

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, August 25, 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

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

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, 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.

911 Board—Mr. Charles Centers

On behalf of the County 911 Board, Charles Centers and Freddie Glover thanked President Harcrow for the opportunity to address the Commission and requested permission to purchase approximately 15 acres of land in Rainsville for a new 911 Facility to be built that would be more centrally located for the County. Each Commissioner, as well as President Harcrow gave their blessing on this endeavor.

A Motion was made by Mr. Wootten to accept the 911 Board's Recommendation for the purchase of land in the Rainsville Industrial Park for the purpose of building a new 911 Facility. Mr. Caldwell seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Recognition of Chief Clerk Pam Roberts—President Harcrow

Mr. Harcrow notified the audience of a Retirement Reception to be held on August 27th at the Probate Office at which time a Resolution will be presented from the Commission to Ms. Roberts. President Harcrow and the Commission congratulated Ms. Roberts on her retirement and thanked her for her dedication and years of service to the County.

Honoring

Pam Roberts

On Her Retirement

WHEREAS, Pam Roberts, Chief Clerk, in the Probate Office, will retire on August 31 after twenty-five years of outstanding and dedicated service to the Citizens of DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, Pam began her career with DeKalb County on March 27, 1990; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many years of service, Pam has served the people of this Office with fairness, compassion, dedication, and a willingness to help and volunteer, she has earned the respect and admiration of management and coworkers for her knowledge and personal attention, and she will be missed by all: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the DeKalb County Commission, do hereby extend to Pam Roberts our sincere and grateful appreciation for her outstanding record of personal and professional achievement and for her dedicated service to the Citizens of DeKalb County and the Office of Probate, our congratulations on her well-earned retirement, and our best wishes to her and her family for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come. Adopted, this twenty-fifth day of August 2015, by the DeKalb County Commission.

CR 137 Funding Agreement—Mr. Luther stated that \$600,000 has been allotted to the County by ALDOT Director Mr. John Cooper to be utilized on the resurfacing project of CR 137/Gault Avenue from the Intersection of Hwy 11/137, north to the Fort Payne city limits. Mr. Luther asked the Commission to authorize President Harcrow and Mr. Sharp to sign the funding agreement (Note: This is a \$1,286,419.74 reimbursable agreement with up to \$600,000 in State fund).

Mr. Wootten stated that Representative Ledbetter was instrumental in obtaining funding for the project. Mr. Wootten made a Motion to execute the funding agreement and to pass the following Resolution. Mr. Kuykendall seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively motion carried.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 15-0825-02

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-137 (Gault Avenue N.) from Beeson Branch to Fort Payne City limits. Length- 4.62 miles. Project # ST-025-888-016, DCP 25-137-15, CPMS Ref. # 100064278;

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 25th day of August,

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Sheriff's Department—Chief Edmondson

Personnel—Chief Edmondson ask the Commission to accept the resignation of Corrections Officer Nicholas Jennings.

A motion was made by Mr. Caldwell. Seconded by Mr. Wootten to accept Nicholas Jennings resignation. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Chief Edmondson made the recommendation to hire Derek McMahan as FT Corrections Officer.

Mr. Wootten made the motion. Seconded by Mr. Caldwell. All members voting affirmatively to hire Derek McMahan as FT Corrections Officer (G5/1) to replace Sgt. Jennings who resigned.

Chief Edmondson—made the recommendation to Transfer Matthew Jones from Corrections Officer to Sergeant (G6A/1) to replace Mr. Jennings Sgt position.

Mr. Wootten made the Motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to transfer Matthew Jones from Corrections Officer to Sergeant (G6A/1) replacing Nicholas Jennings position.

Chief Edmondson—made the recommendation to transfer Leslie Francisco from PT Corrections Officer to FT Corrections Officer to replace Kyle Wright who resigned and to Hire Tony Strickland as FT Corrections Officer to replace Nicholas Butler who was terminated.

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson. Seconded by Mr. Wootten to Transfer Leslie Francisco to FT Corrections Officer (G5/1) and to hire Tony Strickland as FT Corrections Officer (G5/1). All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Chief Edmondson requested approval for deputies to attend Skidcar training in Guntersville on September 15th. The cost is \$120 per deputy and will be reimbursed.

Chief Edmondson requested travel/training approval for Jake Fowler and Tony Blackwell to attend the Southern States Livestock and Rural Enforcement Seminar October 4th—7th . The cost is \$75 per officer plus Lodging & Meals.

A motion was made by Mr. Caldwell. Seconded by Mr. Kuykendall. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried for travel and training.

COA—Mr. Sharp

Mr. Sharp presented a revision of the Rural Public Transportation Drug Policy which states Steven Allen, MD as the new Medical Review Officer as well as Federal Requirements for collection of samples for Alcohol & Drug Testing.

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson acknowledging the changes. Mr. Wootten seconded the Motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to make the necessary changes (see Drug Testing Policy filed in Commission Office).

Mr. Sharp requested approval for Ms. Brewer and COA employee Glenda Crumley to attend the Safety First Designated Employer Representative & Reasonable Suspicion Training for Supervisors on September 18th in Homewood. Reimbursement by 5311 Program. Mr. Sharp also presented and requested approval for the 2015-2016 FY Holiday Calendar for DeKalb County Council on Aging and DeKalb County Rural Transportation.

A Motion was made by Mr. Caldwell. Seconded by Mr. Wootten. All members voting affirmatively to approve Travel/Training for Ms. Brewer and Ms. Crumley and to accept the 2015-2016 Holiday Calendar as follows below:

DEKALB COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND DEKALB COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING HOLIDAYS FY 2015-2016	
November 11, 2015	Veteran’s Day
November 25, 26, 27, 2015	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, 2015	Christmas Holidays
January 1, 2016	New Year’s Day Holiday
January 18, 2016	Martin Luther King Day
March 24 & 25, 2016	Good Friday
May 30, 2016	Memorial Day
July 1 & 4, 2016	Independence Day
September 5, 2016	Labor Day
Nov. 25, 2015 will be Holiday for Columbus Day. Dec. Dec. 28, 2015 will be Holiday for Presidents Day. March 25, 2016 will be Holiday for Confederate Memorial Day	
The DeKalb County Commission allows thirteen (13) holidays per year. We have eighteen (18) closing days because of TARCOG closing nutrition centers and ARC (contract clients) wants to close too, but five (5) of those days full time employees will have to use accumulated vacation hours or those days will be without pay. December 29, 30 & 31, 2015; March 24, and July 1, 2015 will be either vacation or without pay for full time employees.	

Parks & Recreation Board Appointment—Mr. Wootten

Mr. Wootten made the recommendation and motion to reappointment Mr. Wayne Wilson to the DeKalb County Parks & Recreation Board. Mr. Kuykendall Seconded the motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Safety Award—President Harcrow

President Harcrow presented the 2015 DeKalb County Outstanding Safety Achievement Award, awarded by Meadowbrook Insurance Group, to EMA Director (and Safety Coordinator) Anthony Clifton. Two years in a row DeKalb County had the lowest cost ration for “large” Counties in Alabama

Mr. Harcrow made the recommendation to move the next meeting from Tuesday to Wednesday due to the Labor Day Holiday and to notify the local Media of the change.

A motion was made by Mr. Wootten. Seconded by Mr. Caldwell to move the next Commission Meeting from Tuesday, September 8th to Wednesday, September 9th at 10 a.m. and to notify the local Media of the change.

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