

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday February 10, 2026 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 who also delivered the invocation. Mr. Black led the Pledge.

It was moved by Mr. Wootten, 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

Maintenance Update—Mr. Young stated that crews have been hauling chert, bush-cutting and dura-patching in all four districts. Crews have also been working to get potholes repaired and drains put in and getting ready for the paving season.

Personnel—Mr. Young requested the Commission hire Bradley Young as tire technician replacing Robert McKinney and transfer Waylon Rowell from the yard to replace Alfred Dunn in District 2.

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve the personnel changes, a second was made by Mr. Wootten, with all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Engineer

Herbicide Bid Award

County Engineer, Ben Luther reported that bids for the annual herbicide spraying were opened on February 5th and three were received as follows for 2,300 acres:

	<u>Spring Cycle</u>	<u>Fall Cycle</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
ChemPro Services	\$57,385.00	\$57,385.00	\$114,770.00
IVM Solutions	\$62,100.00	\$59,800.00	\$121,900.00
Opterra Solutions	\$74,980.00	\$79,994.00	\$154,974.00

He recommended the Commission award the bid to ChemPro (approximately \$14,000 less than last year, according to Mr. Luther).

Mr. Black made a motion, seconded by Mr. Saferite, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried, to award the herbicide bid to ChemPro Services.

CR-266 speed Limit Resolution (D4)

Mr. Luther presented a concern from a resident of excessive speeding on County Road 266. This was a previously an unimproved road, and has since been paved. Due to its narrow width and curvature, Mr. Luther recommended that it be posted at 25mph.

It was moved by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Saferite with all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to adopt the following resolution for CR 266:

RESOLUTION No. 26-0210-03

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 266 from County Road 47 to County Road 407 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 266 from County Road 47 to County Road 407 is set at 25 miles per hour at all times and no person shall operate a motor vehicle in excess of 25 miles per hour on said County Road 266;

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 February, 2026


Ricky Harrow, President

Sheriff's Office

Personnel – Deputy Brad Edmondson requested the Board accept the resignation of Tanner Humphrey and the transfer of Noah Pope from PT to FT deputy to replace him.

Mr. Saferite made a motion to accept the personnel changes, with a second from Mr. Rhodes, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Jail

Personnel – Mr. Edmondson requested the Commission accept the following personnel changes:

- Approve the termination of Elizabeth White, who worked (1) shift and never returned
- Approve the hire of Andrew Crowder, replacing Elizabeth White on Bravo Shift
- Approve the transfer of Tyler Sparkman from Charlie Shift Corrections Officer to Kitchen Corrections Officer
- Approve the rehire of Cody Dupree to replace Tyler Sparkman on Charlie Shift
- Approve the transfer of Corrections Officer Adam Santiago from Alpha Shift to Maintenance to replace Jason Cyrus, whose last day was January 30th
- Approve the transfer of William Morris from Bravo Shift to Alpha Shift to replace Adam Santiago

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve these personnel moves, with a second from Mr. Saferite, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

EMA

K&K Systems

EMA Director, Michael Posey presented the need to refurbish (6) message boards at a cost of approximately \$50,000. Mr. Posey stated that the parts for these message boards were proprietary and K&K was the only vendor available to do the refurbishing. He further noted that this might need to be done every 5 years. County EMA personnel would take the boards (which are affixed to trailers) to K&K which is located in Tupelo, Mississippi.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve the requests, with a second from Mr. Rhodes, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried to approve the repairs.

District 2 P-25 Tower MOU:

Mr. Posey reported that the DeKalb County Association of Fire Departments recently reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County Fire Association and the DeKalb County Commission (c/o DeKalb County Communication Governance Committee) and have submitted their recommended changes. Permission to install equipment on a 20-foot section below the P-25 equipment was their only request. Mr. Posey asked the Commission to accept this change to the MOU.

Mr. Saferite made a motion to approve the change, with a second from Mr. Black, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Ruhama Polling Place

Commission President Ricky Harcrow presented information regarding the Ruhama School Polling Place. Recently, the School has indicated the need to move the poll elsewhere due to liability issues. Mr. Saferite reported that he has spoken with the chief of the Dogtown Fire Department and they have agreed to the use of their facility for the poll.

Mr. Saferite made a motion to accept this move, with a second from Mr. Rhodes, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

RPT/COA

RPT Personnel

COA/RPT Director, Emily McCamy presented a request to transfer Justin Whitzell (substitute bus driver) from PT to FT replacing Danny Willyard who is retiring in March.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to accept the transfer, seconded by Mr. Black, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Masters Games Recognition

Ms. McCamy recognized those present who participated in this year's Masters Games. She highlighted events that were participated in and awards received.

Spring Clean-Up

President Harcrow presented the Spring Clean-Up dates, which will be April 1-4 and April 8-11, and stated that dumpsters will be available at the Sand Valley Landfill on those dates.

Commission President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting would be March 10, 2026 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

Brent Rhodes, Commissioner District II

Ron Saferite, Commissioner District III

Lester Black, Commissioner District IV