The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday February 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were President Pro Tem Chris Kuykendall, Shane Wootten, Scot Westbrook, and Lester Black. President Harcrow was absent.

The meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem Kuykendall. Mr. Wootten 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.

# **Council on Aging**

<u>COA Training</u>--Ms. McCamy requested the Commission approve the following travel for training:

- April 10 TARCOG Advisory Council
- May 9 TARCOG "Fun Fest"
- Everbridge Training
- March 4 Protecting Your Identity Online

Mr. Westbrook made a motion to approve the travel and training for the COA, with a second from Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmative, motion carried.

<u>RPT Training</u>--Ms. McCamy requested the Commission approve the following travel and training:

- April 4 ALDOT Training
- April 23-24 ALDOT Training
- April 30-May 5 Training

Mr. Black made a motion to approve the Rural Public Transportation training, with a second from Mr. Westbrook, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

### **Sheriff's Office**

<u>Personnel</u>—Chief Correction Officer, David Smith requested the Commission hire Tiffany Barksdale (G5/3) as FT Corrections Officer to replace Giles Phillips and hire Zachary Davis as FT Corrections Officer to fill a vacant position.

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

Mr. Smith requested the transfer of Donald Morgan from Corrections to Road Crew (full time) to replace Verlon White's PT position as well as the other vacant PT Road Crew Officer.

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

#### **Emergency Management Agency**

<u>Flood Recap</u>--Mr. Posey gave an update on the recent flooding that has taken place across the County, closing CR 835 (Old Highway 35), Wades Gap and Tutwiler Gap. Also, Mr. Posey spoke about the missing eighteen year old at Buck's Pocket and he told the Commission that this

was an ongoing search for the young man and the flooding was causing this to be virtually impossible to do at this time.

<u>Emergency Operation Plan Update</u>--Mr. Posey requested the Commission approve the updated Emergency Operation Plan due to the flooding throughout the County.

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

<u>Emergency Declaration</u>--Mr. Posey presented an Emergency Declaration to be ratified by the Commission.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to ratify the declaration that had previously been signed by President Harcrow, with a second from Mr. Westbrook, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried, as follows:

# THE DeKALB COUNTY COMMISSION

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# EXECUTIVE ORDER FOR DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, in accordance with State Law, the DeKalb County Commission may authorize and empower designated public officials to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when DeKalb County and municipalities therein are affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, estimated losses to public and private property are or may be incurred and pose adverse impact to public safety creating a considerable hardship for the citizens of DeKalb County, Alabama, and;

WHEREAS, local government has a responsibility to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the County, and to mitigate the effects of such events.

WHEREAS, the leadership of DeKalb County has been request by the Director of DeKalb County Emergency Management Agency, Anthony Clifton to proclaim the existence of conditions consistent with a local emergency therein; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned officials of DeKalb County do hereby find:

That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within said county caused an emergency involving a flood event and prolonged period of rain with the threat of High Winds, Hail and the possibility of tornados.

That the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE I RICKY HARCROW, COMMISSION PRESIDENT, by the authority vested in me, do hereby declare that a local State of Emergency exists in DeKalb County, Alabama, as of 10:00 P.M. CST on February 23, 2019, and that:

 The local Emergency Operations Plan shall be fully executed to direct all local disaster and emergency response forces and operations in DeKalb County, Alabama;

- 2) The Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director under authorities provided in the local EOP, and local orders or resolutions, shall take immediate actions to protect public safety and direct the provision of such assistance as can be delivered from available local resources and shall coordinate the response of all local agencies that provide assistance in DeKalb County,
- 3) All agencies in DeKalb County, Alabama shall cooperate to the fullest extent with the EMA Director, and shall provide such assistance as may be requested or required for response to this emergency.
- 4) Under this State of Emergency, the County Commission President can waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by the law pertaining to:

  (a) Performance of public work; (b) Entering into contracts; (c) Incurring obligations; (d)
  - Employment of temporary workers and utilizing volunteers
  - (e) Rental of equipment; (f) Purchase and distribution of supplies, materials and facilities;
  - (g) Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

ATTESTED BY

Ricky Harcrow, President

DeKalb County Commission

Matt G. Sharp, Administrator DeKalb County Commission

#### **Road Department**

Maintenance Update--Mr. Broyles stated that the large amounts of rain recently has caused some major flooding issue throughout the County which has caused 3 County Roads on mountain gaps to begin to slide. Those roads include Wade Gap, Tutwiler Gap and also Old Hwy 35 (CR 835). Mr. Broyles stated that these roads are closed indefinitely due to the sliding and the risk of further sliding.

Surplus Equipment--Mr. Broyles stated that they had three pieces of equipment that can be declared surplus and placed in the upcoming auction. Those are CE2420 (30 ton low-boy trailer), CE7400 (60 ton low-boy trailer) and CT 2488 (1 ton Ford truck).

Mr. Wootten made a motion to declare these items surplus and place them in the next auction, with a second from Mr. Black, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Personnel--Mr. Broyles requested the Commission hire Chris Harvey (Temporary) to fill a vacant position at the Road Department.

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

#### **Engineering**

ACEA Conference--Mr. Luther request permission for himself and Mr. Wallace to attend the ACCA Conference May 7-8.

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

HRRR Resolution--Mr. Luther presented a resolution to apply for funding to do repairs to bridges on CR 24 and CR 51, this will be a 90/10 split, with the County being responsible for 10% of the funding.

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

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#### RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 19-0226-01

COUNTY OF DEKALB

Project No. DCP 25-01-18

STATE OF ALABAMA

2019 High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) Program Unshielded Bridge Ends

WHEREAS, the County Commission of DeKalb County, Alabama, is desirous of constructing or improving, by force account, by contract or both, a section of this road included in the DeKalb County Road System and described as follows:

Removal of Existing Guardrail and the Installation of new Steel Beam Guardrail & End Anchors at the following locations:

Site No. 1) County Road #24 Bridge @ Scarham Creek (Minor Collector) Site No. 2) County Road #51 Bridge @ Big Wills Creek (Major Collector)

WHEREAS, the County agrees to all of the provisions of the County-wide agreement executed between the State and the County covering preliminary engineering by State forces and equipment on the project, and

WHEREAS, the County agrees to all of the provisions of any agreement which has been executed covering the construction of the project.

Done at the regular session of the Commission of DeKalb County, this day of February 26, 2019.

DeKalb County Commission

Governing Body

resident Ricky Harcrow

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ember Shane Wootten

Member Scot Westbrook

Member Chris Kuykendall

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#### **High Falls Park**

<u>Board Appointment</u>--Mr. Black made a motion to appoint Tim Maness and reappoint Mack Smith to the High Falls Park Board, with a second from Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

#### 911 Board

<u>Board Appointment</u>--Mr. Black made a motion to appoint Anthony Clifton to the 911 Board to replaced Ed Burke, with a second from Mr. Westbrook, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

# **Blake Community Fire Protection**

<u>Board Appointment</u>-- Mr. Black made a motion to reappoint Hugh Phillips to the Blake Community Fire Protection Board, with a second from Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

#### **Peak's Corner Fire Protection**

<u>Board Appointment</u>--Mr. Westbrook made a motion to reappoint Robert Harris to the Peak's Corner Fire Protection Board, with a second from Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

President Pro Tem Kuykendall notified the audience that the next meeting would be March 12, 2019. He asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Wootten 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