

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were Shane Wootten, Derek Caldwell, Chris Kuykendall, Dewitt Jackson, and President Ricky Harcrow was absent.

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The meeting was called to order by President Pro-Tem Dewitt Jackson. Tom Broyles gave the invocation with Mr. Kuykendall lead the Pledge.

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

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### **Road Department**

Maintenance Update—Road Superintendent Tom Broyles stated that Charles Watts Construction had finished all of the paving projects in the County for the year.

Mr. Broyles stated that a second round of herbicides had been completed in District 3.

He also told the Commission that the Road Department has been hauling chert to roads in District 2 and hoped to split the trucks up to haul in other districts as well.

Personnel--Mr. Broyles requested the Commission approve the hiring of James Traylor for the Unit Crew and the transfer of Rodney Kerby to the District 2 crew (replaces Matt Thompson).

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to approve the hiring of James Traylor (G5/3) for the Unit Crew and the transfer of Rodney Kerby to the District 2 position, with a second from Mr. Caldwell, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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### **Jail**

Personnel—Chief Deputy Michael Edmondson asked the Commission to hire John Franklin for the position vacated by Michael Simmons.

Mr. Wootten made a motion accept the recommendation to hire John Franklin (G5/1) to fill the position vacated by Michael Simmons, with a second from Mr. Caldwell, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Mr. Edmondson requested the Commission accept the resignation of Levi Bates and post that position.

Mr. Caldwell made a motion to accept the resignation and post the position vacated by Levi Bates, with a second by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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### **EMA**

Training - EMA Director Anthony Clifton requested the Commission to approve Command Training for Matt Martin in Geneva County.

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to approve the training, with a second from Mr. Caldwell, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Mr. Clifton requested the Commission to approve Cyber Terrorism training for IT Director Heath Crowe.

Mr. Caldwell made a motion to approve the training for Mr. Crowe, with a second from Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Cloud Phone System--Mr. Clifton presented a proposal to the Commission to purchase a phone system for the EMA. Ring Central has this system. It would allow EMA and public safety departments to use the phones anywhere there is an internet connection. Mr. Clifton stated that they would also have phones at the Sheriff's Office, Road Department, County Administration and IT as well. In a state of emergency they would be able to receive phone calls from the designated number anywhere they have an internet connection.

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to approve the purchase of this system, with a second from Mr. Caldwell, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried. Net costs after eliminating some Southern Linc costs would be approximately \$5,000-\$6,000 annually.

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### **DeKalb DHR Board**

Board Reappointment-- President Pro-Tem Jackson request the Commission approve the Reappointment of Clara Washington to the DeKalb DHR Board.

Mr. Wootten made a motion to approve the reappointment of Ms. Washington to the DHR Board, with a second from Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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President Pro-Tem Jackson notified the audience that the next meeting would be on Tuesday, August 23, 2016. He asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Wootten made a Motion to adjourn. The President Pro-Tem declared no objections and ordered the meeting adjourned.

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### **ABSENT**

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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