

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday June 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were Ricky Harcrow, President, Shane Wootten, Derek Caldwell, Chris Kuykendall and Dewitt Jackson. Those absent were none.

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

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

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#### Disaster Assistance

Mr. Harcrow introduced Ms. Beverly McDonald (SBA) and Mr. Nate Custer (FEMA PIO), who gave an update and overview of progress and the process for disaster assistance.

Mr. Custer reminded everyone that there are only three (3) weeks left to register with FEMA, with the deadline being July 1. He stated that everyone should register with FEMA to keep their options open.

Ms. McDonald informed the audience that SBA (Small Business Administration), the office of disaster assistance, helps and assists businesses, homeowners and renters with low interest loans, and to date have awarded close to eight million dollars in federally backed loans

Mr. Harcrow thanked both Ms. McDonald and Mr. Custer for attending today's meeting.

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#### **Road Department – Mr. Broyles**

Maintenance Update—Mr. Broyles stated that the first round of herbicide is finished and crews are now mowing. He also stated that crews are still patching potholes, and that getting started back on the first round of ADECA Roads has been delayed because of so much rain.

Personnel—Mr. Broyles asked the Commission to accept the resignation of Ronnie McGee, District 2 Crew Leader effective June 27, 2014.

Motion was made by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to accept the resignation of Mr. McGee. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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Mr. Broyles requested permission to post the position of District 2 Crew Leader vacated by Mr. McGee.

Motion was made by Mr. Caldwell, Seconded by Mr. Wootten granting Mr. Broyles request to post the District 2 Crew Leader Position (G8). All members voting affirmatively. Motion carried.

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Mr. Broyles stated that he intended to fill the District 2 Crew Leader position by promoting someone from within the Road Department and requested permission to also post another position which would allow both positions to be filled by the next Commission meeting.

The motion was made by Mr. Jackson to honor Mr. Broyles request posting a second position, Mr. Wootten seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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#### Debris Invoice—Mr. Luther

Mr. Luther stated that we have received the invoice from Crowder Gulf, our debris removal contractor, for the first 30 days of our debris removal operations. We opted into FEMA's new accelerated debris removal program where the first 30 days are reimbursed at 85%. Debris hauled and/or removed during first thirty days:

Vegetative—17,963.9 cubic yards—total cost \$133,181.85  
Construction demolition debris 70.07 ton—total cost \$4204.20  
Stump extraction—12 hazardous—total cost \$1850.00  
Flush cutting of 5 hazardous trees—total cost \$530.00  
Hazardous hanging limbs—2 hazardous—total cost \$170.00  
Construction demolition debris tipping fee of \$32 per ton, usually reimbursed by FEMA at 100%.

Total amount of work performed was \$142,178.29. The contractor has withheld, at their discretion, a 10% retainage of \$14,217.83. Total payment due from invoices is \$127,960.46. Mr. Luther stated that the invoice has been reconciled to each load ticket and it his recommendation to pay the invoice.

The motion was made by Mr. Jackson, Seconded by Mr. Caldwell to honor Mr. Luther's recommendation to pay Crowder Gulf Debris Invoice. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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#### Damage Claims—Matt Sharp

Mr. Sharp requested sending two damage claims to our insurance company for final disposition. One is from Vicki McElrath with a claim of \$650 for a broken windshield and damage to the front side of her vehicle allegedly caused by a county truck.

Also, a claim for \$650 from Burma Murphy stating damage to a door caused from rocks being thrown by mower while inmates were mowing.

Motion was made by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Wootten to forward two damage claims to our insurance carrier. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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#### **EMA—Bobby Ridgeway**

##### Storm Update

Mr. Ridgeway expressed his appreciation to Ben for reconciling all tickets each morning and to Mr. Broyles and Tim Young for keeping the dump running (vegetation burning) for the crews to keep hauling. They should start back on the 16<sup>th</sup> with the 2<sup>nd</sup> pass and the project should be completed by June 20. Estimated total cost of the project is approximately \$350,000 - \$400,000.

##### ICS 300/400 Training—Michael Posey

Mr. Posey requested that Mr. Ridgeway be approved to attend ICS training class June 16-19 in Montgomery.

Motion was made by Mr. Wootten, seconded by Mr. Caldwell for Mr. Ridgeway to attend ICS Training Class in Montgomery. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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Mr. Posey requested that he or Mr. Clifton attend a Healthcare Coalition Meeting in Montgomery on June 24-26, 2014.

Motion made by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Jackson for Mr. Clifton or Mr. Posey to attend Healthcare Coalition Meeting. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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#### **Sheriff's Office—Mr. Hill**

##### Personnel

At the request of Mr. Hill made the following requests that were approved by the Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to accept the resignation of Brandon Blackwood and Sandra Goodwin; to transfer **Eduardo Gutierrez** from PT to FT Correctional Officer and hire **Marisol Bonitez** (G5/1) to fill vacated positions. Also included in the motion was to hire **Gene Hass** (G5/1) as part-time corrections officer (to replace Eduardo Gutierrez). All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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**Revenue Commission—Martha Ogle**

Ms. Ogle requested permission to fill two vacant positions at the Revenue Department.

Personnel

Motion was made by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall to honor Ms. Ogle’s request to fill two positions by hiring **Michele Reed** and **Tiffany Phillips** (G4/1). All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Final Settlement

Ms. Ogle asked the Commission to approve their End of Year Tax Settlement report to the State. The report contains a list of insolvents, errors and taxes and litigations as follows:

DFC 22 (Rev. 2-01)

**INSOLVENTS, ERRORS AND TAXES IN LITIGATION FOR 20<sup>13</sup> AND  
UNCOLLECTED INSOLVENTS AND TAXES IN LITIGATION FOR PREVIOUS YEAR(S)**

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
DeKalb County

BE IT REMEMBERED, That at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of said County, held on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014, Martha Ogle, Tax Collector of said County, made his report of "Insolvents", "Errors in Assessment" and "Taxes in Litigation" on taxes for the current year 2013, as required by Code of Ala. 1975, Section 40-5-23. And after a careful and rigid examination of said reports by said Board, it was considered and adjudged that said collector be allowed credit on his final settlement with the Comptroller for the following amounts:

Insolvents: State Taxes—General .....	\$	<u>135.60</u>
—Soldier .....	\$	<u>54.24</u>
—School .....	\$	<u>162.72</u>
Errors in Assessments: State Taxes—General .....	\$	<u>17439.15</u>
—Soldier .....	\$	<u>6975.66</u>
—School .....	\$	<u>20926.98</u>
Taxes in Litigation: State Taxes—General .....	\$	<u>1130.50</u>
—Soldier .....	\$	<u>452.20</u>
—School .....	\$	<u>1356.60</u>

And said Collector has also made his report for final allowance of the uncollected balances of Insolvent Taxes for the previous year 2012, as required by Code of Ala. 1975, Section 40-5-29; and the Board thereupon made the following allowances to said Collector of such Insolvent Taxes as he may have been unable to collect, as follows:

State Taxes—General .....	\$	<u>238.15</u>
—Soldier .....	\$	<u>95.26</u>
—School .....	\$	<u>285.78</u>

And said Collector is also allowed credit for the following taxes in litigation for the previous year(s) which he has been unable to collect as follows:

	General	Soldier	School
<u>2012</u>	\$ <u>1330.25</u>	\$ <u>532.10</u>	\$ <u>1596.30</u>
	\$ <u>6978.70</u>	\$ <u>2791.48</u>	\$ <u>8374.44</u>
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Given under my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014  
[Signature]  
Presiding Officer

See Code of Ala. 1975, Sections 40-5-23, 40-5-24 and 40-5-25 as to taxes of current year and Sections 40-5-26, 40-5-28 and 40-5-29 as to insolvent taxes and taxes in litigation of previous year(s).

Martha C Ogle

**Hospital Board Appointment—Derek Caldwell**

Mr. Caldwell made the motion and ask the Commission to accept the resignation of Ms. Bertie Adams, the motion was seconded by Mr. Wootten. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Mr. Caldwell also recommended, and made a motion to appoint Mr. **Drake Cook** to the Hospital Board, with the term expiring at the end December 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

**Park Board Member—Dewitt Jackson**

Motion was made by Mr. Jackson to accept the resignation of Bill Lanier from the Park Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kuykendall. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

**Drug Task Force Resolution—Matt Sharp**

Mr. Sharp stated that each year we have to pass a Resolution for matching funds on a Drug Task Force Grant. It is generally around \$100,000 with a \$25,000 match.

Motion made by Mr. Wootten, seconded by Mr. Jackson. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution of Applicant for Matching Funds
<p><b>Whereas</b>, the State of Alabama, through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Law Enforcement/Traffic Safety Division, under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, (PL 90-351 as amended and other appropriate federal authorizations, is offering financial aid to combat rising crime, improve the criminal justice system, assist victims of crime, and assist in the problems of juvenile justice; and</p>
<p><b>Whereas</b>, the <b>DeKalb County Commission</b> hereinafter referred to as Applicant, is of the opinion that it would be beneficial to make application for such assistance and</p>
<p><b>Whereas</b>, said applicant agrees to be accountable for providing the cash match toward the total cost of said project,</p>
<p><b>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED</b> by the Applicant</p>
<p>that, <u>          <b>Ricky Harcrow</b>          </u>, in his/her official capacity</p>
<p>as <u>          <b>President</b>          </u>, be authorized to make</p>
<p>application to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Law Enforcement/Traffic Safety Division, for said financial Assistance.</p>
<p>Adopted this the <u>  10th  </u> day of <u>  June  </u> 2014</p>

**Residential Garbage Exemption List—Matt Sharp**

Mr. Sharp stated that Mr. (Clayborn) Simpson presented an exemption list that the Commission is required to approve each year. This is people who receive free garbage pick-up based on poverty level. The current list for Advanced Disposal is 477, down from 489 from last year. Since it is less than 500, it does not cost the County anything. Powell is a different issue, they pay the first 20 and have gone from 67 to 77, so we will be picking up 57 of the 77 that they pick up.

Motion was made by Mr. Jackson to approve the Residential Garbage Exemption List. Second by Mr. Kuykendall. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Mr. Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting would be on June 24, 2014. He asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Jackson 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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Derek Caldwell, Commissioner District II

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Chris Kuykendall, Commissioner District III

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Dewitt Jackson, Commissioner District IV