

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were Ricky Harrow, President, Jerome Tinker, 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 Charles Bass delivering the invocation and Jimmy Wright leading the Pledge.

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It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Tinker, 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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Tom Broyles gave the Road Department Maintenance Update as follows:

- a) Herbicide: Crews are still trying to complete the first application of herbicide. Should finish that up by early next week, depending on the weather.
  - b) Mowing/Potholes: Crews are still mowing and patching potholes.
  - c) CR 76: Crews are pouring concrete under this bridge and work will continue for 2-3 weeks. Columns are being poured and the work is going slow because of the water.
  - d) Little River Canyon Center Road: Crews are going out tomorrow to work on pipe on this road. It should be finished in a couple of weeks.
  - e) Paving: Work is still going on with paving and asphalt work. An update will be given at the next meeting on this.
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- f) Personnel: Mr. Broyles recommended that Jamie Graham be hired to fill the vacancy left by Tim Reeves.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to hire Jamie Graham as Equipment Operator at the Road Department (G5/3).

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Mr. Broyles also noted that James Allen is planning to resign as the Sign Truck Operator in mid-August. He would like to go ahead and post a position for someone to train for the position.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Tinker, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to post the position for Sign Truck Operator at the Road Department.

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County Engineer discussed the CR 179 project in Painter just north of Creek Bridge. A cross-drain has settled and is causing some road problems. He noted that he and Mr. Broyles had met with a pipe-lining vendor that would take a heavy-duty plastic lining pipe and insert it into the existing pipe and fill the void with concrete. This would have to be bid out due to the cost, but would be less expensive and would cause less delay than digging the pipe up and replacing it.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Tinker, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize bids to be let for CR 179 cross drain project.

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Mr. Luther also discussed the Emergency Watershed Protection Program through the USDA Natural Resources and Conservation Service. They provide financial assistance as well as technical assistance for the removal of storm generated vegetative debris inside creek channels and drainage areas. They have looked at approximately 8 locations through the path of the storm beginning in Rainsville tracking to the north end of the County. Normally the grant would be a 75/25 cost ratio; however, it will be a 90/10 cost ratio based on the current storm. It can be bid out to a contractor or can be done by force account. It is limited to \$150,000 if done by force account.

Mr. Jackson asked if this be done by contract. Mr. Luther said no he would recommend force account. Mr. Jackson was concerned that the Road Department would not be able to handle it. Mr. Kuykendall also had this concern along with meeting the inspection requirements by USDA. Mr. Nix also said he thought Mr. Broyles would not be able to do it.

Mr. Broyles said it takes about 6 months to approve these and that might be the best time to start and they are giving 250 days to complete. He said he thought they would be able to handle it.

Mr. Harcrow suggested the Commission to go ahead with the 90/10 force account. That would help the County's cash flow and the County's 10% match would be covered through in-kind services.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Nix all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to approve the 90/10 force account of \$150,000.00 to clean out debris from the waterways in DeKalb County.

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Mr. Hill brought forward a resignation from Torie Chestnut and requested that Brian Etherton be hired to replace him as a Correction's Officer.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively to accept the resignation of Mr. Torie Chestnut as Corrections Officer.

It was further moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Tinker, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to hire Mr. Brian Etherton as a Corrections Officer in the jail (G5/1).

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Mr. Hill also recommended that Weston Culpepper be hired to fill a PT position as dispatcher.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to hire Weston Culpepper as a part-time dispatcher (G5/1).

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Ms. Ogle requested the Commission accept an agreement with ALDOT to provide an additional \$7,600 to go toward an updated digital mapping system (i.e., new aerials).

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Tinker, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the acceptance an agreement with ALDOT to provide \$7,600 to the Revenue Commissioner for new aerials.

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Daryl Lester gave an update on debris removal stating that 442,770 cubic yards of debris had been picked up in DeKalb County according to USACE Contractors. They are working on the

final pass now. He said the State should hear tomorrow if FEMA has agreed to add an additional 60 days to the 90/10 cost ratio.

Mr. Kuykendall asked if work would continue after the July 12 deadline for the 90/10 cost ratio. Mr. Lester said that date had not been set to stop debris cleanup. Mr. Lester said the State was confident that by August 1, the State would hit the \$610 million mark and the State wide cost ratio would revert to 90/10. Mr. Jackson asked if there was a need to set a deadline since there was no guarantee that the cost ratio would go back to 90/10 (instead of 75/25). Mr. Harcrow said not today.

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Christy Hardin noted that the County was applying for about \$7 million in hazardous mitigation grants. It includes everything from generators, water pumps, as well as individual and community shelters.

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Mr. Sharp recommended contract renewals with Delta Computer Software for the Probate Judge, Revenue Commissioner and County Commission Accounting, payroll and sales tax software. Judge Osborn and Ms. Ogle both want to renew the software contract.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to renew the Delta Computer Software agreement.

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Mr. Sharp presented a resolution to the County for the local match on the Drug Task Force Grant. He noted that the grant flows through the Commission; however, the Drug Task Force provides the local match.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the President to sign the following resolution for the Drug Task Force grant:

## Resolution of Applicant for Matching Funds

**Whereas**, the State of Alabama, through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Law Enforcement/Traffic Safety Division, under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, (PL 90-351 as amended and other appropriate federal authorizations, is offering financial aid to combat rising crime, improve the criminal justice system, assist victims of crime, and assist in the problems of juvenile justice; and

**Whereas**, the **Dekalb County Commission** hereinafter referred to as Applicant, is of the opinion that it would be beneficial to make application for such assistance and

**Whereas**, said applicant agrees to be accountable for providing the cash match toward the total cost of said project,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Applicant

that,                     **Ricky Harcrow**                    , in his/her official capacity

as                     **President**                    , be authorized to make

application to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Law Enforcement/Traffic Safety Division, for said financial Assistance.

Adopted this the     12<sup>th</sup>     day of     July     2011

Mr. Harcrow notified the Commission that Gene Galloway had resigned as board member on the Highfalls (County) Park Board. He recommended that Wayne Wilson be appointed to replace Mr. Galloway.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to accept the resignation of Mr. Billy Galloway at the Highfalls Park Board and to appoint Mr. Wayne Wilson.

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Mr. Harcrow recommended Robert Dunlap, Jim Harris and D.L. Stiefel be presented to the Governor's Office for placement on the Board of Equalization.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to submit the names of Robert Dunlap, Jim Harris and D.L. Stiefel to serve on the Tax Equalization Board.

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It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Jackson to adjourn, without objection, so ordered by President Harcrow.

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Ricky Harcrow, President

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Jerome Tinker, 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