

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session (with minimal attendance due to COVID-19 Social Distancing Restrictions) on Tuesday, October 13, 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 . Absent (from the rotation of conducting business) were Lester Black and Scot Westbrook. (Mr. Westbrook attended today's meeting seated in the audience since this was the last meeting scheduled before his term ends).

---

The meeting was called to order by President Harcrow with Mr. Wootten delivering the invocation and Mr. Kuykendall leading the Pledge.

---

President Harcrow welcomed the audience and stated this would be the last meeting before a new Commission is seated on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Harcrow said this will take place on a holiday (Veteran's Day), but as required by statute, an organizational meeting must be held eight (8) days after the General Election for the installation of New Commissioners and a New Commission is seated.

Mr. Harcrow stated that he appreciated the opportunity to have worked with Mr. Westbrook and said it has been a pleasant experience. He congratulated him on all that he has been able to accomplish during his term and ask if there was anything he would like to say.

Mr. Westbrook stated "It has been my honor and privilege to have been able to sit on that side of the table and listen to the interest, the complaints, and the ideas of those that we serve, and implement into being whenever possible. Sometimes we were successful, sometimes we were not". He thanked everyone for their friendship and guidance during his term.

Mr. Kuykendall, and Mr. Wootten each expressed their appreciation and thanks for Mr. Westbrook's service and wished him well.

---

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**

Update—Mr. Broyles stated that the recent rain has prevented work on CR 835 and is meeting with a geologist from ALDOT for advice on what needs to be done in addition to work the County Road Department has already done. Mr. Broyles hopes to have this project completed by the end of the year.

### **Engineering**

Damage Claims—Mr. Luther presented two damage claims and requested approval to forward them to the County's insurance carrier (CRS). One from District 2 stating the windshield was shattered due to loose gravel on CR 57 where crews had been doing patch work, and a second claim from District 3, CR 81, stating a mower slung a rock through the side window of a vehicle.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Wootten. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to forward claims to CRS.

### **Sheriff's Office**

Jail Personnel—Chief Deputy David Smith requested approval to hire Dustin Bailey as full-time corrections officer to replace Kaitlynn Waldrop retroactive to October 7.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Kuykendall. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to approve Dustin Bailey as full time Corrections Officer (G5/3).

President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 (Veteran's Day) at which time the swearing in ceremonies will take place and a new Commission will be seated. President Harcrow 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

---

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