

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were Ricky Harcrow, President, Ed Nix, Chris Kuykendall and Dewitt Jackson. Those absent were none.

The meeting was called to order by President Harcrow with Charles Bass delivering the invocation and Jimmy Wright leading the Pledge.

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

County Engineer Ben Luther addressed the Commission concerning the bid for a Vibratory Roller. The County has been renting a Vibratory Roller for the past few months to use with the County's new Asphalt Spreader. That Roller has worked well, so Mr. Luther asked for the Commission's approval to let bids to purchase a Vibratory Roller for the Road Department.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to let bids for a vibratory roller for use at the Road Department.

Mr. Luther also addressed the Commission regarding the November 5 State Bid opening on the Federal Aid Resurfacing Project on CR 47. Jackson Paving was the low bidder at \$710,362.12. The engineering and inspection costs, along with the State's 13.6% processing fee brings the total project up to \$847,540 for the 4.35 mile project. These programs are funded on an 80/20 match, giving a total 20% match in the amount of \$169,508.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to concur with the bid awarding the paving project on CR 47 to Jackson Paving.

Mr. Sharp notified the Commission that Donald Weldon from Ider had filed a claim for approximately \$160.00 for damages his vehicle sustained from a dump truck on Hwy 11.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to forward the damage claim of Donald Weldon to Meadowbrook/ASI for final disposition.

Sheriff's Office Commander, Wade Hill addressed the Commission as follows:

- a) Jail Personnel: He requested that Coy Brandon Blackwood be hired to replace Colby Higdon, who resigned in October.
- b) PT Deputy: He noted that Gerald (Red) Taylor took a leave of absence this spring to run for the District III Commission seat. P.D. Hall recently resigned and was paid at a G6, while Mr. Taylor was paid at a G8. Both were PT and had limits set on the amount of income they could receive. Mr. Taylor had been replaced by another PT employee when he took a leave of absence and plans to work a couple of days a week, so there shouldn't be much of a difference in pay between Mr. Taylor and Mr. Hall.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to hire Coy Brandon Blackwood as a Corrections Officer (G5/1) and to place Red Taylor back on as a part-time deputy (G8/1).

Mr. Hill also requested the Commission to authorize the letting of bids for patrol vehicles for the Sheriff's Office and vans for the Jail for one or more vehicles to be purchased throughout the 2011FY

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to let bids for vehicles for the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Harcrow addressed the audience regarding the Federal Inmate Contract as follows:

"Before we leave the Sheriff's Office Personnel, let me just say this. During the last week or so, Sheriff Harris and I sat down and we talked about our Federal Contract with our Federal Prisoners and we're headed in the right direction on that and probably at our next meeting, we'll have a contract ready to sign and get that out of the way. We appreciate the jail personnel's help, the Sheriff's Office personnel's help and with Mr. Sharp working through this. Mr. Mauney is not here today because he had court dates that he could not postpone, but we thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to putting all this behind us in about two weeks. We're thankful for that. Sheriff, do you have anything?"

Sheriff Harris responded as follows:

"I appreciate you coming by over there and us sitting down and working all that out. It should have been worked out three years ago and I want to thank you for looking at that and us getting together on this. Of

course, I want to personally thank Ed for always looking at it, knowing we were trying to do the right thing all along. Thanks for being open-minded and looking at it and realized that we weren't trying to do anything, we were just trying to do everything right. I think now that we've got some new eyes to look at everything, I think people will see what we did was right. I appreciate you coming over there. Like you said, I think everything will be fine next Commission meeting. Our part is ready. If you all agree on it, we're fine with it. So thank you all."

Mr. Harcrow stated that the final draft had not been prepared and Commissioners have not seen it, so they need to look at it along with the County Attorney who was unable to attend the meeting today.

Mr. Harcrow requested the Commission to renew the contract with County Engineer Ben Luther for another year with an automatic renewal at the end of the year.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to renew County Engineer, Ben Luther's contract.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, without objection, to adjourn.

Ricky Harcrow, President

Ed Nix, Commissioner District II

Chris Kuykendall, Commissioner District III

Dewitt Jackson, Commissioner District IV