

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, October 12, 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 Ben Luther delivering the invocation and Mr. Holcomb leading the pledge.

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Mr. Kuykendall addressed the Commission concerning a needed water project on the Hwy 68 side of CR 223. The total cost is \$25,000, with materials costing \$2,300. He requested the Commission to allocate \$12,000 from tipping fee funds toward this project.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Harcrow, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to allocate \$12,000 from the Tipping Fee Fund for the water project on CR 223.

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County Engineer Ben Luther requested the Commission to authorize pricing for ALDOT Snow/Ice Removal – same as last year.

Motor Grader:	\$150/hr.
Spreader Truck:	\$125/hr.
Loader:	\$120/hr.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to accept the prices for snow and ice removal.

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Mr. Luther addressed the Commission concerning the speed limit on CR 825 between Hwy 68 at Lathamville and CR 24. He recommended a 40 mph speed limit.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to pass the following resolution setting the speed limit on CR 825 to be posted at 40 mph:

**RESOLUTION No.** 10-1012-01

**WHEREAS**, the DeKalb County Commission, on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, determines that the maximum speed permitted under Article 8, Title 32, Chapter 5A, Code of Alabama, 1975, for County Road #825 is greater than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist on paved road;

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED**, that the proper maximum speed for County Road #825 is set at 40 miles per hour at all times and no person shall operate a motor vehicle in excess of 40 miles per hour on said County Road #825;

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any violations of this Resolution shall be unlawful and punished pursuant to Title 32, Chapter 5A, Code of Alabama, 1975.

**ADOPTED** this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010.

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Mr. Kuykendall thanked the EMA Office for providing water buffaloes to the people out on CR 223 because of the dire circumstances they are under without potable water. County EMA Director Mike Leath addressed the Commission and gave credit to Northeast Water for providing the water.

Mr. Leath notified the Commission that the County Homeland Security Committee had agreed to use homeland security funds this year to purchase digital DVR's for each of the schools in DeKalb County and City of Fort Payne. There will be about 19-20 units and they are 100% reimbursable. He asked for permission to put these out to bid.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize bids to be let for Digital DVR's to be placed in each of the schools in the County and City School Systems.

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Mr. Leath also notified the Commission that Code Red conducted a test on about 29,198 phone numbers in the County. That test, along with the week at the Fair, allowed EMA to register over 1,000 additional numbers, bringing the total to 5,137 numbers in the County.

A lady at the fair stated that Code Red saved her family's life during the Geraldine tornado. Her home was struck by the tornado and she had her family in a safe area about 30-45 seconds after getting the phone call from Code Red. That's what it's all about. He thanked the County Commission and the Mayor's Association for getting this system into DeKalb County.

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Mr. Holcomb said there were two openings on the Northeast Water, Sewer and Fire Protection District. One is Billy Richards and the other is Larry McCallie. Mr. Holcomb said he would like to recommend Billy Richards to be re-appointed to the Board and the other member to be appointed at the next meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to re-appoint Billy Richards to the NE Water Board.

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Mr. Sharp notified the Commission that Leslie Johnson at the Animal Adoption Center had requested a couple of employees be authorized to attend continuing education classes in Huntsville October 28-29.

It was moved by Mr. Harcrow, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize training for the Animal Adoption Center.

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Mr. Sharp read a letter from the Library Board stating that Lisa Lone was being laid off as a PT employee and Lisa Hawkins FT position was being reclassified to a PT position. Mr. Sharp said since the County ran the payroll for the Library, all personnel matters had to be placed in the minutes of the County Commission.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Harcrow, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to accept the personnel changes of the County Library Board, laying off Lisa Lone as a PT employee and reclassifying Lisa Hawkins from a FT to a PT Library employee.

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Revenue Commissioner Martha Ogle requested Susan Shankles to attend the Appraisal Manual class in Montgomery and to approve the contract for Aerial photos to be paid from the Reappraisal Budget. Ms. Ogle recommended The Atlantic Group at a price of \$96,923. According to Mr. Sharp, there is \$107,000 in the budget line item Aerial Photos.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize Susan Shankles to attend an Appraisal Manual class and to have the aerials done this coming year.

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Mr. Mauney requested the Commission to enter into Executive Session regarding a legal issue pending in Circuit Court.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to move into Executive Session to discuss legal issues. **Time – 10:23 a.m.**

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The Commission reconvened from Executive Session at **10:43 a.m.**

President Holcomb called the meeting back to order. No action was taken following Executive Session.

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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