

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 08, 2011 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.

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

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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.

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County Road Superintendent Tom Broyles addressed the Commission as follows:

- 1) Patching: All crews are patching potholes throughout the County.
- 2) Dirt Roads: Conditions on dirt roads have improved with the warmer weather. Some have been graded which has further helped.
- 3) Mack Trucks: The Shop staff and some inmates are working on the Mack Trucks – getting them ready for the auction. A couple of been painted and a couple more are about ready. It will take about two more weeks to finish the rest of them up. Mr. Broyles said proposals were opened last Thursday and asked Mr. Sharp to go over them.
- 4) Auction: County Administrator Matt Sharp said four different companies turned in estimates as follows:

<u>Proposals</u>	<u>Auction Price</u>	<u>Less: Premium</u>	<u>County's Portion</u>
DeanCo (7% auction fee or straight 5%)	1,372,580.65	(96,080.65)	1,276,500.00
Ritchie Bros (fees and other costs)	1,440,000.00	(150,000.00)	1,290,000.00
<b>JM Wood Auction Company (7% fee)</b>	<b>1,400,000.00</b>	<b>(98,000.00)</b>	<b>1,302,000.00</b>
Iron Planet (fees and other costs)	1,433,000.00	(148,060.00)	1,284,940.00

JM Wood as a flat 7% fee no matter what the auction brings. Some of the other companies want to increase the fee for amounts over their guaranteed auction price. JM Wood has the best net guarantee to the County and is the best overall deal for the County. The JM Wood auction will be May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Both Mr. Broyles and Mr. Sharp recommended the County use JM Wood.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to award the bid proposal to JM Wood Auction Company for the sale of Mack Trucks on May 3, 2011.

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County Engineer Ben Luther addressed the Commission and requested permission to attend the County Engineer's Annual Conference April 5-6 in Orange Beach.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize County Engineer, Ben Luther to attend the Annual County Engineer's Conference April 5-6, 2011.

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Mr. Sharp addressed the Commission concerning a damage claim from James Henderson from CR 282. He claims that the side of his bumper on his vehicle was dented as a result of grader sliding back and hitting his vehicle. Mr. Broyles said this was the day of the big snow and the truck slid into the ditch and the grade was going uphill and started spinning and slid backwards hitting the truck. Mr. Sharp said the claim was for about \$3,400.

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

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Wade Hill from the Sheriff's Office notified the Commission that Jimmy Jones (a deputy working in the DTF) resigned his position and has taken a position with the Jackson County Drug Unit. Also, Mitchell Dendy was recently transferred into the Jail to take Tony Durham's position. This opens up 2 deputy slots. Josh York laterally moved from a supervisor to Dendy's investigator slot.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to accept the resignation of Mr. Jimmy Jones at the Sheriff's Department.

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Mr. Hill said Sheriff Harris would like to move Administrative Assistant, Stanna Guice from PT to FT to take one of the deputy slots and to fill her position with a PT deputy. Note: Pay scale would be the same (G8).

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize Stanna Guice be moved into a full-time Administrative Assistant position at the Sheriff's Office (G8).

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Mr. Hill requested that Chief Deputy Michael Edmondson be upgraded to G9/12 (same as Chief Correction Officer). Mr. Hill explained that when Sheriff Harris was first elected he decided to fill the Chief Deputy position with PT employees (namely Wade Hill, Ron Ogletree and Kirby Johnston). Since that time, Ron Ogletree and Kirby Johnston have left employment with the Sheriff's Office and a FT Chief Deputy position is now needed. Mr. Sharp also made the recommendation to move the Chief Deputy pay scale to G9 and to move Chief Edmondson from G8A/11 to G9/12 (same as Chief Correction Officer Mitch Dendy).

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to adjust Chief Deputy Michael Edmondson's pay from G8A/11 to G9/12.

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Mr. Hill said this would leave one FT and one PT deputy position to be filled at a later date. The Sheriff would like to fill the PT position with either a deputy or administrative PT person. Mr. Hill also noted that Tony Durham's retirement party would be February 25<sup>th</sup>.

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Chief Correction's Officer Mitch Dendy addressed the Commission regarding the video visitation in the jail. The monitors are worn out and down from 10 to 4. The jail population stays between 250-325 inmates making visitation very difficult. Federal Jail standards have now required visitation to go from 15 minutes/week to 30 minutes/week. It takes about 12 hours to get through visitation. He requested the Commission to bid out a new system then see what could be done to fund it. Mr. Sharp noted that the system has been a problem since it was originally put in.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize bids to be let for a new video visitation system in the jail, subject to funding restrictions.

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Mr. Dendy notified the Commission that the current Dietician in the jail has moved to Florida, so he requested that Sonya Jones of Sylvania be approved as the Dietician at the jail at the same rate of \$450/month for a 12-month contract.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize Ms. Sonya Jones to be placed on a retainer at \$450 month as the Jail Dietician.

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Mr. Dendy requested the Commission to approve the ICE vehicle agreement mentioned in the last meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to accept the agreement for use of vehicles regarding ICE Inmates from the Federal Government.

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Probate Judge Ronnie Osborn notified the Commission that there was about \$82,000 in HAVA funds available with the Secretary of State's Office for election machines and handicapped accessible equipment for our voting places. He requested the Commission to look at purchasing at least 50 of these handicapped accessible voting booths at a cost of just over \$43,000, along with at least 4 new voting machines. These items will most likely have to be bid out.

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On behalf of Ms. Ogle, Mr. Sharp requested the Commission to authorize travel for Ms. Ogle and Donna Smith to attend the AATA Mid-Winter Conference in Mobile March 6-9 and for Ms. Ogle, Susan Shankles and Melissa Blevins to attend the AAAO Conference in Auburn February 22-25.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize travel and training for the aforementioned courses.

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Mr. Sharp requested the Commission to adopt the annual tax levy. No changes from previously issued levy's.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to adopt the following annual millage tax levy resolution:

**Resolution No. 11-0208-01**

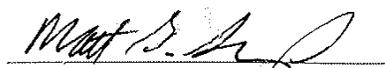
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED and ordered by the DeKalb County Commission that taxes are hereby levied for the year of said County that began October 1, 2010 and which tax year taxes will become due and payable on October 1, 2011 as follows: based on each instance on the assessed valuation of the properties with respect to which the respective levies are made as said valuation will be shown in the book of assessments after it has been corrected:

- (a) For the general expenses of the County (as provided in Amendment 208 and Section 215 of the Constitution of 1901) at the rate of 5 mills of each dollar on said assessed valuation of all taxable property in the County.
- (b) For the payment of any debt or liability heretofore or hereafter incurred for the erection, construction or maintenance of the necessary public buildings, bridges or roads (as provided in Amendment 208 and Section 215 of the Constitution of 1901) at the rate of 2 ½ mills of each dollar of said assessed valuation of all taxable property in the County.
- (c) For the support of public schools in the County (as provided in Amendment 111 and Section 269 of the Constitution of 1901) at the rate of 1 mill on each dollar of said assessed valuation of all taxable property in the County; and (as provided in Section 1 of Amendment 3 and Section 260 of the Constitution of 1901) at a rate of 3 mills on each dollar of said assessed valuation of all taxable property in the County.
- (d) For public school purposes in each of the respective school districts in the County (as provided in Section 2 of Amendment 3 of the Constitution of 1901) at the rate of 3 mills on each dollar of said assessed valuation of all taxable property in each of the said respective school districts.
- (e) For acquiring, construction, operation, equipping or maintaining county hospitals, or other public hospitals, nonprofit hospitals, and public health facilities in the County (as provided in Amendment 72 of the Constitution of 1901) at a rate of 4 mills on each dollar of said assessed valuation of all taxable property in the County to be distributed to the County Commission for the purpose of aiding the funding of "health" related operations in DeKalb County.
- (f) For the education purposes in each of the respective school districts in the County (as provided in Amendment 146 to the Constitution of 1901) at the rate of 7 ½ mills on each dollar of said assessed valuation of all taxable property in each of the said respective school districts.
- (g) To be paid into the General Fund (or other special revenue fund) of the County and distributed for the benefit of fire protection only, an amount of 3 mills per dollar of assessed value of taxable property within DeKalb County, outside the city limits of Fort Payne (as provided by Amendment 637 to the Constitution of 1901).

Done this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2011.

  
Ricky Harcrow, President

Attest by:

  
Matt G. Sharp, Administrator

Mr. Sharp addressed the Commission reminding the Commission that a new roof at the General Services Building (Old Health Department) is included in a Grant through ADECA. Bids had been let in 2010; however, no contractors bid on the project, thus the County Maintenance Department have been trying to negotiate with other vendors. Two companies have since submitted proposals to place a new roof on this building as follows:

One Company submitted a price of \$47,500 and other company (Sam Construction) submitted a price of \$26,000. Sam Construction will guarantee the work for 15 years. Mr. Sharp recommended the contract be awarded to Sam Construction.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to award the bid to Sam Construction to put a new roof on the Old Health Department building.

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Mr. Harcrow notified the Commission that Charles Bass has asked to be replaced on the County Park Board at the end of his current term.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to accept Charles Bass' resignation from the DeKalb County Park Board.

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Mr. Harcrow recommended that the Commission purchase a new vehicle off the State Bid List from Woodson Jones. The base price on the truck is \$17,559, plus optional prices for extended cab and crew cab.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize purchasing a vehicle for the Revenue Enforcement Office.

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It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation issues.

After a 45 minute executive session, the meeting was called back to order with no action taken.

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

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Ricky Harcrow, President

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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