

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 10, 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 Shane Wootten delivering the invocation and Mr. Kuykendall leading the Pledge.

President Harcrow stated that we open all our meetings with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance; we honor our country with the pledge, and we honor our God. Mr. Harcrow thanked Mr. Wootten for acknowledging the passing of Mr. Billy Jack Mitchell and Mr. Jimmy Wright in his opening prayer. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Wright were both a fixture in their communities, as well as our county. On behalf of the Commission, President Harcrow extended condolences to the families.

It was moved by Mr. Wooten, 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.

4-H Recognition-- Mr. Harcrow welcomed Mr. Paul Brown and Ms. Lori Wheeler from the County Extension office and thanked them for the refreshments served prior to today's meeting. Mr. Brown and Ms. Wheeler presented information about the local 4-H program. Mr. Brown acknowledged the milestone the 4-H program has reached in DeKalb County, stating that prior to 2014 there were only about 30 members, currently we have 950 members. Mr. Brown thanked the Commission for their support and presented a Crystal Clover on behalf of Auburn University. Ms. Wheeler recognized the 4-H Committee's and Advisor's.

President Harcrow presented a Proclamation to the Lori Wheeler and the Extension office and thanked them for all their hard work.

Road Department

Personnel—Mr. Sharp, on behalf of Mr. Broyles, recommended Jeff Mitchell to fill the vacant mechanic position with the Road Department.

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to hire Jeff Mitchell as Shop Mechanic (G5/3). Seconded by Mr. Jackson. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Damage Claim—Mr. Sharp presented a damage claim from Julie Prestwood stating that her vehicle was damaged by hitting a pothole on CR 639. Estimated cost is \$650. Mr. Sharp request this claim be sent to the County's Insurance carrier for final disposition.

Mr. Wootten made a motion. Seconded by Mr. Caldwell. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to send the claim to Meadowbrook ASI for final disposition.

Sheriff's Office

Jail-Personnel—Chief Edmondson asked the Commission to accept Daniel Sears resignation as Corrections Officer and made the recommendation to hire Dallas Spillman to fill the position.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to hire Dallas Spillman as Correction Officer (G5/1). Seconded by Mr. Wootten. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Dispatch Training—Mr. Edmondson requested permission for Rodney Johnson to attend ALEA-CJIS Conference in Orange Beach September 19-21.

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

Sheriff/Jail Budget Amendment—Mr. Sharp presented an amendment to the Jail Operation Fund and the Highway and Traffic fund. Mr. Sharp stated that the reasons for the deficit in each fund are due to the reduced Federal Inmate Revenues and also three pay periods in the month of April. Mr. Sharp requested the Commission approve the transfer of \$79,000.00 into the Jail Operation Fund and \$30,000.00 in to the Highway and Traffic fund from the General Fund.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve the transfer. Mr. Caldwell seconded the Motion. All members voting affirmatively, motion carried to make the above transfers/budget amendments.

Revenue Commission

Personnel—Tyler Wilks stated that Debra Waddell will be retiring on September 1, 2016. Ms. Waddell has enough annual time that June 1, 2016 will be her last day in the office. Stacey Phillips, in the Rainsville Annex office, is still out with her daughter due to medical issues and may be out until July. For that reason, Mr. Wilks feels that he needs to go ahead and post the position.

Mr. Wootten made a motion with a second from Mr. Jackson to accept his request, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried to accept Ms. Waddell's retirement and to post the position.

Lowes Update—Mr. Wilks stated that District Attorney Mike O'Dell has appointed Mr. Ken Webb (Webb & Eley) to help serve as Assistant District Attorney with this case and will be paid out of state funds until the funds are depleted, then it will be paid out of the Reappraisal Budget. Mr. Wilks stated that the case is slated to begin June 20th, but Mr. O'Dell and Mr. Bob Johnston believe that the case will be pushed back to September. Mr. Wilks told the Commission that they had received a settlement offer, but everyone involved feels that they should not accept the offer.

President Harcrow stated that a safety inspection was recently conducted and the results were exceptional. He thanked all employees for their dedication and hard work on the safety efforts.

President Harcrow notified the audience that the next meeting would be on Tuesday, May 24, 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