

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were President Ricky Harcrow, Shane Wootten, Scot Westbrook, and Chris Kuykendall.

The meeting was called to order by President Harcrow and 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.

Recognition of Retired Teachers

President Harcrow recognized Janice Luther and Annette Gibson from the Retired Educators and presented a proclamation declaring November 19, 2019 Retired Teachers Day in DeKalb County.

DeKalb COUNTY OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, public education is the foundation of our society and is the most critical element in the progress and enlightenment of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, the public educators in our educational system have carried the torch of knowledge, opening doors to the challenge and excitement of learning for countless youths; and

WHEREAS, public educators, because of their deep and abiding love of children, have displayed a commitment to their students and dedication to their profession; and

WHEREAS, our state's retired public educators have served long careers, laboring throughout their tenures to educate our state's school children; and

WHEREAS, retired public educators throughout Alabama are deserving of the highest praise and recognition our state can bestow for devotion to their professions:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the County Commissioners of DeKalb County, Alabama, does hereby proclaim November 19, 2019 as

“RETIRED TEACHERS’ DAY”

in the county and encourages all citizens to join together in paying tribute to its retired public educators.




Janice Lusher, President
DeKalb County Education Retirees Association


DeKalb County Commissioners

Road Department--Tom Broyles

Maintenance Update--Mr. Broyles stated they are finishing with the last round of mowing, also the patch truck that was damaged in the summer is fixed and ready to be picked up but that will require Mr. Broyles to go and inspect the truck to approve the repairs.

Personnel--Mr. Broyles requested the Commission hire Richard Doeberl, to replace Phillip O'Dell and to hire William Baker, Joseph Garrett, Raymond Downer, and Terry Haynes in the new ROW crew.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve the personnel requests, with a second from Mr. Kuykendall, Mr. Westbrook abstained from the vote, all other members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Engineering--Ben Luther

CR 115 & 188 Traffic Striping--Mr. Luther requested the Commission award the bid for striping on CR 115 (from Hwy 176 to Cherokee County line - \$3,575) and CR 188 (from Hwy 176 to CR 115 - \$1,925).

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

Amend County Transportation Plan--Mr. Luther requested the Commission amend the County Transportation Plan as follows for Commission District 3 (See Amended Plan in County Engineer's Office):

- Move CR 52 from CRAF to FAEM and change from Bituminous G Treatment to Scrub Seal B Treatment from \$63,715 to \$123,200.
- Move CR 88 from CRAF to FAEM and reduce mileage from 6.22 to 5.97 and total costs from \$240,975 (\$108,410 from CRAF) to \$231,700 (all FAEM).
- Add CR 822 (4.4 miles – Bituminous G Treatment from Hwy 176 to CR 83) CRAF - \$88,775.
- Add CR 261 (1.6 miles - Bituminous G Treatment from CR 78 to Hwy 35) CRAF - \$27,185
- Add CR 51 (2.2 miles - Bituminous G Treatment from Edwards Bridge to Hwy 68) CRAF - \$46,725.
- Add Long Hollow Circle (0.22 mile - Bituminous G Treatment from CR 88 to CR 835) CRAF - \$9,440.
- Also, add CR 39, CR 87 and CR 55 – RRR for District 3 – Total 5.8 miles - \$122,340.

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to approve the amended Transportation Plan, with a second from Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

NACE Conference--Mr. Luther request the Commission approve travel and attendance of the NACE Conference for himself and Assistant Engineer, Irby Wallace.

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

EMA--Michael Posey

Grant--Mr. Posey told the Commission he and Mr. Clifton had been able to secure \$88,270.00 from Homeland Security Grant Funds. These funds will be used for purchase of a UTV (to be housed at the Fire Association), automatic external defibrillators (to be placed in Sheriff's Patrol vehicles and some County buildings) and EOC work stations upgrades. Mr. Posey requested permission to start putting together bid packages for all these projects.

Mr. Westbrook made a motion to approve Mr. Posey's request, with a second from Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Vehicle Surplus--Matt Sharp

Mr. Sharp requested the Commission accept a sealed bid from Twin City Automotive for \$32,600.00 for the sale of a 2019 Chevy Tahoe EMA Vehicle with 25,000 miles (EMA1989 / D1989). JM Wood bid \$31,005.

Mr. Westbrook made a motion to accept the bid to sale the vehicle, with a second from Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

EMA Vehicle--Matt Sharp

Also, Mr. Sharp stated that EMA is in need of a heavy-duty truck for hauling larger trailers. Mr. Sharp told the Commission sealed bids had been sent out for the purchase of a used F-450 with low miles and only one bid was received from Twin City Automotive for a 2008 Ford F450 with 52k miles 4x4 for \$23,500.00.

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to approve the purchase of the vehicle, with a second from Mr. Westbrook, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Sheriff's Office--Sheriff Welden

Jail Personnel--Sheriff Welden requested the Commission hire Brandon Vaughn to replace Jennifer Whaley as Correction Officer (G5/1).

Mr. Wootten made a motion to hire Brandon Vaughn to replace Jennifer Whaley, with a second from Mr. Westbrook, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Opioid Lawsuit--Charles Mauney

Mr. Mauney presented a class action suit against the manufacturer of Opioids and recommended the County take part in this suit. This lawsuit would place stricter guidelines on doctors prescribing Opioid prescriptions. Mr. Mauney recommended to the Commission that the County take part in this class action suit.

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

COA/Transportation--Emily McCamy

2020 FY Transportation Resolution--Ms. McCamy requested the Commission approve the annual Transportation Resolution to provide Rural Public Transportation throughout the County.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-1112-01


BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Commission of DeKalb County, Alabama, as follows:

1. That the Commission enters into agreements with third party transportation service contracting agencies during Fiscal Year 2020 for eligible public transportation services.
2. That the agreement to be executed in the name of the Commission, by the Chairman of the Commission for and on its behalf;
3. That such execution be attested by the County Clerk and the seal of the County affixed thereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon completion of the execution of the agreement by all parties, a copy of such agreement be kept by the County Clerk in the minute book of the County.

I, the undersigned qualified and acting clerk of the DeKalb County Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a resolution lawfully passed and adopted by the County Commission of the County named therein, at a regular meeting of such Commission held on the 12th day of November, 2019, and that such resolution is of record in the minute book of the County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the County on this 12th day of November, 2019.

Signed: 
Chairman

ATTEST: 
County Administrator

RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-112-02

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY Ricky Harcrow, President of the DeKalb County Commission is authorized to enter into agreement on behalf of DeKalb County Commission with third party contracting agencies for the purpose of providing general public transportation needs.

RESOLUTION

Resolved that Ricky Harcrow, President of the DeKalb County Commission enters into agreement with third party transportation service contracting agencies during Fiscal Year 2020 for eligible public transportation services.
Further resolved that Ricky Harcrow, President of the DeKalb County Commission agrees to provide third party transportation services to contracting agencies at approved fully allocated cost rates.
Further resolved that Ricky Harcrow, President of the DeKalb County Commission authorizes the DeKalb County Commission to execute the aforementioned Agreements and any amendments thereto.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the following resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution presented to and adopted by DeKalb County Commission at a duly authorized meeting held on the 12th day of November, 2019 as shown by the minutes of the meeting in my possession.

Ricky Harcrow
Name

President
Title

Debra Kean
Notary Exp. 01/17/2023

Travel--Mrs. McCamy request permission for travel and training for all required Council on aging and Rural Public Transportation this fiscal year.

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

Library--Cynthia Hancock

Book Signing--Ms. Hancock invited everyone to a book signing on Saturday November 16, 2019 at 1:00-3:30 p.m. for the author Captain Roger Hill, the book Dog Company.

Recognition--Shane Wootten

World War II Veteran Fran Slater--Mr. Wootten told the Commission about a gentleman by the name of Frank Slater from Fyffe Al. Mr. Slater served in World War II as a Gunner on the USS San Francisco. He shot down a Japanese torpedo plane and the plane crashed into his station and killed him. He was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross and later awarded a purple heart. The Navy later named a destroyer escort ship after Mr. Slater, the USS Slater. It was launched in February of 1944 and is now a museum ship at the Hudson River in New York.

President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting would be on Tuesday, November 26, 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