

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday January 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were Shane Wootten, Scot Westbrook, Chris Kuykendall, and Lester Black. President Harcrow was absent.

The meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem Kuykendall. Mr. Luther delivered the invocation and Mr. Black 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.

Road Department

Maintenance Update--Mr. Broyles stated that crews have been patching, but have been unable to haul chert due to the large amounts of rain we have had throughout the county.

Personnel-- Mr. Broyles requested the Commission hire Mark Dawson to fill the vacant position that was reposted at the previous meeting.

Mr. Westbrook made a motion to approve the personnel request, with a second from Mr. Black, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried to hire Mark Dawson in the Road Department (G5/3).

Engineering

Traffic Striping Proposal Award--Mr. Luther presented a proposal from JC Cheek to do striping on CR 137, 140, and 141. Mr. Luther stated that JC Cheek was the lowest proposal submitted and asked the Commission to award the work to JC Cheek.

Ozark Striping	-	\$28,207.50
JC Cheek	-	\$22,372.50

Mr. Wootten made a motion to award the proposal to JC Cheek, with a second from Mr. Westbrook, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Safety Coordinator Resolution

Deputy EMA Director Michael Posey presented a resolution to the Commission for Safety Coordinator, as Matt Martin has vacated the position and is transferring to the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Westbrook made a motion to adopt the following resolution appointing Mr. Posey to Safety Coordinator Position, with a second from Mr. Black, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried:

**THE DeKALB COUNTY
COMMISSION**

COMMISSION MEMBERS

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DISTRICT II**

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DISTRICT III**

**LESTER BLACK
DISTRICT IV**

RESOLUTION NO. 19-0108-01

WHEREAS, DeKalb County has agreed to establish the position of Safety Coordinator to oversee a safety program that will assist with the loss prevention efforts of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Safety Coordinator will be responsible for insuring compliance with certain safety rules and regulations that protect the well-being of county employees and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Safety Coordinator will be responsible for:

- Establishing a Countywide Safety Committee made up of at least one representative from each Safety-Sensitive Department, i.e., Sheriff's Office, Road & Bridge Dept., etc.;
- Coordinating and presiding over Countywide Safety Committee meetings (at least 2 per year), maintaining agendas and sign-in sheets of those meetings, and reporting to the Commission;
- Determining County's Safety-Sensitive Departments, implementing safety rules, and the need for each Safety-Sensitive Department to hold at least four (4) Departmental Safety meetings per year;
- Coordinating participation of Public Officials/Administrative Staff and Supervisors (PO/AS&S), Correctional Officers and Deputies, and Road & Bridge Department employees in required training;
- Attending and completing one Safety Coordinator (SC) Training annually;
- Working with each Safety-Sensitive Department with periodic safety self-inspections of all vehicles, buildings, grounds, equipment and machinery, and work practices/conditions to determine potential injury exposures and safety-related hazards;
- Assisting each Safety-Sensitive Department with the reviewing and investigating of all employee accidents for causes and making recommendations for improvements and corrections;
- Working with the Funds' Risk Control Representatives and following up with their surveys;
- Documenting and maintaining inspection records and implementing any follow-up actions; and

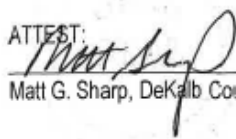
WHEREAS, the Safety Coordinator will be responsible for insuring qualifications have been met that will enable the County to receive a substantial discount on their insurance costs.

NOW WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the position of Safety Coordinator has been established for DeKalb County and Michael Posey, Deputy EMA Director and Irby Wallace, Assistant Engineer have been appointed the Co-County Safety Coordinators.

RESOLVED this 8th day of January 2019.


Ricky Harcrow, Chairman
DeKalb County Commission

ATTEST:


Matt G. Sharp, DeKalb County Administrator

DeKalb County
"The Northwest Gateway to Alabama The Beautiful"
Seven Hundred and Eighty-Four Square Miles of Scenic Beauty
Yours Memories - Our History Since 1886

Hospital Board

Board Appointment--Mr. Westbrook made a motion to appoint Tony Taylor to the position on the Hospital Board vacated by Jason Bryan, with a second from Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried (said position to be filled until the term ends on December 31, 2019).

Northeast Alabama Water Board

Board Appointment--Mr. Westbrook made a motion to reappoint Larry McCallie to a new four-year term on the Northeast Alabama Water, Sewer and Fire Protection District and to appoint James G. May to fill the term vacated by Billy Richards who recently passed away (both terms end on January 10, 2019 and run for 4 years), with a second from Mr. Black, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Fleet Manager Position

Mr. Sharp, on behalf of President Harcrow, requested the Commission hire Chris Burt (G7/10) to fill the Fleet Manager Position posted at the previous meeting.

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

Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday

Mr. Sharp presented a resolution to the Commission to participate in the Severe Weather Tax Holiday February 22-24.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to adopt the following resolution, with a second from Mr. Westbrook, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-0108-02
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DeKALB COUNTY'S
PARTICIPATION IN THE "SALES TAX HOLIDAY"
AS AUTHORIZED BY ACT NO. 2012-256

WHEREAS, during its 2012 Regular Session, the Alabama Legislature enacted Act No. 2012-256, effective April 26, 2012, which provides an exemption of the state sales and use tax for certain non-commercial purchases related to severe weather preparedness supplies during the first full weekend in July of 2012 and the last full weekend in February of each successive year; and

WHEREAS, Act No. 2012-256 authorizes the County Commission to provide for an exemption of county sales and use taxes for purchases of items covered by the Act during the same time period in which the state sales and use tax exemption is in place, provided a resolution to that effect is adopted at least thirty (30) days prior to the last full weekend in February; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission has affirmatively voted to grant the exemption of county sales and use taxes on purchases covered by Act No. 2012-256 during the last full weekend of February 2019, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on February 22 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 24, 2019, the last full weekend of February in 2019; and

WHEREAS, *Code of Alabama 1975, § 11-51-210(c)* requires that the County Commission notify the Alabama Department of Revenue of any new local tax or amendment to an existing local tax levy at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the change; and

WHEREAS, the exemption of certain county sales and use taxes for the last full weekend of February 2019 herein adopted by the County Commission is an amendment to the county's sales and use tax levy warranting notice to the Alabama Department of Revenue as provided in *Code of Alabama 1975, § 11-51-210(c)*;

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DeKALB COUNTY COMMISSION that it does hereby provide for an exemption of the county sales and use tax on purchases of items covered by Act No. 2012-256 beginning at 12:01 a.m. on February 22 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 24, 2019.

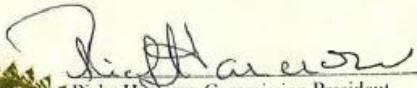
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the January 8, 2019, meeting of the DeKalb County Commission, and be immediately forwarded to the Alabama Department of Revenue in compliance with *Code of Alabama 1975, § 11-51-210(c)*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the DeKalb County Commission has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its President on this the 8th day of January 2019.

ATTEST


Matt G. Sharp, County Administrator




Ricky Harrow, Commission President

Sheriff's Office

Personnel--Sheriff Weldon requested the following personnel changes:

Retirements and Resignations:

- Michael Edmondson
- Jonathan Langley
- Tiffany Graham
- Ricky Higdon
- Gary Hill (Part Time)
- Gerald Taylor (Part Time)
- Tony Blackwell
- Jake Fowler
- Shannon St. John
- Shari Butler

Mr. Black made a motion to accept the resignation and retirements, with a second from Mr. Westbrook, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

New Hires:

- Brad Gregg (Chief Deputy – G10A/8)
- David Smith (Chief Correctional Officer – G9/10)
- Tyler Pruett (PR Officer – G7/1)
- Kevin Akins (Deputy Chief Correctional Officer – G7A/10)
- Wilbur Dunlap (Jail Maintenance – G7/9)
- Divell Bell (Jail Supervisor – G6A/11)
- David Davis (Chief Investigator – G9/10)
- Nick Brown (Investigator – G8A/10)
- Dalton Veal (New DTF Officer – G8A/2 – Federal Inmate Fund)
- Jackie Tanner (Sheriff’s Office Clerk – G4/1 – PT)
- Ron Ogletree (Chief Courthouse Security Officer – G8/1 – PT)
- Jim Phillips (DTF Officer – G8A/10 – replaces 2 PT Officers)

Transfers

- Matt Martin from Emergency Management Agency (Chief Communications Officer (G9/7)
- Wesley Greeson Transfer from School Resource Officer to Investigator (G8A/7)
- Priscilla Padgett Transfer from Part Time Deputy to School Resource Officer (G8/8)

Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve the new hires and transfers, with a second from Mr. Westbrook, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

President Pro Tem Kuykendall notified the audience that the next meeting would be January 22. He asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Westbrook made a Motion to adjourn. The President Pro Tem 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

Lester Black, Commissioner District IV