

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday January 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were President Harcrow, Terry Harris, Ron Saferite and Lester Black. Absent was Shane Wootten.

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. Saferite 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 stated that crews have been hauling chert and preparing to do some prep work on roads in each district that are on this year's paving list. Due to overnight storms, especially on the north end of the county, crews were clearing roads of fallen trees last night and this morning.

Personnel—Mr. Broyles requested permission to promote T.J. Young to Unit Crew Leader and to hire Gary Scroggins to replace TJ Youngs's position in the Unit Crew.

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

Truck Update—Mr. Broyles requested permission to place an order for 2025 year model Dumps and Road Tractors. This will include Seventeen (17) Dump Chasis' and four (4) Road Tractors. He stated he did not have prices for the Dump Bodies, but the Road Tractors would be in the \$46-\$50K price range. In order to get these it is necessary to get our name on the order list and stated that we have not yet received this year's trucks.

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

Engineer

FY2023 Rebuild AL Annual Report—Mr. Luther presented and asked the Commission to accept the FY23 Rebuild AL Annual Report. He stated the report will be provided to ACCA, and compiled in a report to send to Legislature.

Mr. Saferite made a motion to accept the report and to forward to the proper authorities. Mr. Black seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried (Total Expended - \$1,159,180.47 - 2023 Rebuild Annual Report on file in the County Engineer's Office).

Floodplain Development Ordinance Update—Mr. Luther asked the Commission to adopt the revised Floodplain Development Model Ordinance required by ADECA, and to pass a resolution that the County Commission intends to remain in the program and will enforce the ordinance.

Mr. Black made a motion to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Harris. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following Ordinance:

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RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ADOPT AND ENFORCE
THE STATE OF ALABAMA MODEL
FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE
RESOLUTION NO. 24-0109-01
DEKALB COUNTY, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, certain areas of DeKalb County are subject to periodic flooding, or flood-related erosion, potentially causing damages to properties within these areas; and

WHEREAS, relief is available in the form of Federally subsidized flood insurance as authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended for the residents of communities that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Commission to continue to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program and to require the recognition and evaluation of flood or flood-related erosion hazards in all official actions relating to the land use in areas having these hazards; and

WHEREAS, this body has the legal authority to adopt land use and control measures to reduce future flood losses pursuant to §§11-19-1 to 24; 11-45-1 to 11; 11-41-9 to 166; 11-52-1 to 84, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission hereby intends to adopt and enforce the rules within the State of Alabama's Model *Floodplain Development Ordinance*.

NOW, THEREFORE, on this 9th day of January 2024, in a meeting of the Commission of the DeKalb County, Alabama, duly convened and acting in its capacity as governing body of DeKalb County, DULY PASSED AND APPROVED THIS RESOLUTION.


Shane Wootten, District 1


Ricky Harcrow, President


Terry Harris, District 2


Ron Saferite, District 3


Lester Black, District 4

ATTEST:


Matt Sharp, County Administrator

Jail Kitchen HVAC Proposals—Mr. Luther presented Proposals for a HVAC Unit for the Jail Kitchen. He stated that two proposals were received from Ascend Air Solutions and Bryant's Heating & Cooling. At the request of Jail Personnel to stay with a "Trane" brand, Mr. Luther made the recommendation to accept the proposal from Bryant's Heating & Cooling, who presented the low bid of \$43,999,

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

ACEA Annual Conference—Mr. Luther requested authorization for himself and Assistant Engineer Irby Wallace to attend the ACEA Annual Conference in Orange Beach May 7-8.

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

Jail Personnel

Resignation & New Hire

Sheriff Welden asked the Commission to accept the resignation of Corrections Sgt Nathan Gentry effective 12/15/2024 and permission to hire Adam Moore as his replacement as Corrections Officer.

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

Promotion & New Hire

Sheriff Welden requested permission to promote Officer Ivan Dougan to replace the Sgt. Position held by Nathan Gentry and to hire Brian Freeman to fill the open Corrections Officer position.

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

Sheriff's Office Personnel—

Termination/Resignations—Sheriff Welden asked the Commission to accept the termination of SRO Jairo Castillo and the Resignation of PT Deputy's Keith Smith and Dustin Fleming.

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

Transfers/Hires—Sheriff Welden requested the Commission authorize the transfer of Seth Cagle from Jail Administrator to SRO (replacing Jairo Castillo), and to hire Ranger Wright as Jail Administrator (replacing Seth Cagle who transferred to SRO).

Animal Control Officer—Mr. Sharp, on behalf of Ms. Ledbetter requested permission to hire Darren Davis as Animal Control Officer to replace Sebastian Coston who recently resigned.

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

Tourism—President Harcrow welcomed Tourism Director John Dersham who was in attendance to give an overview of the new Tourism building. Mr. Dersham thanked the Commission for the building and the new location. He commended the Building Maintenance employees for their work in renovating the facility, stating they did a beautiful job. Mr. Dersham stated that DeKalb County is the most leisure-visited location in Alabama, second only to Gulf Shores and stated that many tourists will visit the facility.

President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting will be on Tuesday February 13, 2024 and asked for a Motion to adjourn.

Mr. Saferite made a motion to adjourn. President Harcrow declared no objections, and ordered the meeting adjourned.

Ricky Harcrow, President

ABSENT

Shane Wootten, Commissioner District I

Terry Harris, Commissioner District II

Ron Saferite, Commissioner District III

Lester Black, Commissioner District IV