

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

The meeting was called to order by President Harcrow. Mr. Wootten 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.

Child Abuse Awareness Month

President Harcrow presented a declaration recognizing April as Child Abuse Awareness Month.

2020 US Census

Robert Avery (former City Council Member with the City of Gadsden) spoke to the County Commission about the importance of the upcoming 2020 US Census. He also said the Census Bureau needed applicants for temporary jobs associated with the 2020 Census.

DeKalb County Economic Development

EDA Executive Director Jimmy Durham addressed the Commission concerning the a Tax Abatement with Valley Joist. He stated that he had been working with Valley Joist and the City of Fort Payne City. Mr. Durham stated that they had come to an agreement which would keep the company in Fort Payne and increase the employment. They are moving to a new location in Fort Payne as opposed to moving out of State. Mr. Durham requested the Commission adopt a Resolution and sign at Tax Abatement Agreement as part of this Resolution.

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to adopt the Resolution and authorize the President and Administrator to execute the agreement, with a second from Mr. Westbrook, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried:

Resolution Number 19-0326-01

This Resolution is made this 26th day of March by the DeKalb County Commission, DeKalb County AL (the Granting Authority), to grant a tax abatement to Valley Joist, LLC.

WHEREAS, the Company has announced plans for a (check one):

- New project or
- Major addition to their existing facility (the Project), located within the jurisdiction of the Granting Authority; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Tax Incentive Reform Act of 1992 (Section 40-9B-1 et seq., Code of Alabama 1975) (the Act) the Company has requested from the Granting Authority an Abatement of (check all that apply):

- all DeKalb County noneducational property taxes, for years 11 – 20, as related to the City of Fort Payne granting all local and state noneducational property taxes for Valley Joist, LLC. (Project Scout) years 1 – 10 on February 5, 2019 and amended on March 19, 2019
- (Estimated annual amount - \$15,693)
- all construction related transaction taxes, except those local construction related transaction taxes levied for educational purposes or for capital improvements for education, and/or
- all mortgage and recording taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested that the abatement of state and local noneducational property taxes (if applicable) be extended for a period of 20 years, in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Granting Authority has considered the request of the Company and the completed applications (copy attached) filed with the Granting Authority by the Company, in connection with its request;

WHEREAS, the Granting Authority has found the information contained in the Company's application to be sufficient to permit the Granting Authority to make a reasonable cost/benefit analysis of the proposed project and to determine the economic benefits to the community; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the project will involve a capital investment of \$8,034,000 and

WHEREAS, the Company is duly qualified to do business in the State of Alabama, and has powers to enter into, and to perform and observe the agreements and covenants on its part contained in the Tax Abatement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Granting Authority represents and warrants to the Company that it has power under that constitution and laws of the State of Alabama (including particularly the provisions of the Act) to carry out the provisions of the Tax Abatement Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Granting Authority as follows:

Section 1. Approval is hereby given to the application of the Company and abatement is hereby granted of (check all that apply):

- all DeKalb County noneducational property taxes, for years 11 – 20, as related to the City of Fort Payne granting all local and state noneducational property taxes for Valley Joist, LLC. (Project Scout) years 1 – 10 on February 5, 2019 and amended on March 19, 2019.
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- all construction related transaction taxes, except those local construction related transaction taxes levied for educational purposes or for capital improvements for education, and/or
- all mortgage and recording taxes; and


as the same may apply to the fullest extent permitted by the Act. The period of abatement for the noneducational property taxes (if applicable) shall extend for a period of 20 years measured as provided in Section 40-9B-3(a)(12) of the Act.


Section 2. The governing body of the Granting Authority is authorized to enter into an abatement agreement with the Company to provide for the abatement granted in Section 1.

Section 3. A certified copy of this resolution, with the application and abatement agreement, shall be forwarded to the Company to deliver to the appropriate local taxing authorities (if applicable) and to the Alabama Department of Revenue in accordance with the Act.

Section 4. The governing body of the Granting Authority is authorized to take any and all actions necessary or desirable to accomplish the purpose of the foregoing of this resolution.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing was duly adopted by the DeKalb County Commission at a meeting held on the 26th day of March, 2019.


Ricky Harcrow, President

ATTESTED BY:

Matt G. Sharp, County Administrator

Road Department

Maintenance Update--Mr. Broyles stated that all the new dump trucks are in and should be on the roads this week. Crews have begun to haul chert again since the weather has cooperated and crews have started prep work on Tutwiler Gap (which was damaged by the recent flooding).

Auction Results--Mr. Sharp stated that the recent truck auction had gone very well for the County. He said gross proceeds on the 19 Kenworth Trucks were about \$221,000 more than the County paid for them. Even with the 6% auction fee, the County was ahead by nearly \$54,000. In addition to the 19' 2019 Kenworth Trucks, the County sold the following:

2014 Chevrolet Tahoe	TAA15	Reappraisal	13,000.00
2009 Chevrolet Trailblazer	TAA12	Reappraisal	4,250.00
2007 Chevrolet Tahoe	D1	Sheriff's Office	5,000.00
2002 Chevrolet Trailblazer	D80	Sheriff's Office	2,800.00
2008 Chevrolet Trailblazer	D44	Sheriff's Office	1,250.00
2007 Ford Crown Vic	D66	Sheriff's Office	1,000.00
2010 Ford Crown Vic	D71	Sheriff's Office	1,000.00
2008 Ford Crown Vic	D33	Sheriff's Office	1,000.00
2005 Ford Crown Vic	D527	Sheriff's Office	900.00
2008 Ford Crown Vic	D32	Sheriff's Office	350.00
2006 Ford F150 Pickup	D76	Sheriff's Office	3,250.00
2008 Ford Bus	EMA7	Jail	3,000.00
1995 Cherokee Stock Trailer		Jail	3,000.00
2003 Ford Expedition	D2	Jail	700.00
2009 Ford Crown Vic	D68	Jail	500.00
2008 Chevrolet Express Van	D101	Jail	400.00
2016 Ford F250 Pickup	EMA8	EMA	31,000.00
2016 Ford F250 Pickup	EMA12	EMA	30,000.00
2004 Dodge Durango	EMA4	EMA	2,500.00
1998 Cargo Craft Trailer		EMA	2,000.00
Lowboy Trailer	CE7400	Road Dept	7,000.00
Flatbed Trailer, Dovetail		Road Dept	5,500.00
1977 Ford F350 Flatbed Tk	CT2488	Road Dept	2,000.00

Damage Claim--Mr. Sharp presented a damage claim from Caitlyn Ramos, who claims her windshield was broken from a rock that came off a dump truck while traveling on Highway 35. Mr. Sharp requested the Commission send the claim to the County insurance for final disposition.

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

Engineering

Herbicide Bid Award—Mr. Luther requested the Commission to award Herbicide bids to Helena and Red River Specialties on a line-by-line basis. See Bid file for details.

It was moved by Mr. Wootten, seconded by Mr. Westbrook, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to award the herbicide bids jointly to Helena and Red River Specialties on a line-by-line bases.

Speed Limit Resolution--Mr. Luther requested the Commission adopt a resolution setting the speed limit on CR 190 at 35 mph.

Mr. Westbrook made a motion to adopt the following resolution setting the speed limit on CR 190 to 35mph, with a second from Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried:

State of Alabama
DeKalb County


RESOLUTION NO. 19-0326-02

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation determines that the maximum speed permitted under Article 8, Title 32, Chapter 5A, Code of Alabama, 1975 for County Road 190 between State Road 68 and County Road 192 is greater than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist on said paved road;

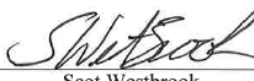
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the proper maximum speed for County Road 190 between State Road 68 and County Road 192 is set at 35 miles per hour at all times and no person shall operate a motor vehicle in excess of 35 miles per hour on said portion of County Road 190;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that any violations of this Resolution shall be unlawful and punishable pursuant to Title 32, Chapter 5A, Code of Alabama, 1975.


ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2019


Shane Wooten
District 1 Commissioner


Ricky Harcrow, President


Scot Westbrook
District 2 Commissioner


Chris Kuykendall
District 3 Commissioner


Lester Black
District 4 Commissioner

Sheriff's Office

Personnel--Sheriff Welden requested the Commission accept the resignations of Leslie Francisco (Correction's Sgt), Phillip Henderson, Matthew Daugherty, and Melody Kuykendall (Correctional Officers); and Blakely Moore and Christa Ferguson in Dispatch.

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

Sheriff Welden requested the Commission hire Samuel Young, Tiffany Edwards, and Wrett Tyson to replace the 3 Correctional Officer vacancies (G5/3) and to promote Jennifer Whaley (Kean) to Correctional Sgt to replace Leslie Francisco (G6A/1). This leaves one vacancy.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve the above hires and transfer of these correctional officers, with a second from Mr. Westbrook, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Sheriff Welden asked the Commission to hire Seth Graham as a PT Deputy to replace Priscilla Padgett's PT Deputy position.

Mr. Black made a motion to approve hire of Seth Graham (G8/1), with a second from Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

911 Board

Board Appointment-- President Harcrow recommended the Commission appoint District 2 County Commissioner Scot Westbrook to the 911 Board to replace Billy Fields.

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to appoint Mr. Westbrook to the 911 Board with a second from Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting would be April 9, 2019. He asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Wootten 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

Lester Black, Commissioner District IV