

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday January 24, 2023 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.

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The meeting was called to order by President Harcrow with President Harcrow delivering the invocation, and Mr. Saferite 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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### **Road Department**

Update—Mr. Broyles gave an update stating that crews are continuing to patch potholes and doing some bushcutting. Crews are also working on a Bridge Installation on CR 422 in the Moore's Crossroads area. Two of the recently purchased Savage mowers have been delivered as well as four of the new Crew Leader trucks. The two Tractor Mounted mowers are still over 9-10 weeks out.

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### **Engineer**

CR 685 Speed Limit Resolution—On Behalf of Mr. Luther who is attending required FEMA Floodplain Training, Mr. Sharp presented and requested approval to adopt a Resolution setting a maximum speed limit of 30 mph on CR 685 between CR 116 and State Rd 75 (outside the Sylvania Town Limits):

Mr. Black made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Saferite seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following CR 685 Speed Limit Resolution:

State of Alabama  
DeKalb County

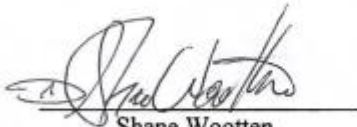
RESOLUTION NO. 23-0124-01

**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 685 between County Road 116 and State Road 75 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 685 between County Road 116 and State Road 75, outside of the Sylvania Town Limits, 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 portions of County Road 685;

**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 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023

  
Shane Wootten  
District 1 Commissioner

  
Ricky Harcrow, President

  
Terry Harris  
District 2 Commissioner

  
Ron Saferite  
District 3 Commissioner

  
Lester Black  
District 4 Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Matt Sharp  
County Administrator

Award 2023 Tahoe Bid (Sheriff)—At the request of Mr. Luther, Mr. Sharp notified the Commission that Bids were opened on January 19, 2023 for three (3) Chevrolet Tahoes. The bid was awarded to Donohoo Cheverolet at a total cost of \$107,762.22.

Mr. Saferite made a motion, seconded by Mr. Black, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried to award the bid to Donohue for the purchase of one 2023 4WD SSV Tahoe for \$37,792.70 and two 2023 2WD PPV Tahoes at \$34,984.76 each. Total cost for all three is \$107,762.22.

Sheriff's Office—Sheriff Welden requested the Commission's approval to hire Michael West as PT Deputy to replace David Stanley (who transfered to FT SRO at Crossville) and to transfer Sydney McKay from PT to FT Dispatcher to replace Kylie Flippo. He also requested approval to hire Delaney Sewell as PT Dispatcher to replace Sydney McKay's PT position (note: Sydney McKay resigned her FT position in December to work at Ider. She worked PT during the interim period).

Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve the personnel request, seconded by Harris, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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### **Jail**

Chief Cagle requested approval for the following items:

Personnel—Promote Officer Elijah Avila to the rank of Sgt. to replace Dawson Bobo (who recently resigned).

NCIC Contract—Requested approval to renew their contract with NCIC (inmate communications system).

Training—Requested approval for five employees to attend Jail Management training at Northeast Alabama Community College. The cost is \$225 per employee.

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

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### **Revenue Commission**

Personnel—Mr. Wilks noted that Property Appraiser, Patricia Coleman had retired back in November and he had been looking at absorbing her position with other employees and eliminate her position. He and Mr. Sharp had negotiated several times and concluded to give a grade raise to Liz Higgins and a one-step pay raise to the following employees:

Susan Shankles, Michael Wootten, Darlene Hunter, April Evans, Emily Greenwood and Michele Reed

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

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**Board Appointment**—Mr. Harris presented a request by the Grove Oak Volunteer Fire Department for approval for its Board Member recommendations. Mr. Harris made a motion to accept the recommendation for the following Board of Directors: Bruce Aldridge, Mack Noles and Corey Dobson.

Mr. Wootten seconded the motion made by Mr. Harris. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting will be on Tuesday February 14, 2023 and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Wootten 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 Wootten, 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