

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 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. Wootten delivering the invocation and Mr. Wright leading the Pledge.

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

Mr. Jimmy Durham, Director, DeKalb County Economic Development Authority addressed the Commission giving an update on the Rural Economic Development's "Secrets to Success" (Booklet on file in the Commission Office).

Mr. Durham thanked the Commission for the opportunity to speak at today's meeting, and also for their funding and support which has enabled the EDA to achieve its success in "growing DeKalb County".

Road Department—Mr. Broyles

Maintenance Update—Mr. Broyles stated that there are seven crews working in all four districts patching potholes. Crews are also continuing to haul out treated base materials.

Mr. Broyles gave an update on "Auction Trucks" stating that 5 dump trucks and 2 road tractors have been painted and ready to be picked up by the Auction Company.

Crew Leader Pickup Truck

Mr. Broyles asked the Commission to approve the purchase of a new work truck to be purchased from Donahoo Chevrolet from State Bid for approximately \$28,000.

Mr. Wootten made the motion for the purchase from Donahoo Chevrolet and to adjust budget by \$28,000. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried. (Funds will come from Public Buildings, Road & Bridge Fund).

Personnel

Mr. Broyles asked the Commission to accept the resignation of Gary Gass and requested permission to post the vacated position.

Mr. Caldwell made a motion to accept the resignation and to post the position. Mr. Wootten seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

CR 134 Federal Aid Agreement—Mr. Luther

Mr. Luther requested the Commission enter into an agreement with the Department of Transportation for funding a Federal Aid Resurfacing Project on CR 134 (District1).

Mr. Wootten made the motion honoring the request. Mr. Caldwell seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following resolution to resurface CR 134 with FAS funds:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 15-0210-02

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Commission of DeKalb County, Alabama, that the County enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama; acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation for:

Resurfacing of CR-134 from the Jackson County line to SR-117. Length 4.95 miles. Project # STPNU-2514 (250), DCP 25-134-14, CPMS Ref. # 100063215;

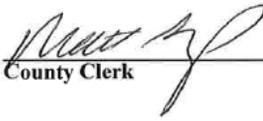
which agreement is before this Commission, and that the agreement be executed in the name of the County, by the Chairman of the Commission for and on its behalf and that it be attested by the County Clerk and the seal of the County affixed thereto.

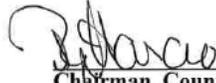
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the agreement by all parties, that a copy of such agreement be kept of record by the County Clerk.

Passed, adopted, and approved this 10th day of February,

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ATTESTED:


County Clerk


Chairman, County Commission

CR 134 Speed Limit Resolution

Mr. Luther requested the Commission pass a Resolution to post a 35 mph speed limit on CR 134 (District 1) as required by the State DOT in order to qualify for Federal Aid funding for resurfacing.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to pass the Resolution. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following resolution:

State of Alabama
DeKalb County

RESOLUTION NO. 15-0210-03

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation determines that the maximum speed permitted under Article 8, Title 32, Chapter 5A, Code of Alabama, 1975 for County Road 134 is greater than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist on said paved road;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the proper maximum speed for County Road 134 is set at 35 miles per hour at all times and no person shall operate a motor vehicle in excess of 35 miles per hour on said County Road 134;

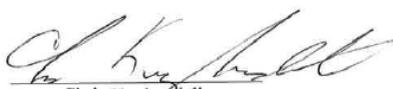
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that any violations of this Resolution shall be unlawful and punished pursuant to Title 32, Chapter 5A, Code of Alabama, 1975.

ADOPTED this the 10th day of February, 2015.


Shane Wootten
District 1 Commissioner


Ricky Harcrow, President


Derek Caldwell
District 2 Commissioner


Chris Kuykendall
District 3 Commissioner


Dewitt Jackson
District 4 Commissioner

Annual Bids—Mr. Luther

Mr. Luther presented the Commission with Bid Tabs and made the recommendation for the following Bid Awards:

Bituminous Surface Treatments—Charles E. Watts, Inc.

Steel Beam Guardrail & End Anchors—Alabama Guardrail, Inc.

Herbicides & Adjuvants—Award split between Helena Chemical Co. and Red River Specialties, Inc.

Mr. Kuykendall made the motion to accept Mr. Luther's recommendation for annual bids. Mr. Wootten seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried (bid tabs on file in Commission Office).

Tax Levy Resolution—Mr. Sharp

Mr. Sharp made a recommendation for the Commission to adopt a Tax Levy Resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Wootten. Seconded by Mr. Caldwell. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to adopt the following Tax Levy Resolution:

**DeKALB COUNTY PROPERTY TAX LEVY
RESOLUTION No. 15-0210-01**

WHEREAS, Act 2014-433 requires that, at its first regular meeting in February 2015, the DeKalb County Commission shall levy the general and special ad valorem taxes for the county for the tax year which began on October 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the tax levy established by the DeKalb County Commission shall include the rate or rates at which the taxes shall be assessed and collected and the purpose or purposes for each tax levied; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 2014-433, the general and special ad valorem tax levies, rates, and purposes established at the first regular meeting in February 2015 shall remain in place in all subsequent tax years until and unless altered by the DeKalb County Commission pursuant to a change in tax rate by general law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED and ordered by the DeKalb County Commission that the following taxes are hereby levied at the rate or rates and for the purpose or purposes set out below, and shall be assessed and collected for the tax year beginning October 1, 2014; and for each subsequent tax year until and unless altered by the DeKalb County Commission pursuant to a change in tax rate by general law:

- (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, roads or bridges (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).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED and ordered by the DeKalb County Commission that it does hereby certify this tax levy to the county tax assessing official by copy of this resolution, which levy includes the rate or rates of taxation and the purpose or purposes for which each tax is levied.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED and ordered by the DeKalb County Commission that, pursuant to Act 2014-433, this certification shall remain in full force and effect until and unless altered by the DeKalb County Commission pursuant to a change in tax rate by general law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the DeKalb County Commission has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its President on this the 10th day of February, 2015.



Ricky Harcrow, President
DeKalb County Commission

ATTESTED BY:



Matt G. Sharp, County Administrator

Reappraisal—AAAO Travel—Mr. Sharp

Mr. Sharp requested on behalf of Ms. Ogle, a travel request to the AAAO Mid-Winter Training Conference in Birmingham, on Thursday, March 5, 2015 for the following employees: Teresa Fugatt, Renee Connell, Beverly Pack and Susan Shankles.

Mr. Kuykendall made the motion. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to approve AAAO Travel.

Rural Public Transportation Travel—Mr. Sharp

Mr. Sharp requested on behalf of Ms. Brewer a travel request to Huntsville on February 17th —20th for PASS Driver Certification Training.

Mr. Jackson made a motion. Seconded by Mr. Caldwell. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to approve the RPT training.

Mr. Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting would be on Tuesday, February 24, 2015. 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