

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday May 12, 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. (Commission President Ricky Harcrow was attending the quarterly RSA 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. Saferite, seconded by Mr. Black 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, cutting bushes and mowing in all districts. He also noted that dura-patchers were running in District 2, 3 & 4.

Pipe

Mr. Young informed the Commission that additional pipe was needing to be ordered. He requested a budget increase of \$33,000.00.

Mr. Black made a motion to approve the additional pipe order, a second was made by Mr. Saferite, with all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Personnel

Mr. Young requested the Commission approve the following personnel changes:

- Accept the retirement of Scott Rowell, effective June 1
- Accept the resignation of Daniel Padgett (D4)
- Accept the resignation of Cheyenne England (D2)
- Transfer Lance Wilbanks from D1 to the unit crew
- Hire James Stevens (D4)
- Hire Gary Bouldin (D2)

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

Engineer
Award CR-159 Bridge Replacement Project

County Engineer, Ben Luther brought before the Commission the bids for the CR-159 Bridge Replacement which is over Fall Creek in the Cartersville area. The bid will include the removal of the existing bridge and construction of the abutments and installing the modular bridge. Three (3) bids were received as follows:

Miller & Miller, Inc.	\$ 90,568.00
MSE Building Co.	\$120,981.00
Lambert Contracting	\$197,526.00

Mr. Luther recommended the bid be awarded to Miller & Miller, Inc. as the low bidder in the amount of \$90,568.00.

Mr. Saferite made a motion, seconded by Mr. Black, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried, to award the CR 159 Bridge Replacement Project to Miller & Miller, Inc.

Award CR-173 Resurfacing Project

Mr. Luther presented the CR-173 Resurfacing Project which is being funded by ALDOT and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. \$200,000 from ALDOT and \$200,000 from DCNR and the rest from County Funds. Three (3) bids were received was follows:

Rogers Group, Inc.	\$407,900.00
Wiregrass Const. Co.	\$520,907.00
Al Grading & Excavating	\$697,724.43

Mr. Luther recommended awarding the bid to Rogers Group as the low bidder in the amount of \$407,900.00.

It was moved by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Black with all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to award project to Rogers Group, Inc.

Jail

Personnel

Chief CO Carl White requested the Commission approve the following personnel changes:

- Terminate Sgt. Alexander Gilbert
- Promote Adam West to Sgt. to replace Alexander Gilbert on Bravo shift
- Hire Tyler butcher to fill vacant spot on Delta
- Terminate James Brothers from Alpha shift
- Hire Eddie Jones to replace James Brothers
- Accept Kyle Gainey's resignation from Alpha shift
- Accept Skyler McCord's resignation from Charlie shift
- Hire Garrett Smith to replace Skyler McCord on Charlie shift
- Accept Christina Blankenship's request to step down from Sergeant on Delta shift
- Promote Ashley Hudson to Sergeant on Delta shift replacing Christina Blankenship
- Move Abbagail Coleman from Delta shift to Charlie shift replacing Ashley Hudson
- Move Christina Blankenship and Logan Campbell from Delta shift to Bravo shift
- Accept Greg Burch's resignation who is a transport officer
- Move Jay-Allen Tovar from Alpha shift to transport replacing Greg Burch
- Accept Allie White's resignation from medical
- Move Lt. Cody Dupree from jail side to patrol side
- Hire Ayden Callahan for vacant spot on Alpha shift

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

Council on Aging

Personnel

County Administrator, Matt Sharp presented a request for personnel changes on behalf of the Council on Aging.

- Hire Alexandra Andres as SenioRx Coordinator to replace Dianne Callahan who is retiring June 1

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

Section 5311 Application

Mr. Sharp presented the Rural Public Transportation application which was put together by Mr. Russell Beam. Mr. Sharp recommended the Commission that the application and resolutions be renewed.

It was moved by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Rhodes with all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to approve the application and adopt the following Local Match Resolution and Authorizing Resolution:

SECTION 5311 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. 26-0512-01

"SECTION 5311 RURAL AREA PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION"

WHEREAS the DeKalb County Commission recognizes the need for a public transportation program; and

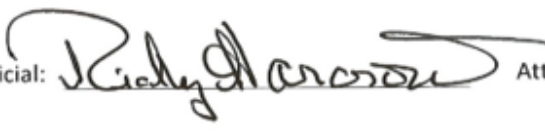
WHEREAS the DeKalb County Commission is recognized as a member of the DeKalb County Rural Public Transportation Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS the DeKalb County Commission recognizes that the requirements to obtain Section 5311 funds from the Alabama Department of Transportation include a local match of 50% for operating expenses and 20% for administration, planning, and capital expenses; and

WHEREAS the DeKalb County Commission recognizes that the local match will be a shared cost with other participating municipalities being responsible for providing an appropriate allocation of local non-federal funds to secure the operating of the Section 5311 Rural Area Public Transportation Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DeKalb County Commission hereby commits the amount of **\$291,115.00** as local non-federal match for operations, administration, planning, and capital expenditures under the Section 5311 Rural Area Public Transportation Program during Fiscal Year 2027.

Adopted this 12th day of May, 20 26

Elected Official:  Attest: 

Name:	<u>Ricky Harcrow</u>	Name:	<u>Matt Sharp</u>
Title:	<u>President, DeKalb County Commission</u>	Title:	<u>Administrator</u>

SECTION 5311 AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 25-0512-02

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with Department of Transportation, United States of America, and the Alabama Department of Transportation for a grant under the Federal Transit Act.

WHEREAS the Secretary of U.S. Department of Transportation and Director of the Alabama Department of Transportation are authorized to make grants for a public transportation program;

WHEREAS the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the Applicant, including the provision of its local share of the project costs in the program;

WHEREAS it is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under 49 USC Section 5311 the applicant gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other pertinent directives and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that disadvantaged business enterprises (minority business enterprises and woman business enterprises) be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this/these project(s), and that definite procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts and purchase orders when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts, or consultant and other services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY DeKalb County Commission

1. That Ricky Harcrow, President of DeKalb County Commission is authorized to execute and file (an) application(s) on behalf of DeKalb County Commission with the Alabama Department of Transportation to aid in the financing of administration, planning, capital and/or operating assistance projects pursuant to 49 USC Section 5311, the Alabama Public Transportation Grant Program, and the Alabama Seniors and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program.
2. That Ricky Harcrow, President of DeKalb County Commission is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance, or any other document required by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Alabama Department of Transportation effectuating the purpose of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
3. That Ricky Harcrow, President of DeKalb County Commission is authorized to furnish such additional information as the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Alabama Department of Transportation may require in connection with the application for the Program of Projects submitted to FTA.
4. That Ricky Harcrow, President of DeKalb County Commission is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative disadvantaged business enterprise policies in connection with any procurements made as part of the project.
5. That Ricky Harcrow, President of DeKalb County Commission is authorized to execute grant agreements on behalf of DeKalb County Commission with the Alabama Department of Transportation for aid in the financing of the administration, planning, capital, and/or operating assistance projects.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Matt Sharp, County Administrator of the DeKalb County Commission certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the DeKalb County Commission held on May 12, 2026.

If applicant has an official seal, impress here.


Signature of Recording Officer

Matt Sharp, County Administrator
Title of Recording Officer

5/12/2026
Date

Commission President Pro Tem Shane Wootten notified the audience that the next meeting would be June 9, 2026. He asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Saferite made a motion to adjourn. The President Pro Tem 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