

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday May 14, 2024 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.

The meeting was called to order by President Harcrow with Mr. Wootten 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.

Prior to beginning regular business, President Harcrow asked EMA Director Michael Posey to brief the audience concerning the past week's Storm/Tornado event. Mr. Posey stated that we were fortunate and thankful that there were no deaths to report and all injuries reported were non-life threatening. He thanked all county agencies, the surrounding communities and various organizations for their support. Mr. Posey introduced Mr. Logan LeGrande, with Marked for Life Ministries stating the organization has partnered with EMA helping to coordinate funds/volunteers for clean-up, meals and much more. He stated one of the tornadoes was an E-F3, and damage assessment is ongoing. Mr. LaGrande spoke briefly about their organization and stated that the Ministry contact information is on DeKalb County's EMA Website.

Road Department

Update—Mr. Young stated that the herbicide contractor "IVM Solutions" has completed treatments. District crews are bush-hogging and hauling crusher-run in various areas, as well as working on storm damage clean up. He also stated that he has received five (5) Cab & Chassis Mack Trucks. Three are currently at Childersburg having dump bodies installed and he will be sending two more later in the week.

Personnel—Mr. Young requested permission to promote Tim Page to District 1 Crew Leader replacing Tony Gorham who recently resigned. He also asked to transfer Heath Burns from the Unit Crew to the District 1 Crew replacing Mr. Page's position, and requested permission to post the open position in the Unit Crew.

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

Surplus Trucks—Mr. Young requested permission to send three (3) surplus one-ton crew leader trucks and one surplus 92 model Ford two-ton lube truck to sell at auction in June.

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

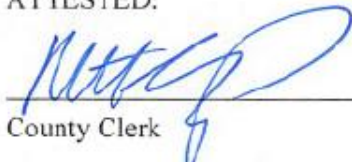
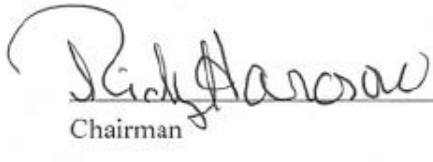
Engineer

Award CR-51 & CR 78 Patching Bid—Mr. Luther addressed the Commission stating he had received sealed bids for Patching on CR-51 (Lebanon Road at the I59 overpass) and CR-78 (Adamsburg Road at various locations). One bid was received from Wiregrass Construction for a total of \$184,672.00. Mr. Luther made the recommendation to award the bid to Wiregrass.

Mr. Saferite made a motion to accept the recommendation. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried (cost to be paid from the Landfill Tipping Fee Funds).

ALDOT Funding Agreement—Mr. Luther presented an agreement between the State of Alabama and the DeKalb County Commission for a State Public Road and Bridge Funding Project; resurfacing and traffic stripe on CR-147, Project #ST-025-888-023; CPMS Ref #100078808. Mr. Luther requested authorization to enter into the agreement and for President Harcrow and County Administrator Matt Sharp to sign the necessary documents.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Saferite. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following resolution and entering into an agreement with ALDOT for this project:

RESOLUTION NUMBER <u>024-0514-02</u>	
BE IT RESOLVED, by the DeKalb County Commission as follows:	
That the County enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation relating to a project for:	
Resurfacing and traffic stripe on CR-147 from CR-732 to CR-141; Project# ST-025-888-023; CPMS Ref# 100078808.	
Which agreement is before this Commission, and that the agreement be executed in the name of the County, by the Chairman for and on its behalf and that it be attested by the County Clerk and the official seal of the County be affixed thereto.	
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the agreement by all parties, that a copy of such agreement be kept on file by the County.	
I, the undersigned qualified and acting Clerk of DeKalb County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a resolution lawfully passed and adopted by the County named therein, at a regular meeting of such Commission held on the <u>14th</u> day of <u>May</u> , 20 <u>24</u> , and that such resolution is on file in the County Clerk's Office.	
ATTESTED:	
 County Clerk	 Chairman

Sheriff's Office Personnel—Chief Edmondson requested permission to transfer Patrol Deputy Brooke Wootten from FT Patrol to FT Courthouse Security.

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

Jail

Personnel—Chief Wright addressed the Commission making the following recommendations for Jail Personnel:

Resignations: Accept the resignation of CO Joel Barkley

New Hires: Hire Gregory Burch to replace Joel Barkley
Hire Kindall Blevins to replace Heather Love

Transfers: Transfer Tyler Sparkman from Sgt. to Corrections Officer
Transfer Regina Wilson from Corrections Office to Sgt. to replace Tyler Sparkman's position.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Harris. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to approve personnel changes in the jail.

AC Unit—Chief Wright presented quotes for a new air conditioning unit to be installed in the F-Pod at the jail. He asked the Commission to utilize public works to purchase the unit in order to expedite the replacement.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Harris. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to approve public works contracts for a 10ton Split unit at the jail

for \$27,962.03. Other prices ranged from \$49,000 to \$65,000. (funding will come from the ARPA Jail Addition Funds).

Fire Alarm Panel—Chief Wright addressed the Commission stating the need to install a new fire alarm panel to coordinate with the alarm system in the new jail addition. The total cost of the project including the alarm panel and replacing all detectors and annunciators is \$78,351.00.

Mr. Saferite made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried (funding will come from the ARPA Jail Addition Funds).

Inmate Health Plan-MOU—Chief Wright presented an Inmate Health plan for pre-trial inmates. This would be through the Affordable Care Act (Obama Care) and handled by a brokerage company. He stated that it would save the County thousands of dollars annually with no cost to the County, and the County would not be under contract. After discussion, Chief Wright requested authorization to move forward.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve. Mr. Wootten seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried. Adjustments to MOU will be approved by County Attorney prior to implementation.

Courthouse Elevator—Mr. Shelton requested permission to put out bids for the replacement of the Courthouse elevator. He stated that it is an old machine and many of the parts for repair are not available any longer. If it goes down, it could take months to find parts or a used machine. It has been recommended by the current Elevator Company (Bagby) for quite some time to replace it with a new machine.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Saferite seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to place bids for a new elevator at the Courthouse.

2024 “Back to School” Sales Tax Holiday Resolution—President Harcrow addressed the audience stating that the 2024 “Back-to-School” Sales Tax Holiday will be Friday July 19–Sunday July 21, 2024, and made the recommendation to adopt a Resolution for the County’s participation.

Mr. Saferite made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Harris. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following Resolution for the Back to School Sales Tax Holiday:

RESOLUTION No. 24-0514-01
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DeKALB COUNTY'S
PARTICIPATION IN THE "SALES TAX HOLIDAY"
AS AUTHORIZED BY ACT NO. 2006-574 AND AMENDED BY ACT 2017-120

WHEREAS, during its 2006 Regular Session, the Alabama Legislature enacted Act 2006-574, effective July 1, 2006 (amended by Act 20017-120), which provides an exemption of the state sales and use tax for certain non-commercial purchases related to school clothing and supplies on the third Friday weekend in July of each year; and

WHEREAS these Acts authorize the County Commission to provide for an exemption of county sales and use taxes for purchases of items covered by the Acts during the same time period in which the state sales and use tax exemption is in place, provided a resolution to that effect is adopted at least thirty days prior to 12:01 a.m. on the third Friday in July; and


WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission has affirmatively voted to grant the exemption of county sales and use taxes on purchases covered by these Acts during the third Friday weekend of July 2024, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on July 19, 2024 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, July 21, 2024, the third Friday weekend of July in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the exemption of certain county sales and use taxes for the third Friday weekend of July 2024, herein adopted is an amendment to the county's sales and use tax levy warranting notice to the Alabama Department of Revenue as provided in Code of Alabama 1975, § 11-51-210(e);

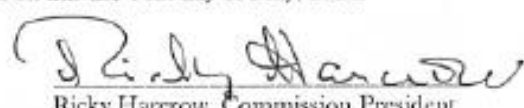
WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DeKALB COUNTY COMMISSION that it does hereby provide for an exemption of the county sales and use tax on purchases of items covered by these Acts beginning at 12:01 a.m. on July 19, 2024 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, July 21, 2024.

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 this the 14th day of May, 2024.

ATTEST



Matt G. Sharp, County Administrator



Ricky Harcrow, Commission President

President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting will be on June 11, 2024 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