

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday July 8, 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.

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The meeting was called to order by President Harcrow with Geraldine Mayor Chuck Ables 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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President Harcrow introduced Ms. Traci Pondick who was attending today's meeting to give a brief update on the RSVP Tax Assistance Program that takes place each year at the Senior Center in Fort Payne and Mentone. Ms. Pondick thanked Ms. McCamy for allowing them to use their facility, stating they are based in Etowah and Cherokee Counties, but travel to DeKalb County to offer the free tax assistance program at the Fort Payne Senior Center and at Mentone. She said that anyone can participate in the free program as long as their tax return is a simple straight forward return.

### **Road Department**

Update—Mr. Young stated that crews are hauling chert, doing roadway maintenance and bush-cutting in all districts and have started debris clean up.

Equipment—Mr. Young requested permission to purchase a John Deere Skid Steer (with bucket and grapple) to assist crews in their cleanup efforts. He stated the price for the piece of equipment was \$108,937 and was part of the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing program (Contract #011723-JDC)

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

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### **Engineer**

CR159 Bridge Replacement Bid Award—Mr. Luther presented Bid Tabs for a prefabricated Modular Steel Vehicular Bridge System, delivered to the site, on CR159 over Fall Creek near Cartersville.

Mr. Luther made the recommendation to award the bid to Contech Engineered Solutions at the Bid Price of \$46,800, with a delivery date of approximately 18-20 weeks after engineering which would be 6-8 weeks. (note: Bailey Bridge did not offer a bid).

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

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Sheriff's Office Jail Personnel—Chief Wright requested permission to hire Christopher Walls as Corrections Officer to replace Brian Leger who recently resigned.

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

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### **COA**

Personnel—Ms. McCamy addressed the audience and announced the upcoming Health Fair on September 10<sup>th</sup> at the VFW main building. She also thanked all the volunteers that have helped in various programs. Since October there have been over 8300 volunteer hours.

SeniorRx—Ms. McCamy introduced Ms. Diane Callahan who manages the SeniorRx Prescription Drug Program, and who will be inducted into the Alabama Senior Center Hall of Fame on August 10<sup>th</sup> for her work in the community and the SeniorRx Program. President Harcrow and the Commission thanked Ms. Callahan for all she has accomplished with the program.

Ms. Callahan asked the commission to spread the word to help grow the program and stated that this year the program has saved our seniors \$3.8 million to date.

**Alabama Inter-Local Mutual Aid Agreement Resolution and Agreement**

**EMA Director** Michael Posey addressed the Commission and presented a Resolution requesting authorization to be named Designee allowing him authority to enter into this and future mutual aid agreements as needed with other public and private agencies in the State of Alabama.

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

**RESOLUTION #25-0708-01**

**RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN  
THE ALABAMA INTER-LOCAL MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Act of Alabama 2025-206 amended the Code of Alabama 1975, §31-9-9 and §31-9-11 to expand the scope wherein local emergency management organizations may provide reciprocal aid and assistance to other public or private agencies in the State of Alabama pursuant to a mutual aid agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, Act of Alabama 2025-206 grants the authority to the governing body of each local emergency management organization to develop mutual aid agreements with other public and private agencies within this state for mutual aid and assistance to protect the public peace, health, and safety, and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the state, and it further provides that employees of political subdivisions have the same powers and immunities when they act outside of the political subdivision pursuant to a mutual aid agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, each Entity desiring to participate in the Alabama Inter-Local Mutual Aid Agreement is required to adopt a resolution, signifying its desire to participate and its agreement to the terms and conditions of participation; and

**WHEREAS**, the DeKalb County Commission desires to adopt and participate in the Alabama Inter-Local Mutual Aid Agreement and understands and agrees to the provisions as set out therein.


**WHEREAS**, the DeKalb County Commission grants authority to the Director of DeKalb County Emergency Management Agency to enter this and future mutual aid agreements, as needed, to support prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery of planned or unplanned events, emergencies, and / or disasters.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that it is the intent of the DeKalb County Commission, by adoption of this resolution, to enter into the Alabama Inter-Local Mutual Aid Agreement with all other participating Entities and to agree to all terms and conditions set out therein.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be immediately forwarded to Alabama Association of Emergency Managers and the State of Alabama Emergency Management Agency with a request that the DeKalb County Commission be included as a participant of Alabama Inter-Local Mutual Aid Agreement.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, the DeKalb County Commission has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf on the 8th day of July, 2025.

Signed,



President, Rick Harcrow



County Administrator, Max Sharp

President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to adjourn. The President declared no objections, and ordered the meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

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Ricky Harcrow, President

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Shane Wootten, Commissioner 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