

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday June 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were, Shane Wootten serving as President Protem, Brent Rhodes, Ron Saferite and Lester Black. Absent was President Ricky Harcrow (attending the quarterly RSA Board Meeting)

The meeting was called to order by President Protem Wootten with Mr. Wootten delivering the Invocation, and Mr. Saferite leading the Pledge.

It was moved by Mr. Saferite and seconded by Mr. Rhodes 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. Young stated that crews are hauling chert in D1 and D2. Due to the amount of rain, several roads have washed out and it has made it difficult to keep up. Crews in all four Districts are mowing right-of-ways, running Durapatchers (patching pot holes) and cleaning log jams from under bridges around the county. He noted that 14 Mack Trucks were being auctioned this week.

Engineer

CR-483 Resurfacing Project

Engineer Ben Luther presented Bid Tabs opened on June 5, 2025 for the CR 483 resurfacing project from US Hwy 11 to the South end of the I59 Overpass Bridge. Three bids were received as follows:

- Wiregrass Construction Company — \$409,551.70
- Rogers Group — \$433,750.00
- Alabama Grading & Excavation—\$486,408.36.

Mr. Luther made the recommendation to award the bid to Wiregrass Construction Company who had the lowest bid.

Mr. Saferite made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Black. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to award the bid to Wiregrass Construction Company.

Scrap Metal Bid Award—Mr. Luther presented Bids Tabs for the selling of Scrap Metal located at the Road Department. He stated that it consisted of old sign posts, pipe and used grader blades, etc. Bids were received as follows:

- Scrap Dogs presented a bid of \$18,275
- Valley Metal presented a bid for \$14,500

Mr. Luther made the recommendation to award the bid to Scrap Dogs.

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to accept the recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Saferite. All members voting affirmatively to award the bid to Scrap Dogs.

Mentone Acres Sub-Division Preliminary Plat—Mr. Luther presented a request from Mr. Scott Farrar (Developer of Mentone acres Sub-Division located off CR-641 in Mentone). He stated that it includes 27 lots, and a new road just under 4,000 feet. Mr. Luther stated that all requirements have been met and made the recommendation to the Commission to approve the development request.

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

CR-121 Speed Limit Resolution

County Engineer Ben Luther at the request of a senior member of the Sheriff’s Office asked the Commission to set a 40 mph speed limit for CR-121 in District 4 from CR-27 north for one mile and the remaining portion to CR-85 set at 35 mph.

Mr. Black made a motion to adopt. Mr. Rhodes Seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following speed limit resolution:

State of Alabama
DeKalb County

RESOLUTION NO. 25-0610-03

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation determines that the maximum speed permitted under Article 8, Title 32, Chapter 5A, Code of Alabama, 1975 for County Road 121 from County Road 27 to County Road 85 is greater than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist on said paved road;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the proper maximum speed for County Road 121 from County Road 27 to County Road 85 is set at all times as follows:

1. From County Road 27 north for one (1) mile, set at 40 MPH

2. The remaining portion to County Road 85, set at 35 MPH;

and no person shall operate a motor vehicle in excess of the above set limits on said County Road 121;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that any violations of this Resolution shall be unlawful and punishable pursuant to Title 32, Chapter 5A, Code of Alabama, 1975.

ADOPTED this the 10th day of June, 2025


Shane Wooten
District 1 Commissioner


Rick Harecox, President


Ben Rhodes
District 2 Commissioner


Ron Salerite
District 3 Commissioner


Lester Black
District 4 Commissioner

ATTEST:


Matt Sharp
County Administrator

Sheriff’s Office

Personnel—On behalf of Chief Edmondson, Chief Wright asked for the Commission’s approval to transfer Logan Padgett from night shift Deputy to Certified Transport Deputy to replace Kerry Monroe who recently transferred to Courthouse Security (note: Ivan Dougan was hired to fill the position vacated by Kerry Monroe in Transport – Kyle Gainey will be leaving Transport to go to a vacant CO position). Also, he requested to promote Deputy Tim Cowart from Part-time to Full-time Deputy (to replace Logan Padgett).

Jail

Personnel—Chief Wright asked for the Commission’s approval for the following personnel request:

- Accept the resignations of Corrections Officers Taylor Pendergrass and Sam Moses
- Hire Jordan Gonzales-Meija to replace CO Taylor Pendergrass
- Transfer Kyle Gainey from Transport Officer to Corrections to replace Sam Moses
- Accept the transfer of Deputy Logan Padgett to Certified Transport Deputy (replaces Kyle Gainey position (officially replaces Kerry Monroe certified deputy position).

Mr. Saferite made a motion to approve both Sheriff’s Office and Jail Personnel requests. Seconded by Mr. Rhodes. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to approve the personnel requests.

Tax Year 2024 Insolvents, Errors and Taxes in Litigation—Mr. Sharp at the request of Mr. Wilks presented the Insolvents, Errors and Taxes in Litigation report for the tax year of 2024 and requested the Commission’s authorization for President Harcrow to sign the necessary documents.

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve the list. Mr. Black seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to approve as follows:

DPF 101 (Rev. 05-21)

INSOLVENTS, ERRORS, LITIGATIONS AND UNSOLD TAX LIENS FOR 2024 AND UNCOLLECTED INSOLVENTS AND TAXES IN LITIGATION FOR PREVIOUS YEAR(S)

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

DeKalb County

BE IT REMEMBERED, That at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of said County, held on this 10th day of June, 2025, Tyler Wilks, Tax Collector of said County, made his report of "Insolvents", "Errors in Assessment", "Taxes in Litigation", and "Unsold Tax Liens" on taxes for the current year 2024, as required by Code of Ala. 1975, Section 40-5-23. And after a careful and rigid examination of said reports by said Board, it was considered and adjudged that said collector be allowed credit on his final settlement with the Comptroller for the following amounts:

Insolvents: State Taxes -- General	\$ 396.33
-- Soldier	\$ 238.62
-- School	\$ 715.86
Taxes in Assessments: State Taxes -- General	\$ (30,408.55)
-- Soldier	\$ (12,163.42)
-- School	\$ (37,104.00)
Taxes in Litigation: State Taxes -- General	\$ 40.15
-- Soldier	\$ 16.06
-- School	\$ 48.18
Unsold Tax Liens: State Taxes -- General	\$ 1,081.15
-- Soldier	\$ 402.46
-- School	\$ 1,397.38

And said Collector has also made his report for final allowance of the uncollected balances of Insolvent Taxes for the previous year 2023, as required by Code of Ala. 1975, Section 40-5-29; and the Board thereupon made the following allowances to said Collector of such Insolvent Taxes as he may have been unable to collect, as follows:

State Taxes -- General	\$ 328.00
-- Soldier	\$ 131.20
-- School	\$ 393.60

And said Collector is also allowed credit for the following taxes in litigation for the previous year(s) which he has been unable to collect as follows:

	General	Soldier	School
2023	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
2022	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
2021	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
2020	\$ 238.16	\$ 91.24	\$ 273.72

Given under my hand this 10th day of June, 2025

President

By Code of Ala. 1975, Sections 40-5-20 and 40-5-21 as to terms of current year and Sections 40-5-26 and 40-5-29 as to insolvent taxes and taxes in litigation of previous year(s).

COA Personnel

Mr. Sharp, at the request of COA Director Ms. McCamy, requested the Commission's approval to hire Vicky Knight (*) as Fort Payne Senior Center Manager to replace Lynn King who resigned.

Mr. Saferite made a motion, seconded by Mr. Black, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

**Following the meeting Ms. McCamy contacted County Administrator Mr. Sharp to notify him that Ms. Knight decided not accept the position.*

CDBG-CV Budget Revision & Resolution—County Administrator Matt Sharp requested the Commission approve the following Budget Revision and Resolution for an additional \$100,000 from ADECA for the Cartersville and Kilpatrick storm shelter projects.

Mr. Black made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Saferite. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to approve the following both the Budget Amendment and Resolution:

**RESOLUTION No. 25-0610-01
AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AMENDMENT
FOR GRANT FUNDS THROUGH
THE STATE OF ALABAMA'S CDBG-CV PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission has received 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coronavirus (CV) Program funds under Project #CV-NC-20-023 for a pandemic response facility in the Cartersville and Kilpatrick Communities; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held in the Commission Chambers on March 25, 2025 to discuss the need to amend/revise the project to request an additional \$100,000 in CDBG/CV Funds to offset inflationary and unforeseen construction costs related to the Cartersville and Kilpatrick Projects.

THEREFORE, the DeKalb County Commission is submitting a Formal Amendment request to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) requesting a budgetary increase of \$100,000 to offset these unforeseen construction costs.


THAT, Ricky Harcrow, President, is hereby authorized to sign and submit all required documents to ADECA requesting approval of the formal Amendment


ADOPTED THIS THE 10th DAY OF JUNE, 2025.

By:


Ricky Harcrow, President

ATTEST:


Matt G. Sharp,
County Administrator



Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Cares Act CDBG-CV Budget/Financial Report


Jurisdiction Name: DeKalb County Commission

Date of Report

Project Number: CV-NC-020-023

Budget/Report Number

Activity	1 Total Activity Cost (3+6)	2 Last Approved Budget	CDBG	
			3 Original Budget/ Budget Revision/ Final Expenditure	4 Budget Adjustment or Deobligation (3-2)
Acquisition	\$0.00			
Rehabilitation	\$0.00			
Construction	\$143,730.00	\$43,730.00	\$143,730.00	\$100,000.00
Engineering/Architecture	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Business Grant/Loan	\$0.00			
Equipment	\$436,270.00	\$436,270.00	\$436,270.00	\$0.00
Health Services	\$0.00			
Broadband Services	\$0.00			
Water Infrastructure	\$0.00			
Sewer Infrastructure	\$0.00			
Rental Assistance	\$0.00			
Utility Assistance	\$0.00			
Food Distribution	\$0.00			
Public Services	\$0.00			
	\$0.00			
	\$0.00			
Subtotal	\$580,000.00	\$480,000.00	\$580,000.00	\$100,000.00
General Program Admin.	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Total	\$600,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$600,000.00	\$100,000.00

Mayor's/Chairman's
Signature and Date: 

ADECA Program Supervisor
Signature and Date:
ADECA Division Chief
Signature and Date:

Reason for revision/amendment/deobligation:
To offset unforeseen inflationary constructio costs related to these projects

Original to Accounting, Copy to Grant Administrator, Copy to IDIS, and Copy to Project Files

ACCA Legislative Committee Appointment—Mr. Sharp asked the Commission to approve the appointment of Commission President Ricky Harcrow who was nominated by majority vote to the 2026 ACCA Legislative Committee.

Mr. Saferite made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Black. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to appoint Mr. Harcrow as the 2026 ACCA Legislative Committee.

ARPA Update—EMA Director Michael Posey addressed the audience giving a brief update on the CAD (computer aided dispatch) project. He stated that this project should go “live” in August and thanked all committee members. He also discussed the P25 Project. A separate grant is being used to erect a tower at the Little site.

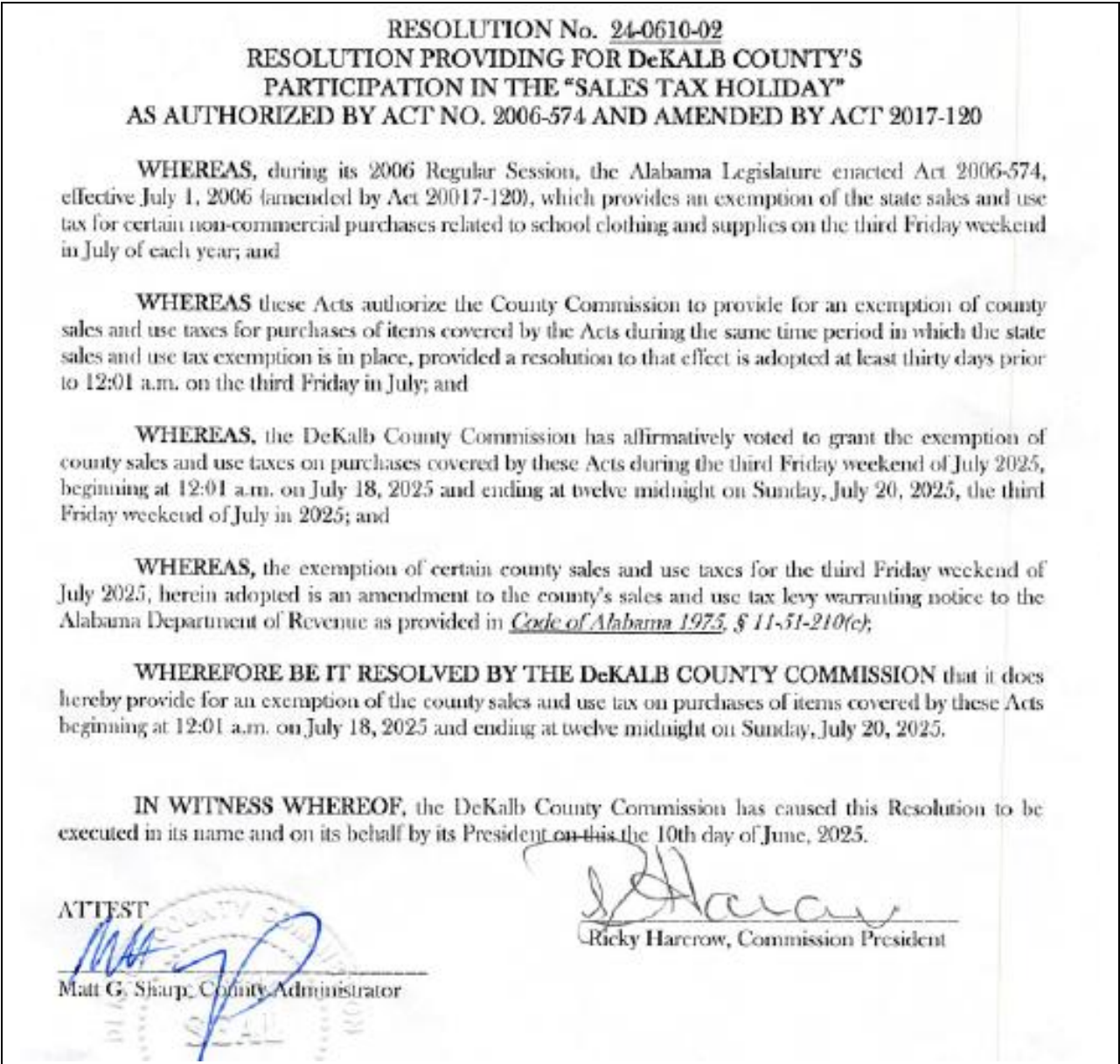
Mr. Sharp gave an update on the ARPA Funds noting that less than \$500,000 was left to be expended as follows:

Crossville Water Project	\$158,140.80 (\$400,000 Project – 90 days)
CAD Project	\$264,253.60 (\$1,321,268 Project – August 2025)
P25 Project	\$ 48,942.03 (\$1,246,589.25 Project – undetermined)

President Protem Wootten and Commissioners thanked Mr. Sharp for the time he has invested in finding projects that qualify for the allocation of ARPA Funds.

2025 “Back to School” Sales Tax Holiday Resolution—President Protem Wootten addressed the audience stating that the 2025 “Back-to-School” Sales Tax Holiday will be Friday July 18–Sunday July 20, 2025, and made the recommendation to adopt a Resolution for the County’s participation.

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Saferite. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following Resolution:



President Protem Wootten notified the audience that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 and asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

ABSENT
Ricky Harcrow, President

Shane Wootten, President Protem

Brent Rhodes, Commissioner District II

Ron Saferite, Commissioner District III

Lester Black, Commissioner District IV