

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday July 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were Shane Wootten serving as President Pro Tempore, Terry Harris, Ron Saferite, and Lester Black. Absent was President Harcrow (attending RSA Board of Directors meeting).

The meeting was called to order by President Pro Tempore Shane Wootten, with Mr. Wootten delivering the invocation, and Mr. Black leading the Pledge.

It was moved by Mr. Harris, 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 updated the Commission stating crews were still working on roads that are on the paving resurfacing list. He said that paving contractor, Charles Watts has completed several roads, but has not been in our area for the last couple of weeks.

Personnel—Mr. Broyles requested permission to hire the following:

Ryan Barrontine—District 1 (replace Donnie Lea)
Sam Frasier—District 4 (replace David Thompson)
Adam Price—District 3 (replace Norman Price)
Michael Elledge—District 4 (replace Corey Bouldin)

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

Promotion—Mr. Broyles requested permission to promote Tim Young from Unit Crew Leader to Assistant Road Superintendent.

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

Equipment—Mr. Broyles requested the Commission authorize Mr. Luther to send out bids for the purchase of one or more one-ton Crew Cab & Chasis Trucks and flatbeds to be mounted on each truck purchased. He also requested permission for the following purchases (from Sourcewell Bid List):

Mini-X Excavator (\$145-155K)
Wheeled Excavator with ditch bucket (\$315K)
Backhoe (\$150K)

Mr. Wootten stated that all of these purchases are made possible from proceeds from the sale of our trucks at auction and asked for a motion to approve the request.

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

Engineer

Liquid Calcium Chloride Bid Extension—Mr. Luther stated that annual bids were opened on June 30, 2023 for Liquid Calcium Chloride. Two bids were received from Sicalco and SE Road Treatment. SE Road Treatment had the lowest price and was recommended by Mr. Luther to extend the current bid with SERT through July 31, 2024.

Mr. Saferite made the motion to honor the recommendation. Mr. Black seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively to award the Annual bid for Liquid Calcium Chloride to

Southeastern Road Treatment extending the current contract. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Damage Claim—Mr. Luther presented a damage claim from Caleb Hughes claiming damage to a tire and rim due to hitting a pothole on CR 807. He requested approval to forward to claim to CRS for final disposition.

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

DTF Suburban Bid—Mr. Luther stated that bids were opened on July 6, 2023 for the purchase of one Chevrolet Suburban for the Sheriff's Dept. Task Force. One bid was received from Donohoo Chevrolet (\$68,706.50). Mr. Luther made the recommendation to award the bid to Donohoo (Note: The purchase of this vehicle will be offset by the auction of vehicles within the DTF Department).

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

Commission Pickup Trucks Bid—Mr. Luther stated that bids were opened on July 10, 2023 for one (1) or more 2023 Chevy Silverado 1500 4WD Crew Cab Pickups. One bid was received from Donohoo for a per unit price of \$54,851.50. Mr. Luther made the recommendation to award the bid to Donohoo.

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

Kilpatrick Storm Shelter CE&I Proposal— Mr. Luther presented a proposal for Construction Testing and Special Inspection of the Kilpatrick Modular Storm Shelter which includes shallow foundation concrete sampling & testing, structural steel observation, project management coordination, oversight & report review. A proposal was received from Terracon for an estimated cost of \$26,400 for these services. Mr. Luther made the recommendation to the Commission to accept the proposal.

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

Sheriff's Office Personnel—Chief Deputy Edmondson requested approval to transfer Deputy Michael West from part-time to a full-time position replacing Austin Peppers who resigned.

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

Revenue Commission

Mapping Agreement—Mr. Wilks presented a new mapping agreement with KCS upgrading to a new type of software stating the current software is outdated and will becoming obsolete in the near future. He requested the Commission's approval for President Harcrow and Mr. Sharp to sign the necessary documents.

Mr. Black made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Saferite. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to execute the agreement.

Insolvents, Errors, and Taxes--Mr. Wilks presented the Final Settlement for Insolvents, Errors, Taxes in Litigation for the tax year 2022 (based on property tax sale); he asked that President Harcrow be given authorization to sign the document.

Mr. Harris made a motion. Seconded by Mr. Saferite. All members voting affirmatively authorizing President Harcrow to sign the Final Settlement of Insolvents, Errors, Taxes and Litigation for the tax year 2022 as follows:

DFC 22 (Rev. 03-22)

**INSOLVENTS, ERRORS, LITIGATIONS AND UNSOLD TAX LIENS FOR 20 22 AND
UNCOLLECTED INSOLVENTS AND TAXES IN LITIGATION FOR PREVIOUS YEAR(S)**

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

DeKalb County

BE IT REMEMBERED, That at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of said County, held on this 27th day of June, 20 23,
Tyler Wilks, Tax Collector of said County, made his report of
"Insolvents", "Errors in Assessment", "Taxes in Litigation", and "Unsold Tax Liens" on taxes
for the current year 20 22, as required by Code of Ala. 1975, Section 40-5-23. And after a careful
and rigid examination of said reports by said Board, it was considered and adjudged that said
collector be allowed credit on his final settlement with the Comptroller for the following amounts:

Insolvents: State Taxes -- General		\$	<u>328.50</u>
-- Soldier		\$	<u>131.40</u>
-- School		\$	<u>394.20</u>
Errors in Assessments: State Taxes -- General		\$	<u>(59,190.90)</u>
-- Soldier		\$	<u>(23,676.36)</u>
-- School		\$	<u>(79,415.28)</u>
Taxes in Litigation: State Taxes -- General		\$	<u>0.00</u>
-- Soldier		\$	<u>0.00</u>
-- School		\$	<u>0.00</u>
Unsold Tax Liens: State Taxes -- General		\$	<u>121.05</u>
-- Soldier		\$	<u>48.42</u>
-- School		\$	<u>145.26</u>

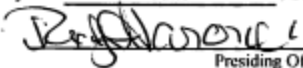
And said Collector has also made his report for final allowance of the uncollected balances of Insolvent
Taxes for the previous year 20 21, as required by Code of Ala. 1975, Section 40-5-29; and the Board
thereupon made the following allowances to said Collector of such Insolvent Taxes as he may have been
unable to collect, as follows:

State Taxes -- General		\$	<u>273.75</u>
-- Soldier		\$	<u>109.50</u>
-- School		\$	<u>328.50</u>

And said Collector is also allowed credit for the following taxes in litigation for the previous year(s)
which he has been unable to collect as follows:

	General	Soldier	School
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Given under my hand this 27th day of June, 20 23



Presiding Officer

See Code of Ala. 1975, Sections 40-5-23 and 40-5-24 as to taxes of current year and Sections 40-5-26 and 40-5-29 as to
insolvent taxes and taxes in litigation of previous year(s).

NE Alabama Water, Sewer & Fire Protection District-Hwy 35 Bore Project-- Mr. Sharp requested the Commission adopt a Resolution approving the County's portion of expenditure (\$150K ARPA Funds) on the Highway 35 Bore project.

Mr. Black made a motion to approve. Mr. Saferite Seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried adopting the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 22-0614-11
TO AUTHORIZE THE ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS
FOR ELIGIBLE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT
NE ALABAMA WATER – HWY 35 BORE 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 Northeast Alabama Water Sewer and Fire Protection District, a water and sewer authority, to carry out the ARPA infrastructure project for a public purpose;

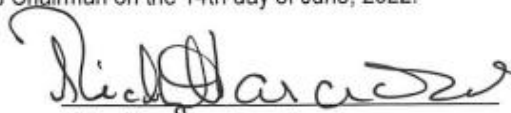
WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the project is a necessary, eligible, and reasonable use of these funds; and

WHEREAS, the County will conduct a satisfactory risk assessment of the Northeast Alabama Water Sewer and Fire Protection District 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 \$150,000 of its ARPA funds to cover part or all of the construction costs of an infrastructure project to install approximately 250 linear feet of water line at Highway 350, Bore Road to improve water pressure and prevent contamination for nearly 1,400 residents.
- 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 Chairman on the 14th day of June, 2022.



Ricky Harcrow, President
DeKalb County Commission

ATTESTED BY:


Matt G. Sharp, County Administrator



ACCA Legislative Committee Nominee—Mr. Sharp addressed the Commission making the recommendation to nominate President Harcrow to the ACCA Legislative Committee.

Mr. Saferite made a motion to approve. Mr. Black Seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to nominate Mr. Harcrow as the County’s representative to the ACCA Legislative Committee.

President Pro Tempore Wootten notified the audience that the next meeting will be on Tuesday August 8, 2023 and asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

ABSENT

Ricky Harcrow, President

Shane Wootten, President Pro Tempore

Terry Harris, Commissioner District II

Ron Saferite, Commissioner District III

Lester Black, Commissioner District IV