

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were Ricky Harcrow, President, Shane Wootten, Scot Westbrook, Chris Kuykendall and Lester Black.

---

The meeting was called to order by President Harcrow with President Harcrow delivering the invocation and Mr. Kuykendall leading the Pledge.

---

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

---

**71<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary Resolution**—The following Resolution was presented to Mr. & Mrs. Walter & Christine Brooks with Mr. Harcrow declaring this day, May 28, 2019 as Walter and Christine Brooks day in DeKalb County:

*DeKalb County Commission*

*RESOLUTION 19-0528-01*

*IN HONOR OF*

*Walter and Christine Brooks*

*71<sup>st</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY*

*WHEREAS, On December 12, 1947, Walter Brooks and Christine Hales were united in Holy Matrimony*

*WHEREAS, on that date, Walter and Christine vowed to love, honor, and cherish each other for the rest of their days; and*

*WHEREAS, A wedding anniversary is the celebration of the commitment, love, trust, and partnership that grows during a lifetime of shared memories; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, along with their loved ones and friends, celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary in December 2018;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DeKalb County Commission is pleased to recognize and honor Walter and Christine on their commitment to each other for these seventy-one years.*

**Road Department—Tom Broyles**

Maintenance Update—Mr. Broyles reported that crews are out mowing, applying first round herbicide treatments and hauling chert in the Painter Community. He also stated that work on the Collinsville property should be completed within the next week.

Mr. Broyles requested approval to promote Nick Harvey (G5/3) from Temporary PT to FT Truck Driver, replacing Donnie Lea who recently retired, and to post a temporary position.

It was moved by Wootten, seconded by Mr. Westbrook, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to promote Nick Harvey to FT.

It was further moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Black, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to post the vacant temporary position.

---

**Engineering—Ben Luther**

A speed limit Resolution was presented to the Commission with the recommendation by Mr. Luther to set and post a 35-mph maximum speed limit on CR 485 as follows:

State of Alabama  
DeKalb County

RESOLUTION NO. 19-0528-02


**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 485 between County Road 27 and County Road 121 is greater than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist on said paved road;

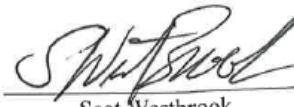
**NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED**, that the proper maximum speed for County Road 485 between County Road 27 and County Road 121 is set at 35 miles per hour at all times and no person shall operate a motor vehicle in excess of 35 miles per hour on said portion of County Road 485;

**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.

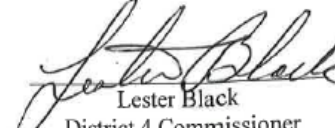
**ADOPTED** this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019

  
Shane Wootten  
District 1 Commissioner

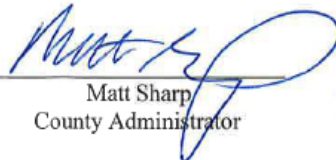
  
Ricky Harcrow, President

  
Scot Westbrook  
District 2 Commissioner

  
Chris Kuykendall  
District 3 Commissioner

  
Lester Black  
District 4 Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Matt Sharp  
County Administrator



Mr. Black made a motion to adopt the resolution setting the speed limit on CR 485 at 35-mph. Mr. Kuykendall seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, Motion carried.

**Sheriff's Office—Matt Martin**

Personnel—Mr. Martin requested the Commission's approval to hire Jimmy Gibson FT Dispatcher (G5/3) replacing the PT positions of Ury Acevedo and Yulianna Cedillo.

He also requested to ratify the hiring of Catie Hamilton (Training Officer - G6/5) and Renee Singleton (Dispatcher – G5/3) who were hired during the 3-week period between the last meeting in April and the first meeting in May (and were left off that agenda).

Mr. Wootten made a motion to accept the recommendations. Mr. Westbrook seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

**Revenue Commissioner—Tyler Wilks**

Personnel—Mr. Wilks requested a salary upgrade for Cindy Ballenger from Grade 7 to Grade 7A. Ms. Ballenger has been training to fill the certified appraiser position vacated by Renae Connell and has been handling all Abatement responsibilities while working towards her certification.

A motion was made by Mr. Wootten. Seconded by Mr. Kuykendall. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to promote Ms. Ballanger to G7A.

---

**Sales Tax -Back to School Tax Holiday**

Mr. Harcrow notified the audience of the Back to School - Sales Tax Holiday and asked the Commission to adopt a Resolution approving the Sales Tax Holiday. Mr. Westbrook made a motion to adopt the following Resolution. Mr. Black seconded the motion, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying:

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-0528-03  
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DeKALB COUNTY'S  
PARTICIPATION IN THE "SALES TAX HOLIDAY"  
AS AUTHORIZED BY ACT NO. 2006-574 AND  
AMENDED BY ACT 2017-120**

**WHEREAS**, during its 2006 Regular Session, the Alabama Legislature enacted Act No. 2006-574, effective July 1, 2006, which provides an exemption of the state sales and use tax for certain non-commercial purchases related to school clothing and supplies during the first full weekend in August of each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Act No. 2017-120 amended Act No. 2006-574 to move the date of the tax holiday from the first full weekend in August to begin on the third Friday in July of each year; and

**WHEREAS** Act No. 2006-574 and Act No. 2017-120 authorizes the county commission to provide for an exemption of county sales and use taxes for purchases of items covered by the Acts 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 days prior to 12:01 a.m. on the third Friday in July; 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. 2006-574 and Act No. 2017-120 during the third Friday weekend of July 2019, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on July 19, 2019 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, July 21, 2019, the third Friday weekend of July 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 30 days prior to the effective date of the change; and

**WHEREAS**, the exemption of certain county sales and use taxes for the third Friday weekend of July 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. 2006-574 and Act No. 2017-120 beginning at 12:01 a.m. on July 19, 2019 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, July 21, 2019.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the May 28, 2019, meeting of the DeKalb County Commission, and be 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 28th day of May, 2019.

ATTEST

  
Matt G. Sharp, County Administrator



  
Rocky Hancock, Commission President

---

### Library-Summer Reading Program – Cynthia Hancock

Ms. Hancock notified the Commission and audience of the upcoming Summer Reading Program that will take place on Thursdays and Fridays throughout the summer. Two special events will be held on Tuesday

June 11<sup>th</sup> with a “Mystery Reader” attending and on Thursday, June 13 with special guest Keller Thompson, the great niece of Helen Keller. Both events will begin at 10 a.m.

---

President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting would be on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. He asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Westbrook 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