

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, August 26, 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.

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

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.

Road Department – Mr. Broyles

Maintenance Update—Mr. Broyles stated that crews are working on the second round of herbicide treatment. They have also began work on FEMA Bridge Projects on CR 473 in District 2. Two bridges are closed because of rotting timbers. Crews expect a completion date of approximately 4-6 weeks on each bridge. The reclaiming on CR 730 has been completed. CR 138 and 126 will be reclaimed as part of the first round of ADECA projects

Personnel—It was Mr. Broyles recommendation to hire Brandon Hairrel to replace Mr. Sykes.

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

Damage Claim—Mr. Sharp

Mr. Sharp presented a Damage Claim from Jeff Davis of CR 462, Geraldine. His claim states that damage to his vehicle window in the amount of approximately \$400 was caused from an object being thrown while crews were bush hogging. Mr. Sharp's recommendation is to send this claim to the insurance company for final disposition.

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

Rural Road Safety Workshop—Mr. Luther

Mr. Luther requested the Commission's permission to attend a Safety Workshop and Conference in Guntersville September 29—October 2.

Motion made by Mr. Kuykendall. Seconded by Mr. Jackson. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Bridge Maintenance—Mr. Luther requested permission to send out Bid Proposals for Bridge Work on CR24 in District 2 and CR 48 in District 4. Estimated cost is \$4,000-\$6,000 per site. He stated that the bids would be evaluated and awarded at the September 9th Commission Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Jackson. Seconded by Mr. Caldwell. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

EMA—Anthony Clifton

Mr. Clifton notified the Commission and audience of the up-coming Disaster Preparedness Fair in Rainsville, September 6, 2014 and encouraged everyone to attend.

FEMA Disaster Update—Mr. Clifton presented to the Commission FEMA's exit briefing form which list the damage from the April 28, 2014 storms. There were two projects in Category A (Debris Removal). The first was \$201,532.95 which was in the first 30 days and reimbursable at 85%. The second was \$194,967.37 (after the first 30 days) reimbursable at 80%. Mr. Clifton stated that the projects have been closed out and should be receiving payment soon.

County Net Equipment—Mr. Clifton stated that EMA is operating with outdated communication equipment and recommended that the Commission consider changing to a cross band repeater. The estimated cost is \$9300 which is a one-time cost and will eliminate the current monthly charge which has steadily increased over the last few months. It was suggested by Mr. Kuykendall that bids be sent out and table the decision until the next Commission meeting September 9, 2014.

Motion was made by Mr. Kuykendall. Seconded by Mr. Caldwell. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Cable—Mr. Clifton notified the Commission that due to Charter Communication switching to digital signal it will be necessary to discuss new equipment options that are compatible with digital cable. Mr. Harcrow recommended the discussion be tabled until next meeting to be able to gather additional information from viable providers.

EDA Appointment—Mr. Harcrow

A motion was made by Mr. Kuykendall to reappoint Mr. James Coker to the DeKalb County Economic Development Board for a four year term beginning October 2014—October 2018.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

NORTHEAST ALABAMA WATER BOARD—Mr. Harcrow

A motion was made by Mr. Caldwell to reappoint Mr. Billy Richards and Mr. Larry McCallie to the Northeast Alabama Water Board for a four year term beginning January 2015—January 2019.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Kuykendall. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Board—Mr. Harcrow

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson to accept the resignation of Board Member Mr. Bill Lanier and to appoint Mr. Cody Oliver as Board Member for the remainder of the four year term expiring February, 2017.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Kuykendall. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

2014 – 2015 Council on Aging Holiday Calendar—Mr. Sharp

Mr. Sharp presented, at Ms. Brewer’s request, the Council on Aging’s 2014 - 2015 “Holiday” Calendar as follows:

November 11, 2014	Veteran’s Day
November 26, 27, 28, 2014	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, 2014	Christmas Holidays
January 1 & 2, 2015	New Year’s Day Holiday
January 19, 2015	Martin Luther King Day
April 2 & 3, 2015	Good Friday
May 25, 2015	Memorial Day
July 2 & 3, 2015	Independence Day
September 7, 2015	Labor Day

*Dec. 29, 2013 will be Holiday for Columbus Day.
Dec. 30, 2013 will be Holiday for Presidents Day.
April 2, 2014 will be Holiday for Confederate Memorial Day*

These employees will need to take 6 annual days since the County acknowledges 13 holidays.

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Wootten to accept the Calendar. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Safety Award—Mr. Sharp

Mr. Sharp presented President Ricky Harcrow and Safety Coordinator Anthony Clifton a plaque which was awarded to the DeKalb County Commission at the 2014 ACCA Conference. Mr. Sharp stated that DeKalb County was ranked “number one” in the state (3-year average) with an 8% loss ratio in worker’s comp/liability insurance claims. Overall, the County will receive \$85,000 in benefits from its efforts to increase safety for County workers.

Mr. Sharp also recognized and presented Accountant Wendy Bobbitt with an award of Certification in County Administration.

Mr. Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting would be on Tuesday, September 9, 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.

Ricky Harcrow, President

Shane Wootten, Commissioner District I

Derek Caldwell, Commissioner District II

Chris Kuykendall, Commissioner District III

Dewitt Jackson, Commissioner District IV