

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday April 11, 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.

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

It was moved by Mr. Wootten , seconded by Mr. Saferite 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 patch work and shoulder clipping on the paving/resurfacing list and says they were making good progress.

Mr. Broyles gave a brief update concerning the March Truck Sale, saying this has been the best auction to date. Of the 13 trucks that were sold the County has made approximately \$1.2 million above the purchase price. He stated that 9 trucks to be sold at the June auction for the same price as was offered in the March Auction. All of the new trucks have been delivered with the exception of one dump truck and three cab & chassis’.

Engineer

Award CR-78 Guardrail Bid—Mr. Luther made the recommendation and requested the Commission award the bid for the installation of a Steel Beam Guardrail and End Anchors on CR-78 (Fort Payne Gap) to Alabama Guardrail, Inc. The cost of the installation is \$97,940.00. No other Bids were received.

Mr. Saferite made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Black seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried (to be funded through ARPA Funds).

Award Roadside Herbicide Bid—Mr. Luther stated that Bids were opened on March 23 for the County’s Herbicide Application. Two bids were received from Kellis Vegetation for \$158,700 and from IVM Solutions for \$129,600. He made the recommendation to award the bid to IVM. This will include one cycle in the spring and one cycle in the fall.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to honor the request. Seconded by Mr. Harris. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried awarding the Herbicide Application Bid to IVM Solutions.

CR-196 Partial Vacation—Mr. Luther addressed the Commission requesting approval to vacate a portion of CR196 at the intersection of CR843 to the driveway of adjoining property owner Doug Childress. A portion of the property was previously vacated and on file in the County Engineer’s office. Mr. Luther opened the floor for any opposition or discussion concerning the matter. There was none.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve. Mr. Wootten seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, Motion carried to adopt the following CR-196 Partial Vacation Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-0411-01
VACATION OF PORTION OF DEKALB COUNTY
COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 196

WHEREAS, Code Section 23-4-2, State of Alabama, 1975, authorized the governing bodies of the counties of Alabama to, upon petition and by resolution, vacate a street, or a portion thereof; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission set down for public hearing on April 11, 2023 and caused notice of such hearing to be published in *The Mountain Valley News* for four consecutive weeks, beginning February 23, 2023 and running through March 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission has received no written objection and heard no verbal objection at the hearing hereon to the partial vacation of DeKalb County Road Number 196; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Harris made a motion before the Commission to approve the vacation of this road;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the DeKalb County Commission that the following portion of DeKalb County Road Number 196, more particularly described below, be, and hereby is, vacated;

All that portion of County Road #196, beginning at its intersection with County Road #843 and traversing northwesterly for approximately 1,000 feet to a point where petitioner's existing driveway intersects the end of the roadway, said point also being the point of beginning of the previous partial vacation of County Road #196. Said property lying in Section 20, Township 8 South, Range 7 East, located in Dawson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the DeKalb County Commission that the name of the sole owner of the abutting is Mr. Doug Childress and there are no other lots or parcels of land which will be cut off from access by the vacation sought; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, by the DeKalb County Commission that it is in the interest of the public that the above-described portion of the public street be vacated; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, by the DeKalb County Commission that this resolution shall be filed in the Probate Court of DeKalb County as provided by statute and that notice of this action shall be published once in a newspaper in DeKalb County no later than fourteen (14) days after the date of its adoption.

DONE this the 11th day of April 2023

ATTEST:


Ricky Harcrow, President


Matt G. Sharp, Administrator



Sheriff's Office Personnel

Courthouse Security

Chief Deputy Brad Edmondson requested approval to hire Michael Little as PT Security to replace Eddie Freeman who recently resigned.

Dispatch

Chief Deputy Edmondson requested approval to hire Heaven Traylor PT to replace PT Dispatcher Delaney Sewell.

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

Resignations—Administrative Assistant Christina Cronon
Office Personnel Assistant Celeste Ragan
Officers Brian Freeman, Shawn Rehm and Justin Bryan

New Hires—Sarah Williams (replaces Brian Freeman)
Regina West (replaces Joshua Patterson)

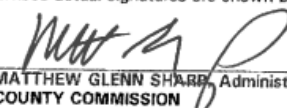
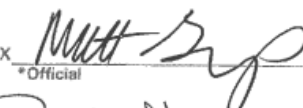
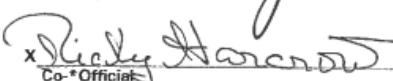
Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve. Seconded by Black. All members voting affirmatively, Motion carried.

Inmate Feeding Bid—Chief Cagle stated that bids were recently opened for Inmate Feeding Services and requested the Commission accept Kellwell Food Management as the new provider for these services (An Intent to terminate notification letter was sent to Aramark Food Services), and requested authorization for President Harcrow and Mr.Sharp to sign the necessary documents/contract.

Mr. Black made a motion to approve. Mr. Saferite Seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to award the inmate feeding bid to Kellwell Food Management.

CD Resolution—County Administrator Matt Sharp addressed the Commission stating that interest rates have increased over the last several months and after reaching out to several banks, Mr. Sharp requested approval to adopt a resolution giving authorization to sign the necessary documents to place CD's at People's Bank and to also give authorization to watch and make changes when necessary to obtain the best interest rate at any given time.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve placing CD's at People Bank and to make changes in the future as necessary as interest rates change. Mr. Harris seconded the Motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following Resolution:

GOVERNMENT / MUNICIPAL / PUBLIC FUNDS BANKING RESOLUTION			
(for Deposit Accounts)			
Depositor:	DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSION 111 GRAND AVE SW FOT PAYNE, AL 35967	Financial Institution:	Peoples Independent Bank Fyffe 1167 Main St. P.O. Box 66 Fyffe, AL 35971
Account No:	60024575, 60024564		
I, the undersigned Official of the Government, Municipal or Public Entity ("Entity") named above, HEREBY CERTIFY that the Entity is organized, exists and is duly authorized to transact business under the laws of the state or jurisdiction where it is located.			
ACCOUNT HOLDER. DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSION is the complete and correct name of the Account Holder.			
I FURTHER CERTIFY that at a meeting of the governing body of the Entity, duly and regularly called and held on <u>April 11th 2023</u> , the following resolutions were adopted:			
RESOLVED , that the Financial Institution named above at any one or more of its offices or branches, be and it hereby is designated as a depository for the funds of this Entity, which may be withdrawn on checks, drafts, advices of debit, notes or other orders for the payment of monies bearing the following appropriate number of signatures: Any one (1) of the following named officers or employees of this Entity ("Agents"), whose actual signatures are shown below:			
x  MATTHEW GLENN SHARP, Administrator of DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSION			
and that the Financial Institution shall be and is authorized to honor and pay the same whether or not they are payable to bearer or to the individual order of any Agent or Agents signing the same.			
FURTHER RESOLVED , that the Financial Institution is hereby directed to accept and pay without further inquiry any item drawn against any of the Entity's accounts with the Financial Institution bearing the signature or signatures of Agents, as authorized above or otherwise, even though drawn or endorsed to the order of any Agent signing or tendered by such Agent for cashing or in payment of the individual obligation of such Agent or for deposit to the Agent's personal account, and the Financial Institution shall not be required or be under any obligation to inquire as to the circumstances of the issue or use of any item signed in accordance with the resolutions contained herein, or the application or disposition of such item or the proceeds of the item.			
FURTHER RESOLVED , that any one of such Agents is authorized to endorse all checks, drafts, notes and other items payable to or owned by this Entity for deposit with the Financial Institution, or for collection or discount by the Financial Institution; and to accept drafts and other items payable at the Financial Institution.			
FURTHER RESOLVED , that the above named agents are authorized and empowered to execute such other agreements, including, but not limited to, special depository agreements and arrangements regarding the manner, conditions, or purposes for which funds, checks, or items of the Entity may be deposited, collected, or withdrawn and to perform such other acts as they deem reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of these resolutions. The other agreements and other acts may not be contrary to the provisions contained in this Resolution.			
FURTHER RESOLVED , that the authority hereby conferred upon the above named Agents shall be and remain in full force and effect until written notice of any amendment or revocation thereof shall have been delivered to and received by the Financial Institution at each location where an account is maintained. Financial Institution shall be indemnified and held harmless from any loss suffered or any liability incurred by it in continuing to act in accordance with this resolution. Any such notice shall not affect any items in process at the time notice is given.			
I FURTHER CERTIFY that the persons named above occupy the positions set forth opposite their respective names and signatures; that the foregoing Resolutions now stand of record on the books of the Entity; that they are in full force and effect and have not been modified in any manner whatsoever.			
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF , I have hereunto set my hand on <u>April 11th</u> , 2023 and attest that the signatures set opposite the names listed above are their genuine signatures.			
CORPORATE SEAL		CERTIFIED TO AND ATTESTED BY: x  *Official x  Co-*Official	

SRT Grant Bid—Mr. Sharp requested the Commission’s authorization to award the bid for the purchase of a Special Response Team Communication Headset (\$25,318.80) from Strack, Inc., (as per bid opened on April 4, 2023).

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

Cartersville Land—Mr. Wootten asked for the Commission’s approval to purchase three (3) acres of land near the Cartersville Fire Department for the construction of a storm shelter/multi-purpose facility in the amount of \$85,000. There exists a small home and a larger building on the property.

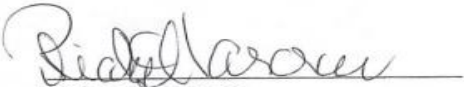
Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Harris All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Top of Alabama Regional Housing Authority Board Member—President Harcrow presented a request from Top of Alabama Regional Housing Authority Executive Director Brad Ashley notifying the Commission of the resignation of Board Member Mr. Roger Watkins and requesting to appoint Mr. Arlan Blevins beginning immediately fill the remainder of Mr. Watkin’s term ending April 13, 2025. Mr. Harcrow made the recommendation to honor the request.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to accept the recommendations and to approve the appointment of Mr. Blevins. Mr. Black seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Albertville Housing Authority Resolution—President Harcrow made the recommendation and requested approval to adopt a Resolution which would allow the Albertville Housing Authority to offer its services, such as its power to administer Housing Choice vouchers to low-income families/persons the Southern end of DeKalb County.

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

RESOLUTION OF DEKALB COUNTY ALABAMA COMMISSION	
<p>We, the undersigned, being all the Commissioners of the Dekalb County Commission, organized and existing under the laws, and having its principal organization at Suite 200, 111 Grand Avenue Southwest, Fort Payne, Alabama 35967, hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Commissioners duly held and convened on March 14, 2023, at which a quorum of the Commission was present and voting throughout, and that such resolution has not been modified, rescinded or revoked, and is at present in full force and effect:</p>	
<p>Therefore, it is resolved:</p>	
<p>The Dekalb County Alabama Commission is granting the Albertville Housing Authority the authority to exercise its power to administer Housing Choice Vouchers to low-income families/persons in the Southern end of Dekalb County.</p>	
<p>COMMISSIONERS</p>	
 Rickey Harcrow President	<u>4-19-23</u> Date

President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting will be on Tuesday May 9, 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.

Ricky Harcrow, President

Shane Wootten, Commissioner District I

Terry Harris, Commissioner District II

Ron Saferite, Commissioner District III

Lester Black, Commissioner District IV