The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday July 14, 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. Saferite led 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.

Courthouse Addition:
Walter Lewis from Piper Sandler & Co presented a debt overview in relation to future financing and bonding for the courthouse addition. Mr. Sharp recommended that the Commission move forward with Piper/Sandler for financing bond/warrant issues for this project. President Harcrow was in agreement and presented the recommendation to the Commission that we enter into an MOU with Piper/Sandler to start the process for an approximate $3.5M Bond Issue.

Mr. Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Black, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

County Administrator Matt Sharp then proceeded to bring forth two proposals required by the architect, a Topographic Survey and a Geotechnical and Sheer Wave Study. He asked that these be approved as the first step to the Courthouse Addition. The approximate costs for these studies is $32,000.

It was moved by Mr. Wootten, seconded by Mr. Saferite with all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

General Election

Resolution – Kilpatrick Polling Site

Mr. Sharp presented a request from the Mayor of the Town of Kilpatrick and a Resolution to move its polling location from the community center to the new town hall.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-0714-01
KILPATRICK - VOTING LOCATION
Precinct 2, Box 3

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission is the elected representation of the citizens of DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, the Kilpatrick Voting Location has previously been located at the Kilpatrick Community Center at 221 CR 179, Albertville, AL 35951; and

IT HAS BEEN REQUESTED by the newly incorporated Town of Kilpatrick, Mayor Richard Bruce to relocate the polling place from the Kilpatrick Community Center (221 CR 179, Albertville, AL 35951) to the Town Hall at 27 CR 179, Albertville, AL 35951 for the 2026 General Election and beyond; and

IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED, the Kilpatrick Town Hall is less than one-quarter mile from the current voting location at the Kilpatrick Community Center; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission is authorized by Code Section 17-6-3 and 17-6-4 to select polling places for each precinct; and

IT IS RESOLVED that the DeKalb County Commission does hereby authorize the polling place for Precinct 2, Box 3 be moved from the Kilpatrick Community Center and moved to the Kilpatrick Town Hall for the 2026 General Election.

DONE THIS 14th day of July 2026.

Ricky Harcrow, President — 7/14/2026 Date

ATTEST

Matt G. Sharp, Administrator — 7/14/2026 Date

Resolution – Grove Oak / Tenbroeck Polling Site

Mr. Dennis George (Grove Oak) and Ms. Monica Anderson (Tenbroeck) were present on behalf of the Grove Oak / Tenbroeck polls to express the desire to combine the Grove Oak and Tenbroeck boxes to one location, Kelly's Chapel. Mr. Sharp presented the following resolution to combine these boxes:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-0714-02
GROVE OAK / TENBROECK - VOTING LOCATIONS
Precinct 2, Box 10 and Box 11

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission is the elected representation of the citizens of DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, the Grove Oak Voting Location has heretofore been located at the Grove Oak Club House (15381 CR 50, Grove Oak, AL 35975) and the Tenbroeck Voting Location has heretofore been located at the Tenbroeck Community Center (Boy Scout Hut Troop 96 – 1690 CR 342, Fyffe, AL 35971); and

WHEREAS, Community Leaders and Voting Officials have requested these two polling places be combined at Kelly's Chapel (1301 CR 358, Grove Oak, AL 35975) a distance of 3.2 miles from the Grove Oak Club House and a distance of 2.9 miles from the Tenbroeck Community Center; and

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT it is in the best interest of the County and the convenience to the voters to merge these 1,548 registered voters into one polling place;

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission is authorized by Code Section 17-6-3 and 17-6-4 to select polling places for each precinct; and

NOW, THEREFORE seeing good and just cause to merge Precincts 2, Box 10 and 11;

IT IS RESOLVED that the DeKalb County Commission does hereby authorize the polling place for Precinct 2, Box 11 to be closed and the voters to be absorbed into Precinct 2, Box 10 at Kelly's Chapel.

DONE THIS 14th day of July 2026

ATTEST

Ricky Harcrow, President

Matt G. Sharp, Administrator

Voting Center Resolution – Pine Ridge, East Highland, Fischer

Mr. Sharp detailed the provisions of Act No. 2008-176 which allows the County to establish voting centers for the purpose of facilitating and reducing election costs. Mr. Sharp presented a Resolution to establish voting centers at Fischer Community Center, East Highland Fire Hall #3 and Pine Ridge Community Center and to combine the current pollworkers and boxes at each location:

VOTING CENTER RESOLUTION 26-0714-03
AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 08-0422-04

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission (County) is the governing body for the County of DeKalb, State of Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, the County has the authority under Act No. 2008-176, pursuant to Section 17-6-4(c), Code of Alabama 1975, to establish voting centers in the County by combining voters from two or more precincts; and,

WHEREAS, the County has agreed to adopt the provisions of Act No. 2008-176 establishing said voting centers for the purpose of facilitating and reducing election costs for the County and its citizens;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Commission does hereby specifically establish a voting center at the Fischer Community Center to merge voters from Precinct 1, Box 13 and Precinct 3, Box 13;

IT IS ALSO RESOLVED, to specifically establish a voting center at the East Highland Fire Hall #3 to merge voters from Precinct 1, Box 12 and Precinct 3, Box 04;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED to specifically establish a voting center at the Pine Ridge Community Center to merge voters from Precinct 3, Box 09 and Precinct 4, Box 10;

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED to close Precinct 1, Box 13 and combine with Precinct Box 3-13; to close Precinct 1, Box 12 and combine with Precinct 3, Box 4; and to close Precinct 3, Box 9 and combine with Precinct 4, Box 10.

DONE, this 14th day of July, 2026

Ricky Harcrow, President — Date: 7/14/2026

ATTEST

Matt G. Sharp, Administrator — Date: 7/14/2026

Mr. Harcrow called for a motion to adopt the 3 polling place resolutions. Mr. Saferite made a motion, seconded by Mr. Black, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt all 3 Resolutions..

County Road 50 – Town of Fyffe – CDBG Resolution:

District 4 Commissioner, Lester Black, presented a resolution requesting the County to provide local match funds for a grant applied for by the Town of Fyffe, for the paving of Campbell Street and Grove Oak Road (County Road 50) in the Town of Fyffe.

A motion was made by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following resolution to contribute matching funds of $200,000 on this project:

DeKALB COUNTY COMMISSION
RICKY HARCROW, PRESIDENT

COMMISSION MEMBERS

SHANE WOOTTEN
DISTRICT I

BRENT RHODES
DISTRICT II

MATT G. SHARP, ADMINISTRATOR
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COMMISSION MEMBERS

RON SAFERITE
DISTRICT III

LESTER BLACK
DISTRICT IV

DeKALB COUNTY COMMISSION
TOWN of FYFFE CDBG Application
RESOLUTION No 26-0714-04

WHEREAS, the Town of Fyffe, acting by and through its Town Council proposes to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the purpose of performing eligible community development activities that will benefit low and moderate income residents in the Town of Fyffe; and

WHEREAS, the Town's proposed FY 2026 CDBG Street Improvement Project will include the repair and resurfacing of sections of Campbell Street (County Road 50) and Grove Oak Road (County Road 50) which are located within the town's limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the DeKalb County Commission agrees and hereby commits upon approval of the town's CDBG application to provide a cash match in the amount of $200,000.00 for construction costs in support of the Town of Fyffe's above referenced street improvement application.

READ AND ADOPTED this the 14th day of July 2026.

SIGNED FOR THE DeKALB COUNTY COMMISSION:

Ricky Harcrow, President

ATTESTED BY:

Matt G. Sharp, Administrator

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<u>DeKalb P25 MOU Amendment – FTC:</u>
EMA Director, Michael Posey presented a request to allow County Administrator, Matt Sharp and Commission President, Ricky Harcrow to make a change in the current standing MOU with FTC to add one (1) additional link from the Little Tower in Cartersville to the Wyatt Mountain Tower in Marshall County at an additional price of $350/month.

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

Road Department

<u>Maintenance Update:</u>
Mr. Young reported that crews have been hauling chert, cutting bushes, bushhogging roadways and patching in all four (4) Districts. He also reported that several cross-drains have been replaced and approaches have been added to the new bridge on County Road 159.

Personnel
Mr. Young requested the Commission approve the hire of Timothy Lea (D2 Crew) to replace Dennis Collins. Previously Jackson Waldrep had been hired for this position, but did not take the position.

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

Engineer

Adamsburg Storm Shelter:
County Engineer, Ben Luther provided information that no bids were received on the Adamsburg Storm Shelter. He reported that the project will be restructured into two (2) separate bids. One bid will be for the fabrication, delivery and installation and the other for building the foundation, ancillary and site work.

Amend FY2026 County Transportation Plan:
Mr. Luther requested that an amended County Transportation Plan be adopted to account for FAEF projects such as road striping, bridge maintenance, pile encasements and pipe liners, and for the bridge replacement on County Road 24 in the Painter area as follows:

Project 31	Striping on CR 27, CR 50, CR 89 & CR 122	$12,308.00
Project 32	Bridge over Bear Creek (CR 270)	$42,242.72
Project 33	Bridge over Miller Creek (CR 823)	$19,468.00
Project 34	HDPE Pipe Liner (CR 155)	$91,750.00
Project 35	Replace Bridge on Broomstraw Branch (CR 24)	$47,573.00

Mr. Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Sheriff Personnel:
Captain Jerry Fortner requested the Commission accept the following personnel changes:

- Accept the resignation of SRO Nick Hester
- Accept the resignation of Road Deputy Myles Underwood
- Hire Thomas Hubbard to replace Myles Underwood

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

Jail Personnel:
Chief Carl White presented a request for the following personnel changes:
- Terminate Adam West on Bravo Shift
- Promote Eddie Jones to Sgt. replacing Adam West
- Hire Ravyn turner for vacant spot on Charlie Shift
- Move Ulys Pruitt from Charlie shift to Alpha shift to fill a vacant spot
- Rehire Cody Dupree for vacant spot in jail administration (training officer)

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

Council on Aging

SHIP Contract:
Emily McCamy presented the SHIP Contract to the Commission for approval.

It was moved by Mr. Saferite, seconded by Mr. Rhodes with all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to accept the new contract ($5,000/year).

<u>Fort Payne Sr. Center Personnel:</u>
Ms. McCamy requested the following personnel changes be approved

- Accept the resignation of Nadiya Rice as Fort Payne Senior Center Manager
- Hire Francine "Elaine" Hill to replace Ms. Rice.

Mr. Black made a motion to approve these changes with a second from Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Commission President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting would be August 11, 2026. He asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

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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