

The DeKalb County Commission met in Special Called Meeting on April 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were President Ricky Harcrow, Chris Kuykendall and Shane Wootten. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing requirements, Lester Black and Scot Westbrook joined the meeting via electronic format. (Note: President Harcrow cancelled the March 24, 2020 meeting by Executive Order).

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

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

Engineering—Matt Sharp

ATRIP Supplemental Agreement—Mr. Sharp presented two ATRIP Supplemental Agreements on behalf of County Engineer Ben Luther. The ATRIP program provided federal bond funds to local governments for road and bridge construction in 2015. At the end of the program, the County ran out of ATRIP funds and had to use FAS funds to finish out projects in District 3. Now that the program has been completed, additional funds have been made available to DeKalb County. ALDOT is allowing the County to use these ATRIP Funds to reimburse back the County for some of the FAS funds used in 2015. This will be reimbursed through future projects. The ATRIP Supplemental Agreements are on file in the Engineer’s Office.

It was moved by Mr. Wootten, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, motion approved to adopt the following resolutions authorizing President Harcrow and County Administrator Matt Sharp to sign the agreements:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 20-0407-01

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Dekalb County Commission as follows:

That the County enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation relating to a project for:

**Resurfacing on CR-138 from SR-75 to SR-117. Length – 3.3 miles;
Project# ACNU62845-ATRP(006); DCP# 25-14-13; ATRIP# 25-05-21.**

Which agreement is before this Commission, and that the agreement be executed in the name of the County, by the Chairman for and on its behalf and that it be attested by the County Clerk and the official seal of the County be affixed thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the agreement by all parties, that a copy of such agreement be kept on file by the County.

I, the undersigned qualified and acting Clerk of 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 named therein, at a regular meeting of such Commission held on the 7th day of April, 2020, and that such resolution is on file in the County Clerk's Office.

ATTESTED:



County Clerk



Chairman

RESOLUTION NUMBER 20-0407-02

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Dekalb County Commission as follows:

That the County enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation relating to a project for:

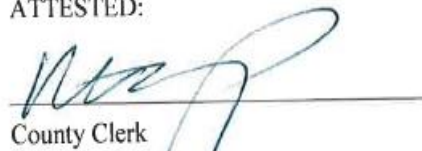
**Resurfacing on CR-169 from SR-75 to the Georgia State Line. Length – 3.8 miles;
Project# ACNU62847-ATRP(007); DCP# 25-16-13; ATRIP# 25-05-23.**

Which agreement is before this Commission, and that the agreement be executed in the name of the County, by the Chairman for and on its behalf and that it be attested by the County Clerk and the official seal of the County be affixed thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the agreement by all parties, that a copy of such agreement be kept on file by the County.

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Traffic Striping Quote Acceptance—Mr. Sharp on behalf of Mr. Luther requested the Commission to accept the quote for striping on CR 121 from CR 85 to CR 114 to be done by JC Cheek for the amount of \$3,675.00.

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

Sheriff's Office—Matt Sharp

Personnel—Mr. Sharp on behalf of Sheriff Welden requested the Commission accept the resignation of Tiffany Edwards, Zach Bell and Leah Hitchcock. Terminate Jon Brown and Adam Jackson. Hire Tim Smith to replace Adam Jackson and Promote Sara Slayton to Sergeant to replace Jon Brown.

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

911 Board Appointment—Matt Sharp

Board Appointment—Mr. Sharp on behalf of Mr. Westbrook requested the Commission appoint Thomas Ridgeway to the 911 Board to replace Tommy Griffin.

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

Peaks Corner VFD Board Appointment—President Harcrow

Board Appointment—President Harcrow presented a request from Peak’s Corner Fire Protection Authority to appoint the following:

Robert Harris, Chairman term to expire January, 2021
James Manis, Vice Chairman term to expire January, 2021
Cary Hearn, Treasurer term to expire January, 2023

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

Animal Shelter—Matt Sharp

Personnel—Mr. Sharp on behalf of Ms. Ledbetter request the Commission hire Sebastian Coston to replace Stanley Shores, who retired in March.

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

EMA—Michael Posey

Disaster Declaration—Mr. Posey asked the Commission to retroactively approve the Disaster Declaration that was signed by President Harcrow on March 5th.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve the Declaration for the State of Emergency, with a second from Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Pandemic Update—Mr. Posey stated that early on EMA began to meet discussing the COVID-19 pandemic and began to identify where we may have shortages in personal protective equipment (PPE) for the Hospital and ambulance services. He stressed conservation of those resources. Mr. Posey said at this time they are experiencing very low supply on PPE but they do have some on hand. DAS has experienced an uptick in calls and also a down turn in calls. He stated they have formed and infectious disease task force to help with the pandemic that we are currently facing as well as any infectious disease we may face in the future. Mr. Posey told the Commission we have not seen the peak of the virus in our State or County yet, and CDC believes that might hit in the next few weeks.

Mr. Clifton joined the meeting via electronic format and requested the Commission amend the Disaster Declaration to run concurrent with the Governors current Stay at Home Order.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to amend that Declaration, with a second from Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried to concur all emergency declarations with the Governor.

President Harcrow requested the Commission give himself and Mr. Sharp authority to sign any documents that may be need during this time as we may not meet again until May 12th.

Mr. Harcrow through executive order closed the Senior Center and County Library until further notice. Also, beginning on March 16th, he limited the hours to the public for administrative buildings, including the Sheriff's Office from 10am – 2pm. On March 31st, he closed the buildings to the public except by appointment only until further notice.

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

President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting would be on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. 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

ATTENDED VIA PHONE

Scot Westbrook, Commissioner District II

Chris Kuykendall, Commissioner District III

ATTENDED VIA PHONE

Lester Black, Commissioner District IV