

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday March 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were Shane Wootten serving as President Pro-Tem, Terry Harris, Ron Saferite, and Lester Black. Absent was President Ricky Harcrow

The meeting was called to order by President Pro-Tem Wootten, with Mr. Luther delivering the invocation, and Mr. Saferite leading the Pledge.

It was moved by Mr. Saferite, 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.

Road Department

Update—Mr. Broyles stated that crews are continuing to patch potholes, work on the paving/resurfacing list and clip shoulders. Only two of new trucks have been delivered which may prevent some of the trucks from being sold at the March auction. Most may have to go to the June auction with the same guaranteed price as the March sale.

Personnel

Mr. Broyles requested approval to hire Scot Woodall (FT) to fill the vacant position in the District 3 crew. He also requested permission to post an Assistant Road Superintendent position stating this will be a new position.

Mr. Saferite made a motion to honor the request to hire Mr. Woodall and to post the assistant superintendent position. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Equipment Surplus—Mr. Broyles requested permission to send a 2017 John Deere Tractor to auction as surplus equipment. He stated that the transmission will need to be rebuilt and the cost for repairs and labor will be extensive and within a few thousand dollars to the cost of a new purchase. He stated that in addition to the high cost, parts needed for repair would not be available until December. He told the Commission there would be a reserve set prior to the sale and if it did not bring that amount, it would not be sold.

Mr. Harris made a motion to honor the request. Mr. Saferite seconded the motion, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Engineer

Award Rebuild AL Bid—Mr. Luther presented Bid Tabulations for Bituminous Surface Treatments that were opened on February 15, 2023 (FY2023 County Transportation Plan) and made the recommendation to award the bid to Charles E. Watts, Inc., who had the lowest bid of at \$2,648,671.48 compared to Russell Standard at \$2,941,075.77.

Mr. Harris made a motion to award the bid to Watts. Mr. Black seconded the motion. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried

Award Truck Bid for Sheriff's Dept—Mr. Luther stated that Bids were opened on March 9 for one or more 2023 Chevy Silverado 1500 4WD Crew Cab work trucks for the Sheriff's Office. Donohoo Chevrolet presented the only bid at \$45,810.66.

Mr. Saferite made a motion to honor the request. Seconded by Mr. Black. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to award the bid to Donohoo Chevrolet.

Preliminary Subdivision Plat approval—Lingerfelt Subdivision—Mr. Luther stated that Mr. Calvin Wells has submitted Preliminary Subdivision Plat for a Phase I development in District Four. The request has been reviewed and meets minimum requirements. Mr. Luther requested the floor be opened for comments from the audience for or against the development of the

Subdivision. There were none. Mr. Luther made the recommendation to give Mr. Wells authorization to begin work and issue a permit to begin development.

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

Sheriff's Office

Jail Personnel—Chief Cagle requested the Commission's approval for the following personnel items:

- Resignations - Accept the resignation of Correctional Officer Joshua Patterson
- Transfers - Transfer Elijah Avila from Shift Sgt to Transport Officer
- Transfer Charles Young from Transport to Correctional Officer
- Promotions - Promote Correctional Officer William Watson to Sgt.

Training—Approve Deputy Randy Waldrop and Chief CO Tracie Hamilton to attend AxonTaser Certification Training in Pelham AL.

Mr. Saferite made a motion to approve the personnel and training requests. Mr. Black seconded the motion, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

RC Personnel—Mr. Wilks requested approval to hire Sadania Lance as Business Personal Property Clerk (replaces Gloria Aguilar who previously transferred to a vacant tag clerk position).

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve. Mr. Saferite Seconded the motion, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Red Bud Agreement & Resolution--County Administrator Matt Sharp presented a Resolution authorizing the Red Bud Water Line Extension Project required for the expenditure of ARPA funds.

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

**RESOLUTION No. 23-0314-01
TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS
FOR ELIGIBLE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT
NORTHEAST ALABAMA WATER, SEWER, AND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
RED BUD WATER LINE EXTENSION**

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) §11-89-13, 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:

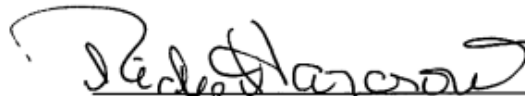
1. The County shall use ARPA funds to cover up to \$327,500.00 of the cost of the infrastructure project to cover construction costs to extend a new 3" water line from an existing water line on County Road 658 along Red Bud Road approximately 6,850 LF to provide water service to residents currently on private wells in Dekalb County through a subaward to Northeast Alabama Water, Sewer, and Fire Protection District.

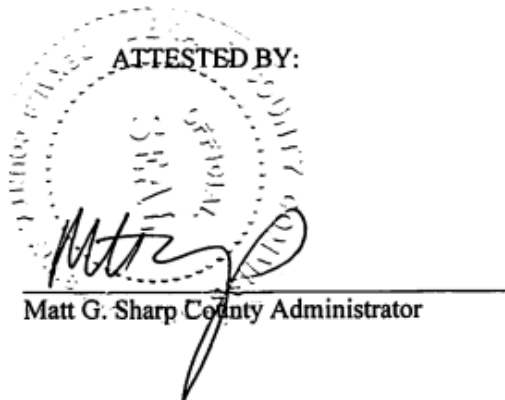
2. The County hereby resolves to enter into a subaward agreement with the Northeast Alabama Water, Sewer, and Fire Protection District in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Addendum 1.

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 14th day of March, 2023.


Ricky Harcrow, President
DeKalb County Commission

ATTESTED BY:

Matt G. Sharp County Administrator

Wellness Screening—Mr. Sharp addressed the Commission to remind and encourage County employees to participate in the LGHIB Wellness Screening taking place tomorrow morning in the Commission Chambers and the at the Jail in the afternoon. He asked all department heads to remind and encourage their staff to participate in order to meet the requirements of the Insurance Board’s 80% participation rate, which helps to reduce the cost of insurance premiums for all employees.

Animal Shelter—Mr. Sharp requested approval at the request of Ms. Ledbetter for herself and Emily Hearn to attend the Certified Euthanasia Technician Re-Certification Course May 7. The CET Certification is required to be renewed every three years.

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

DeKalb County Library Board—Mr. Sharp notified the Commission that Library Board member Paul Tumlin resigned from his seat on the Board of Directors a few months back. Ms. Dana Greeson has been appointed by President Harcrow to replace Mr. Tumlin. Mr. Sharp made the recommendation to approve the appointment retroactive to September 2022. The term will expire in October 2024.

Mr. Saferite made a motion to accept the recommendations and to approve the appointment. Mr. Black seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried appointing Ms. Dana Greeson to the DeKalb County Library Board.

DeKalb-Jackson Water Board—At the request of the DeKalb-Jackson Water Supply District, President Pro-Tem Wootten made the recommendation to re-appoint William Black and William Dalton to the Board of Directors for the District.

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

High Falls Park Board—Mr. Sharp made the recommendation on behalf of Park Board members to accept the resignation of Mac Smith (D3) and Michael Edmondson (At-Large) as Board members. The remaining Board members requested the Commission re-appoint Mr. Tim Maness for another term (District 4—expires Feb. 2027); to appoint Mr. Brandon Rains to fill the vacated position of Mr. Smith (District 3—term expires Feb. 2027); and Mr. Kent Rogers to replace Mr. Edmondson (At-Large—term expires Feb 2025).

Mr. Saferite made a motion to accept the recommendations. Mr. Black Seconded the motion, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

County-Wide Spring & Fall Clean-up—President Pro-Tem Wootten announced that the 2023 Spring Clean-up for residents of DeKalb County will be April 5-8 and again April 12-15, 2023. Dumpsters will be at the Sand Valley Landfill, 3345 CR 209 Collinsville. The Fall Clean-up is scheduled for September 13-16 and September 20-23, 2023. Mr. Wootten stated that this is a free service and encouraged participation of County residents.

Weather Radios—DeKalb County EMA Deputy Director Michael Posey addressed the audience concerning project participation with Alabama Mountains, Rivers, Valleys and RC&D (Resource Conservation & Development). The goal was to obtain Grant Funding on a community preparedness project. Mr. Posey stated that funding for the project has been secured enabling them to purchase Noah Weather Radios to be given out to qualifying at-risk residents of the County. Members of the RC&D Council (Ms. Celia Moore and Commissioner Lester Black) presented a check for \$5,100 for the purchase of Noah Weather Radios. Mr. Wootten thanked Ms. Moore and Mr. Black for their participation with such a great program that serves so many people.

President Pro-Tem Wootten notified the audience that the next meeting will be on Tuesday April 11, 2023 and asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

ABSENT

Ricky Harcrow, President

Shane Wootten, President ProTem

Terry Harris, Commissioner District II

Ron Saferite, Commissioner District III

Lester Black, Commissioner District IV