

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday August 12, 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.

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.

Road Department

Update—Mr. Young stated that crews are continuing with routine road maintenance in all districts. A portion of a road in District 2 is sinking and will need to be dug out and replaced when weather permits. Crews have the tower access at Cartersville completed and the parking lot at the storm shelter site has been paved.

Personnel—Mr. Young requested permission for the following Personnel items:

- Transfer Verbon Berry from D2 to the Yard Crew to replace Conner Edmondson who resigned.
- Hire Danny Bray as Tire Man in the shop to replace Matt Spurlock.

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

Equipment—Mr. Young requested permission to purchase a Komatsu Grader 655 off the Sourcewell Bid. (Cat priced at \$350K and a Komatsu at \$297K).

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

Engineer

FY2025 Amended County Transportation Plan—Mr. Luther presented the county's current year 2025 Transportation Plan and requested it be amended to include one additional project on CR137 for \$100,000 from FAEF Funds. A pipe-liner will need to be inserted into a corrugated pipe on this road to repair it.

Mr. Luther made the recommendation to amend the plan to include this project.

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

FY2026 County Transport Plan—Mr. Luther presented to the Commission the FY26 County Transportation Plan (est. \$1.4 million – CRAF Funds), stating it is not all inclusive and will need to be amended at a later date. He stated the plan, as required by law, must be adopted by August 31st each year, and made the recommendation to adopt the FY26 Plan.

Mr. Black made a motion. Seconded by Mr. Saferite. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the FY2026 County Transportation Plan (on file in Engineer's Office) summarized as follows:

Project	District	Total	CRAF	FAEF
CR 159	D1	\$200,000		\$200,000
CR 89	D1	\$300,000	\$300,000	
CR 371	D1	\$ 58,500	\$ 50,000	
CR 482	D2	\$148,253	\$148,253	
CR 104	D2	\$ 93,951	\$ 93,951	
CR 34	D2	\$ 85,272	\$ 85,272	
CR 82	D2	\$ 42,394	\$ 22,524	
CR 83	D3	\$128,000	\$128,000	

Sheriff’s Office

Sheriff’s Office Personnel

Sheriff Welden requested the Commission approve the following personal recommendations:

- Transfer Zach Aldridge from Fyffe SRO to Patrol Deputy
- Transfer Miles Underwood from Patrol Deputy to Collinsville SRO
- Transfer Seth Cagle from Collinsville SRO to Fyffe SRO to replace Zach Aldridge
- Hire Wayne Plemmons to fill the position of Jail Maintenance, vacated by Ken Poole

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

Opioid Purchase—Sheriff Welden requested the Commission’s approval to utilize Opioid funds to purchase a portable incinerator that would be used to destroy drug evidence once is it no longer needed.

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

Jail Personnel—Chief Wright requested the Commission’s approval for the following Personnel requests

- Resignations: CO Chris Walls
CO Abby Phillips
- New Hires: Tiffany Wilkes—Kitchen staff (replaced Lakota Whited)
Skyler McCord—CO (replaced Sam Moses)
Trevor Hawkins—CO (replaced Suzanne Woodall)
Allie White—Nurse (replaced Danny Howell)

Training—Chief Wright requested authorization for the following training (employees to be determined later)

- Alabama Jail Association Conference (Orange Beach)
- National Institute of Jail Operations (Mobile)
- Alabama Jail Administrators Conference (Montgomery).

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Wootten. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to approve the personnel and training requests.

RPT Grant Resolution and Agreement—County Administrator Matt Sharp requested the Commission adopt the following Resolution and give authorization to sign the agreement.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 25-0812-01

BE IT RESOLVED, by the DeKalb County Commission, DeKalb County, Alabama, as follows:

1. That the DeKalb County Commission enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama: acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation relating to public transportation with partial funding by the Federal Transit Administration, which agreement is before this DeKalb County Commission;
2. That the agreement to be executed in the name of the DeKalb County Commission, by the President of the DeKalb County Commission for and on its behalf:
3. That such execution be attested by County Administrator Matt Sharp and the seal of the DeKalb County Commission affixed thereto:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon completion of the execution of the agreement by all parties, a copy of such agreement be kept by the County Administrator in the minute book of the DeKalb County Commission.

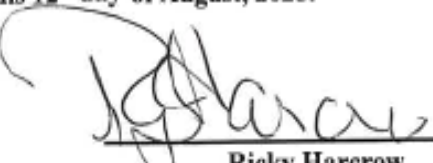
I, the undersigned President, of the DeKalb County Commission, DeKalb County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a resolution lawfully passed and adopted by the Commissioners of the DeKalb County Commission, at a regular meeting of such Commission held on the

12th day of August, 2025, and that such resolution is of record in the Minute Book of the DeKalb County Commission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the DeKalb County Commission on this 12th day of August, 2025.



Matt G. Sharp
County Administrator



Ricky Harcrow
Commission President

COA

Personnel—On behalf of COA Director Ms. McCamy, Mr. Sharp requested the Commission's approval to hire Nadia Rice as Fort Payne Senior Center Manager to replace Lynn King who resigned.

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

Commission Personnel—County Administrator Matt Sharp asked the Commission to accept the retirement of Payroll/HR Manager Traci Burt, effective October 1, and to post an announcement to fill the position. He stated that Ms. Burt has agreed to rehire in a part-time position to assist with training her replacement.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to accept the request of Ms. Burt's Retirement and move to PT Status. Seconded by Mr. Saferite. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Mr. Sharp gave a brief FY25 update and stated that budget work sessions with the Sheriff’s Office would proceed after the regular Commission meeting. President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 and asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

Ricky Harcrow, President

Shane Wootten, Commissioner District I

Brent Rhodes, Commissioner District II

Ron Saferite, Commissioner District III

Lester Black, Commissioner District IV