

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday July 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were President Ricky Harcrow, Shane Wootten, Terry Harris, Chris Kuykendall, and Lester Black.

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

It was moved by Mr. Wootten, seconded by Mr. Harris 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 they seem to finally be making some progress repairing flood damaged roads. CR 453 (Peeks Corner) was reopened last week, CR 411 (Guest/Tenbroek area) was reopened yesterday and plans are to begin work tomorrow on CR 641 (the last of the Easter flood damaged roads). Crews were also grading and patching in all districts.

Personnel—Mr. Broyles requested the Commission accept the resignations of the following employees:

Raymond Downer (yard crew)
Drake Casey (yard crew)
Kerry Duncan (District 3 crew)

Mr. Black made a motion to approve. Mr. Kuykendall seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Mr. Broyles requested the Commission's approval to hire the following:

Timothy Page (replaces Butch Alfree)
James Wilson, Yard Crew (replaces Raymond Downer)
Noah Fossett to fill one of two part-time position vacancies

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

Engineering

Award Concurrences-CRs 26 & 83 Fed Aid Resurface Projects

Mr. Luther stated that recently the State Department of Transportation opened bids for two Federal Aid Resurfacing projects (CR 26 and CR 83). One bid was received for the CR26 project from Charles Watts for \$451,920.08. After the engineering and inspections and indirect costs from the state the total is \$539,192.62. Our federal funds are \$431,354.10 which leaves \$107,838.52.

Mr. Luther also stated that one bid was from Wiregrass for the CR83 Project in the amount of \$595,614.45. After E & I costs and indirect costs from the state the total is \$710,636.53. Federal funds for this project are \$568,509.22 leaving our match from federal funds at \$142,127.31.

Mr. Luther stated that Federal Aid Exchange match money will be used for both of these projects and that no county money would be spent. Mr. Luther made the recommendation to concur with the awards of these bids to Charles Watts (CR26) and Wiregrass (CR83).

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to honor the request. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Damage Claim

Mr. Luther presented a damage claim from Bryan Blewett stating a window was broken on his home by something thrown by a brush cutter. Mr. Luther made the recommendation to forward the claim to CRS for final disposition.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to honor his request. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Liquid Calcium Chloride Annual Bid

Mr. Luther made a recommendation to extend our current bid with Southeastern Road Treatment for another year for Liquid Calcium Chloride stating this will be the second and final extension of the existing bid. This bid will expire on July 22, 2022.

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to honor the request. Mr. Black seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively to award and extend the current bid with Southeastern Road Treatment.

Sheriff/Jail

Sheriff's Office Personnel—Chief Deputy Gregg requested the Commission's approval to hire Hannah Neel as part-time Dispatch employee and to move Sara McAnelly from full-time to part-time dispatch (as needed – transferring to RC Office) effective July 26, 2021.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve. Mr. Black seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Training—Chief Gregg requested permission for investigators Nick Brown and Clay Monroe to attend Homicide training conference in August.

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

Jail Personnel—Chief Deputy Gregg requested approval on behalf of Chief Smith to hire Jacob Blevins (replaces corrections officer Jonathan Whitmire) and Nathan Gentry (replaces corrections officer Dylan Haney).

Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve. Mr. Black seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Revenue Commission

Personnel—Mr. Wilks asked for the Commission's approval for the following personnel hires and promotion.

Hire Ashley Rosson (retroactive to July 6) to replace Elaine Chesser who retired.

Hire Sara McAnelly (effectively July 26) to replace Rita Bryant (transferred to Probate Office).

Promote Bekka Atkins to Rainsville Supervisor retroactive to July 6 (replaces Donna Smith)

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to approve posting the positions. Mr. Black seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively motion carried.

Council on Aging

Personnel—Ms. McCamy requested the Commission's approval to hire Monty Coker as RPT part-time driver and to hire a full-time driver (to be determined) and a part-time Outreach Coordinator (to be determined).

Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Housekeeping Personnel—Mr. Sharp asked the Commission to approve hiring Jackie McCue as part-time housekeeper (retroactive to 07/06) to replace Brook Venable who was hired as a full-time employee at the Revenue Commission Office.

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to honor the request. Mr. Wootten seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Property—President Harcrow requested the Commission’s authorization to purchase approximately three (3) acres of property located on Greenhill Blvd near the interstate. A portion of this property would be to build a new Tourist Center facility stating the previous Tourism building was destroyed by the April 2020 flood and that property has been sold. The proceeds of that sale would be applied to the purchase of the new property at a cost of \$300K. He also stated that County Engineer, Ben Luther has inspected the site and deemed it suitable for the building site.

Mr. Kuykendall stated that in his opinion it was a very good value for the location and made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 and 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

Terry Harris, Commissioner District II

Chris Kuykendall, Commissioner District III

Lester Black, Commissioner District IV