

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were Sid Holcomb, President, Ricky Harcrow, Ed Nix, Chris Kuykendall and Dewitt Jackson. Those absent were none.

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The meeting was called to order by President Holcomb with Commissioner Jackson delivering the invocation and Commissioner Kuykendall leading the Pledge.

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It was moved by Mr. Harcrow, seconded by Mr. Nix, 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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Assistant EMA Director, Christy Hardin addressed the Commission concerning a Community Development Grant from Senator Barron. Senator Barron and his Executive Assistant Angela Wilson presented Ms. Hardin with a check for \$2,500 for to fund “incident action software” to be used for disaster documentation.

Mr. Jackson asked Ms. Hardin about the status of FEMA funds for the Sylvania Gap Project. Ms. Hardin said we are still waiting on those funds. She said the main problem was that FEMA wrote the Project Worksheet (PW) for \$85,000, well below the expected costs. Since the actual cost were nearly \$600,000, FEMA considers this a major overrun, even though local officials told FEMA the cost would exceed \$500,000. She said it was between the interim and final inspection. Mr. Jackson asked if the County needed to Contact Congressman Aderholt about moving the project along. Ms. Hardin said might be a good idea. Mr. Harcrow said he would make that contact.

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Michael Edmondson addressed the Commission and asked the Commission to transfer Michael Posey from PT to FT Dispatcher to replace Joshua Lea, who recently resigned.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Harcrow, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to transfer Michael Posey from PT to FT dispatcher (G5/1).

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Mr. Edmondson then asked that Eddie Freeman be hired as a PT dispatcher to replace Michael Posey’s PT position.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to hire Eddie Freeman as a FT Dispatcher (G5/1).

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Mr. Edmondson requested that Rodney Johnson be authorized to attend a required SEGIS User Conference at a cost of \$266.40.

It was moved by Mr. Harcrow, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize Rodney Johnson to attend a SEGIS conference.

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Mr. Edmondson requested that Rick Hughes be promoted to Sergeant to replace Steve Freeman who recently resigned.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to promote Rick Hughes to Sergeant (G6A/1).

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Finally, Mr. Edmondson requested that Nathaniel Bates be hired as a Correctional Officer to replace Steve Freeman.

It was moved by Mr. Harcrow, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to hire Nathaniel Bates as a Corrections Officer (G5/1).

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Revenue Commissioner Martha Ogle addressed the Commission and requested the Commission authorize Commission President Sid Holcomb to sign the 2009 Tax Year Insolvents, Errors & Taxes in Litigation.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize Mr. Holcomb to sign the Insolvents, Errors & Taxes in Litigation form for the 2009 Tax Year.

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Mr. Sharp notified the Commission that Ms. Brewer had sent up some minor required revisions to the RPT drug policy.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Harcrow, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the minor revisions of the drug policy for the Rural Transportation Program and to authorize the President to sign same (copy of the drug policy on file at the Senior Center).

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Mr. Sharp presented the Commission with bids for the HVAC system in the Children's Room at the DeKalb County Library as follows:

Bryant's Heating & Cooling	\$6,050.00
Southern Heating & Cooling	\$5,890.00
Shipman Heating & Cooling	\$4,500.00

Mr. Sharp recommended Shipman Heating & Cooling as the low bidder. He also notified the Commission that this project was funded by an energy grant and the grant would also be funding the

It was moved by Mr. Harcrow, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to award the HVAC Bid for the Library to Shipman Heating and Cooling as the low bidder.

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Mr. Sharp notified the Commission that the County had received the first invoice from D&J Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$845,024.94. The estimate to complete the cleanup is an additional \$1.9 million. The County's 15% match is about \$412,500. However, D&J wants the County to go ahead and pay the full invoice amount of \$845,024.94 now.

Mr. Sharp noted that the County has some funds in the Capital Improvement Fund that have been set aside to make the jail bond issue payment that could be used to make this payment. Mr. Kuykendall asked how much was in the fund and Mr. Sharp said there was about \$2million in the fund; however, the revenues for this fund is from oil and gas leases off the Gulf Coast and were fairly unstable, especially with the recent oil spill in the Gulf.

Mr. Sharp explained that the \$40 Jail Court Costs received from the Circuit Clerk and the municipalities would pay most, but not all of the jail bond issues, so it was critical to keep funds set aside funds from the Capital Improvement Fund to pay the Jail Bond issue. Mr. Kuykendall asked if the Capital Improvement Fund could be used for the purpose of paying the debris contractor. Mr. Sharp said he thought it would because the law defining the capital improvement fund had a "public health" provision in it and the debris would be a matter of public health for the County, if not properly collected and disposed of.

He also said paying the full \$845,024.94, instead of the \$412,500, would save about \$6,500/month in interest that is included in the D&J Contract.

Mr. Holcomb asked Mr. Harcrow if he would make contact with Rep. Aderholt and Sen. Shelby and Sessions to see if they could move the funds quickly through FEMA for reimbursement to the County. Mr. Harcrow said he would.

Mr. Sharp addressed the Commission regarding the Sylvania Gap project. He stated that the PW was only written for \$85,000, even though FEMA was told the cost would most likely be in excess of \$500,000. In fact, the actual costs were \$593,233.98. He said the difference between that project and the current debris project is that FEMA wrote the PW for the debris at approximately \$2.9 million. The main problem with the current project is that it is over \$1million and that results in another layer of review by FEMA.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Harcrow, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to pay the debris invoice in the amount of \$845,024.94 from Capital Improvement funds.

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Mr. Sharp notified the Commission that the State Elevator Inspection Department had condemned the old jail elevator that is located directly behind the elevator currently used by the general public. They are requiring this elevator to be made inoperable. Maintenance Supervisor, Craig Shelton received several quotes and Bagby Elevator Co. had the best price in the amount of \$2,650.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize Bagby Elevator Co. disable the old elevator at the Courthouse.

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Mr. Holcomb notified the Commission that Judge Rains submitted the only bid on surplus cabinets in the amount of \$101.00. He recommended the Commission accept this bid before the Judge backed out.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Harcrow, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to accept the bid of \$101.00 from Judge David Rains for a surplus cabinet.

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It was moved by Mr. Harcrow, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to adjourn.

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Sid Holcomb, President

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Ricky Harcrow, Commissioner District I

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Ed Nix, Commissioner District II

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Chris Kuykendall, Commissioner District III

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Dewitt Jackson, Commissioner District IV