

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, August 11, 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

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The meeting was called to order by President Harcrow with Mr. Wootten 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 carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as presented in written format.

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#### **Road Department—Mr. Broyles**

Maintenance Update—Mr. Broyles stated that crews are continuing with 2<sup>nd</sup> round herbicide treatment as well as 2<sup>nd</sup> round ADECA Projects. Mr. Broyles noted that the north end roads are complete and ready to pave. All surface treatment should be complete by mid-September. All ADECA roads must be 100% complete by the end of the year.

Personnel—Mr. Broyles made the recommendation and requested approval to hire Leon Welden to fill the Light Equipment/Truck Driver position posted last meeting to replace Phillip Johnson, Sr. who resigned.

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion, Mr. Caldwell seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried, to hire Leon Welden to fill the position of Light Equipment/Truck Driver with the Unit Crew (G5/3).

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#### **Engineering —Mr. Luther**

Proposed Plat—Storybrook Subdivision - Mr. Luther presented on behalf of Andy and Trampas Shankles, a proposed plat for a new Sub-division on CR 509, (Storybrook Subdivision, Sylvania/Chavies). Having reviewed the plat and verifying that all regulations have been met, Mr. Luther made the recommendation for the Commission's approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson. Seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the submitted Plat for Storybrook Sub-division on CR 509. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

#### Valley Head Resolution—CR137

Mr. Luther presented, from the Town of Valley Head, a Resolution requesting permission to temporarily close a section of **CR 137**/Union Street for the installation of a drainage tile to alleviate flooding in the downtown Valley Head area.

A motion was made by Mr. Wootten to concur with the request to temporarily close a portion of CR 137 in Valley Head for the installation of a drainage tile. Mr. Kuykendall seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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#### **Sheriff's Department—Chief Edmondson**

Personnel—Chief Edmondson made the recommendation to the Commission to approve the termination of Jail employee, Nicholas Butler.

A motion was made by Mr. Caldwell. Seconded by Mr. Wootten to honor the recommendation. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to accept the termination of Nicholas Butler as an employee in the DeKalb County Jail.

Chief Edmondson made the recommendation to the Commission to accept the resignation of Kyle Wright, Corrections Officer Supervisor.

Mr. Jackson made a Motion to accept Mr. Wright's resignation. Seconded by Mr. Kuykendall. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to accept the resignation of Kyle Wright.

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**Budget Amendment—Mr. Sharp**

Mr. Sharp made a recommendation to the Commission to approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$70,000 from the General Fund to the Jail Fund. The Amendment is necessary due to a cash deficit in the Jail Operating Fund caused by a lack of federal inmate revenues and excessive costs for HVAC in the Jail.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment to transfer \$70,000 from the General Fund to the Jail Fund. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caldwell, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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**Probate—Personnel/Chief Clerk—Judge Osborn**

Judge Osborn made the recommendation to the Commission to hire Zach Wilson as Probate Chief Clerk.

Mr. Wootten made a Motion. Seconded by Mr. Kuykendall. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried honoring Judge Osborn's recommendation to hire Zach Wilson as Chief Clerk (G8/1) to replace Pam Roberts.

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**Revenue Commission—Personnel—Mr. Sharp**

Mr. Sharp made the recommendation on behalf of Ms. Ogle and asked for the Commission's approval to hire Courtney Cameron replacing Charlotte Austin who recently retired).

A Motion was made by Mr. Wootten to approve the hire of Courtney Cameron (G4/1). Mr. Caldwell seconded the Motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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**EMA Vehicle—Mr. Clifton**

Mr. Clifton requested permission from the Commission to check on purchase/lease options for the possibility of a new vehicle for the EMA Department. No vote was taken, but the consensus of the Commission was to move forward and let Mr. Clifton and Mr. Sharp investigate the possibility of lease-purchasing vehicles in a rotation basis through various means.

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**Equalization Board Nomination—President Harcrow**

Mr. Harcrow notified the Commission that the County Board of Equalization's Board Members terms will expire soon and requested nominations by the next Commission Meeting to submit to the State Commissioner of Revenue for consideration.

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Mr. Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting would be on Tuesday, August 25, 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.

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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