

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were Ricky Harcrow, President, Shane Wootten, Chris Kuykendall and Dewitt Jackson. Those absent were Derek Caldwell.

The meeting was called to order by President Harcrow with Mr. Harcrow delivering the invocation and Mr. Jimmy Wright leading the Pledge. Mr. Harcrow noted that Mr. Caldwell was in a Birmingham Hospital and would much rather be at this Commission meeting, but he was doing well.

It was moved by Mr. Wootten, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as presented in written format. (Note: The February 11 meeting was cancelled due to the snowy and icy conditions. All non-emergency County offices were closed).

President Harcrow and the Commission honored Mr. Walter Weatherly with a resolution for his many years of service with the UGF of DeKalb County since 1957 as well as his service on many other civic organizations.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to adopt a resolution regarding Mr. Walter Weatherly's service to the UGF of DeKalb County.

Mr. Broyles gave the following Road Maintenance Update:

Potholes: Crews have been mainly patching potholes over the weather.

Bushcutting: Other crews are bushcutting around roads and should be finished in 2-3 weeks.

Auction: Crews are getting the trucks ready for auction March 11th. Inmates have also been used to clean/detail the trucks.

Personnel: He notified the Commission that one of the temporary employees was let go and he asked the Commission to authorize the hire of another employee and after the drug tests had been received.

It was moved by Mr. Wootten, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the hire of an individual after results of drug test at the Road Department

Personnel: Mr. Broyles also asked to approve the resignation of Alfred Dunn and Kevin Bates, effective at February 28.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to accept the resignations of Alfred Dunn and Kevin Bates.

It was moved by Mr. Wootten, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to post the two positions for the Road Department (G5/3).

County Engineer Ben Luther addressed the Commission concerning annual bids for Bituminous Surface Treatments, Guardrail and Herbicide (See Bid tabulation of file in the Commission Office or County Engineer's Office).

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to award the bids as outlined above to Alabama Guardrail, Helena and Red River respectively.

Mr. Luther requested permission to attend the Annual County Engineer's Association meeting May 13-14.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize, County Engineer, Ben Luther to attend the Annual County Engineer's Association conference.

Wade Hill addressed the Commission and requested that 8 slots be made available for Skid-Car Training. It is \$110/person, but is reimbursable through the Liability Insurance.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the skid-car training for the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Hill also requested the Commission to accept the resignation of Carla Thacker from the Jail.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to accept the resignation of Carla Thacker at the Jail.

EMA Deputy Director Michael Posey gave an update of the various weather issues over the past month. The January 28-30 Winter Storm elevated the EOC to Level One Activation due to the Ice and Snow events. There was one weather related fatality with that event. The Commission was forced to cancel the February 11 meeting and close offices through Feb 14th due to Snow which also caused a Level One Activation in the EOC. An average of 10" – 12" of snow was reported. Also, on February 21, an EF2 Tornado with 125mph winds caused damage to the Jet Polymer Plant in Fort Payne. The storm was approximately ¾ mile long and 50 yds wide. It also caused damage to the Green Valley Circle area and Mountain View Apartments causing severe damage to several homes.

He also updated the new DeKalb Alert messaging System where over 3000 DeKalb citizens have already opted in. Also, a tornado hit the Green Valley Circle area where it did major damage to two homes that lost roofing and some of their exterior walls. The storm began to lift and totally dissipated near the intersection of Martin Avenue and 55th Street, but did damage to the Mountain View Apartments.

Mr. Sharp asked that Susan Shankles, Renee Connell, Beverly Pack and Teresa Fugatt be authorized to attend the AAAO Conference starting March 20 on behalf of Revenue Commissioner Martha Ogle.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the aforementioned employees of the Revenue Commission office to attend the AAAO Conference in March.

Mr. Sharp notified the Commission that quotes had been taken to add the IT (Computer) Room to the Activities Building Generator at a cost of approximately \$6,440.

It was moved by Mr. Wootten, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize adding the IT Room to the generator.

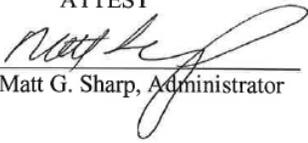
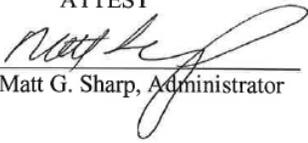
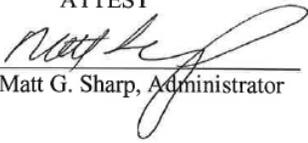
Mr. Sharp notified the Commission that Pam Ostgard (Commission Receptionist) had turned in her resignation after 18 years and requested that the position be posted. He thanked her for her service to the County.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to accept the resignation of Ms. Ostgard and to post the position.

PUBLIC HEARING (Ider/Mountain Home Voting location):

Mr. Harcrow asked if anyone was present to speak on behalf of the closing of this polling place. There being none, Mr. Wootten requested that the Ider/Mountain Home Voting location be closed. The facility no longer serves as an active church and is the voters would be better served in another existing location.

It was moved by Mr. Wootten, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the closing of the Mountain Home voting place as follows:

<p style="text-align: center;">RESOLUTION NO. 14-0225-02 IDER-MOUNTAIN HOME VOTING LOCATION Precinct 1, Box 4</p> <p>WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission is the elected representation of the citizens of DeKalb County; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Ider-Mountain Home Voting location (located at Mountain Home Church at 59 CR 729, Henagar, AL 35978) has 304 registered voters; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, it has been determined that this voting location is no longer needed and the voters can be absorbed in other voting locations; and</p> <p>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</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE seeing good and just cause to close the polling place for Precinct 1, Box 4;</p> <p>IT IS RESOLVED that the DeKalb County Commission does hereby authorize the polling place for Precinct 1, Box 4 to be closed and the voters to be absorbed in other voting locations.</p> <p>DONE THIS 25th day of February 2014</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"><tr><td style="text-align: center;"> _____ Ricky Harcrow, President</td><td style="text-align: center;"><p>ATTEST</p> _____ Matt G. Sharp, Administrator</td></tr></table>	 _____ Ricky Harcrow, President	<p>ATTEST</p>  _____ Matt G. Sharp, Administrator
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PUBLIC HEARING (Rainsville Voting Location):

Mr. Harcrow asked if anyone was present to speak on behalf of the moving of this polling place back to the DeKalb County Schools Coliseum from the Agri-Center (where it was moved after the April 27, 2011 Tornado). No one was present, so Mr. Jackson requested the voting location be moved back due to requests from pollworkers and the City of Rainsville.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize relocating the voting location from the Agri Center to the Coliseum in Rainsville as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-0225-03
RAINSVILLE VOTING LOCATION
PRECINCT 4, BOX 6**

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

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Schools Coliseum (located at 1504 East Main Street, Rainsville, AL 35986) was severely damaged by the April 27, 2011 Tornado that devastated DeKalb County and much of Alabama; and

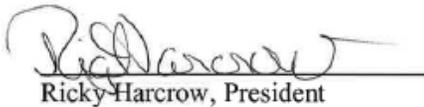
WHEREAS, the DCSC was not available to hold elections during the 2012 election cycle; and the City of Rainsville had made available the Northeast Alabama Agri-Business Center (located at 1571 McCurdy Ave. N., Rainsville, AL 35986) as a polling place for the voters in the Rainsville community for the 2012 Election cycle; and

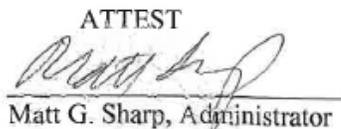
IT IS HERETOFORE ACKNOWLEDGED, that the DeKalb County Schools Coliseum has been properly repaired and it is the request of the City of Rainsville that the voters in the Rainsville Community be moved back to the DeKalb County Schools Coliseum from the Northeast Alabama Agri-Business Center; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the DeKalb County Commission does hereby authorize the polling place for Precinct 4, Box 6, to be moved back to the DeKalb County Schools Coliseum from the Northeast Alabama Agri-Business Center.

DONE THIS 25th day of February 2014.


Ricky Harcrow, President

ATTEST

Matt G. Sharp, Administrator

Mr. Kuykendall requested that Dennis Myers be appointed (at the recommendation of Fire Chief CW McClain) to replace Bobby Norwood who passed away in November.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to appoint Mr. Dennis Myers to the Mt. Vera Fire Department Board.

Mr. Sharp requested the Commission to adopt the annual Tax Levy as required by State Statute.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the following resolution for levy of annual property taxes:

Resolution No. 14-0225-04
Property Tax Levy

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED and ordered by the DeKalb County Commission that taxes are hereby levied for the year of said County that began October 1, 2013 and which tax year taxes will become due and payable on October 1, 2014 as follows: based on each instance on the assessed valuation of the properties with respect to which the respective levies are made as said valuation will be shown in the book of assessments after it has been corrected:

- (a) For the general expenses of the County (as provided in Amendment 208 and Section 215 of the Constitution of 1901) at the rate of 5 mills of each dollar on said assessed valuation of all taxable property in the County.
- (b) For the payment of any debt or liability heretofore or hereafter incurred for the erection, construction or maintenance of the necessary public buildings, bridges or roads (as provided in Amendment 208 and Section 215 of the Constitution of 1901) at the rate of 2 ½ mills of each dollar of said assessed valuation of all taxable property in the County.
- (c) For the support of public schools in the County (as provided in Amendment 111 and Section 269 of the Constitution of 1901) at the rate of 1 mill on each dollar of said assessed valuation of all taxable property in the County; and (as provided in Section 1 of Amendment 3 and Section 260 of the Constitution of 1901) at a rate of 3 mills on each dollar of said assessed valuation of all taxable property in the County.
- (d) For public school purposes in each of the respective school districts in the County (as provided in Section 2 of Amendment 3 of the Constitution of 1901) at the rate of 3 mills on each dollar of said assessed valuation of all taxable property in each of the said respective school districts.
- (e) For acquiring, construction, operation, equipping or maintaining county hospitals, or other public hospitals, nonprofit hospitals, and public health facilities in the County (as provided in Amendment 72 of the Constitution of 1901) at a rate of 4 mills on each dollar of said assessed valuation of all taxable property in the County to be distributed to the County Commission for the purpose of aiding the funding of "health" related operations in DeKalb County.
- (f) For the education purposes in each of the respective school districts in the County (as provided in Amendment 146 to the Constitution of 1901) at the rate of 7 ½ mills on each dollar of said assessed valuation of all taxable property in each of the said respective school districts.
- (g) To be paid into the General Fund (or other special revenue fund) of the County and distributed for the benefit of fire protection only, an amount of 3 mills per dollar of assessed value of taxable property within DeKalb County, outside the city limits of Fort Payne (as provided by Amendment 637 to the Constitution of 1901).

Done this the 25th day of February 2014.


Ricky Harrow, President

Mr. Harcrow noted that the next meeting would be March 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson no objections to adjourn.

Ricky Harcrow, President

Shane Wootten, Commissioner District I

Derek Caldwell, Commissioner District II

Chris Kuykendall, Commissioner District III

Dewitt Jackson, Commissioner District IV