Bureau: 770-929-4270
Conyers Police Department (non-emergency): 770-483-6600
Conyers Police Department (emergency): 9-1-1
Conyers Security Alert: 770-929-4294
Conyers Welcome Center: 770-602-2606
Court Services: 770-929-4208
Georgia International Horse Park: 770-860-4190
Human Resources: 770-929-4241
Planning and Inspection Services: 770-929-4280
Public Relations and Tourism: 770-929-4299
Public Works and Transportation: 770-785-6690
Stormwater Services: 770-929-3044
ROCKDALE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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rcpsinfo@rockdale.k12.ga.us

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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C. J. Hicks Elementary School: 770-483-4410, 1300 Pine Log Road, Conyers, GA 30012,
Email: cjh.rockdaleschools.org
ROCKDALE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS—Continued

Flat Shoals Elementary School: 770-483-5136, 1455 Flat Shoals Road, Conyers, GA 30013, Email: fse.rockdaleschools.org

Hightower Trail Elementary School: 770-388-0751, 2510 Highway 138 NE, Conyers, GA 30013, Email: hte.rockdaleschools.org

Honey Creek Elementary School: 770-483-5706, 700 Honey Creek Road, Conyers, GA 30094, Email: hce.rockdaleschools.org

J.H. House Elementary School: 770-483-9504, 2930 Highway 20 North Conyers, GA 30012, Email: jhh.rockdaleschools.org

Lorraine Elementary School: 770-483-0657, 3343 East Fairview Road SW, Stockbridge, GA 30281, Email: les.rockdaleschools.org

Peek’s Chapel Elementary School: 770-761-1842, 2800 Avalon Parkway Conyers, GA 30094, Email: pce.rockdaleschools.org

Pine Street Elementary School: 770-483-8713, 500 Sigman Road, Conyers, GA 30012, Email: pse.rockdaleschools.org

Shoal Creek Elementary School: 770-929-1430, 1300 McWilliams Road, Conyers, GA 30094, Email: sce.rockdaleschools.org

Sims Elementary School: 770-922-0666, 1821 Walker Road, Conyers, GA 30094, Email: ses.rockdaleschools.org

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Conyers Middle School: 770-483-3371, 400 Sigman Road, Conyers, GA 30012, Email: cms.rockdaleschools.org

General Ray Davis Middle School: 770-388-5675, 3375 E. Fairview Road, SW, Stockbridge, GA 30281, Email: dms.rockdaleschools.org

Edwards Middle School: 770-483-3255, 2633 Stanton Road, Conyers, GA 30094, Email: ems.rockdaleschools.org
MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL: 770-922-0139, 3205 Underwood Road, Conyers, GA 30013, Email: mms.rockdaleschools.org

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HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL: 770-483-5428, 2400 Granade Road, Conyers, GA 30094, Email: hhs.rockdaleschools.org

ROCKDALE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL: 770-483-8754, 1174 Bulldog Circle, Conyers, GA 30012, Email: rchs.rockdaleschools.org

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ALPHA ACADEMY: 770-922-8636, 1045 North Street, Conyers, GA 30012, Email: alpha.rockdaleschools.org

FREQUENTLY REQUESTED PHONE NUMBERS:
- RCPS Central Office Front Desk: 770-483-4713
- Student Registration: 770-761-1440, 770-761-1441
- Transportation (School Zones): 770-860-4250
- Free and Reduced Lunch: 770-860-4223
- Human Resources, Front Desk and Employment Verification: 770-918-6183
- Human Resources, Benefits: 770-860-4225
- Human Resources, Certified Employee Salary: 770-860-4227
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