

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday May 9, 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. Harcrow delivering the invocation, and Mr. Saferite leading the Pledge.

Prior to the regular Agenda, President Harcrow welcomed Ms. Elizabeth Wheatley, Director of the DeKalb County Children's Advocacy Center. The Commission honored Ms. Wheatley who is retiring, having served as director for more than thirty years. Ms. Wheatley thanked the Commission for their support through the years and for this honor today.

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 continue to work on the paving and resurfacing list doing patchwork and clipping shoulders. Crews should start mowing next week in all districts, coordinating with the herbicide contractor who should begin spraying mid-May.

Mr. Broyles said that the Force Feed Loader they were supposed to receive in March has been delayed a second time due to a parts shortage. The new Road Tractors have not been delivered, but he hopes to receive them in time to send the old trucks to the June Auction. Also delayed is the delivery of one pickup truck and two tractor-mounted bush cutters.

Personnel—Mr. Broyles notified the Commission that District 4 employee Corey Bouldin turned in his notice last week and requested permission to post this position.

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

Engineer

Road Vacation—Mr. Luther presented a petition from adjoining landowners of CR-701 and made the recommendation to the Commission to adopt a Resolution to vacate all of CR-701 in District 4. President Harcrow opened the floor for any comments or opposition. There was none.

Mr. Black made a motion to honor the request. Mr. Saferite seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following Resolution vacating CR-701:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-0509-03
VACATION OF DEKALB COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 701

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 May 9, 2023 and caused notice of such hearing to be published in *The Mountain Valley News* for four consecutive weeks, beginning April 6, 2023 and running through April 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission has received no written objection and heard no verbal objection at the hearing hereon to the vacation of DeKalb County Road Number 701; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Black 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 701, more particularly described below, be, and hereby is, vacated;

All that portion of County Road #701, beginning at its intersection with County Road #266 and traversing northerly to its intersection with County Road #562. Said property lying in Sections 17 & 20, Township 5 South, Range 8 East, located northwest of Sylvania.

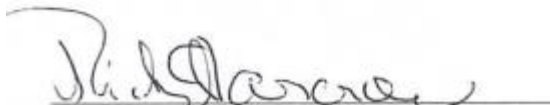
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the DeKalb County Commission that the name of the owners of the abutting properties are John Walter Weatherly, Judith W. Dawson, Mary Margaret Cork, George Gordon Weatherly, Jr. Scott Paul Weatherly and John Michael Weatherly and there are no other lots or parcels of land which 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 9th day of May 2023

ATTEST:


Ricky Harcrow, President


Matt G. Sharp, Administrator



Bids—Emergency Lighting for Jail Vehicle—Mr. Luther presented bid results for emergency lighting on a recently purchased vehicle for the Chief Correctional Officer. He stated only one bid was received from Donohoo Chevrolet for \$10,293.09. He made the recommendation to award the bid to Donohoo.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve. Mr. Black seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively to award the emergency lighting bid for the jail vehicle to Donohoo.

Bids—Emergency Lighting for EMA Vehicles—Mr. Luther presented bid results for emergency lighting on four Ford F-150 Pickups for the EMA office. Only one bid was received. He made the recommendation to award the bid to Donohoo for a total cost (4 vehicles) of \$16,560.00.

Mr. Harris made the motion to approve. Mr. Saferite seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively to award the emergency lighting bid for EMA Vehicles to Donohoo Chevrolet.

Sheriff's Office Personnel

Mr. Sharp presented personnel items on behalf of the Sheriff's Office requesting approval for three new hires. They are as follows:

Michael Hirst and Tyler Sparkman to fill two Corrections Officer Vacancies and Tammy Mason as Administrative Assistant to replace Christina Bullion’s FT slot and Celeste Ragan’s PT slot.

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

COA Personnel—On behalf of Ms. McCamy, Mr. Sharp asked the Commission to accept the resignation of Rhonda Miller (Rainsville Senior Center Mgr.) and Wilma Jean Reed (FP Senior Center Mgr.), and to hire Erica Orr to replace Ms. Miller and Lynn King to replace Ms. Reed

Mr. Wootten made a motion to accept the resignations and new hires. Mr. Saferite seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

RPT—2024FY Budget Resolutions—Mr. Sharp presented Section 5311 Authorizing and Local Matching Resolutions for the 2024FY RPT Grant application. He requested authorization for he and President Harcrow to sign the necessary grant documents.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to adopt the resolutions for the grant application. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following Resolutions:

Section 5311 Authorizing Resolution

Resolution No. 23-0509-02

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with Department of Transportation, United States of America, and the Alabama Department of Transportation for a grant under the Federal Transit Act.

WHEREAS the Secretary of U.S. Department of Transportation and Director of the Alabama Department of Transportation are authorized to make grants for a public transportation program;

WHEREAS the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the Applicant, including the provision of its local share of the project costs in the program;

WHEREAS it is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under 49 USC Section 5311 the applicant gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other pertinent directives and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that disadvantaged business enterprises (minority business enterprises and woman business enterprises) be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this/these project(s), and that definite procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts and purchase orders when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts, or consultant and other services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY DeKalb County Commission

1. That Ricky Harcrow, President of DeKalb County Commission is authorized to execute and file (an) application(s) on behalf of DeKalb County Commission with the Alabama Department of Transportation to aid in the financing of administration, planning, capital and/or operating assistance projects pursuant to 49 USC Section 5311, the Alabama Public Transportation Grant Program, and the Alabama Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program.
2. That Ricky Harcrow, President of DeKalb County Commission is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance, or any other document required by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Alabama Department of Transportation effectuating the purpose of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
3. That Ricky Harcrow, President of DeKalb County Commission is authorized to furnish such additional information as the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Alabama Department of Transportation may require in connection with the application for the Program of Projects submitted to FTA.
4. That Ricky Harcrow, President of DeKalb County Commission is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative disadvantaged business enterprise policies in connection with any procurements made as part of the project.
5. That Ricky Harcrow, President of DeKalb County Commission is authorized to execute grant agreements on behalf of DeKalb County Commission with the Alabama Department of Transportation for aid in the financing of the administration, planning, capital, and/or operating assistance projects.

5311 Resolution Authorizing Local Matching Funds

RESOLUTION NO. 23-0509-01

"SECTION 5311 RURAL AREA PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION"

WHEREAS the DeKalb County Commission recognizes the need for a public transportation program; and

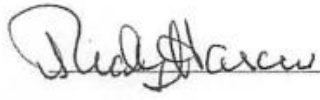

WHEREAS the DeKalb County Commission is recognized as a member of the DeKalb County Rural Public Transportation Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS the DeKalb County Commission recognizes that the requirements to obtain Section 5311 funds from the Alabama Department of Transportation include a local match of 50% for operating expenses and 20% for administration, planning, and capital expenses; and

WHEREAS the DeKalb County Commission recognizes that the local match will be a shared cost with other participating municipalities being responsible for providing an appropriate allocation of local non-federal funds to secure the operating of the Section 5311 Rural Area Public Transportation Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DeKalb County Commission hereby commits the amount of \$296,546.00 as local non-federal match for operations, administration, planning, and capital expenditures under the Section 5311 Rural Area Public Transportation Program during Fiscal Year 2024.

Adopted this 9th day of May, 2023

Elected Official:		Attest:	
Name:	<u>Ricky Harcrow</u>	Name:	<u>Matt Sharp</u>
Title:	<u>President</u>	Title:	<u>Administrator</u>

911 Board Appointment—Mr. Black made the recommendation and motion to appoint Russell Justice to the DeKalb County 911 Board to replace Mr. Willie Wright. Mr. Saferite seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively to approve.

Hendrixville Fire Protection Authority Board—At the request of the Hendrixville Fire Authority, Mr. Saferite made the recommendation and motion to appoint Nathaniel Smith, Dwight Kirk, and Wilbur James McCauley to serve as Board Members. Mr. Wootten seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried. (Note: 2 members have been vacant for some time and the passing of Board Member Gary Word left the Board without a quorum – the Board President is currently Thomas Barksdale. The other Board Member is Garry Barksdale. The fire Chief is Jason Pruitt and the Assistant Fire Chief is Matthew Barksdale).

Maintenance Personnel—President Harcrow excused himself as “Chair” to make the recommendation and Motion to hire JD Trammell, III in the Building Maintenance Department, stating Mr. Trammell has bene employed as a contract laborer for some time. Mr. Saferite Seconded the Motion. Mr. Wootten stated with all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

President Harcrow took back the chair and notified the audience that the next meeting will be on Tuesday June 13, 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