

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were Ricky Harcrow, President, Chris Kuykendall and Dewitt Jackson. Those absent were Ed Nix due to illness.

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

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

Mr. Broyles addressed the Commission with the following Maintenance Update:

- a) Personnel: Mr. Broyles recommended Butch Alfree to fill the position vacated by the retirement of Charles McAnelly.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to hire Butch Alfree at the Road Department.

- b) Shop: Mr. Broyles said he had received quotes from Jimmy Wallace Construction, Jimmy Traylor and Wilkins & Company on removing the metal roof and siding from the Old Shop Building and replacing with new metal; insulating and reframing/insulating all six doors on the building. The South end of the building will remain the same because he was looking at adding on to that end in the future. The best quote was from Wilkins & Co. for \$49,453.00, just under the \$50,000 Public Works Law limit. Prices for a new Shop were around \$700,000 – well beyond the County’s ability to pay. Mr. Broyles made the recommendation to proceed with this work. Mr. Broyles said the building is structurally in good condition for a building that is over 50 years old.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize refurbishing the shop at the Road Department with Wilkins Building having submitted the lowest cost proposal.

Mr. Luther notified the Commission that bids for four (4) rotary boom mowers were opened on Thursday, April 21. Bids were received as follows:

Chambers American Products, Pioneer, TN	\$128,740.00
Heavy Machinery & Tractor Co., Albertville, AL	\$144,466.00

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the purchase of boom mowers from Chambers American Products as low bidder.

Mr. Sharp notified the Commission that three (3) damage claims had been filed as follows:

- a) Sidney Johnson of CR 738 claims that in October 2010 his vehicle suffered damage to 2 wheels and tires from a pothole on CR 137 in the amount of approximately \$550.

- b) Ray Davis of Mentone claims that crews were spraying tar in potholes and a road crew employee directed him around and some tar spray got on his vehicle causing approximately \$400 in damages.
- c) Jose Garcia claims that 2 tires and one wheel was damaged on CR 483, possibly from a pothole. The damage claim is approximately \$190.

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

Revenue Commissioner Martha Ogle requested that Susan Shankles be promoted to fill the Chief Appraiser position, as posted at the last Commission meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to promote Susan Shankles to Chief Appraiser in the Revenue Commissioner's Office.

Mr. Sharp addressed the Commission on behalf of COA/RPT Director June Brewer and requested that Danny Willyard be hired as an RPT Bus Driver to replace Jo Russell, who recently resigned.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to promote Danny Willyard to full time bus driver.

Probate Judge Ronnie Osborn addressed the Commission and requested that two employees in the Probate Office be authorized to attend the Probate Conference July 24-27.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize travel and training for 2 employees of the Probate Judge's Office.

Judge Osborn reminded everyone of the upcoming Special District I General Election on May 3 between Jerome Tinker and Don Stout.

District III Commissioner Chris Kuykendall addressed the Commission on behalf of the Collinsville Water Board and City of Collinsville. This Water Project began in 2009 through a CDBG Grant and would provide water to 38 households in the Collinsville area on Lookout Mountain. The project is finally near completion and should be finished by June. The actual bid for the project came in less than anticipated, so there are some funds left that would provide water to an additional 17 residents. Mr. Kuykendall asked the Commission to consider a Resolution requesting that the remaining grant funds be used to add more areas to water on this project.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the following resolution to proceed with the additional water project in Collinsville:

**DEKALB COUNTY
STATE OF ALABAMA**

RESOLUTION NO. 11-0426-01

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission received \$400,000 in CDBG Competitive Funds for Project #CY-CM-PF-09-001 to expand and provide new water service for residents living on County Roads 5 & 6; and

WHEREAS, after bidding the project there will be approximately \$104,930 left in construction grant funds; and

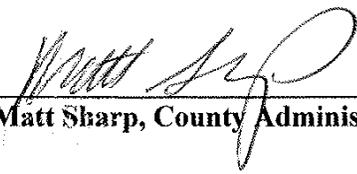
WHEREAS, there are residents living in the original project area on adjoining county roads that could be served with new water service through the use of the remaining grant funds coupled with \$40,000 in additional local monies.

THEREFORE, The DeKalb County Commission is requesting by Formal Amendment to ADECA that these monies left from the original bid project be used to serve additional residents in the community. Without the use of these funds these homes cannot be served.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION THIS 26TH DAY OF APRIL, 2011.



Ricky Harcrow, President

ATTEST: 

Matt Sharp, County Administrator

Mr. Kuykendall noted that he was scheduled to attend a meeting in June and may attend a meeting at the end of the week and wanted to make the public aware.

Mr. Leath addressed the Commission and notified them that bids had been opened on April 19 for Outdoor Warning Sirens. Bids were posted and sent to three (3) vendors. One bid was received. McCord's Communications bid \$19,285/siren for seven (7) sites covered under the grant. The municipalities will pick up the match on the initial costs, and then will pick up the maintenance after the warranty period.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to award the bid for outdoor sirens to McCord's Communications as low bidder.

Mr. Leath also noted that bids for Community Shelters were opened on April 19. These bids were sent to five (5) vendors and two (2) bids were returned. He requested the Commission to reject all bids and rebid and asked Mr. Sharp to explain why. Mr. Sharp gave the bids as follows:

AquaMarine Enterprises, Danville AL	\$69,116/each
Sam Construction, Fort Payne, AL	\$94,000 - \$95,000/each

A pre-fab building was specified for this project. It is one unit brought in on a truck and attached to a concrete pad. Sam Construction is of the opinion that this work requires a Contractor's License and since AquaMarine is not a General Contractor, then they feel we should eliminate AquaMarine as a bidder. The federal part of the grant is approximately \$60,000 and requires approximately \$20,000 in local match or in-kind services, such as land, site work, etc. This is a grant for the municipalities. The County is merely providing the conduit for the work. If Sam Construction were given the bid based on them having a General Contractor's License, it would cost the municipalities about \$35,000 in cash match.

Mr. Harcrow, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Leath and Ms. Hardin had a conference call with the effected Mayors and they all want to either do the site work themselves as in-kind match or hire someone to build the pads. Mr. Sharp recommended to the Mayors and to the Commission to authorize the County to rebid the shelter unit by itself and allow the municipalities to be responsible for building the pads in a separate bid (basically however, the municipality decides to proceed from that point forward).

Mr. Mauney said he understood the bid law to allow the rejection of all bids and concurred with Mr. Sharp's recommendation. He also recommended that the municipalities agree to be in full compliance with the preparation of the foundation. Mr. Leath said that would go into the specifications and would require the successful bidder to provide a design plan for the pad.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize rejecting all bids and re-bidding for Storm Shelters Units and allow Municipalities to build pads once bid for units had been accepted.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, without objection, meeting adjourned.