

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, June 24, 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 Mr. Mauney delivering the invocation and Mr. Kuykendall 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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Before the meeting began, Mr. Harcrow stated that the Commission would not meet again until after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday and wished everyone a happy and safe time with their families.

### **Road Department – Mr. Broyles**

Maintenance Update—Mr. Broyles stated that treated base material is still being hauled in and have reclaimed a road in District 2 and have two others to finish.

Crews have started on CR 631 (one of the flood disaster roads). The pipe should be set by tomorrow and should be opened by the end of the week. The plan is to work six days a week on these projects until they are finished.

Then crews will start on CR 34. It has a 4” water main going across which is being re-directed down the ROW.

CR 482 has a 2” water line that Northeast Water Authority will move while County crews are doing the back fill.

The next project is to begin working on the County’s pre-cast bridges. There are two of these that we will have to dig the ends out to replace the retaining walls, boards and wing walls.

ADECA roads are on hold until the flood damaged roads and bridge projects are complete.

The Patch trucks are going out every day with one truck serving District 1 & 2, the other serving District 3 & 4.

Mr. Broyles stated that he also has a crew working on extending one of the buildings at the road department to house the patch trucks during the winter months to be able to keep heat on the tanks on the trucks. There will also be a bay in the end with reinforced concrete walls to be able to stock-pile gravel and keep them dry.

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### Equipment

Mr. Broyles requested the commission’s approval to purchase a factory “Thumb” from Caterpillar designed specifically for an Excavator for approximately \$6,000.

Motion made by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall for the purchase of a “Thumb” for Excavator. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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Personnel—Mr. Broyles made the following recommendations:

- Promote **Kerry Duncan** from Dist. 3 Grader Operator to Dist. 2 Crew Leader (G8/8).
- Transfer **Dale Fairley** from Unit Crew to Dist. 3 Grader Operator (G7/6).
- Hire **Devin Fleming** to fill open position in Unit Crew (G5/3).

Motion was made by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall to promote Mr. Kerry Duncan to District 2 Crew Leader (G8/8) effective June 25, 2014. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried. (Replaces Ronnie McGee who recently resigned).

Motion made by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Jackson to promote/transfer Dale Fairley to District 3 Grader Operator (G7/6) and to hire Mr. Devin Fleming (G5/3) to fill vacancy and work in the Unit Crew that meets in Fort Payne. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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**DHR Board Appointments**—Mr. Harcrow

Mr. Harcrow made the recommendation to reappoint Ms. Donna Post to The Board of The Department of Human Resources.

Motion was made by Mr. Wootten, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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Also recommended by Mr. Harcrow, was the appointment of Mr. Toby McCormick to the Board of The Department of Human Resources. Mr. McCormick will replace Mr. Gary Carlisle, who at his request was not reappointed, and to thank him for his service.

Motion was made by Mr. Jackson, Second by Mr. Wootten. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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**Temporary Employee**—Mr. Harcrow

Mr. Harcrow made the recommendation and asked for a motion for a temporary employee to be paid on a contract basis for the removal of waterway pests.

Mr. Kuykendall made the motion, Second by Mr. Wootten. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to contract with Garry Michael Smith at \$10/hr and reimbursed for mileage at State mileage rate.

**Examiner's Agreement**—Mr. Harcrow

Mr. Harcrow stated that every year when the state begins our audit, we have to agree to provide certain materials and sign a contract stating that we will provide them with any necessary information requested during the time of the audit. One copy is to be filed in the Commission Office and one returned to the State Auditors. Mr. Harcrow requested the Commission's permission to sign said contract.

Motion was made by Mr. Wootten, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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**Water Project**—Mr. Kuykendall

Mr. Kuykendall stated that we still have a number of isolated areas in the county that people do not have access to adequate water. One of these areas is located in my District South of Collinsville on **CR 288** off CR 51. There are six families on this road with plans for two more in the future. Collinsville presented the cost figures of approximately \$13,000 with them doing the work. With the approval of Mr. Sharp, I am requesting that we authorize the expenditure of \$5,000 from the tipping fees to assist in this project.

Mr. Kuykendall made the motion, Second by Mr. Jackson. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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Mr. Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting would be on Tuesday, July 8. 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