

The DeKalb County Commission met in Special Organizational Session on Wednesday November 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were President Ricky Harcrow, Shane Wootten, Terry Harris, Ron Saferite, and Lester Black.

Prior to the meeting, incoming District 3 Commissioner, Ron Saferite was sworn in by Circuit Judge Jeremy Taylor. District 4 Commissioner Lester Black (second term) was sworn in by Presiding Circuit Judge Shaunathan Bell. President Ricky Harcrow (4<sup>th</sup> term as President – Mr. Harcrow served 3 terms as District 1 Commissioner) was sworn in by Circuit Judge Andrew Hairston.

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

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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.

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**New Business—Organizational Items** (State law requires the Commission to meet in Organizational Session eight (8) days after the General Election):

Setting Meeting Times and Dates—President Harcrow noted that due to the pandemic the Commission has only been meeting once a month on the Second Tuesday and would continue this schedule through the end of the year. Beginning in January 2023, monthly meetings will resume twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to resume the regular meeting dates on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building beginning in January 2023. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Election of President Pro-Tem—President Harcrow made the recommendation for Mr. Wootten, having the most seniority, to serve as President Pro Tem for the next term

Mr. Harris made a motion to elect Mr. Wootten as President Pro Tem. Mr. Black seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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### **Road Department**

Update—Mr. Broyles stated that mowing is near completion in all four districts and the herbicide contractor has completed the second-round spraying, including a pre-emergent herbicide which should help with spring growth. Due to bad weather conditions, paving contractor Charles Watts has been unable to complete paving for the current paving season and may have to start back on any unfinished roads in the spring.

Personnel—Mr. Broyles requested permission to hire Mark Wilbanks as “Lube Man” in the shop to replace David Maddox who is retiring.

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

Equipment—Mr. Broyles noted that a 2008 road grader was in the shop for a transmission rebuild and another grader of the same model has transmission problems as well. He requested permission to bid repair for the transmission of the second motor grader.

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

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### **Engineer**

ALDOT Snow & Ice Contract—Mr. Luther requested the Commission accept the FY22-23 contract for snow & ice removal. He stated that the rates are unchanged and requested permission to quote the same rates as the previous year. Rates listed below.

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

Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Black. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Acceptance of Road 1909—Mr. Luther requested the Commission's approval to accept Road 1909 in Mentone on the County's road maintenance list. The road has been paved and meets all qualifications for the county to maintain.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Harris. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

NACE 2023 Conference—Mr. Luther requested permission for him and Assistant Engineer Irby Wallace to attend the 2023 NACE Conference which will be in Alabama this year (Perdido Beach Resort). The NACE Conference will coincide with the Alabama County Engineer's Conference.

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

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### **Sheriff's Office**

Sheriff's Office Personnel—Chief Deputy Edmondson requested the Commission approve the termination of Savannah Willingham (FT Dispatch), and to approve the transfer of Katie Monroe from PT to FT Dispatch to replace Ms. Willingham.

Jail Personnel—Chief Edmondson asked the Commission to accept the resignations of Parker Perea (Corrections officer, effective Oct. 30),  
Cindy Minton (Jail Nurse)  
Cameron Mattox (Corrections Officer, effective Nov. 16).

### Request to hire:

Ivan Dougan—Corrections Officer - B Shift to replace Candace Bearden

Evan Wilborn—Corrections Officer - C Shift to replace Nathan Palmer

Mr. Black made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Harris. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to approve personnel changes in the Sheriff's Office and Jail.

Training—Chief Edmondson requested approval for Chief CO Seth Cagle and Deputy Chief CO Tracie Hamilton to attend the Corrections Officer’s Jail Training Conference.

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

Promotions—Chief Edmondson requested permission to promote Corrections Officer Tiffany Young to Sgt. B-Shift.

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

**Drone Bid/Grant**—Mr. Sharp stated that the Sheriff’s Office had obtained a \$21,000 Grant for the purchase of a Drone and had let bids with one vendor (Airworx, LLC for \$20,099). He stated the Sheriff has signed an agreement for the grant and requested the Commission’s approval for the purchase and subsequent grant reimbursement.

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

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#### **COA/RPT**

Personnel—Ms. McCamy requested permission to transfer PT employee Kenneth Goggans to FT to replace Steve Caneer, who recently retired and to hire William Brasher to replace the PT position.

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

Used Bus Purchase—Ms. McCamy requested permission to purchase a used bus to use as a spare while a wrecked bus is in the shop for repairs and stated if purchased they would continue to use the bus as a spare as needed. The County’s cost for the bus is \$6,240. (Note the purchase is subject to approval by TARCOG).

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

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**Health Insurance Policy**--Mr. Sharp addressed the Commission concerning employee health insurance cost. He stated that currently the County pays 100% of the employee health insurance premium and a \$222 monthly supplement for family coverage leaving \$537/month for the employee to pay. Premiums are increasing from \$759 to \$807/month in January for family coverage. The Employee (individual) premium is increase from \$527 to \$561/month.

Mr. Sharp made the following recommendation, effective January 1, 2023:

- a) Continue paying 100% for employees.
- b) Increase the supplement paid by the County for family coverage from \$222 to \$307/month and lower the employee cost to \$500/month (cost to be an additional \$40,000 to be paid from the SSUT Fund).

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

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**Amended Allocation Resolution 22-1116-01—Red Bud Project**

County Administrator Matt Sharp addressed the Commission requesting approval to amend Resolution No. 22-0614-09 to add an additional \$27,500 to the project which is shared with Marshall County. Mr. Sharp stated the original allocation was \$300,000. He also noted that Marshall County was going to increase their allotment by \$50,000 (bid was approximately \$77,500 more than original estimate).

Mr. Harris stated that the many residents living on this road are in desperate need of water improvement and made a motion to approve and adopt the amended allocation of \$27,500.

Mr. Wootten seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following Resolution:

<b>COMMISSION MEMBERS</b>	<b>THE DeKALB COUNTY COMMISSION</b>	<b>COMMISSION MEMBERS</b>
<b>SHANE WOOTTEN DISTRICT I</b>	<b>RICKY HARCROW, PRESIDENT</b>	<b>RON SAFERITE DISTRICT III</b>
<b>TERRY HARRIS DISTRICT II</b>	<b>MATT G. SHARP, ADMINISTRATOR SUITE 200 111 GRAND AVE. S.W. FORT PAYNE, AL 35967 256-845-8500 PHONE 256-845-8502 FAX</b>	<b>LESTER BLACK DISTRICT IV</b>

**RESOLUTION No. 22-1116-01  
TO AMEND RESOLUTION No. 22-0614-09  
TO AUTHORIZE THE ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS  
FOR ELIGIBLE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT  
NE ALABAMA WATER – Red Bud**

**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 necessary investments in water and sewer infrastructure ("eligible water and sewer ARPA infrastructure projects"); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 603(c)(3) of the ARPA, PL 117-2, March 11, 2021, 135 Stat 4, the County may transfer ARPA funds to municipalities, water and sewer authorities, and other public third-party providers ("third-party providers") in order to make these necessary investments; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has previously adopted a resolution (Resolution No. 22-0614-08) to award funding of \$300,000 of its ARPA funds to cover part of the construction costs relating to an infrastructure project on in the Red Bud Community to install approximately 6,850 linear feet of 3" water line; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were opened on October 13, 2022, with the low bid being approximately \$476,100;

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

- 1) The President of the DeKalb County Commission shall assign a Project Monitor to ensure compliance with federal guidance, the ARPA award, consistent with the County's implementation plan.
- 2) The County hereby conditionally allocates an additional \$27,500 of its ARPA funds to cover part or all of the construction costs associated with an infrastructure project as noted above.

3) This allocation is conditioned upon meeting federal requirements as set forth in paragraph 4 and further review of cost estimates of the project.

4) Following the successful completion of a risk assessment and development of a monitoring plan, the County is hereby directed to negotiate with the Northeast Alabama Water Sewer and Fire Protection District to establish a subaward agreement consistent with this resolution and the terms and conditions of the County's ARPA award.

5) ARPA funds will be not obligated or expended for an eligible water or sewer infrastructure project prior to the Commission's adoption of a resolution authorizing the terms and conditions of the subaward.

**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 16th day of November, 2022.

  
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Ricky Harcrow, President  
DeKalb County Commission

ATTESTED BY:  
  
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Matt G. Sharp, County Administrator

### **HWY 835 Water Main Upgrade Allocation Resolution**

Mr. Black made the recommendation to adopt a resolution to authorize an allocation of ARPA Funds for the necessary replacement of a 3” waterline with a 6” line on CR835.

Mr. Black made a motion to enter into an agreement with Waterworks, Sewer & Gas Board of the Town of Section for the HWY 835 Waterline Project. Mr. Saferite seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following Resolution:

**THE DeKALB COUNTY  
COMMISSION**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS**

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DISTRICT I**

**TERRY HARRIS  
DISTRICT II**

**RICKY HARCROW, PRESIDENT**

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**COMMISSION MEMBERS**

**RON SAFERITE  
DISTRICT III**

**LESTER BLACK  
DISTRICT IV**

**RESOLUTION No. 22-1116-02  
TO AUTHORIZE THE ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS  
FOR ELIGIBLE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT  
WATERWORKS, SEWER & GAS BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SECTION  
HWY 835 WATER MAIN UPGRADE PROJECT**

**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 necessary investments in water and sewer infrastructure ("eligible water and sewer ARPA infrastructure projects"); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 603(c)(3) of the ARPA, PL 117-2, March 11, 2021, 135 Stat 4, the County may transfer ARPA funds to municipalities, water and sewer authorities, and other public third-party providers ("third-party providers") in order to make these necessary investments; and

**WHEREAS**, the DeKalb County Commission (the "Commission") has identified, with assistance from an independent consultant, an eligible ARPA infrastructure project to serve the County's citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission desires to enter into an agreement with Waterworks, Sewer & Gas Board of the Town of Section, a water and sewer authority, to carry out the ARPA infrastructure project for a public purpose;

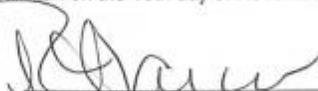
**WHEREAS**, the Commission has determined that the project is a necessary, eligible, and reasonable use of these funds; and

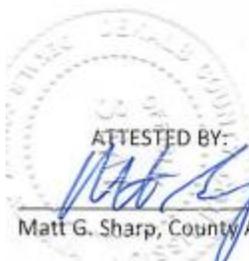
**WHEREAS**, the County will conduct a satisfactory risk assessment of the Waterworks, Sewer & Gas Board of the Town of Section and develop a monitoring plan for the ARPA infrastructure project.

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

- 1) The Chairman of the Commission shall assign a Project Monitor to ensure compliance with federal guidance, the ARPA award, consistent with the County's implementation plan.
- 2) The County hereby conditionally allocates up to \$26,784 of its ARPA funds to cover part or all of the construction costs of an infrastructure project to replace an undersized 3-inch water line with a 6-inch waterline along County Road 835 to serve 165 existing customers. Funds are only being requested for materials and a small portion of the total project. Residents have complained of low water pressure.
- 3) This allocation is conditioned upon meeting federal requirements as set forth in paragraph 4 and further review of cost estimates of the project.
- 4) Following the successful completion of a risk assessment and development of a monitoring plan, the County is hereby directed to negotiate with the Waterworks, Sewer & Gas Board of the Town of Section to establish a subaward agreement consistent with this resolution and the terms and conditions of the County's ARPA award.
- 5) ARPA funds will be not obligated or expended for an eligible water or sewer infrastructure project prior to the Commission's adoption of a resolution authorizing the terms and conditions of the subaward.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the DeKalb County Commission has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Chairman on the 16th day of November, 2022.

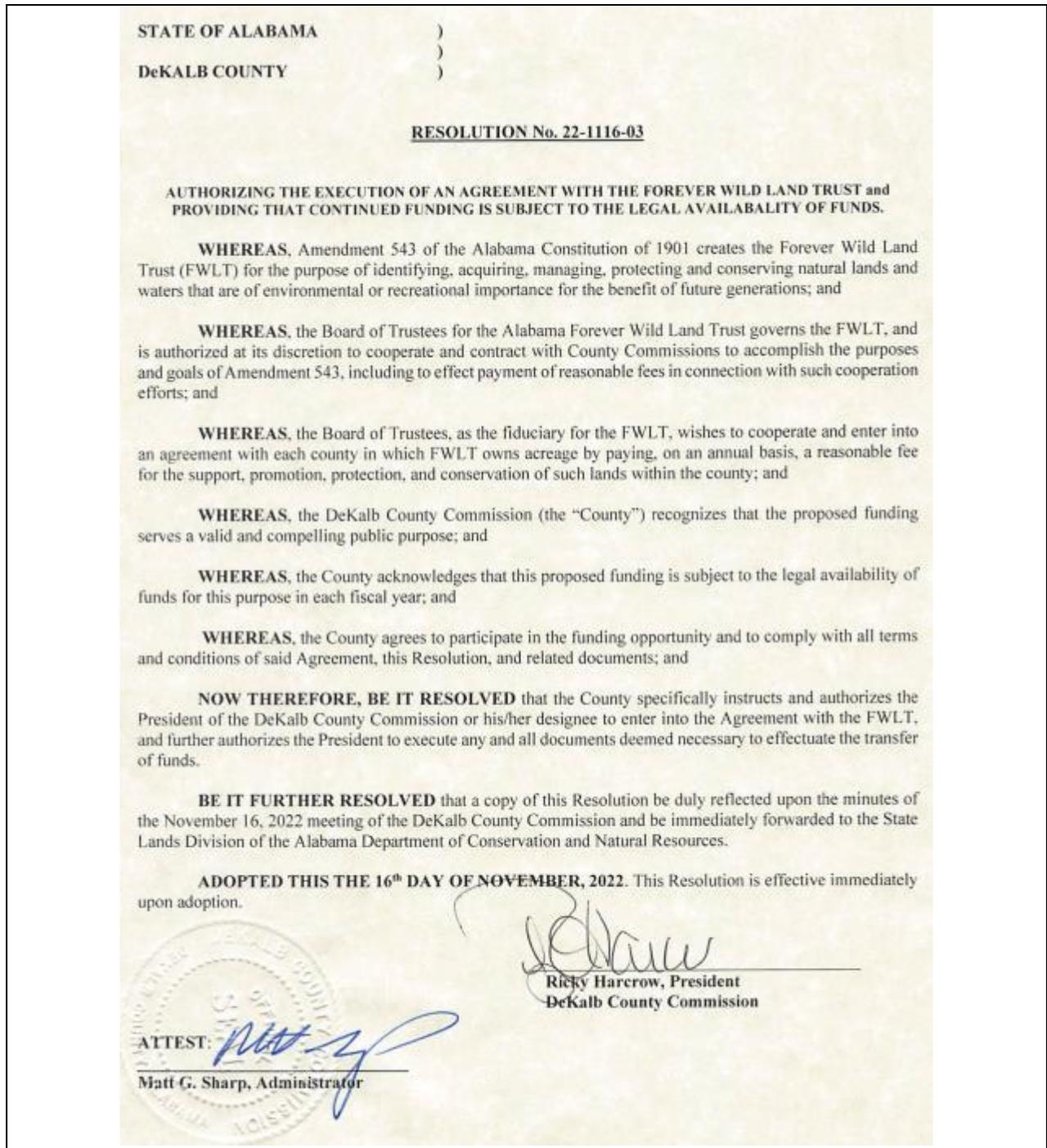
  
Ricky Harcrow, President  
DeKalb County Commission

  
ATTESTED BY:  
  
Matt G. Sharp, County Administrator

**Forever Wild Land Trust Resolution:**

Mr. Sharp addressed the Commission requesting authorization for the execution of an agreement with the Forever Wild Land Trust to accept annual funding (in lieu of taxes), and authorize President Harcrow to sign and execute all necessary documents.

Mr. Harris made a motion. Seconded by Mr. Wootten. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to Adopt the following Resolution:



**ARPA Funds (Roads) Resolution**

Mr. Sharp made a recommendation to the Commission to approve and adopt a Resolution to allocate ARPA funds (up to Two Million dollars) over the next two years to benefit county roads.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Black. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION No. 22-1108-04**  
**FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT REVENUE**  
**REPLACEMENT FUNDS FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, DeKalb County, Alabama, (the "County") has received an award of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act from the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury"), \$10,000,000 of which have been duly designated as revenue replacement funds ("ARPA revenue replacement funds") in accordance with the final rule issued by Treasury on January 6, 2022 (the "final rule"); and

**WHEREAS**, the DeKalb County Commission (the "Commission") is charged with ensuring the expenditure of the County's ARPA revenue replacement funds in accordance with state and federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, ARPA revenue replacement funds may be used for the purpose of providing government services, including costs that the County typically bears to provide these services to its citizenry; and

**WHEREAS**, these costs include the cost of constructing and maintaining County roads and bridges ("public roadways"); and

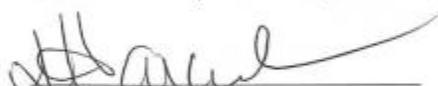
**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of the final rule and related guidance issued by Treasury, the County may use ARPA revenue replacement funds for pay-go funded road construction and maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission desires to conditionally allocate a portion of the County's ARPA revenue replacement funds for use to cover a portion of the reasonable and necessary cost of construction and maintenance of its public roadways to ensure that they are maintained in a safe and operable condition.

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

1. The Commission hereby conditionally allocates up to \$2 million of the County's ARPA revenue replacement funds for pay-go funded construction and maintenance of its public roadways.
2. Expenditure of these funds shall be conditioned upon compliance with state laws and guidelines related to the procurement of goods and services, including compliance the Public Works Law, codified as Title 39 of the Code of Alabama 1975 and the Competitive Bid Law, codified as §§ 41-16-50, *et seq.*, Code of Alabama 1975, as applicable, and any applicable federal law governing the expenditure ARPA revenue replacement funds.
3. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution to the contrary, ARPA revenue replacement funds allocated by this Resolution shall not be used for the following purposes:
  - a) To make deposits into a pension fund;
  - b) To service debt or replenish rainy day funds;
  - c) To satisfy settlements and judgments; or
  - d) To fund programs, services, or capital expenditures that undermine efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19.
4. Expenditure of ARPA revenue replacement funds, as authorized by this Resolution, shall be contingent on the continued appropriation and availability of ARPA revenue replacement funds for this purpose 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

  
The Honorable Ricky Harcrow  
President, DeKalb County Commission

ATTESTED BY:

  
Matt G. Sharp, County Administrator



**Expenditure Resolutions—Collinsville Water – Main Replacement; NE Water - CR 180; NE Water - CR396:**

Mr. Sharp addressed the Commission making the recommendation to accept and adopt three separate Resolutions authorizing the expenditure of ARPA funds for Eligible Water Infrastructure projects.

He stated that Resolutions for the three projects were adopted in June for the allocation of funds to the projects, but we are required to adopt Resolutions for the expenditure of the allocated funds for payments to be made for the projects.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Saferite. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following Resolutions:

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**RESOLUTION No. 22-1116-05  
TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS  
FOR ELIGIBLE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT  
WATER WORKS, SEWER & GAS BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COLLINSVILLE  
WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT**

**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 necessary investments in water and sewer infrastructure ("eligible water and sewer ARPA infrastructure projects"); and

**WHEREAS**, the DeKalb County Commission (the "Commission") has identified, with assistance from an independent consultant, an eligible ARPA infrastructure project to serve the County's citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with Alabama Code (1975) §11-1-10, the County may provide funds to another local government for the public's interest in any beneficial development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission desires to enter into an agreement with the Water Works, Sewer & Gas Board of the Town of Collinsville, a municipality, to carry out the ARPA infrastructure project for a public purpose;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has determined that the project is a necessary, eligible, and reasonable use of these funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has conducted a satisfactory risk assessment of the Water Works, Sewer & Gas Board of the Town of Collinsville and developed a monitoring plan for the ARPA infrastructure project.

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

I. The County shall use ARPA funds to cover up to \$500,000 of the cost of the infrastructure project to cover construction costs to install approximately 4,850 linear feet of PVC water pipe to replace 6" cast iron water line on Raines Court, McClain St., First Ave., Davis St., Center St. and 2" cast iron water line at Ryan Subdivision; to replace approximately 5,200 LF of asbestos cement pipe along Alabama Highway 11 with 8" PVC pipe; and including ductile iron creek crossing, six road crossings, six hydrants,

and ten connections to existing systems by and through a subaward to the Water Works, Sewer & Gas Board of the Town of Collinsville.

2. The County hereby resolves to enter into a subaward agreement with the Water Works, Sewer & Gas Board of the Town of Collinsville attached hereto as Addendum 1.

3. The Commission President (Ricky Harcrow) is hereby authorized to expend ARPA funds for costs of expenses of an eligible infrastructure project pursuant to the subaward agreement.

4. Expenditure of these funds, as authorized by this Resolution, shall be contingent on the continued appropriation and availability of ARPA funds for this purpose and in no event shall be used for any costs associated with the ARPA infrastructure project that are not obligated on or before December 31, 2024, and expended on or before 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 Chairman on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

  
Ricky Harcrow, President  
DeKalb County Commission

ATTESTED BY:

  
Matt G. Sharp County Administrator



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**LESTER BLACK  
DISTRICT IV**

**RESOLUTION No. 22-1116-06  
TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS  
FOR ELIGIBLE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT  
NORTHEAST ALABAMA WATER, SEWER, AND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT**

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**WHEREAS**, ARPA funds may be used for necessary investments in water and sewer infrastructure ("eligible water and sewer ARPA infrastructure projects"); and

**WHEREAS**, the DeKalb County Commission (the "Commission") has identified, with assistance from an independent consultant, an eligible ARPA infrastructure project to serve the County's citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with Alabama Code (1975) §11-88-13, the County may provide funds to a local water authority for the purposes of providing improvements to a water system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission desires to enter into an agreement with the Northeast Alabama Water, Sewer, and Fire Protection District, a public utility district, to carry out the ARPA infrastructure project for a public purpose;

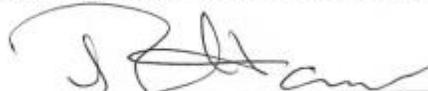
**WHEREAS**, the Commission has determined that the project is a necessary, eligible, and reasonable use of these funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has conducted a satisfactory risk assessment of the Northeast Alabama Water, Sewer, and Fire Protection District and developed a monitoring plan for the ARPA infrastructure project.

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

1. The County shall use ARPA funds to cover up to \$81,070 of the cost of the infrastructure project to cover construction costs to install approximately 2,158 linear feet of PVC water pipe along County Road 396 by and through a subaward to Northeast Alabama Water, Sewer, and Fire Protection District.
2. The County hereby resolves to enter into a subaward agreement with the Northeast Alabama Water, Sewer, and Fire Protection District attached hereto as Addendum 1.
3. The Commission President (Ricky Harcrow) is hereby authorized to expend ARPA funds for costs of expenses of an eligible infrastructure project pursuant to the subaward agreement.
4. Expenditure of these funds, as authorized by this Resolution, shall be contingent on the continued appropriation and availability of ARPA funds for this purpose and in no event shall be used for any costs associated with the ARPA infrastructure project that are not obligated on or before December 31, 2024, and expended on or before 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 Chairman on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.



Ricky Harcrow, President  
DeKalb County Commission

ATTESTED BY:



  
Matt G. Sharp County Administrator

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LESTER BLACK  
DISTRICT IV

**RESOLUTION No. 22-1116-07  
TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS  
FOR ELIGIBLE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT  
NORTHEAST ALABAMA WATER, SEWER, AND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT**

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**WHEREAS**, the DeKalb County Commission (the "Commission") has identified, with assistance from an independent consultant, an eligible ARPA infrastructure project to serve the County's citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with Alabama Code (1975) §11-89-13, the County may provide funds to a local water district for the purposes of providing improvements to a water system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission desires to enter into an agreement with the Northeast Alabama Water, Sewer, and Fire Protection District, a public utility district, to carry out the ARPA infrastructure project for a public purpose;

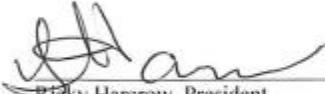
**WHEREAS**, the Commission has determined that the project is a necessary, eligible, and reasonable use of these funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has conducted a satisfactory risk assessment of the Northeast Alabama Water, Sewer, and Fire Protection District and developed a monitoring plan for the ARPA infrastructure project.

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

1. The County shall use ARPA funds to cover up to \$375,000 of the cost of the infrastructure project to cover construction costs to replace 14,000 linear feet of existing waterline with larger PVC along County Road 180 to alleviate low pressure during high demand and accommodate reasonable future growth through a subaward to Northeast Alabama Water, Sewer, and Fire Protection District.
2. The County hereby resolves to enter into a subaward agreement with the Northeast Alabama Water, Sewer, and Fire Protection District in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Addendum 1.
3. The Commission President (Ricky Harcrow) is hereby authorized to expend ARPA funds for costs of expenses of an eligible infrastructure project pursuant to the subaward agreement.
4. Expenditure of these funds, as authorized by this Resolution, shall be contingent on the continued appropriation and availability of ARPA funds for this purpose and in no event shall be used for any costs associated with the ARPA infrastructure project that are not obligated on or before December 31, 2024, and expended on or before 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 Chairman on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

  
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Ricky Harcrow, President  
DeKalb County Commission

ATTESTED BY:

  
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Matt G. Sharp County Administrator



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**Proclamation—National Family Caregivers Month**

Mr. Harcrow addressed the audience stating that a declaration was sent out by the President declaring the Month of November as “National Caregivers Month” recognizing the love and sacrifice of more than 50 million Americans providing care and medical assistance to family members. He commended Ms. McCamy and the staff at Council on Aging for all they do to assist our local families.

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President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting would be on Tuesday, December 13, 2022. He asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

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Ricky Harcrow, President

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Shane Wooten, Commissioner District I

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Terry Harris, Commissioner District II

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Ron Saferite, Commissioner District III

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Lester Black, Commissioner District IV