

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday September 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were President Ricky Harcrow, Terry Harris, Chris Kuykendall and Lester Black. Shane Wootten was absent.

---

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

---

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

---

**DeKalb County Homemakers Week**—President Harcrow addressed the Commission presenting and reading a proclamation signed by the President and Commission members declaring the second week in October 2021 as DeKalb County Homemakers and Community Leaders Week. Mr. Harcrow thanked and recognized members for all that they do.

### **Road Department**

Personnel—Mr. Sharp, at the request of Road Superintendent Tom Broyles, asked the Commission's approval to hire Randy Mattox to replace Drake Casey.

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

---

### **Engineering**

Proposed Road Vacation—Pony Drive—Mr. Luther stated that we are scheduled today to hold a public hearing for the proposed vacation of a portion of a road outside the town limits of Ider known as Pony Drive (off CR 141). President Harcrow opened the floor for comments from the public and received none. Mr. Luther then asked the commission to adopt a Resolution vacating said portion of Pony Drive.

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to approve. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-0914-01**  
**VACATION OF PORTION OF DEKALB COUNTY**  
**COUNTY ROAD - PONY DRIVE**

WHEREAS, Code Section 23-4-2, State of Alabama, 1975, authorized the governing bodies of the counties of Alabama to, upon petition and by resolution, vacate a street, or a portion thereof; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission set down for public hearing on September 14, 2021, and caused notice of such hearing to be published in *The Mountain Valley News* for four consecutive weeks, beginning August 12, 2021 and running through September 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission has received no written objection and heard no verbal objection at the hearing hereon to the partial vacation of Pony Drive near Ider; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Kuykendall made a motion on behalf of District 1 County Commissioner Shane Wootten (Mr. Wootten was unable to attend the meeting) before the Commission to approve the vacation of this road;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the DeKalb County Commission that the following portion of Pony Drive, more particularly described below, be, and hereby is, vacated;

***All of that portion of Pony Drive, beginning at the Ider Town Limits, said point being approximately 565 feet from the intersection with County Road 141, and proceeding in a northwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 875 feet to its dead end. Said property lying in Section 34, Township 3 South, Range 9 East, located northwest of Ider.***

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the DeKalb County Commission that the name of the owners of the abutting is Rayford & Vickie Brown and Robert & Julie Giles and there are no other lots or parcels of land which will be cut off from access by the vacation sought; and

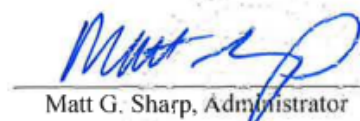
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, by the DeKalb County Commission that it is in the interest of the public that the above-described portion of the public street be vacated; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, by the DeKalb County Commission that this resolution shall be filed in the Probate Court of DeKalb County as provided by statute and that notice of this action shall be published once in a newspaper in DeKalb County no later than fourteen (14) days after the date of its adoption.

DONE this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

ATTEST:

  
Ricky Harcrow, President

  
Matt G. Sharp, Administrator

**Damage Claims**—Mr. Luther presented damage claims from William Gaskin stating damage to his vehicle from hitting a pothole on CR24 and from Scott Wampler stating damage to his vehicle due to a portion of the road missing. He requested permission to forward both claims to CRS for final disposition.

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

CR 135 Speed Limit Resolution—Mr. Luther requested the commission adopt a Resolution setting a thirty (30) mph speed limit on CR 135 between CR 20 and CR 52.

Mr. Black made a motion to grant the request. Mr. Kuykendall seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following Resolution

State of Alabama  
DeKalb County

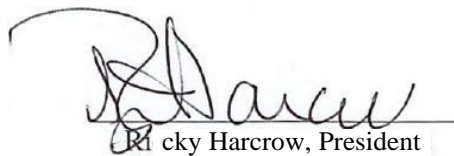
**RESOLUTION NO. 21-0914-03**

**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 135 between County Road 20 and County Road 52 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 135 between County Road 20 and County Road 52 is set at 30 miles per hour at all times and no person shall operate a motor vehicle in excess of 30 miles per hour on said County Road 135;

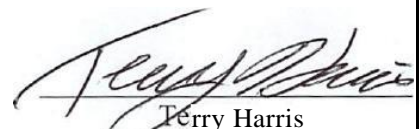
**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any violations of this Resolution shall be unlawful and punishable pursuant to Title 32, Chapter 5A, Code of Alabama, 1975.

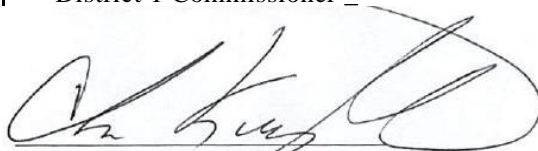
**ADOPTED** this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021

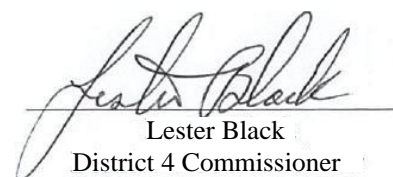
  
Ricky Harcrow, President

**Absent**

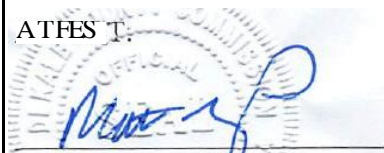
Shane Wootten  
District 1 Commissioner

  
Terry Harris  
District 2 Commissioner

  
Chris Kuyke  
District 3 Commissioner

  
Lester Black  
District 4 Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Matt Simpson  
County Administrator

CR 610 Speed Limit Resolution—Mr. Luther requested the commission adopt a Resolution setting a twenty-five (25) mph speed limit on CR 610 between CR 85 and CR 608.

Mr. Black made a motion. Seconded by Mr. Kuykendall. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following Resolution

State of Alabama  
DeKalb County


RESOLUTION NO. 21-0914-02

**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 610 between County Road 85 and County Road 608 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 610 between County Road 85 and County Road 608 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 County Road 610:

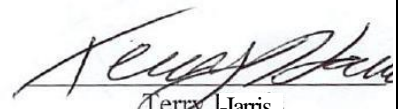
**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any violations of this Resolution shall be unlawful and punishable pursuant to Title 32, Chapter 5A, Code of Alabama, 1975.

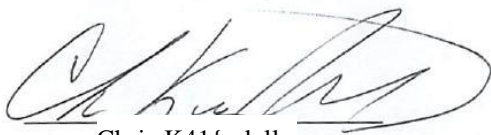
**ADOPTED** this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021

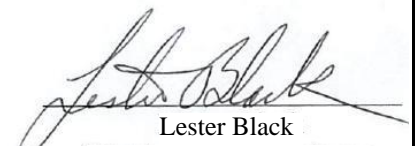
  
Ricky Harcrow, President

Absent

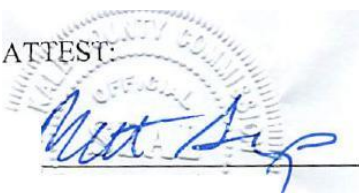
Shane Wootten  
District 1 Commissioner

  
Terry Harris  
District 2 Commissioner

  
Chris K41gdall  
District 3 Commissioner

  
Lester Black  
District 4 Commissioner

ATTEST:



County Administrator

ALDOT Snow & Ice Removal- Mr. Luther asked the Commission for approval to offer the following services and rates to assist ALDOT for potential snow and ice removal on State routes in DeKalb County. Services/Rates are listed below:

1. Motorgrader with Operator @ \$155.00 per hour
  - 1a. Standby Rate = \$109.00 per hour
2. Spreader Truck with Driver @ \$103.00 per hour
  - 2a. Standby Rate = \$72.00 per hour
3. Loader with Operator @ \$103.00 per hour
  - 3a. Standby Rate = \$72.00 per hour
4. Shadow Vehicle with Driver @ \$52.00 per hour
  - 4a. Standby Rate = \$36.00 per hour

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

---

#### **Sheriff/Jail**

Sheriff's Office Personnel—Chief Deputy Gregg requested approval for the following Personnel changes with all positions being revenue neutral.

- Hire Eric Tidmore as PT, DTF (replaces Scott Tarrant)
- Transfer Brianna Monroe from PT to FT Dispatch (replaces Ronald Jimmy Gibson)
- Rehire Sara McAnelly as FT Dispatch (replaces Hannah Neely)

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

Jail Personnel—On behalf of Chief Smith, Chief Deputy Gregg requested the Commission's approval for the following Personnel changes with all positions being revenue neutral.

- Accept the resignation of Jacob Blevins
- Hire Austin Gamez as Corrections Officer (replaces Tonya Ransum)
- Promote Charles Young to Executive Assistant (replaces Hannah Weathers)
- Promote Brandon Vaughn to Sergeant (replaces Dan Jordan)

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

---

#### **Revenue Commission**

Personnel—Mr. Wilks asked for the Commission's approval for the following personnel changes

Accept the resignation of Ashley Rosson and Sara McAnelly and to also post the open positions  
Hire Gloria Aguilar as FT Appraisal Clerk-G5/1 (replaces Meny Miraselvas)

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

---

Government Services Alabama Contract—Mr. Wilks presented a contract from Government Services Alabama who will assist the Revenue Commissioner in the performance of Business Personal Property processing compliance services of returns and assessment of business personal property. He made the

recommendation to enter into contract and requested authorization for President Harcrow and Mr. Sharp to sign the agreement.

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

Mapping Agreement and Resolution—Mr. Wilks requested the Commission adopt a Resolution entering into an agreement with ALDOT for Digital Mapping Services (Arial Photos) and authorize President Harcrow and Mr. Sharp to sign the agreement.

<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER <u>21-0914-04</u></b>	
<b>BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Commission of DeKalb County, Alabama that the County enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama; acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation for:</b>	
<b>A Digital Information Cooperative Agreement regarding the acquisition and establishment of the 2021 computerized mapping project, which agreement is before this Commission, and that the agreement be executed in the name of the County, by the Chairman of the Commission for and on its behalf and that it be attested by the County Clerk and the seal of the County affixed thereto.</b>	
<b>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 of record by the County Clerk.</b>	
<b>Passed, adopted, and approved this <u>14th</u> day of <u>September</u>, 2021.</b>	
<b>ATTESTED:</b>	
 County Clerk	 Chairman, County Commission

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to honor the request. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively to adopt the following Resolution

**Budget FY21-22**—Mr. Sharp addressed the Commission giving an overview of the FY2021-22 Budget. President Harcrow asked for a motion to accept as presented.

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the FY2021-22 Budget as detailed below:

**GENERAL FUND:**

**REVENUES:**

General Prop Taxes - Real Prop (5M)	<b>2,300,000.00</b>
General Prop Taxes - Motor Vehicle (2.5M)	<b>470,000.00</b>
General Prop Taxes - RC Salary (Supernumerary)	<b>224,600.00</b>
County Sales Tax (30% of 1cent)	<b>2,100,000.00</b>
County Tobacco Tax	<b>450,000.00</b>
Mortgage & Deed Filing Tax	<b>200,000.00</b>
TV Cable Franchise Tax	<b>30,000.00</b>
Business Privilege License	<b>45,000.00</b>
M H Reg Fee	<b>20,000.00</b>
Financial Inst Excise Tax	<b>175,000.00</b>
State Sales Tax	<b>5,600.00</b>
Business Privilege Tax	<b>152,000.00</b>

Tobacco Stamp Reimb.	25,000.00
Elections	100,000.00
Board of Reg - Reimb	55,000.00
Judicial FICA - Reimb	500.00
Fed Cost Sharing EMA/CD	50,000.00
TVA In Lieu of Taxes	600,000.00
Other Payments in Lieu of Taxes	14,000.00
Judge of Probate	235,000.00
RC Fee - Land	775,000.00
RC Fee - MV	450,000.00
Circuit Clerk	50,000.00
Motor Vehicle Late Reg Fee	7,000.00
Other Fees	10,000.00
County Sales Tax Comm	360,000.00
Interest Revenues	5,000.00
Interest on Investments	14,000.00
Rental of Buildings/Land	30,000.00
Sale of Surplus Prop/Scrap	10,000.00
Other Revenues	25,000.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES</b>	<b>8,987,700.00</b>

**OTHER FUNDS:**

**REVENUES:**

SSUT Tax	1,200,000.00
County Gas Tax (3cent)	1,000,000.00
County Diesel Tax (2cent)	135,000.00
Federal Inmate Revenue	1,300,000.00
Inmate Feeding - City	10,000.00
Inmate Feeding - State	135,000.00
Other Jail Revenues	25,000.00
State Gas Tax (7 cents)	1,370,000.00
Engineer's Salary Reimbursement	115,000.00
Sub-Division Inspection Fees	1,000.00
Interest Revenues (Gas Tax Fund)	500.00
Sale of Scrap/Surplus Property/Other	5,000.00
Special Property Tax - MV (2.5M)	230,000.00
Special Property Tax - Land (2.5M)	1,120,000.00
Business Privilege Tax	28,000.00
Interest (R&B Fund)	10,000.00
County Alcohol Tax	8,000.00
Motor Vehicles, Licenses & Titles	230,000.00
Driver's License & Permits	25,000.00
COPS Grant	150,000.00
SRO - BOE Reimbursement	400,000.00
PJ Indexing Fee (RWA)	35,000.00
Tag Issue Fee	750,000.00
Other Sheriff Revenues	30,000.00
Landfill Dumping Fees	400,000.00
Interest Revenue (Tipping Fees)	500.00
Oil & Gas Capital Payment	450,000.00
Oil & Gas (Fund Balance)	225,000.00
Interest Revenue (Capital Improvement Fund)	500.00
State 4 cent Gas Tax	785,000.00

Add'l Excise Tax	35,000.00
State 5 cent Gas Tax	385,000.00
Interest Revenue (RRR Fund)	500.00
Other Revenues (RRR Fund)	25,000.00
Motor Vehicle License & Title	210,000.00
Petroleum Inspection Fees	120,000.00
Interest Revenue (Secondary Road Fund)	5,000.00
Gen Prop Tax – MV (1M)	90,000.00
Gen Prop Tax – Land (1M)	450,000.00
Business Privilege Tax	11,500.00
TARCOG Grant	21,000.00
Interest Revenue (1M Health Tax Fund)	500.00
Jail Court Cost Fee	300,000.00
Alabama Uniform Severance Tax	34,900.00
Interest Revenue (Severance Tax Fund)	100.00
TVA In Lieu of Taxes (Animal Adoption Center)	200,000.00
Other Revenues (Animal Adoption Center Fund)	40,000.00
Property Tax for Appraisal Update	1,143,800.00
Rural Transportation Grant	114,572.00
CARES Act (includes normal grant, plus capital)	550,140.00
Fare Box Revenues	5,400.00
Contract Revenues (RPT)	13,008.00
Aging Grant	129,500.00
Revenue from Municipalities (for Senior Centers)	50,000.00
Rebuild Alabama Gas Tax	900,000.00
Rebuild Alabama Diesel Tax	200,000.00
Federal Aid Exchange Revenues	400,000.00
Total Other Fund Revenues	15,608,420.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>24,596,120.00</b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

County Commission	1,203,800.00
Revenue Department	80,000.00
Revenue Enforcement	32,400.00
Courts	10,100.00
District Attorney's Office	24,800.00
Probate Judge's Office	518,400.00
Revenue Commissioner's Office	1,042,000.00
Elections	190,000.00
Board of Registrars	90,400.00
Veteran's Service Office	1,200.00
Soil Conservation Office	34,000.00
Data Processing Department	104,100.00
State Examiner's Office	100.00
Insurance	480,500.00
DeKalb County EDA	63,000.00
Building Maint & Operations	693,500.00
Sheriff/Supernumerary (GenFund)	169,700.00
EMA	362,000.00
Coroner's Office	26,100.00
Youth Services Agency	255,000.00
Aging Office (Gen Fund)	28,000.00



Transportation Office (Gen Fund)	21,700.00
Indigent Burial	1,200.00
DeKalb County Library Board	120,000.00
Libraries within DeKalb County	21,000.00
Park Board Association	31,000.00
County Board of Education	26,000.00
Extension Office	35,500.00
Constantine Building Finance	64,000.00
ARC (from local gas tax funds)	10,000.00
BOE (from local gas tax funds)	176,000.00
Jail (from Federal Inmate funds)	950,400.00
Sheriff (from Federal Inmate funds)	124,100.00
Jail Operating Fund	2,578,700.00
Road Department	3,807,900.00
Engineering	282,500.00
Mechanic/Parts Department	424,100.00
Sheriff's Office - Patrol	2,511,800.00
SRO	707,500.00
COPS Grant	206,700.00
CH Security	127,400.00
Dispatching	465,700.00
FOP Lodge	32,100.00
Work Crew (Tipping Fee)	20,000.00
Paving & Resurfacing (Tipping Fee)	150,000.00
Water Projects (Tipping Fee)	30,000.00
Paving (RRR Fund)	372,500.00
Resurfacing (RRR Fund)	372,500.00
Road Grant Match (Sec Rd Fund)	335,000.00
Prescription Drug Assistance	106,900.00
Rescue Squads	10,000.00
Solid Waste/Sanitation	13,500.00
Health Dept.	10,000.00
Mental Health (Probate Judge)	10,000.00
Mental Health (CED)	16,000.00
ARC	2,500.00
Road Projects (Severance Tax Fund)	17,500.00
Appropriations (Severance Tax Fund)	17,500.00
Animal Adoption Center	276,000.00
Reappraisal Program	1,143,800.00
Public Transportation Program	688,020.00
Aging Program	206,400.00
Paving/Resurfacing (Rebuild Funds)	1,100,000.00
Paving/Resurfacing (Fed Aid Exh)	400,000.00
Principal (2021 GO Bonds)	730,000.00
Interest (2021 GO Bonds)	318,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>24,596,120.00</b>

Budget includes 2% COLA for all eligible employees as well as grade adjustments for eligible Road Department employees. SSUT will absorb additional cost of family health insurance above 2021CY levels in 2022CY.

President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting will be on Tuesday Oct. 12, 2021 and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to adjourn. The President declared no objections and ordered the meeting adjourned.

---

---

Ricky Harcrow, President

Absent-Due to Covid Restrictions  
Shane Wootten, Commissioner District I

---

Terry Harris, Commissioner District II

---

Chris Kuykendall, Commissioner District III

---

Lester Black, Commissioner District IV