

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday September 25, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were President Ricky Harcrow, Shane Wootten, Scot Westbrook, Chris Kuykendall, and Dewitt Jackson.

The meeting was called to order by President Harcrow. President Harcrow delivered the invocation and Mr. Kuykendall lead the Pledge.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall 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.

DeKalb Homemakers Recognition

Joann Strickland, President of the DeKalb Homemakers, spoke to the Commission about the many events they have participated in over the last year and introduced the new President of the DeKalb Homemakers, Christine Ashley. President Harcrow presented a Proclamation declaring the Second week in October DeKalb Homemakers and Community Leaders week.

**DeKalb County
Homemakers and Community Leaders Week
Proclamation**

Whereas, the DeKalb County Homemakers and Community Leaders is affiliated with the Alabama Homemakers and Community Leaders, organized in 1926; and

Whereas, the DeKalb County Homemakers and Community Leaders believes through working together in a group the lives of people and families can be enriched; and

Whereas, the greatest force which molds character comes from a home which is morally wholesome, spiritually inspiring, mentally stimulating and physically healthy; and

Whereas, the DeKalb County Homemakers and Community Leaders strives to strengthen, develop, coordinate and extend non-formal adult education to improve the quality of life for families; and

Now, Therefore, We, the DeKalb County Commissioners,
do hereby proclaim the second week of October
DeKalb County Homemakers and Community Leaders Week

And urge all our citizens to join us in thanking all
DeKalb County Homemakers and Community Leaders
members for their efforts in making this a better life for all.

Road Department

Maintenance Update--Mr. Broyles stated that Charles Watts Construction was paving in the Collinsville area and would move on to finish one road in district 4 and then to the CDBG Grant projects in District 1.

Engineering

Award Annual Bids--Mr. Luther presented the annual bids to the Commission. The awards are as follows (see Engineer's Office for detailed bid information):

Annual Bids 2018-2019	
Award List	
Awarded for Fiscal Year 2019 (October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019)	
Bids opened September 18, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m.	
Bid Category	Vendors
Asphalt (Hot Mix) Material	Wiregrass Construction Co.
Structural Portland Cement Concrete	Kirkpatrick
Corrugated Metal Pipe	1. Contech 2. Fallin Farms dba Harvey Culvert
CRS 2 Asphalt	Hunt Refining
Crushed Limestone Aggregate	Vulcan Materials Blount Springs Materials Reed Contracting Services
Grader Blades	Thompson Tractor
High Density Polyethylene Pipe (Picked-Up)	Harris Lands
High Density Polyethylene Pipe (Delivered)	DeKalb Wholesale
HDPE Pipe Liner	InnerFlow Pipe Systems
High Performance Cold Patch Material	Hudson Materials Co.
Lubricants	Cedar Bluff Oil
Traffic Signs	Traffic Signs, Inc. G&C Supply Lightle Enterprises of Ohio Osburn Associates
Traffic Sign Posts	Traffic Signs, Inc.

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

CR 681 Vacation Petition--Mr. Luther told the Commission Ricky Etherton had requested the County vacate CR 68. Mr. Luther asked the Commission for approval to start the vacation process.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to proceed with the road vacation process, with a second from Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Contract Labor--Mr. Luther requested permission from the Commission to hire former Assistant Engineer, Greg Skaggs, contract labor to help in his department on an as needed basis.

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

ALDOT Snow and Ice Removal Quote--Mr. Luther presented the Snow and Ice removal quote to send to ALDOT. MR. Luther stated that the quote would be the same as the previous year.

Motorgrader with Operator	\$150/hr	Standby Rate	\$105/hr
Spreader Truck with Driver	\$100/hr	Standby Rate	\$ 70/hr
Loader with Operator	\$100/hr	Standby Rate	\$ 70/hr
Shadow Vehicle with Driver	\$ 50/hr	Standby Rate	\$ 35/hr

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

Revenue Commission

Tax Lien Sale--Mr. Wilks explained to the Commission that he had been working with the Legislators to change the way delinquent property taxes would be auctioned. Mr. Wilks stated that delinquent property would no longer be sold the same way it was in the past. Now delinquent taxes will be auctioned to the person willing to provide the lowest interest rate for the delinquent tax property owner and they would hold a lien on the property until the delinquent taxes are paid, plus the interest.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to adopt the following resolution altering the method of auctioning property for taxes, with a second from Mr. Westbrook, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried:

**RESOLUTION OF THE
DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION # 18-0925-01

WHEREAS, Act No. 2018-577 of the Alabama Legislature (the "Act") provides counties with an alternative remedy for collecting delinquent property taxes by the sale of a tax lien to the person who pays all taxes, interest, penalties, fees, and costs due on the property and who, in addition, bids the lowest interest rate on the amount required to be paid to redeem the property from the sale; and

WHEREAS, the Act further provides that the tax collecting official for each county shall have the sole authority to decide whether his or her county shall utilize the sale of a tax lien under the Act or to continue to utilize the sale of property to collect delinquent property taxes, and the method decided by the tax collecting official shall apply to all property in that county for the year so decided; and

WHEREAS, the Act further provides that the tax collecting official's decision to change the current remedy used for collecting delinquent property taxes shall be published on the tax collecting official's website or by advertising once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper with general circulation in the county, all of which shall occur not later than October 1 when the property taxes become due and payable; and


WHEREAS, Tyler Wilks, Revenue Commissioner of Dekalb County, Alabama, has indicated to the Commission his decision to change from the sale of property to the new alternative method of the sale of a tax lien to collect delinquent property taxes in Dekalb County which become due and payable October 1, 2018 and for subsequent years.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the County Commission of Dekalb County, Alabama, that the Commission supports the decision of Mr. Wilks to utilize the sale of a tax lien to collect delinquent property taxes in Dekalb County as provided by Act No. 2018-577, and that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to Mr. Wilks.

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution is a certified copy of a resolution adopted by the Dekalb County Commission at its regular meeting on Sept. 25th, 2018.

ATTESTED BY:


Commission President
Ricky Harcrow


Matt G. Sharp,
County Administrator

Boozer Bridge Project

Mr. Jackson presented an agreement with the City of Rainsville to do the approach work on a new proposed new bridge for the Boozer Bridge project in exchange for property owned by the City of Rainsville to be used by the District 4 Road Crew. The land in exchange for the approach work is located on Lots 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 in the Monte Leguna Subdivision. There is a clause

which states that if the bridge is not funded within 6 years, then the County would pay \$23,000 to the City of Rainsville for the appraised value of the property. The agreement is on file in the Commission and Engineer’s Office and with the City of Rainsville.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to sign the contract, with a second from Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

2018-2019 FY Budget

Mr. Sharp gave a brief overview of the 2018-2019 FY Budget. Mr. Sharp told the Commission the budget does include a 3% COLA raise (along with normal step raises) for County employees and officials. It also adds conditional funding for the County Library (additional \$20,000).

And it includes promotional raises for Zach Wilson, Probate Judge Accountant (G10); Trudy Raye, Driver’s License (G7); Susan Shankles, Chief Real Property Appraiser (G9); Emily Greenwood, Real Property Appraiser (G7A); Darlene Hunter, Real Property Appraiser (G7A); Michael Wootten, Real Property Appraiser (G7A); Stacey Phillips, Personal Property Appraiser (G7) and hires Austin Reed, GIS Manager (\$15/hr, next step to be G7/5).

Mr. Westbrook made a motion, with a second from Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to adopt the 2018-19FY Budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND (001):	
General Government (51000):	
County Commission	949,300.00
Sales Tax	78,750.00
Revenue Enforcement	22,350.00
Courts	10,100.00
District Attorney	49,700.00
Probate Office	478,000.00
Revenue Commissioner	946,700.00
Elections	168,500.00
Board of Registrars	89,400.00
Tax Equalization Board	500.00
Veteran's	1,200.00
Soil Conservation	34,000.00
Data Processing	107,500.00
Examiner's	100.00
Insurance	325,000.00
EDA	60,000.00
Building Maintenance	560,300.00
Total General Government	3,881,400.00

Public Safety (52000):	
Sheriff	153,100.00
EMA	305,600.00
Coroner	24,500.00
Youth Services	255,000.00
Total Public Safety	738,200.00
Public Welfare (56000):	
Aging - General	13,000.00
RPT - General	44,200.00
Indigent Burial	500.00
Total Public Welfare	57,700.00
Tourism/Recreation (57000):	
County Library	120,000.00
City Libraries	21,000.00
Park Board	35,000.00
Total Tourism/Recreation	176,000.00
Education (58000):	
County BOE	26,000.00
Extension Office	35,500.00
Total Education	61,500.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	4,914,800.00

SHERIFF'S OFFICE/JAIL:	
FEDERAL INMATE REVENUE FUND (109):	
Jail	712,000.00
Deputy	61,000.00
	773,000.00
JAIL OPERATING FUND (110):	
Jail	2,289,400.00
PUBLIC HIGHWAY & TRAFFIC FUND (113):	
Deputy Operations	2,234,800.00
SRO	514,450.00
CH Security	104,650.00
Dispatching	320,650.00
	3,174,550.00
General Fund (Sheriff)	153,100.00
General Fund (Juvenile Detention)	255,000.00
Included in Gen Fund on previous page.	
Debt Service on Jail (payoff Nov 2031)	692,000.00
Included in Debt Service below .	
TOTAL SHERIFF'S OFFICE/JAIL	7,337,050.00

ROADS:	
GAS TAX FUND (111):	
Road Department	3,398,500.00
Engineering	225,200.00
Shop	414,000.00
	<u>4,037,700.00</u>
RRR Gas Tax Fund (117):	
Paving	425,000.00
Resurfacing	425,000.00
Other Road Department	
	<u>850,000.00</u>
SECONDARY ROAD FUND (118):	
Engineering/Grant Projects	<u>311,000.00</u>
SEVERANCE TAX FUND (121):	
Paving/Resurfacing	<u>25,200.00</u>
Debt Service on ATRIP (payoff Nov 2028)	251,000.00
Included in Debt Service below .	
TOTAL ROADS:	<u>5,474,900.00</u>

LOCAL FUEL TAX FUND (106):	
ARC	10,000.00
Board of Education	176,000.00
	<u>186,000.00</u>

ANIMAL ADOPTION FUND (122):	
Animal Adoption Dept	<u>262,000.00</u>
TIPPING FEE FUND (115):	
Jail (Workcrew)	20,000.00
Water	30,000.00
Paving	75,000.00
Resurfacing	75,000.00
Other Road Department	-
	<u>200,000.00</u>
REAPPRAISAL FUND (120):	
Appraisal Department	1,046,300.00
Revenue Commissioner - General Fund	946,700.00
Included in Gen Fund above	
TOTAL RC:	<u>1,993,000.00</u>

1 MILL HEALTH TAX FUND (119):	
Rescue Squads	10,000.00
Solid Waste/Sanitation	13,500.00
Health Department	10,000.00
Mental Health (Probate Office)	10,000.00
Mental Health (CED)	15,000.00
ARC	2,500.00
Rx Drug Program	102,000.00
Children's Advocacy	
CASA	
Other	12,500.00
	<u>175,500.00</u>
RPT FUND (125):	
Rural Transportation	<u>449,258.00</u>
COA FUND (141):	
Aging Program	<u>164,200.00</u>
2002/11 JAIL WARRANTS	<u>489,000.00</u>
2005/12 JAIL WARRANTS	<u>203,000.00</u>
ATRIP Debt Issue	<u>251,000.00</u>
GRAND TOTALS	19,801,908.00

Total Revenues are \$19,579,008, with fund balance of \$222,900 coming from Capital Improvement Fund to ATRIP Bond Issue. Fund Balance beginning and Ending Balances are budgeted as follows:

General Fund	\$1.2 million
Road & Bridge Fund	\$800,000
Tipping Fee Fund	\$300,000
RRR Gas Tax Fund	\$100,000
Secondary Road Fund	\$800,000
One Mill Tax Fund	\$400,000
Capital Improvement Fund	\$800,000 (ending balance - \$577,100)
Severance Tax Fund	\$ 50,000

President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting would be on Tuesday October 9th, 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.

Ricky Harcrow, President

Shane Wootten, Commissioner District I

Scot Westbrook, Commissioner District II

Chris Kuykendall, Commissioner District III

Dewitt Jackson, Commissioner District IV