

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday March 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were President Pro Tem Shane Wootten, Brent Rhodes, Ron Saferite, and Lester Black. (Absent was President Ricky Harcrow, who was in Montgomery attending the RSA Board meeting.)

The meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem Wootten who also delivered the invocation. Mr. Black led the Pledge.

It was moved by Mr. Rhodes, 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

Maintenance Update—Mr. Young reported that crews have been hauling chert in districts 1, 3 and 4, clipping shoulders in districts 2 and 3, and getting ready for paving. Also, all 4 patch trucks have been running in all districts. All dump trucks have been cleaned and ready for auction.

Personnel—Mr. Young requested the Commission make the following personnel changes:

- Hire Kaleb Jarmon (D2) to replace Alfred Dunn who quit.
- Hire Cheyenne England (D2) to replace J. Kevin Handley who was terminated.
- Transfer Waylon Rowell from D2 back to the Unit Crew.

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

Engineer

CR-238 Vacation Public Hearing (D3)

County Engineer, Ben Luther brought before the Commission a notice for a public hearing regarding the vacation of the unimproved dead-end portion of CR 238. This request was made by property owner, Lickskillet, Inc. Mr. Wootten opened the floor for input with none received. Mr. Luther then requested that a resolution be adopted to vacate this portion of CR 238.

Mr. Saferite made a motion, seconded by Mr. Black, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried, to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-0310-04
VACATION OF A PORTION OF DEKALB COUNTY
COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 238

WHEREAS, Code Section 23-4-2, State of Alabama, 1975, authorized the governing bodies of the counties of Alabama to, upon petition and by resolution, vacate a street, or a portion thereof; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission set down for public hearing on March 10, 2026, and caused notice of such hearing to be published in the *The Mountain Valley News* for four consecutive weeks, beginning February 12 through March 5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission has received no written objection and heard no verbal objection at the hearing hereon to the vacation of a portion of DeKalb County Road Number 238; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Saferite of District 3, made a motion before the Commission to approve the vacation of a portion of this road;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the DeKalb County Commission that a portion DeKalb County Road 238, more particularly described below, be, and hereby is, vacated;

All that unimproved, dead-end portion of County Road #238, beginning at a point that is approximately 210 feet west of the Southeast corner of the SW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 19, Township 8 South, Range 9 East and proceeding in a westerly direction for approximately 1,000 feet, to its dead-end. Said property lying in Section 19, Township 8 South, Range 9 East, located south of the Dogtown Community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the DeKalb County Commission that the name of the owner of the abutting lots is Licksillet, Inc. and there are no other lots or parcels of land which will be cut off from access by the vacation sought; and

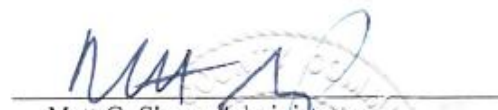
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, by the DeKalb County Commission that it is in the interest of the public that the above-described portion of the public street be vacated; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, by the DeKalb County Commission that this resolution shall be filed in the Probate Court of DeKalb County as provided by statute and that notice of this action shall be published once in a newspaper in DeKalb County no later than fourteen (14) days after the date of its adoption.

DONE this the 10th day of March 2026

ATTESTED BY:


Ricky Harcrow, President


Matt G. Sharp, Administrator

CR-685 Speed Limit Resolution (D4)

Mr. Luther presented a request to adopt a resolution to post the portion of CR-685, that is county maintained, at 30 MPH making this consistent with the Municipality portions of this road.

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

State of Alabama
DeKalb County

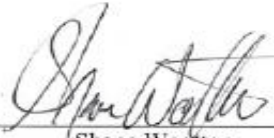
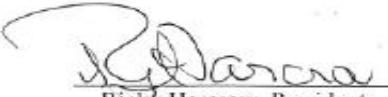

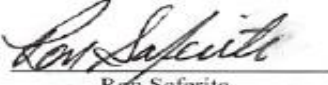

RESOLUTION NO. 26-0310-02

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 685 between County Road 27 and County Road 116 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 685 between County Road 27 and County Road 116, outside of the Sylvania Town Limits, is set at 30 miles per hour at all times and no person shall operate a motor vehicle in excess of 30 miles per hour on said portions of County Road 685;

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 March, 2026

 Shane Woodten District 1 Commissioner	 Ricky Harcrow, President	 Brent Rhodes District 2 Commissioner
 Ron Saferite District 3 Commissioner		 Lester Black District 4 Commissioner

CR-173 Funding Agreement (D2)

Mr. Luther presented the Funding Agreement with the State of AL Department of Transportation for their contribution of \$200,000.00 for the paving of CR-173 which is inside of Buck's Pocket State Park. He requested that we enter into this agreement with the State and authorize Mr. Harcrow and Mr. Sharp to execute it.

It was moved by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Saferite with all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying, to adopt the following Resolution authorizing an agreement with the State DOT on CR 173:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 26-0310-03

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

That the County enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation relating to a project for:

Resurfacing CR-173 from CR-556 to CR-557 then into Bucks Pocket State Park to the South Sauty Creek crossing; Project# ST-025-888-024; CPMS Ref# 100081664.

Which agreement is before this Commission, and that the agreement be executed in the name of the County, by the Chairman for and on its behalf and that it be attested by the County Clerk and the official seal of the County be affixed thereto.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the agreement by all parties, that a copy of such agreement be kept on file by the County.

I, the undersigned qualified and acting Clerk of DeKalb County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a resolution lawfully passed and adopted by the County named therein, at a regular meeting of such Commission held on the 10th day of March, 2026, and that such resolution is on file in the County Clerk's Office.

ATTESTED:



County Clerk



Chairman

Award Rebuild AL Bid

Mr. Luther asked that the Commission award the Rebuild Alabama Bid (bituminous surface treatment) to Charles E Watts, the low bidder. Bids were opened on February 18, 2026 at 10:00am as follows:

Charles E Watts, Inc.	\$1,641,937.60 (JG - \$4.79; G - \$2.22; Triple - \$5.14)
Central Alabama Asphalt & Construction	\$2,359,275.95 (JG - \$6.75; G - \$3.78; Triple - \$8.65)

It was moved by Mr. Saferite, seconded by Mr. Black with all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to award the Rebuild Alabama Bid to Charles E. Watts.

Sheriff's Office

Personnel – Deputy Brad Edmondson requested the hire of Daniel Duncan as FT deputy to replace Tanner Humphrey.

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

Jail

Personnel – Chief Carl White requested the Commission accept the following personnel changes:

- Accept Tiffany Young's resignation (as Deputy Chief Correctional Officer)
- Promote Adam Moore from Captain to Deputy Chief replacing Tiffany Young who resigned
- Promote Sgt Jason Melton to Captain to replace Adam Moore (promoted to Deputy Chief Correctional Officer).
- Move Sgt Alexander Gilbert from Delta shift to Bravo shift Sgt replacing Jason Melton (promoted to Captain).
- Promote Christina Blankenship to Delta shift Sgt in Sgt Gilbert's place
- Hire Logan Campbell for Delta shift to replace Christina Blankenship (promoted to Shift Sgt)
- Hire Shadow Kurts to fill a vacant position on Bravo shift
- Hire Joshua Farmer for vacant position on Delta shift
- Promote Cody Dupree to Charlie shift Sgt replacing Katlynn Waldrop who quit
- Hire Abbagail Coleman for Bravo shift to replace Ashley Hudson who will then replace Cody Dupree on Charlie shift, if promoted
- Move Kaylynn Hulgán (demoted to Alpha shift CO) to replace William Morris who resigned
- Accept Gary Bouldin's resignation (work crew)
- Move Divell Bell from transport to road crew replacing Donald Morgan who retired
- Accept Jane Norton's resignation effective 3/13/2026
- Hire Jared Benfield for Alpha shift to replace Jane Norton who is resigning

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve these new hires and transfers with a second from Mr. Black, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

EMA

DeKalb P25 MOU Project

County Administrator, Matt Sharp presented the agreement with Farmers Telephone for the telephone line needed for the P25 Project. He detailed the options for a 36-month and a 60-month agreement, with the 60-month offering a discounted rate. Mr. Sharp proposed the 60-month at a cost of \$350.00 per month for each of the four T1 type lines since this will be an ongoing expense.

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

Housekeeping

Mr. Sharp presented a recommendation to transfer Cynthia Simpson from PT to FT housekeeping to replace Angela Moore who quit.

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

Guardianship Program

Judge Ronnie Osborn gave an update on the Guardianship Program and its growth and expressed the need to contract with an additional person on a per client basis. He informed the board that Mrs. Harcrow currently has a caseload of 40 people.

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

Adamsburg Fire Department Board Appointment

Mr. Saferite bestowed honor upon Mr. Paul Brandon, who passed away. He was a charter member of the Adamsburg fire department. Mr. Saferite recommended a resolution to clarify the current board members of the Adamsburg Fire Department.

Mr. Saferite made a motion to adopt the following resolution, with a second from Mr. Rhodes, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried:

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF DEKALB

**RESOLUTION No. 26-0310-01
CLARIFYING AND DESIGNATING THE CORRECT TERMS OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE ADAMSBURG FIRE PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission, as the governing body of DeKalb County, Alabama, did on the 23rd day of March, 1981 adopt a Resolution authorizing the incorporation of the Adamsburg Fire Protection Authority pursuant to the authority of Chapter 88 of Title 11, code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, and

WHEREAS, Dillard Patterson, Paul Brandon and Gary R. Kennedy proceeded to file a Certificate of Incorporation with the Judge of Probate of DeKalb County, Alabama, on the 23rd day of March, 1981, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of said Fire Protection Authority consist of three (3) directors who are appointed for terms of six (6) years and whose terms expire on March 1st of each odd numbered year subsequent to their initial appointments, however the initial directors were appointed for staggered terms of two (2) year, four (4) years and six (6) years respectively in order to assure that all of the terms of the Board of Directors will not expire the same year, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the DeKalb County Commission, as the governing body of DeKalb County, Alabama that the following persons are named and ratified as the Board of Directors of the Adamsburg Fire Protection Authority and the dates of their current term of office is hereby established.


*Jason Cyrus (2025-2031)
Chuck Holbrook (2023-2029) – Replaced Gary Hilyer
Micah Little (2026-2027) – Replaces Paul Brandon*

Passed, adopted, and approved this 10th day of March 2026

ATTESTED:



Ricky Harcrow, President



Matt G. Sharp, Administrator

