

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were Ricky Harcrow, President, Shane Wootten, Chris Kuykendall, Derek Caldwell and Dewitt Jackson.

The meeting was called to order by President Wootten with Mr. Harcrow delivering the invocation and Mr. Jimmy Wright leading the Pledge.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Wooten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as presented in written format.

Carolyn Fields addressed the Commission regarding the American Red Cross and proclaiming March as American Red Cross Month. Ms. Fields gave the following statistics:

- 198 victims of disasters have been served in northeast Alabama this year;
- 39 communications for families of members of the armed forces;
- 43,736 educated in disaster preparedness;
- 836 units of blood saved 2,500 lives.
- \$0.91 of every \$1.00 of donations to the American Red Cross goes to disaster services
- 94% of the staff is voluntary.

Each of the Commissioners as well as Mr. Mauney and Mr. Sharp thanked Ms. Fields and the Red Cross for their work before, during and after disasters effecting DeKalb County.

Mr. Harcrow declared March as American Red Cross Month as follows:

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH 2014

A Proclamation

March is American Red Cross Month - a special time to recognize and thank our Everyday Heroes - those who reach out to help their neighbors when they are in need.

American Red Cross heroes are on the front lines every day. They volunteer their time, give blood, take life-saving courses or provide financial donations to help those in need.

We would like to remember our heroes here in DeKalb County who give to help people in need. They work tirelessly to help in time of disaster, when someone needs life-saving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand. They provide round-the-clock support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and teach lifesaving classes in CPR, aquatics safety and first aid.

Across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responded to hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and wildfires, the tragedy at the Boston Marathon, and typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

When an injured service member ended up in a hospital far from home, the American Red Cross offered comfort. When a hospital patient needed blood, American Red Cross blood donors helped them. When a lifeguard jumped in to save a drowning child or someone stepped up to help a heart attack victim, the American Red Cross was there.

We dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ricky Harcrow President of the DeKalb County Commission, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of DeKalb County and the State of Alabama do hereby proclaim March 2014 as American Red Cross Month. I encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the County of DeKalb and State of Alabama.

Tom Broyles gave the following Road Maintenance Update:

- a) Patching: Crews are patching potholes and there are less of them than there were earlier in the year.
- b) Base Material: Crews are also hauling base material in District 3 and have completed one road in District 2.
- c) Calcium Chloride: Still having problems getting calcium chloride delivered. The harsh winter has caused a backlog in the supply due to the Great Lakes being 95% froze.
- d) Auction: The Dump Trucks are currently be sold at JM Wood Auction. They are being sold at \$140,000 - \$145,000 and only costs approximately \$126,000. Should see a significant profit on the sale of these trucks (less the 7% Commission Fee).
- e) Personnel: Mr. Broyles asked that he be authorized to fill the 2 vacant positions in the Road Department with Garrett Stone and John Sycks (former employee that left recently, but was a good employee).

It was moved by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to hire Garrett Stone and John Sycks at the Road Department (G5/3)

Road Vacation Hearing:

A public hearing was held on the proposed vacation of the dead-end portion of CR 373. Mr. Harcrow asked if anyone was present to represent the interest of the road. There being none he asked Mr. Luther to address the road vacation. Mr. Luther asked the Commission to vacate the dead-end portion of the road.

It was moved by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to adopt the following resolution vacating a portion of CR 373:

RESOLUTION NO. 14-0311-02
VACATION OF A PORTION OF DEKALB COUNTY
ROAD NUMBER 373

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, this Commission set down for public hearing on March 11, 2014, and caused notice of such hearing to be published in the *The Times Journal* for four consecutive weeks, beginning February 6, 2014 and running through February 27, 2014; and

WHEREAS, this 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 373; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Caldwell of District 2, made a motion before this Commission to approve the vacation of this road;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the DeKalb County Commission that that portion of DeKalb County Road Number 373, more particularly described below, be, and hereby is, vacated;

All of that portion of the final 465 feet of the dead end of County Road #373. The point of beginning of vacation is located approximately 3,625 feet northeast along the existing road from its intersection with County Road #58 adjacent to New Harmony Church. Said property lying in Section 27, Township 7 South, Range 5 East.

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

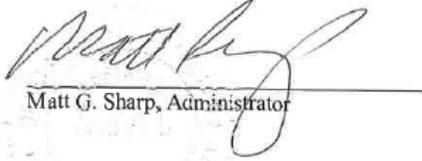
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, by the DeKalb County Commission that it is in the interest of the public that the above-described portion of the public street be vacated; and

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 11th day of March 2014

ATTEST:


Ricky Harcrow, President


Matt G. Sharp, Administrator

Chief Deputy Michael Edmondson asked the Commission to authorize Tiffany Graham and Sierra Wilks to attend Alabama Jail Association Training.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the above Jail Training.

Mr. Sharp updated the Commission on the replacement of the Receptionist/Secretary position vacated by Pam Ostgard's resignation. He noted that approximately 40 applications had been received and a committee had been put together to narrow down the applicants to about 10-15 for interviews next week. Mr. Sharp said the number of applicants was a good sign that people want to work for the County.

Mr. Kuykendall informed the public that he would be attending the NACo Conference in New Orleans July 11-13 and would pay all non-registration expenses himself. He is on a national steering committee for public lands and they will be meeting during the conference.

Mr. Harcrow noted that the next meeting would be March 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Mr. Harcrow asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jackson made the motion. Mr. Harcrow stated there was no objection and ordered the meeting adjourned.

Ricky Harcrow, President

Shane Wootten, Commissioner District I

Derek Caldwell, Commissioner District II

Chris Kuykendall, Commissioner District III

Dewitt Jackson, Commissioner District IV