

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session (with minimal attendance due to COVID-19 Social Distancing Restrictions) on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were President Ricky Harcrow, Shane Wootten and Chris Kuykendall. Due to social distancing, Mr. Westbrook and Mr. Black were absent from this meeting. President Harcrow stated that plans are to get back on our regular schedule beginning in July providing Covid-19 restrictions allow.

The meeting was called to order by President Harcrow with Mr. Wootten delivering the invocation and Mr. Kuykendall leading the Pledge. Due to restrictions of Covid-19, County Administrator Matt Sharp presented most department updates, personnel matters, etc.

It was moved by Mr. Wootten, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall and with 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

Personnel—Mr. Sharp on behalf of Road Superintendent Tom Broyles requested the Commission’s approval to promote Danny Norris to District 3 crew leader effective June 1st and to hire Christopher Williams to fill the vacancy in District 3, also requested was the promotion of William Childress to District 2 crew leader effective June 1st, and to hire Drake Casey to fill the vacancy in the unit crew.

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to accept the personnel changes, Mr. Wootten seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Engineering

Road Department Update—Mr. Luther on behalf of Mr. Broyles stated that crews are continuing to make progress on the “Easter flood” roads. They have just finished replacing pipe and backfill on CR44 and only concrete work remains to be completed. New pipe and backfill is necessary on most roads. The Buck’s Pocket project is near completion with a grand opening scheduled for next week.

CR51 Bid Award

Mr. Luther made the recommendation to award the CR51 planning, resurfacing and traffic striping contract to Wiregrass Construction Co., stating Wiregrass had the lowest bid @ \$206,254.71 (Project no. DCP-25-51-19). (Note: This is a 100% grant through the Rebuild Alabama Program).

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to accept Mr. Luther’s recommendation to award the bid to Wiregrass Construction Company. Mr. Wootten seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Sylvania MOA (Industrial Rd Project)

Mr. Luther stated that Ladd Environmental Consultants working with the Town of Sylvania has requested the County’s assistance with the “Sylvania Industrial Drive Rehabilitation and Water Service Upgrade” project and presented the following Memorandum of Agreement between the DeKalb County Commission and the Town of Sylvania, Alabama. Mr. Luther requested the Commissions approval for President Harcrow to sign the following Memorandum of Agreement:

Mr. Wootten made a motion, Mr. Kuykendall seconded, all members voting affirmatively to adopt the following MOA/SWA with the Town of Sylvania:

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
Between the DeKalb County Commission
and the
Town of Sylvania, Alabama

The Town of Sylvania and LADD Environmental Consultants, Inc. have requested the assistance of the DeKalb County Road Department in the construction of a road rehabilitation project in the Town of Sylvania, being more particularly described as "Sylvania Industrial Drive Rehabilitation and Water Service Upgrade", the length of the project being approximately 785 linear feet.



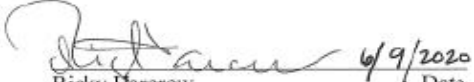

During a regularly scheduled DeKalb County Commission meeting on June 9, 2020, the Commission gave authorization to the DeKalb County Road Department to assist the Town of Sylvania in the construction of said project, by providing the following services:

1. Labor, Equipment and Materials to reclaim and base approximately 785 linear feet of Industrial Drive from State Road 75 to the entrance of the Alabama Wholesale Socks, Inc. facility, with approximately four to six (4 to 6) inches of crushed aggregate base, 22 feet in width.
2. Regrade roadside drainage ditches to improve drainage to existing crossdrains.
3. If Item No. 2 above is not sufficient or cannot be accomplished, install additional crossdrain pipe to improve roadway drainage.

The estimated timeframe of work to be performed by the DeKalb County Road Department is one (1) to two (2) weeks. The cost of the work stated above will not exceed **\$10,000.00**.

The anticipated start work date shall be coordinated between the Town of Sylvania, LADD Environmental Consultants, and Road Department Superintendent Tommy Broyles.

AGREED:

 Gerald Craig Mayor, Town of Sylvania	 Witness
 Ricky Harcrow President, DeKalb County Commission	 Witness

CR676 Speed Limit Resolution

Mr. Luther made the recommendation and presented a resolution setting a maximum speed limit on CR 676 between CR 114 and CR 85 at 25 miles per hour. Mr. Luther requested the Commission's approval for Mr. Harcrow to sign a Resolution posting the 25mph speed limit.

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion giving President Harcrow approval to sign the following resolution. Mr. Wootten seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-0609-01

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 676 between County Road 114 and County Road 85 is greater than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist on said unpaved road;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the proper maximum speed for County Road 676 between County Road 114 and County Road 85 is set at 25 miles per hour at all times and no person shall operate a motor vehicle in excess of 25 miles per hour on said portion of County Road 676;

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 9th day of June, 2020



Shane Wootten
District 1 Commissioner



Ricky Harcrow, President

ABSENT DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING

Scot Westbrook
District 2 Commissioner



Chris Kuykendall
District 3 Commissioner

ABSENT DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING

Lester Black
District 4 Commissioner

ATTEST:



Matt Sharp
County Administrator

CR613 Speed Limit Resolution

Mr. Luther made the recommendation to set a maximum speed limit on CR 613 between CR 89 and Desoto Falls at 25mph. Mr. Luther requested the Commission's approval for Mr. Harcrow to sign the following Resolution posting the 25mph speed limit.

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion giving President Harcrow approval to sign the following resolution. Mr. Wootten seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

State of Alabama
DeKalb County

RESOLUTION NO. 20-0609-02

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 613 between County Road 89 and Desoto Falls 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 613 between County Road 89 and Desoto Falls is set at 25 miles per hour at all times and no person shall operate a motor vehicle in excess of 25 miles per hour on said portion of County Road 613;

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 9th day of June, 2020


Shane Wootten
District 1 Commissioner


Ricky Harcrow, President

ABSENT DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING

Scot Westbrook
District 2 Commissioner


Chris Kuykendall
District 3 Commissioner

ABSENT DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING

Lester Black
District 4 Commissioner

ATTEST:


Matt Sharp
County Administrator

CR 628—Vacation Request

Mr. Luther made a recommendation to the Commission to vacate a portion (old right-of-way) of CR628 and requested approval to begin the vacation process.

A motion was made by Mr. Wootten, Seconded by Mr. Kuykendall to begin the vacation process on a portion of CR628. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Sheriff's Office

Personnel—Mr. Sharp on behalf of the Sheriff's Office requested the Commission's approval for the following Sheriff's Office personnel changes:

- Hire Carl White (transport) to replace Stephen Berry retroactive to June 1 (Federal Inmate Fund).
- Hire Josh Wigley FT SRO at the Tech School, effective July 27 to replace Jeremy Bell (PT). This has been a BOE reimbursed position (however, Act 20-201 provides some funding for SRO's that will be used to offset one-half of the difference between the FT position and the PT position at the Tech School.

- Hire John Seals as FT SRO at Sylvania, effective July 27 to replace Billy Jack Blackwell (retired). This is a BOE reimbursed position.

At the request of Chief David Smith, Mr. Sharp made the following Jail Personnel requests:

- Accept the resignation of Lyndell Elkins and the termination of Wrett Tyson
- Hire Steven Jackson to replace Lyndell Elkins (Mr. Elkins never worked).
- Hire Samuel McAlpin to replace Corrections officer Jon Brown
- Hire Anthony Ciganek to replace Wrett Tyson.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to accept the Sheriff's Office and Jail personnel changes, Mr. Kuykendall seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Training—Mr. Sharp addressed the Commission regarding Sheriff's Office training for investigators.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to approve the travel/training request.

Recorder Bid – Mr. Sharp on behalf of the Sheriff's Office requested the County purchase a Recorder System in Dispatch from the State Bid for approximately \$22,000 from Motorola Solutions, Inc.

It was moved by Mr. Wootten, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to purchase the Recorder System for the Sheriff's Dispatch off the State Bid.

Revenue Commission

Personnel – Mr. Sharp on behalf of Revenue Commissioner Tyler Wilks, requested the following personnel changes:

- Accept the retirement of Deb Steward (Chief Mapper)
- Promote Brittany Crowe from Mapper II to Chief Mapper
- Promote Jacey Palmer from RC Tags to Mapper and transfer to Reappraisal
- Post vacant position in RC Tags to replace Jacey Palmer.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to approve the above personnel changes.

Garbage Exemption

President Harcrow presented the residential garbage exemption list. Mr. Wootten made a motion to accept the list, with a second from Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying.

Sales Tax Holiday

President Harcrow presented the 2020 Back to School Sales Tax Holiday Resolution.

It was moved by Mr. Wootten, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to adopt the following resolution granting a back to school sales tax holiday for July 17-19, 2020:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-0609-03
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 2020, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on July 17, 2020 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, July 19, 2020, the third Friday weekend of July 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 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 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. 2006-574 and Act No. 2017-120 beginning at 12:01 a.m. on July 17, 2020 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, July 19, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the June 9, 2020, 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 9th day of June, 2020.

ATTEST


Matt G. Sharp, County




Harcrow, Commission President

EMA Update

EMA Update

Assistant EMA Director Michael Posey gave a brief update of the COVID 19 Pandemic and the flood disaster in DeKalb County. Mr. Posey stated that locally there have been 45 new cases in the last 14 days with 603 tests performed and no deaths to report in the same time frame. State wide there have been 5500 new cases with approximately 8500 tests performed. He stated that overall, the numbers seem to be trending downward.

Mr. Posey stated that he expected news on the Flood Disaster Declaration from the state by the end of the month. All local assessments have been completed for the Easter storms. Mr. Posey also mentioned that there is testing in process with the mass notification system to give warning to the residents and guests of the Bucks Pocket area. Mr. Posey thanked the Commission and staff for their support dealing with all the operations on-going within the county.

Mr. Harcrow and the Commissioners thanked Mr. Posey and the EMA staff for the work that they do as well as giving updates, GIS Information that Mr. Reed delivers, and for their cooperation with other organizations within the county.

President Harcrow announced that the next meeting would be scheduled for July 14, 2020.

President Harcrow called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kuykendall made a motion and President Harcrow declared no objections and announced the meeting was concluded.

Ricky Harcrow, President

Shane Wootten, Commissioner District I

ABSENT (DUE TO COVID 19)
Scot Westbrook, Commissioner District II

Chris Kuykendall, Commissioner District III

ABSENT (DUE TO COVID 19)
Lester Black, Commissioner District IV