

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were President Ricky Harcrow, Shane Wootten, Scot Westbrook, Chris Kuykendall, and Lester Black.

The meeting was called to order by President Harcrow and Mr. Black delivered the invocation and Mr. Kuykendall lead 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.

Road Department--Tom Broyles

Maintenance--Mr. Broyles stated that crews have been patching throughout the County. He told the Commission that the main road into Buck's Pocket on the DeKalb County side has been closed and was not expected to be reopened until the rain waters have receded significantly.

Personnel--Mr. Broyles request the Commission hire Lamar Weathers for the District 2 crew and Don Harcrow for the District 3 crew (new positions).

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

Engineering--Ben Luther

FY 2020 HRRR Grant Award--Mr. Luther informed the Commission that one of the two applications for the FY 2020 HRRR program have been awarded. This project is for safety related projects and would replace all the signs leading into the Desoto State Park. This is a 90/10 Grant with the federal portion being \$42,417.85. The 10% local will be done through force labor/equipment. The project will be from Hwy 35 to the Park. (Note: The city of Fort Payne has another project that will go to the CR 189 CR 165 intersection).

Boom Mower Bid Award--Mr. Luther requested the Commission award the bid for a new Boom Mower for the road department to Chambers for the amount of \$ 154,000.00 (See Bid file for more details).

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to award the bid to Chambers, with a second from Mr. Westbrook, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried for the purchase of one (1) Boom Mower.

CR 835 Update--Mr. Luther stated that work had not begun on CR 835, but they are working to collect the information needed to begin the work. Mr. Luther stated that all the information requested by the State DOT has been submitted and we are currently waiting to hear back from them. Mr. Luther also told the Commission given the current amount of rain we have received work would not begin until spring.

Damage Claim--Mr. Luther presented a damage claim from Susan Heape who claims her vehicle was damaged while traveling on CR 625. Mr. Luther requested the Commission send this damage claim to the CRS.

Mr. Westbrook made a motion to send the damage claim to the County insurance company for final disposition, with a second from Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Revenue Commission--Tyler Wilks

Aerial Photography--Mr. Wilks presented a contract from Pictometry International to do aerial photography of the County as a part of the mapping and reappraisal department, this is a 6 year contract and would be for 2 flights. The total cost over the 6 years would be \$338,485 with costs being paid by the Reappraisal Department.

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

IT--Heath Crowe

Server Bid Award--Mr. Crowe stated that he had received one bid for the Server Bid that was sent out last month and that bid was from Dell Technology for the amount of \$254,113.54 (which includes \$31,464.76 to SHI for applicable hardware). All of costs are part of ALJP Contract #2019-038.

(Note: Payments will be made through financing with Dell and SHI with the Reappraisal Department paying for any excess above current monthly payments the County is paying for Servers. The purpose for this purchase is to increase the server from 13TB to 60TB to increase storage for imaging documents in the Reappraisal Office.

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

Sheriff's Office--David Smith

Personnel--Mr. Smith requested the Commission accept the resignation for Jordan McGinnis as FT Correctional Sgt.

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

Mr. Smith requested the Commission hire Jordan McGinnis (G7/1 – non-certified) as a PT deputy to replace Lonnie Hairel.

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

Mr. Smith requested the Commission promote John Brown to Sgt to replace Jordan McGinnis.

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

Mr. Smith requested the Commission hire Brandon Poe to replace the vacancy left by Jordan McGinnis who resigned.

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

Training--Mr. Smith requested permission to send certain County SRO's to training.

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

Jackson-DeKalb Water Authority--Shane Wootten

Board Appointment--Mr. Wootten made a motion to appoint Billy Black to the Jackson-DeKalb Water Authority Board to replace Kent Welden, with a second from Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Sales Tax--President Harcrow

Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday--President Harcrow told the audience that February 21-23, 2020 will be Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday and requested the Commission sign a resolution to allow the County to participate in the Tax Holiday.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-0114-02
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DeKALB COUNTY'S
PARTICIPATION IN THE "SALES TAX HOLIDAY"
AS AUTHORIZED BY ACT NO. 2012-256

WHEREAS, during its 2012 Regular Session, the Alabama Legislature enacted Act No. 2012-256, effective April 26, 2012, which provides an exemption of the state sales and use tax for certain non-commercial purchases related to severe weather preparedness supplies during the first full weekend in July of 2012 and the last full weekend in February of each successive year; and

WHEREAS, Act No. 2012-256 authorizes the County Commission to provide for an exemption of county sales and use taxes for purchases of items covered by the Act 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 (30) days prior to the last full weekend in February; 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. 2012-256 during the last full weekend of February 2020, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on February 21 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 23, 2020, the last full weekend of February in 2020; 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 thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the change; and

WHEREAS, the exemption of certain county sales and use taxes for the last full weekend of February 2020 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. 2012-256 beginning at 12:01 a.m. on February 21 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 23, 2020.

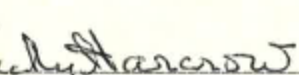
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the January 14, 2020, meeting of the DeKalb County Commission, and be immediately forwarded to the Alabama Department of Revenue in compliance with *Code of Alabama 1975, § 11-51-210(c)*.

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 14th day of January 2020.

ATTEST


Matt G. Sharp, County Ath




Harcrow, Commission President

Liability Insurance--Matt Sharp

Resolution--Mr. Sharp presented a resolution from the ACCA for the Liability Fund for a 3-year renewal.

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

**ACCA Liability Self-Insurance Fund Resolution
RESOLUTION No. 20-0114-01**

WHEREAS, DeKalb County is a member of the Association of County Commissions of Alabama Liability Self-Insurance Fund (“Liability Fund”) for the contract period ending December 31, 2020; and


WHEREAS, the County’s participation in the Liability Fund has been a significant benefit to the County since becoming a member; and

WHEREAS, the representation and service provided by the Liability Fund continues to be in the best interest of DeKalb County and its officials and employees; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County would benefit by agreeing to extend its participation in the Liability Fund for an additional three-year period beginning January 1, 2021 and concluding December 31, 2023.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the DeKalb County Commission that it renews its participation in the Liability Fund for calendar years 2021 through 2023 and hereby authorizes its President to execute the 2021-2023 ACCA Liability Self-Insurance Fund, Inc. Participation Agreement.

ADOPTED this the 14th day of January 2020.



Ricky Harcrow, Commission President

ATTESTED BY:



Matt G. Sharp, County Administrator

President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting would be on Tuesday, January 28, 2020. 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