

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday April 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were President Harcrow, Terry Harris, Chris Kuykendall and Lester Black. Absent was Shane Wootten.

The meeting was called to order by President Harcrow with President 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.

Eagle Scout Recognition

Terry Harris introduced Mr. Don Brown to the audience. Mr. Harris stated that he was in Mr. Brown's Cub Scout troop many years ago. Mr. Brown has had over 100 Boy Scouts who have made it to the Eagle Scout level and he is a very valuable asset to the Tenbroeck community. Mr. Harris presented resolutions of accomplishments to the Eagle Scouts as follows:

Brice Mayes, Cameron Haney, Hunter Sisk, Levi Dody, Parker Higgins, and Cole Garrett.

Road Department

Update—Mr. Broyles addressed the Commission stating that much progress has been made on the CR835 project and with the forecast of good weather over the next two weeks, crews should be able to get a lot of work done.

Equipment Purchase—Mr. Broyles requested the Commission purchase three (3) 930M Wheel Loaders off the Sourcewell Bid at costs of \$231,411 for the first one and \$221,749 for the other two (proceeds from the Mack Truck auction are to be used for this purchase).

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to approve the purchase, with a second from Mr. Black, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Personnel—Mr. Broyles asked the Commission hire Jonathan Stiefel in a temporary position, pending Mr. Stiefel pass and obtain a CDL license.

Mr. Black made a motion to approve the request, with a second from Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Engineer

CR-24 Bridge Emergency Declaration—Mr. Luther presented an Emergency Declaration to repair and replace the backwall under the bridge deck on CR 24 at Scarham Creek. Mr. Luther also presented the Commission with a proposal from GeoStabilizaion International to do the repairs and work. Mr. Luther noted that in accordance with Code Section 39-2-2(e), a formal notice of Emergency has been declared and the formal bid process will not apply. Total costs of this work is approximately \$125,000 to come from District 2 Bond funds.



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April 7, 2022

Honorable Ricky Harcrow
President
DeKalb County Commission
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**RE: County Road 24 Bridge @ Scarham Creek
EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

Dear President Harcrow:

In accordance with Section 39-2-2(e), *Code of Alabama 1975*, this is a formal notice of emergency in DeKalb County.

On February 9th I was asked by Commissioner Terry Harris to look at the above referenced structure, as the southern approach roadway was settling and causing a dangerous situation. During the site evaluation, it was determined that the existing masonry backwall was showing signs of lateral movement, along with earth material scour under the bridge deck between the existing masonry backwall and the existing abutment of the structure. There was also loss of masonry stone at the bottom of the upstream wingwall, where it joins the backwall. The masonry backwall, placed many years ago as part of a previous structure, is providing earth material support for the abutment piles of the existing structure.

On March 30th a subsequent site inspection was performed with Mr. Steve Poole of GeoStabilization International, to assist in determining an appropriate stabilization method. The backwall was showing an increase of about 50% in the lateral movement from the previous evaluation. It is believed that floodwaters are contributing to the loss of material behind the backwall, as well as scour action from surface waters leaving the roadway and bridge deck. A leaking potable waterline has also been contributing to dead weight loading and material instability.

We believe that to stabilize the backwall and impede any further movement, a soil nail wall project will be the most viable option. If work is not performed in a timely manner, the structure may have to be closed and repair costs could be much, much greater. The emergency work is estimated to take approximately 2-3 weeks to complete. An estimated cost is not yet available, as a definitive plan has not been developed.

In order to provide for the safety of the traveling public, it will be necessary to perform this emergency work and possibly contract for or obtain other services, supplies, materials and equipment.

Sincerely,

Benjamin P. Luther, P.E.
County Engineer

Mr. Harris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Black. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to sign the Emergency Declaration and allow the repairs to be made.

CR-835 Right-of-Way Acquisition—Mr. Luther told the Commission due to all the work that the Road Department has done on CR 835 it is necessary to acquire additional right of way and one of the land owners has agreed to donate the property and an additional landowner has verbally agreed to the purchase price of \$260.00. Mr. Luther requested the Commission approve the acquisition of this property.

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

Pipe Liner Proposals—Mr. Luther stated that he had put out a request for proposals for two pipe liner installations, one for CR 52 and the other on CR 89. The total installation price for both projects from Lambert Inc, is \$41,380.00.

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

Damage Claim—Mr. Luther presented a damage claim from Kristy Gallagher who stated her vehicle was damaged on CR 137 and requested permission to forward to our insurance for final disposition.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve Mr. Luther's request, with a second from Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Sheriff's Office/Jail Personnel

Dispatch Personnel—Sheriff Welden requested the Commission hire Mary Danielle Hamilton to replace Catie (Sarah) Hamilton, who resigned.

Mr. Black made a motion to approve the request, with a second from Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Jail Personnel—Chief CO David Smith requested the Commission hire the following:

Candace Bearden to replace Austin Gamez
Devin Harris to replace Brandon (Coy) Blackwood
Taylor McBryar to replace Haden Denton
William Watson to replace Regina Wilson (who transferred earlier to Dispatch)

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to approve the request, with a second from Mr. Black, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Adamsburg Fire Protection Authority

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to reappoint Paul Brandon to the Adamsburg Fire Protection Authority to a six year term. He also included in his motion to appoint Jason Cyrus to a position vacated by David Evett, who passed away a few months ago.

Mr. Harris seconded Mr. Kuykendall's motion, all member voting affirmatively, motion carried.

COA Personnel—On behalf of Ms. McCamy, Mr. Sharp requested permission to hire Vickie Knight as Manager at Fyffe Senior Center.

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

Animal Shelter—Southern Veterinary Conference

Mr. Sharp, on behalf of Ms. Ledbetter, requested permission for Ms. Ledbetter to attend the Southern Veterinary Conference on August 4-6 2022, as part of her annual training.

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to approve the training, with a second from Mr. Black, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Sales Tax Software

Mr. Sharp stated that Carole Brooks would be taking full retirement in August after working for the County for 25+ year (the last several as a PT retiree). Mr. Sharp stated that the old Sales Tax software system is outdated and is no longer efficient. After much research it was determined that no other software company had the software needed to comply with the County's IT needs, he requested the Commission approve the purchase of the new software system at the cost of \$65,000.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the purchase of the new software, with a second from Mr. Black, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

DeKalb County EDA

President Harcrow requested the Commission appoint Chip Kerby to fill a position vacated by James Coker on the Economic Development Board. Mr. Kerby's term will expire in September 2025.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the appointment, with a second from Mr. Black, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting will be on Tuesday May 10, 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 Wootten, Commissioner District 1

Terry Harris, Commissioner District II

Chris Kuykendall, Commissioner District III

Lester Black, Commissioner District IV