

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 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 President Harcrow delivering the invocation and Mr. Kuykendall leading the Pledge.

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

President Harcrow welcomed members of “Leadership DeKalb” and recognized each one by giving them an opportunity to state their name and occupation. He thanked them for their interest in observing local government.

President Harcrow welcomed Mr. & Mrs. Shugart who were in attendance to give an overview of their program “Erase the Waste”. Ms. Shugart stated that “Erase the Waste” is a county-wide program designed to educate the youth of the importance in being good stewards of the environment and their communities. She thanked the Commission for the opportunity to speak at today’s meeting in effort to increase awareness of the program.

Road Department—Mr. Broyles

Maintenance Update—Mr. Broyles stated that crews are continuing to work on patching potholes as well as hauling treated base material in District’s 2, 3 & 4. Mr. Broyles stated that three new Mack Trucks have been delivered and are currently being equipped with patch units.

Personnel—Mr. Broyles asked the Commission approve the hire of Lee Roe to fill a vacancy in District 2.

A Motion was made by Mr. Wootten to hire Lee Roe (G5/3) as light equipment operator in District 2. Seconded by Mr. Caldwell. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Mr. Broyles asked for permission to extend the job posting for a mechanic’s position for a couple weeks longer stating that he has only received one application. President Harcrow instructed him to do so.

Damage Claims—Mr. Sharp presented damage claims from Christopher Roberts stating damage to the right front wheel of his vehicle due to hitting a pot hole on CR 50 and also a claim from Shelia Stevens stating damage to her vehicle caused by rebar sticking out of a concrete bumper located in the DeKalb County Courthouse parking lot. Mr. Sharp made the recommendation to forward both claims to the County’s Insurance Carrier for final disposition. Mr. Kuykendall asked if the bumper had been repaired and Mr. Sharp stated that Building Maintenance Supervisor Craig Shelton had informed him that it had.

A Motion was made by Mr. Jackson. Seconded by Mr. Kuykendall. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to forward the damage claims to Meadowbrook.

Commission Office & Housekeeping:

Personnel—President Harcrow stated that after interviewing several applicants, he and the interview committee would like to recommend Tabitha Goza to fill the recently posted “Receptionist” position.

A Motion was made by Mr. Caldwell to honor the recommendation to hire Tabitha Goza (G5/1) as Receptionist for the Commission Office. Seconded by Mr. Wootten. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

President Harcrow made the recommendation to hire Christie Langston as housekeeper at the Courthouse replacing Vicki Sanderson who recently resigned. Ms. Langston has been a temporary employee through First Choice for a number of years.

A Motion was made by Mr. Jackson. Seconded by Mr. Kuykendall. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to hire Christie Langston (G3/1) for the Full-time Housekeeping position.

RPT—Travel/Training—Mr. Sharp requested permission for June Brewer and Glenda Crumley to attend the RTAP Annual Spring Meeting in Orange Beach April 26-30.

A Motion was made by Mr. Kuykendall to approve the travel/training request. Seconded by Mr. Caldwell. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Fire Association—Tower Road—Mr. Kuykendall stated that the County Fire Association owns a piece of property south of Dogtown that houses a tower for the repeaters that are used for emergency response. Emergency Management also has repeaters at the tower site. The road that accesses the tower site is in extreme need of maintenance. After conferring with County Attorney Charles Mauney, Mr. Kuykendall requested that the Tower Road be maintained by the County. Mr. Mauney said he would look over the easement agreement. No Motion was made.

E-911

Board Appointment—Mr. Wootten made the recommendation and Motion to appoint Marty Wootten as District 1, 911 Board Member replacing Jimmy Wright who resigned. Mr. Kuykendall seconded the Motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Board Re-appointment—President Harcrow made the recommendation to re-appoint Freddy Glover as District 1 (at-large) Board Member. Mr. Jackson made a Motion to honor the request. Seconded by Mr. Caldwell. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Collinsville Chert Pit Purchase—President Harcrow requested Authorization to sign documents. A Motion was made by Mr. Kuykendall. Seconded by Mr. Caldwell. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to purchase land adjacent to the current chert pit in Collinsville from Charles A. Cook, Sr. and Kathy H. Cook. The property known as the “Cook Chert Pit) is situated within the Town Limits of Collinsville, Alabama and consists of approximately 40.96 acres (located at **the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ in Section 15, Township 9 South, Range 7 East, DeKalb County, Alabama**). It also includes a 20 ft non-exclusive, permanent easement that will be maintained by the County from the entrance road from Highway 11 up to the end of the Collinsville School property.

Red Cross Agreement—President Harcrow requested authorization for him and Mr. Sharp to sign an agreement with Red Cross to provide office space in the Activities Building to the Red Cross.

A Motion was made by Mr. Wootten. Seconded by Mr. Jackson. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to authorize signing agreement with Red Cross for office space in the Activities Building.

President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting would be on Tuesday, April 26, 2016. 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