

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday March 8, 2022 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. Absent was Shane Wootten.

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. Kuykendall, 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.

Road Department

Update—Mr. Broyles gave a brief update stating that they were now doing excavation work at the bottom of the CR835 project area and that all District crews are currently doing prep work on the roads that are on the FY22 paving and resurfacing list and said they will probably be doing this for the next 4-6 weeks.

Mr. Broyles notified the Commission that all of the 2021 Mack Trucks have been delivered to the auction site, and the 2022 trucks are now on the road.

Personnel—Mr. Broyles requested permission to hire Danny Crews to fill the vacant position on the Yard Crew and notified the Commission of Mechanic Donnie Henderson's intent to retire. He stated that he has transferred Nick Harvey from the District one crew to train and fill the mechanic position. He requested permission to post the vacant position in District 1 to replace Mr. Harvey.

Mr. Broyles requested permission to declare an old "Hand Scraper" (Equip. ID #CE8520) which is not being used, as surplus property to sell at auction. He stated the new trucks are equipped to do the same work as the Scraper.

Mr. Harris made a motion. Mr. Black seconded the motion, all members voting affirmatively to approve the following:

- Hire Danny Crews (Yard Crew)
 - Transfer Nick Harvey from D1 to Mechanic
 - Post vacated position in D1
 - Declare equipment (Pan Scrapper – CAT 621B Scrapper – CE8520) as surplus property
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Engineer

Award Herbicide Application Bid—Mr. Luther presented bid tabulations for Roadside Herbicide Application and made the recommended to award the bid to Kellis Vegetation Management. Three bids were submitted with Kellis submitting the responsible bid (\$154,500) that met all bid requirements.

Mr. Harris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Black. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to award the Herbicide Application contract to Kellis Vegetation Management.

ALDOT Funding Agreement—Mr. Luther presented an agreement with Tennessee Valley Archaeological Research for Slide Repair work on CR-835 (Old Highway 35). The estimated cost is \$9,993.45. Mr. Luther requested the commission pass a Resolution for the county to enter into the agreement and authorization for President Harcrow and Mr. Sharp, County Administrator to execute the agreement.

Mr. Black made a motion. Seconded by Mr. Harris. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-030802

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:

Slide repair on CR-835 (Old Highway 35), 0.500 mile north of CR-458 to include the stabilization of the front and back slopes, rebuild road, relocate utilities, and place riprap; FHWA Disaster #AL 2019-01 (DDIR# DeKalb-01); Project# ERPR-9040(908); DCP 25-835-19P; CPMS Ref# 100070634.

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 8th day of March, 2022, and that such resolution is on file in the County Clerk's Office.

ATTESTED:

[Signature]
County Clerk

[Signature]
Chairman

8th day of March, 2022, and that such resolution is of record in the Minute Book of the County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the County on this 8th day of MARCH, 2022.

[Signature]
County Clerk

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Sheriff's Office

Personnel—Chief Deputy Gregg requested approval to hire Lonnie Hairel and Eddie Freeman as PT Courthouse Security employees (as needed) .

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

Revenue Commission—Mr. Sharp, on behalf of Mr. Wilks, requested permission to hire Nancy Bernal (G6/1) to fill a vacant tag clerk position retroactive to 03/07/2022 (replaces Ashley Rossen).

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Black, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Spring Clean-up Calendar—President Harcrow announced the 2022 Annual Spring Clean-up and stated that the calendar dates for this event are as follows: April 13th - 16th, April 20th - 23rd and April 27th - 30th from 8 am to 5 pm each day. Dumpsters are located at the entrance to the Sand Valley Landfill.

Bid Award (Cartersville & Kilpatrick) Pre-Fabricated Structures—Mr. Posey addressed the Commission stating that bids were opened on March 3rd for the FEMA361 structures that are to be placed in Cartersville and Kilpatrick and will be utilized as multi-purpose facilities for Covid-19 related issues such as storage, distribution, commodities , etc. He stated that two bids were received . Mr. Posey made the recommendation to award the bid to Modular Connections who had the low bid of \$518,182.00 for both structures. Aqua-Marine (Safe-T-Shelter) presented a bid for \$590,000 for both structures – does not include sitework.

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion. Seconded by Mr. Black, all members voting affirmatively to award the bid to Modular Connections.

ARPA—Communications Resolution

Mr. Sharp presented, and requested the Commission adopt a Resolution committing \$2,000,000 of its ARPA funds for the acquisition and/or installation of software and equipment necessary to facilitate the deployment of a secure P25 compliant digital emergency response radio system.

Mr. Black made a motion. Seconded by Mr. Kuykendall. All members voting affirmatively to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 22-0308-01
TO CONDITIONALLY ALLOCATE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS
TO ACQUIRE AND OPERATE SOFTWARE AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED
TO IMPLEMENT A P25 COMPLIANT DIGITAL MOBILE RADIO
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, DeKalb County, Alabama (the "County") has received American Rescue Plan Act fiscal recovery funds ("ARPA funds") and is charged with ensuring that such funds are expended in accordance with state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, ARPA funds may be used for projects and related expenditures to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Final Rule governing the expenditure of ARPA funds issued by the United States Treasury Department ("Treasury") provides that such projects and expenditures include acquisition of emergency response radio systems; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission ("Commission") has determined that the deployment of an effective and interoperable emergency response radio system for County departments requires further investment in the County's emergency radio response system to implement a secure P25 compliant digital mobile radio communications system that will allow County personnel (1) to efficiently communicate on a real time basis from locations throughout the County and (2) to provide data in conjunction with the dispatch of the County's emergency and public safety personnel to ensure that adequate and appropriate resources are deployed in response to emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the acquisition and/or installation of certain software and equipment is necessary to facilitate the deployment of a secure P25 compliant digital radio communications system; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that using ARPA funds for this purpose a necessary, eligible, and reasonable use of these funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION as follows:

1) The County shall allocate up to \$2,000,000 of its ARPA funds for the acquisition and/or installation of software and equipment to facilitate the deployment of a P25 compliant digital mobile radio communications system to include, as reasonably necessary, the following:

- a. Hand-held and mobile radios;
- b. Computer-aided dispatch software and hardware;
- c. Primary tower-mounted repeaters;
- d. Mobile repeaters;
- e. Mobile data terminals;
- f. A secure wide area network; and
- g. Erection of a communications tower frame.


2) ARPA funds allocated under Paragraph 1 shall not be expended for any proprietary software or equipment for which a third party would be required in a private, fair market value transaction with the County to remit a license, fee, or other thing of value.

3) ARPA funds allocated pursuant to this resolution shall not be obligated or expended until all of the following pre-conditions have been satisfied:

- a. The DeKalb County Strategic Communications Infrastructure Plan has been finalized and approved by all stakeholders and adequate funding secured for all of its component features;
- b. The County has finalized a written justification for the expenditure of ARPA funds for the capital investments referenced in Paragraph 1 that complies with the requirements of Treasury's Final Rule;
- c. The Commission has adopted a resolution specifically authorizing the obligation and expenditure of any of the allocated ARPA funds as a reasonable, necessary, and proportionate response to the public health impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and
- d. The County has complied with the competitive procurement requirements and cost principles imposed by the Uniform Guidance applicable to federal awards.

4) Expenditure of ARPA funds allocated pursuant to this Resolution shall be further contingent on the continued appropriation and availability of ARPA funds for the purposes described herein and in no event shall be used for expenditures not obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026.

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 the 8th day of February, 2022.



Ricky Harcrow, President
DeKalb County Commission

ATTESTED



Matt G. Sharp, Administrator



President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting will be on Tuesday April 12, 2022 and asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

Ricky Harcrow, President

ABSENT
Shane Wooten, Commissioner District 1

Terry Harris, Commissioner District II

Chris Kuykendall, Commissioner District III

Lester Black, Commissioner District IV