

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday May 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were, President Ricky Harcrow, Shane Wootten, Brent Rhodes, Ron Saferite and Lester Black.

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

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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. Young stated that Mr. Watts (paving contractor) has completed roads in D2 and is now paving in D1 and D4. He said road crews are mowing in all districts, and herbicide spraying is in process. He also stated that he has durapatchers running in all districts.

Personnel—Mr. Young requested the Commission accept the resignation of John Lampi and requested permission to transfer Jeff Talley from D3 to D2 to replace Mr. Lampi. He requested permission to Hire Conner Edmondson to replace Matthew West on the Yard crew, and to hire Joseph Payne to replace Talley in District 3.

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

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## **Engineer**

CR-20 Traffic Striping RFPs—Mr. Luther presented two proposals at the request of Commissioner Rhodes for Traffic Striping on CR-20 and made the recommendation to award the bid to JC Cheek Contracting who had the lowest bid at \$11,175. (One other bid was received from Ozark Striping Co. for \$12,345).

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Wootten. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to award the striping project on CR 20 to J.C. Cheek Contracting.

Freezer Bids—Mr. Luther presented Bid Tabs at the request of Mr. Shelton and Council on Aging for the sale of 13 freezers at Senior Centers that are no longer being utilized. He stated that bids were received on eleven (11) of the freezers and made the recommendation to award the bids as follows to the high bidders:

- Janet Bowman – one (1) Whirlpool Freezer at Fyffe - \$400.07
- Virginia Wilson – three (3) Whirlpool Freezers at Crossville - \$351.00; \$326.00; and \$301.00
- Virginia Wilson – one (1) Whirlpool Freezer at Fyffe - \$201.00
- Virginia Wilson – two (2) Whirlpool Freezers at Geraldine - \$301.00 and \$251.00
- Brenda Womack – one (1) Whirlpool Freezer at Fyffe - \$215.00
- Ronnie Brooks – one (1) Frigidaire Freezer at Collinsville - \$250.00
- Ronnie Brooks – one (1) Frigidaire Freezer at Fyffe - \$225.00
- Ronnie Brooks – one (1) Whirlpool Freezer at Fyffe - \$20.00
- The other two (2) freezers (Whirlpool at Collinsville and Frigidaire at Geraldine) received no bids and will be scrapped.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to accept the recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Rhodes, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Mr. Luther recommended that a preliminary plat be approved for the Lingerfelt Subdivision Phase 2 and to grant a Permit to Mr. Calvin Wells (Rainsville) to begin construction on the Phase II development.

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

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**Jail Personnel**

Chief Wright addressed the Commission requesting the following personnel items:

Accept the resignation of Danny Howell (Jail Nurse)

Hire Samuel Moses and Clayton Jackson as Corrections Officers

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

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**Revenue Commission Personnel**—Mr. Wilks requested the Commission’s approval to hire Annaica Mhlbauer as receptionist at the Rainsville Office.

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

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**EMA**—Mr. Posey requested the Commission accept his recommendation to hire TARCOG (Turnkey) to perform the required Update and Revision of the 2026-2031 Hazard Mitigation Plan and to authorize President Harcrow and County Administrator Matt Sharp to sign the necessary documents entering into the following Agreement (on file in the EMA Office)

Mr. Saferite made a motion to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Black. All members voting affirmative, motion carried to adopt the following Resolution

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**Memorial Dedication**—Mr. Posey addressed the audience stating there would be an unveiling ceremony of the Anthony B. Clifton Memorial immediately following today’s meeting. He stated Mr. Clifton was a huge influence on his life and career. Mr. Clifton’s family attended today’s meeting. Ms. Cathy Clifton and son Nick Clifton each addressed the audience thanking everyone for their love and support for Anthony and for their family. Mr. Clifton’s son Nick stated “Dad’s love was his family; his passion was Emergency Management”.

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**Maintenance Personnel**—Mr. Sharp made the recommendation to the Commission to accept the resignation of Chad Wootten, and to allow Maintenance Supervisor Craig Shelton to post as a temporary position.

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

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**Commission Personnel**—County Administrator Matt Sharp requested approval to hire Lorrie Waycaster as Receptionist/ Administrative Assistant replacing Taby Goza who recently transferred to the Probate Office.

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**Mack Truck Lease Resolution**—Mr. Sharp requested the Commission adopt a Resolution authorizing and approving Execution of the following Equipment Lease/Purchase Contract with Cadence Bank for 12 Mack Dump Trucks. (\$2.7 million)

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

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Prior to adjourning the meeting, President Harcrow recognized and congratulated County Administrator Matt Sharp on being chosen “Outstanding County Administrator of the Year” by the Association of County Administrators. The 2025 Association of County Administrator’s Annual Conference was recently held at Perdido Beach, where Mr. Sharp was recognized and presented this well-deserved award. In addition, Mr. Sharp received his Twenty-Five-year

service award. Mr. Sharp has served as DeKalb County Administrator since May 8, 2020. Mr. Harcrow and the Commission thanked Mr. Sharp for his dedication and diligence in this position and congratulated him on a “job well done”.

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President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 and asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

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Ricky Harcrow, President

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Shane Wootten, Commission District I

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Brent Rhodes, Commissioner District II

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Ron Saferite, Commissioner District III

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Lester Black, Commissioner District IV