

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday September 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were Shane Wootten, Scot Westbrook, Chris Kuykendall, and Dewitt Jackson. President Harcrow was absent.

The meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem Dewitt Jackson. Ben Luther delivered the invocation and Mr. Kuykendall lead the Pledge.

It was moved by Mr. Westbrook seconded by Mr. Wootten all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as presented in written format.

CED Mental Health

Sheila Hurley addressed the Commission and thanked them for all of the support they give to the CED Mental Health program here in DeKalb County. Also, Ms. Hurley stated that the CED Mental Health Board is looking for a new location in the County because the current building has become too small and is in disrepair. Ms. Hurley told the Commission that on September 29th they would be having a Recovery Event that will be taking place at Geraldine and invited the Commission and the public to attend.

Boozer Bridge/Land Agreement

A discussion was made concerning the Boozer Bridge/Land Agreement. Mr. Mauney stated that he wanted to make changes in the wording of the agreement with the City of Rainsville. This agreement would transfer land from the City of Rainsville in exchange for the County providing labor and equipment for approaches to the Boozer Bridge once funding was available. The Commissioners tabled this motion until the attorney could review the agreement.

Probate Judge

Personnel--On Behalf of Probate Judge Ronnie Osborn, Mr. Sharp requested the Commission to authorize Judge Osborn to post a position that will be vacated by Missy Hughes, who will be retiring at the end of the year.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve the request, with a second from Mr. Westbrook, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Sheriff's Office

Personnel—Chief Correctional Officer Jonathan Langley requested the Commission accept the termination of Jerry Schrader; transfer John Brown from PT to FT Corrections Officer to replace Jerry Schrader; hire Tray McMeekin as FT Corrections to replace Ryan Donnelly; and hire Taylor Miller as PT Corrections Officer to replace John Brown.

Mr. Wootten made the motion to approve the personnel changes in the Jail, with a second from Mr. Westbrook, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

COA/Rural Public Transportation

Background Check Contract--Ms. McCamy asked for permission from the Commission to enter into Contract with B&B Reporting to do background checks on all new hires at the Council on Aging.

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to approve the contract contingent upon a good rating from the BBB (as request by County Attorney Charles Mauney), with a second from Mr. Westbrook, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Travel--Ms. McCamy asked for permission to travel to the State Master's Games in October, and to provide transportation to Korean War Veterans to travel to the Ambassador of Peace Medal ceremonies in Montgomery.

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to approve the travel requests, with a second from Mr. Westbrook, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

EMA

FEMA Executive Award--Mr. Clifton stated that Assistant EMA Director, Michael Posey, had completed the very exclusive FEMA Executive Academy. Mr. Clifton thanked Mr. Posey for his dedication to our county and all the works he does to further his education in the EMA field. The Commissioners congratulated Mr. Posey on his accomplishment.

Housekeeping

Personnel—On behalf of President Harcrow, Mr. Sharp requested the Commission to hire Kristian Wilbanks (G3/2) to fill the housekeeping position in the Activities Building and she will also work in the Courthouse in the afternoon. He also requested that Ila Hancock (G3/2) be hired to fill the vacancy left by Sara Venable (who recently retired) as Housekeeping at the Courthouse. And Mr. Harcrow has requested that Deb Kean (G9A) in the Commission Office be placed in supervision over all Housekeepers working in the County.

Mr. Westbrook made a motion to approve the hires and place Ms. Kean in supervision over housekeeping services, with a second from Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Budget Update

Mr. Sharp discussed the proposed 2018-19FY Budget. The budget highlights a possible 3% COLA for employees and a slight increase in Road Construction for Commission Districts. The total proposed budget is approximately \$19.8 million. He asked the Commission to study the budget and let him know if they needed to have a work session to discuss it further.

President Pro Tem Jackson notified the audience that the next meeting would be on Tuesday September 25, 2018. He asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Jackson made a Motion to adjourn. The President declared no objections and ordered the meeting adjourned.

Absent

Ricky Harcrow, President

Shane Wootten, Commissioner District I

Scot Westbrook, Commissioner District II

Chris Kuykendall, Commissioner District III

Dewitt Jackson, Commissioner District IV