

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

Master’s Games Recognition—President Harcrow welcomed Council on Aging Master’s Games participants and asked COA Director Emily McCamy to give the details of the events. Ms. McCamy stated that there were nineteen participants from DeKalb County winning 56 Ribbons ranging from first to third place while competing against eight counties. President Harcrow thanked all those involved in making these events available for our Senior Community

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. 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.

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Road Department

Update—Mr. Broyles stated that crews are working to complete mowing in Districts 1 & 2. Mowing is complete in Districts 3 & 4. Crews in all Districts are hauling chert on various County roads. He stated that the District 3 Crew Building is now complete and expects the District 4 Building to be completed within the next two weeks.

Equipment—Mr. Broyles requested authorization to order two additional One-Ton Crew Cab Trucks stating the Bid approved in September specified “one or more”.

Mr. Broyles also requested the purchase of a 60’ tilted Ditch bucket to install on a Wheeled Excavator that was recently purchased and delivered with a “fixed” bucket due to miscommunication on his part with the salesman. He stated that the company could not give credit for the fixed bucket, but would discount the price from \$20,000 to \$14,796 on the purchase of the Tilt Bucket.

Mr. Saferite made a motion to honor the request. Seconded by Mr. Black. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried authorizing the purchases.

Engineer

Award Road Department Truck Bids—Mr. Luther presented bid tabs opened on November 2, 2023 for one or more 2024 Chevy Silverado 1500 4WD Crew Cab 147” Pickup Trucks and made the recommendation to award the bid to Donohoo Chevrolet who presented the only bid. Bid prices were as follows:

RST-Gas Engine	\$58,236.50
RST-Diesel	\$59,031.50
Custom Trail Boss-Gas	\$54,171.50
Custom Trail Boss-Diesel	\$54,966.50

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Saferite. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to accept all bids and to authorize the purchase of seven (7) Custom Trail Box gasoline engine trucks for the Road Department.

Award Sheriff's Office (DTF) Pickup Truck Bid—Mr. Luther presented bid tabs opened on November 2, 2023 for one 2023 Ford F150 4x4 Super-crew Pick Up. He made the recommendation to award the bid to Lander's McClarty for the bid price of \$51,076.76. County Administrator Matt Sharp stated that this vehicle will replace one that was wrecked, and stated that a check in the amount of approximately \$49,000 had been received from the County's insurance provider to cover most of the cost of the purchase.

Mr. Black made a motion to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Harris. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to award the bid for the Sheriff's Office

Award Switchovers of Emergency Lights on Sheriff's Office Vehicles—Mr. Luther presented Bid Tabs opened on November 2, 2023 for the switchover of "SoundOff Signal" Emergency Lights & Ancillary Equipment to vehicles. He stated that the only bid received is as follows from Donohoo Chevrolet

- Removal of equipment from each Cheverolet Tahoe and installation onto a F150 at a price of \$4,447.50.
- Removal from each Chevrolet Silverado and installation onto Ford F-150 at a price of \$5,362.50 per unit.

Mr. Luther made the recommendation to award the bid to Donohoo.

Mr. Wootten made the motion to honor the request. Seconded by Mr. Harris. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Amend FY2024 County Transportation Plan—Mr. Luther presented the FY2024 Amended County Transportation Plan and asked the Commission to adopt the amended Plan. He stated only a few changes were made adding a few projects and adjustments in funds distributed per District Plan called for 35 projects at a total cost of \$3,066,023 covering 49.77 miles. CRAF funding covered \$1,798,173.79 (including \$348,173.79 in 2023 CRAF Funding) along with \$800,000 in FAEF funding The remaining \$467,849.21 in projects will be covered by ARPA, Bond and RRR Funds.

Mr. Saferite made a motion to approve. Mr. Black Seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively to adopt the amended plan which is on file in the Engineer's Office as well as on the State Rebuild website.

ALDOT Snow & Ice Removal Quote—Mr. Luther requested the Commission accept the FY23-24 Quotes for snow & ice removal. He stated that prices have been increased 10% over last year, and requested authorization to submit the quote to ALDOT.

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

Valley Head Amended Resolution—ARPA Water Project—Mr. Sharp requested the Commission pass the following Resolution amending a previous Resolution (23-0912-02) passed in September for Water Tank Projects.

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

**RESOLUTION No. 23-1114-02
TO AUTHORIZE THE ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS
FOR ELIGIBLE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT
VALLEY HEAD WATER – WATER STORAGE TANK PAINT PROJECT
AMENDS RESOLUTION No. 23-0912-02**

WHEREAS, DeKalb County, Alabama, (the "County") has received American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("ARPA funds"); and

WHEREAS, the Dekalb County Commission (the "Commission") is charged with ensuring that these funds are expended in accordance with state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the final rule published by the United States Department of Treasury dated January 6, 2022, the County has duly elected to designate a standard allowance of up to \$10,000,000 of its ARPA funds, not to exceed the County's total ARPA funds award, as revenue replacement ("ARPA revenue replacement funds"); and

WHEREAS, the County may use ARPA revenue replacement funds to facilitate the provision of government services and may use ARPA funds for necessary investments in water and sewer infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Valley Head Water Works Board (the "Board") is duly formed in accordance with the provisions Chapter 89 of Subtitle 3 of Title 11 of the Code of Alabama 1975; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-89-13 authorizes the County to provide funds to the Board for the purpose of providing aiding the Board in the construction and operation of water systems; and

WHEREAS, the Board has applied to the Commission to receive ARPA funds to assist with the costs necessary to sandblast and repaint of one or both (depending on costs) of the existing water storage tanks referred to as the Sulphur Spring Tank and the Park Tank.

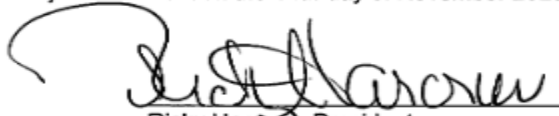
WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that providing funding to the Board for these improvements is a reasonable, necessary, and eligible expenditure of ARPA revenue replacement funds

and that providing this funding will serve a public purpose by ensuring the consistent availability and efficient delivery of clean, safe water to County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) The County hereby allocates up to \$200,000 of its ARPA revenue replacement funds to be used toward the cost of the water infrastructure project described herein (the "project").
- 2) Distribution of these funds is conditioned upon the execution of a funding agreement between the Board and the County setting forth the terms and conditions of the distribution and expenditure of these funds.
- 3) The President of the Commission is hereby authorized to execute such an agreement with the Board on behalf of the Commission in a form substantially consistent with Attachment A to this Resolution. Thereafter, funds allocated in this Resolution may be distributed to the Board in accordance with the terms of this Resolution and the executed agreement.
- 4) ARPA revenue replacement funds provided to the Board pursuant to this resolution shall not be expended for the following:
 - a) To make deposits into a pension fund;
 - b) To service debt or replenish rainy day funds;
 - c) To satisfy settlements and judgments; or
 - d) To fund programs, services, or capital expenditures that undermine efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19.
- 5) Distribution of the funds, as authorized by this Resolution, shall be contingent on the continued appropriation and availability of ARPA funds for the purposes described herein and in no event shall be used for any costs associated with the infrastructure projects described herein 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 President on the 14th day of November 2023.


Ricky Harcrow, President
DeKalb County Commission

ATTESTED BY:


Matt G. Sharp,
County Administrator

President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting will be on Tuesday December 12, 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