

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday September 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were President Harcrow, Shane Wootten, Ron Saferite, Lester Black. Absent was Terry Harris

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

It was moved by Mr. Wootten seconded by Mr. Black 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 Paving contractor, Charles Watts has completed about 75% of the roads on the County’s paving list. The Herbicide contractor has completed the 2nd round application and he is pleased with the effectiveness of the treatment. District 3 & 4 work crew buildings are up and ready for roll-up doors and power to be installed.

Personnel—Mr. Broyles requested permission to hire Jordan Moore for the District I crew to replace Ryan Barrontine who resigned .

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

Engineer

Vehicle Bid Award—Mr. Luther stated that bids were opened on August 31, 2023 for one or more 2023 Chevy Tahoe 4-wheel drive police pursuit vehicle packages, which included the upfit for lights and equipment for the Sheriff’s Department. One bid was received from Donohoo Chevrolet. Mr. Luther noted that the bid was split stating the price per unit (vehicle only) was \$37,922.26 and \$16,937.50 per vehicle for the upfit for lights and equipment. The vehicles are on the lot and ready for immediate delivery. The schedule for installation of upfit and equipment will be 90 days for the first vehicle, and one vehicle per week thereafter. Mr. Luther made the recommendation to accept the bid from Donohoo.

Mr. Wootten made the motion to accept the recommendation. Mr. Saferite seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively to award the bid to Donohoo Chevrolet.

Road Dept. 2024 Silverado Regular Cab Truck Bid—Mr. Luther stated that bids were opened on August 31, 2023 for one 2024 Chevrolet Silverado regular cab work truck with 8’ service body for the Road Department. He stated that one bid was received from Donohoo Chevrolet for the bid price of \$55,874.50 with an approximate 60 day delivery. Mr. Luther made the recommendation to award the bid to Donohoo Chevrolet.

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

Road Dept. 2024 Silverado Cab & Chassis Truck Bid—Mr. Luther stated that bids were opened on August 31, 2023 for one 2024 Chevy Silverado 3500HD Cab & Chassis 4WD Regular Cab Work Truck. He stated that one bid was received from Donohoo Chevrolet for the bid price of \$48,514.50 with approximate 60-day delivery. Mr. Luther made the recommendation to award the bid to Donohoo Chevrolet.

Mr. Black made a motion to accept the recommendation. Mr. Saferite seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to award the bid to Donohoo Chevrolet.

Award Annual Bids—Mr. Luther presented the County's' Annual Bid List to the Commission and asked for the Commission's approval as listed.

Mr. Saferite made a Motion to honor his request. Mr. Black seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively to award the FY23-24 Bids as follows:

CR-590 Speed Limit Resolution—Mr. Luther made recommendation at the request of Mr. Black to set a 30 mph maximum speed limit on CR-590 between CR-27 and CR-591. He requested the Commission accept the recommendation.

Mr. Black made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Wootten. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following CR590 Speed Limit Resolution

Damage Claim—Mr. Luther presented a damage claim from Michael Phillips claiming damage to two tires & one wheel due to hitting a pothole on Sulfer Springs Rd. He requested authorization to forward the claim to CRS for final disposition.

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

Sheriff's Office Personnel—Sheriff Welden addressed the Commission requestng the Commission's approval for the following personnel items:

Resignations: Officers Nick Brown, Josh Hairston, Seth Butler and Beau Cagle

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

Transfers: Transfer Will Formby and Steven Berry to Investigations (replaces Nick Brown & Josh Hairston)

Hires: Nick Hester/Patrol to replace Will Formby(transferred)
Logan Kenimer/Patrol to replace Steven Berry (transferred)
Shylen Jacobs/Patrol to replace Seth Butler(resigned)

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

Status Change: Sheriff Welden requested approval to move Joey Priest (Investigations) from part-time to full-time status.

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

Jail Personnel—Mr. Sharp on behalf of Chief Cagle asked the commission to accept the following personnel items

New Hires- Corrections & Medical

Autumn Ballinger (replaces Christopher Zito)
Ethan Pike (replaces Michael Hirst)
Jerry Carter II (replaces Jessica Johnson)
Charles Cleaver (replaces Jamie Alonzo)
Cera Whitmire (Medical EMT, replaces Yennifer Canales)

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

911/Sheriff Dispatch Agreement—Mr. Wootten presented an agreement between the DeKalb County Emergency Communications District Board (DCE911) and DeKalb County. Mr. Wootten requested authorization for President Harcrow to sign the necessary documents to enter into an Agreement combining the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office Dispatch with DeKalb County E911.

Mr. Wootten made the recommendation and motion. Mr. Saferite seconded the motion. All members voting affirmative, motion carried to enter into the Agreement below

ARPA-Valley Head Water Project (Tank Restoration)—Mr. Wootten made the recommendation to the Commission to pass a Resolution authorizing the expenditure of ARPA Funds for the Restoration of the Valley Head Water Tank Project stating the County would allocate \$200,000 of its ARPA revenue replacement funds for the project.

Mr. Woottend made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Mr Black seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following Resolution

ARPA Generator Bid/Activities Building—County Administrator Matt Sharp stated that bids were opened on August 17, 2023 for the Activities Building Generator and Electrical Upgrade. A & S Electrical Contractors had the lowest bid of \$147,600. Two other bids were received, both were considerably higher. Mr. Sharp made the recommendation to award the contract to A & S Electrical Contractors and stated the project would be ARPA funded He requested the Commission pass a resolution authorizing the expenditure of said funds.

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

TARCOG Contracts-COA, SenioRx, SHIP—Mr. Sharp presented three Council on Aging contracts at the request of Ms. McCamy and asked for the Commission’s authorization to execute (regular COA Contract with TARCOG , Senior RX Program and SHIP Contract).

Mr. Black made a Motion. Seconded by Mr. Westbrook. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried granting President Harcrow and County Administrator Matt Sharp authorization to sign the contracts.

DeKalb County E-Center Update—President Harcrow welcomed Ms. Diana Goss from the DeKalb County E-Center who gave a brief overview of the centers accomplishments over the past year offering various workshops, etc. to small businesses and Entrepreneurs in our area. Ms. Goss stated that the E-Center’s goal was to offer any assistance possible to help small businesses and Entrepreneurs be successful. She thanked the Commission for their continued support.

President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting will be on Tuesday September 26, 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

Absent

Terry Harris, Commissioner District II

Ron Saferite, Commissioner District III

Lester Black, Commissioner District IV