

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, September 24, 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.

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

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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.

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### **DeKalb County Homemakers**

Christine Ashley, President of the DeKalb County Homemakers, thanked the Commission for allowing her to speak at the meeting. Ms. Ashley stated that the DeKalb Homemakers have supported 32 charitable organizations throughout the County, donated time to make Boo Boo Babies, purchased books for newborns at the hospital, donated food and clothing to disaster relief, cooked meals for the needy, donated toys at Christmas, made Cancer Caps and quilts for the Cancer Center and donated clothes to Save A Life. President Harcrow thanked the DeKalb County Homemakers for their work throughout the County and presented the Homemakers with a proclamation declaring the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in October Homemakers and Community Leaders Week in DeKalb County.

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### **Food Bank of North Alabama**

Bobby Bozeman spoke to the Commission on behalf of the Food Bank of North Alabama. Mr. Bozeman told the Commission they currently have 500 people on the CSFP (Commodities Supplemental Food Program) program which includes grains, pasta, cereal, protein, peanut butter and jelly, canned fruits and vegetables, juices and cheese to supplement the SNAP programs or food pantry. Mr. Bozeman stated that the Council on Aging is helping them to sign up people in DeKalb County. Mr. Bozeman told the Commission and the audience that COA could help people sign up for the program.

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### **Safety Award--Michael Posey**

Mr. Posey addressed the Commission and stated that the Safety Team has recognized and awarded County Employee Danny Willyard with the 2019 Annual Safety Award for performing the heimlich maneuver on a citizen who was choking while attending an event at the Rainsville Senior Center. The citizen was saved and didn't need any medical attention.

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### **Road Department--Tom Broyles**

Maintenance Update--Mr. Broyles stated they are finishing up hauling treated base material in District 1, and they are waiting on a notice to proceed on the CR 835 project. Mr. Broyles stated they are down to two (2) patch trucks at this time due to an accident with one of the trucks and mowing crews are making the second round of mowing. He said he was not going to do a second round of herbicide spraying due to the extreme dry weather.

Truck Lease Resolution--Mr. Sharp presented a resolution to authorize Bancorp to finance the purchase of the new 19 Kenworth trucks for the Road Department.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-0924-01**

***Resolution Authorizing and Approving Execution of a Contract  
With BancorpSouth Equipment Finance, a Division of BancorpSouth Bank***

WHEREAS, Board of Commissioners (the "Governing Body") of DeKalb County, Alabama (the "Buyer"), acting for and on behalf of the Buyer hereby finds, determines and adjudicates as follows:

1. The Buyer desires to enter into a Contract with the Exhibits attached thereto in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit "a" (the "Contract") with BancorpSouth Equipment Finance, a division of BancorpSouth Bank (the "Seller") for the purpose of presently purchasing the equipment as described therein for the total cost specified therein (collectively the "Equipment").
2. It is in the best interest of the residents served by Buyer that the Buyer acquire the Equipment pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the Contract; and
3. It is necessary for the Buyer to approve and authorized the contract.
4. The Buyer desires to designate the Contract as a qualified tax-exempt obligation of Buyer for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Governing Body for and on behalf of the Buyer as follows:

Section 1. The Contract and Exhibits attached thereto in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit "A" by and between the Seller and the Buyer is hereby approved and Mat Sharp, Administrator (the "Authorized Officer") is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Contract on behalf of the Buyer.

Section 2. The Delivery Order is being issued in calendar year 2019.

Section 3. Neither any portion of the gross proceeds of the Contract nor the Equipment identified to the Contract shall be used (directly or indirectly) in a trade or business carried on by any person other than a governmental unit, except for such use as a member of the general public.

Section 4. No portion of the rental payment identified in the Contract (a) is secured, directly or indirectly, by property used or to be used in a trade or business carried on by a person other than a governmental unit, except for such use as a member of the general public, or by payments in respect of such property; or (b) is to be derived from payments (whether or not to Buyer) in respect of property or borrowed money used or to be used for a trade or business carried on by any person other than a governmental unit.

Section 5. No portion of the gross proceeds of the Contract are used (directly or indirectly) to make or finance loans to persons other than governmental units.

Section 6. Buyer hereby designates the Contract as a qualified tax-exempt obligation for purposes of Section 265(b) of the Code.

Section 7. In calendar year 2019, Buyer has designated \$3,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations (including the Contract) as qualified tax-exempt obligations. Including the Contract herein so designated, Buyer will not designate more than \$10,000,000 of obligations issued during calendar year 2019 as qualified tax-exempt obligations.

Section 8. Buyer reasonably anticipates that the total amount of tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds) to be issued by the Buyer during calendar year 2019 will not exceed \$10,000,000.

Section 9. For purposes of this resolution, the amount of tax-exempt obligations stated as either issued or designated as qualified tax-exempt obligations including tax-exempt obligations issued by all entities deriving their issuing authority from Buyer or by an entity subject to substantial control by Buyer as provided in Section 265(b)(3) of the code.

Section 10. The Authorized Officer is further authorized for and on behalf of the Governing Body and the Buyer to do all things necessary in furtherance of the obligations of the Buyer pursuant to the Contract, including execution and delivery of all other documents necessary or appropriate to carry out the transactions contemplated thereby in accordance with the terms and provisions thereof.

Following the reading of the foregoing resolution, Mr. Kuykendall moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Mr. Westbrook seconded the motion for its adoption. President Harcrow put the question to a roll call vote and the result was as follows:

Commissioner Wootten \_\_\_\_\_ Voted: Yea  
 Commissioner Westbrook \_\_\_\_\_ Voted: Yea  
 Commissioner Kuykendall \_\_\_\_\_ Voted: Yea  
 Commissioner Black \_\_\_\_\_ Voted: Yea

The motion having received the affirmative vote of all members present, the President declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

  
 Ricky Harcrow, President

ATTEST:  
  
 Matt G. Sharp, County Administrator

Personnel--Mr. Broyles requested the Commission hire Terry Wadsworth as a FT employee on the District 3 crew.

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

**Engineering--Ben Luther**

ALDOT Snow and Ice Removal Quote--Mr. Luther stated ALDOT was requesting quotes for Snow and Ice Removal for the current year. Mr. Luther requested the Commission extend the rate from last year as the current rate.

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| 1. Motorgrader with Operator @ \$150.00 per hour  |
| 1a. Standby Rate = \$105.00 per hour              |
| 2. Spreader Truck with Driver @ \$100.00 per hour |
| 2a. Standby Rate = \$70.00 per hour               |
| 3. Loader with Operator @ \$100.00 per hour       |
| 3a. Standby Rate = \$70.00 per hour               |
| 4. Shadow Vehicle with Driver @ \$50.00 per hour  |
| 4a. Standby Rate = \$35.00 per hour               |

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

HRRR Project Concurrence--Mr. Luther requested the Commission approve the concurrence to award the HRRR Project (guardrail work on CR 24 and CR 51) to Alabama Guardrail.

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to approve the Concurrence, with a second from Mr. Westbrook, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried (Note: Total cost - \$161,955.82; \$112,845 from federal aid funds and \$49,110.82 locally. The original estimate was \$125,384, with \$112,845 in federal aid funds and \$12,538.40 in local funds).

Annual Bid Awards--Mr. Luther presented the annual bids for the 2020 FY and asked the Commission to award those as follows:

Asphalt (Hot Mix) Material	Wiregrass Construction Co. Reed Contracting Services
Structural Portland Cement Concrete	Southern Concrete
Corrugated Metal Pipe	Contech

	Fallin Farms dba Harvey Culvert
CRS 2 Asphalt	Ergon
Crushed Limestone Aggregate	Vulcan Materials Reed Contracting Services
Grader Blades	Tractor & Equipment
High Density Polyethylene Pipe	Harris Lands (Picked Up) S&S Wholesale (Delivered)
HDPE Pipe Liner	ISCO Industries
High Performance Cold Patch Material	Hudson Materials Co.
Lubricants	ALL BIDS REJECTED
Traffic Signs	Traffic Signs, Inc.
Traffic Sign Posts	Traffic Signs, Inc. (2lbs) G&C Supply (3lbs)

Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve the annual bids, with a second from Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried (with the exception of Lubricants).

Mr. Luther requested the Commission to reject the bid for lubricants, on the basis that the current amount of lubricant used does not meet the requirement needed to be bid.

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to reject the Lubricants bid, with a second from Mr. Black, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

#### **Sheriff's Office--Brad Gregg**

Personnel--Mr. Gregg request the Commission approve the following:

- Hire Katie (Kaitlyn) Little (G5/3) as a Dispatcher to replace Renee Singleton.
- Hire Bailey Howell (G5/3) as a Correctional Officer to replace Trey McMeekin.
- Approve the retirement of Scott Tarrant affective October 1
- Promote Pricilla Padgett (G8A/6) to Investigator to replace Scott Tarrant.
- Transfer Zach Aldridge from Jail Transport to SRO to replace Priscilla Padgett
- Transfer Stephen Berry from Patrol to Jail Transport to replace Zach Aldridge.
- Transfer Adam Jackson from Corrections Officer (G7/1) to Deputy (to replace Stephen Berry) and get approval to send him to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Academy.
- Hire Scott Tarrant effective October 21 as a PT Investigator to replace Hal Nash.

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

#### **Council on Aging--Emily McCamy**

Update—Ms. McCamy informed the Commission that the ceramics group will be hosting a bingo event on October 12<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$5 and participants will receive a dessert and drink. Ms. McCamy told the Commission the Council on Aging will be hosting its annual Health Fair on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 at Minvale Life Center.

Lynn Hixon updated the Commission on the Open Enrollment for Medicare Part D. It starts October 15<sup>th</sup> and ends on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Hixon told the Commission that she is there to help people determine what the best plan is for them and save as much money as possible for the citizens of the County.

**2020 FY Budget --Matt Sharp**

Budget—Mr. Sharp presented the draft 2020FY Budget as follows (See Commission Office for detailed budget workpapers. Budget includes regular step raises, a 2% COLA raise and a starting pay of \$12/hr for Road Department employees. Detailed payscale and pay grades for employees is on file in the Commission Office):

<b>GENERAL FUND (001):</b>	
<b>General Government (51000):</b>	
County Commission	998,500.00
Sales Tax	78,300.00
Revenue Enforcement	35,600.00
Courts	10,100.00
District Attorney	49,700.00
Probate Office	483,400.00
Revenue Commissioner	956,400.00
Elections	168,500.00
Board of Registrars	90,400.00
Tax Equalization Board	500.00
Veteran's	1,200.00
Soil Conservation	34,000.00
Data Processing	100,000.00
Examiner's	100.00
Insurance	377,000.00
EDA	60,000.00
Building Maintenance	642,600.00
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>4,086,300.00</b>
<b>Public Safety (52000):</b>	
Sheriff	155,100.00
EMA	304,600.00
Coroner	24,800.00
Youth Services	255,000.00
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>739,500.00</b>
<b>Public Welfare (56000):</b>	
Aging - General	13,000.00
RPT - General	33,500.00
Indigent Burial	500.00
<b>Total Public Welfare</b>	<b>47,000.00</b>
<b>Tourism/Recreation (57000):</b>	
County Library	120,000.00
City Libraries	21,000.00
Park Board	32,200.00
<b>Total Tourism/Recreation</b>	<b>173,200.00</b>
<b>Education (58000):</b>	
County BOE	26,000.00
Extension Office	35,500.00
<b>Total Education</b>	<b>61,500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>5,107,500.00</b>

<b>SHERIFF'S OFFICE/JAIL:</b>	
<b>FEDERAL INMATE REVENUE FUND (109):</b>	
Jail	740,700.00
Deputy	115,900.00
	<u>856,600.00</u>
<b>JAIL OPERATING FUND (110):</b>	
Jail	<u>2,496,900.00</u>
<b>PUBLIC HIGHWAY &amp; TRAFFIC FUND (113):</b>	
Deputy Operations	2,299,900.00
SRO	624,200.00
CH Security	122,700.00
Dispatching	411,300.00
	<u>3,458,100.00</u>
General Fund (Sheriff)	155,100.00
General Fund (Juvenile Detention)	255,000.00
Included in Gen Fund on previous page.	
Debt Service on Jail (payoff Nov 2031)	682,000.00
Included in Debt Service below .	
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF'S OFFICE/JAIL</b>	<u><b>7,903,700.00</b></u>

<b>LOCAL FUEL TAX FUND (106):</b>	
ARC	10,000.00
Board of Education	176,000.00
	<u>186,000.00</u>
<b>ANIMAL ADOPTION FUND (122):</b>	
Animal Adoption Dept	<u>279,500.00</u>
<b>LANDFILL TIPPING FEE FUND (115):</b>	
Jail (Workcrew)	20,000.00
Water	30,000.00
Paving	75,000.00
Resurfacing	75,000.00
	<u>200,000.00</u>
<b>REAPPRAISAL FUND (120):</b>	
Appraisal Department	1,082,200.00
Revenue Commissioner - General Fund	956,400.00
Included in Gen Fund	
<b>TOTAL RC:</b>	<u><b>2,038,600.00</b></u>

<b>ROADS:</b>	
<b>GAS TAX FUND (111):</b>	
Road Department	3,502,100.00
Engineering	259,100.00
Shop	423,200.00
	<u>4,184,400.00</u>
<b>RRR Gas Tax Fund (117):</b>	
Paving	430,000.00
Resurfacing	430,000.00
Other Road Department	
	<u>860,000.00</u>
<b>SECONDARY ROAD FUND (118):</b>	
Engineering/Grant Projects	<u>321,500.00</u>
<b>SEVERANCE TAX FUND (121):</b>	
Paving/Resurfacing	<u>25,100.00</u>
<b>LANDFILL TIPPING FEE FUND (115):</b>	
Paving/Resurfacing	150,000.00
Included in Landfill Tipping Fee below .	
<b>COUNTY REBUILD ALABAMA FUND (220):</b>	
Paving/Resurfacing	<u>688,000.00</u>
<b>FEDERAL AID EXCHANGE FUND (221):</b>	
Paving/Resurfacing	<u>400,000.00</u>
Debt Service on ATRIP (payoff Nov 2028)	253,000.00
Included in Debt Service below .	
<b>TOTAL ROADS:</b>	<u><b>6,882,000.00</b></u>
<b>1 MILL HEALTH TAX FUND (119):</b>	
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)	16,000.00
ARC	2,500.00
Rx Drug Program	102,600.00
Other	-
	<u>164,600.00</u>
<b>RPT FUND (125):</b>	
Rural Transportation	<u>449,258.00</u>
<b>COA FUND (141):</b>	
Aging Program	<u>192,900.00</u>
<b>2002/11 JAIL WARRANTS (Nov 2027)</b>	<u>481,000.00</u>
<b>2005/12 JAIL WARRANTS (Nov 2031)</b>	<u>201,000.00</u>
<b>ATRIP Debt Issue (Nov 2028)</b>	<u>253,000.00</u>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>21,887,558.00</b>

Total Revenues are \$21,682,558.00, with fund balance of \$205,000 coming from Capital Improvement Fund to ATRIP Bond Issue. Estimated Fund Balance beginning and Ending Balances are budgeted as follows:

General Fund	\$1.2 million
Road & Bridge Fund	\$800,000

Tipping Fee Fund	\$100,000
RRR Gas Tax Fund	\$100,000
Secondary Road Fund	\$800,000
One Mill Tax Fund	\$400,000
Capital Improvement Fund	\$805,000 (ending balance - \$600,000)

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to approve the 2020 FY Budget, with a second from Mr. Westbrook, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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**Board of Equalization--President Harcrow**

Board Appointment--President Harcrow requested the Commission recommend the following for the Board of Equalization Board: Ashley Rosson (168 Maple Avenue, Rainsville), Scott Wynn (209 Scenic Road East, Fort Payne) and Debra Pitts (909 Garmany Road, Fyffe).

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

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President notified the audience that the next meeting would be on Tuesday, October 8, 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.

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Ricky Harcrow, President

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Shane Wootten, Commissioner District I

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Scot Westbrook, Commissioner District II

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Chris Kuykendall, Commissioner District III

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Lester Black, Commissioner District IV