

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were Ricky Harcrow, President, Jerome Tinker, Ed Nix, Chris Kuykendall and Dewitt Jackson. Those absent were none.

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

It was moved by Mr. Nix, 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.

Road Superintendent Tom Broyles gave the following Road Maintenance Update:

- a) Herbicide: Crews are still putting out second application of herbicide. It's going faster than the first application. Crews are spraying bridges for the Engineering Department.
- b) Pot Holes: Crews are still patching potholes on a daily basis.
- c) Mowing/Bushcutters: Crews are still mowing. The new Bushcutters are almost ready to go out on the road. The first one was delivered yesterday and it will go to District II. He's been without one all summer. It should be ready by tomorrow. The next one will be going to District III and it should be on the road by the end of the week.
- d) Chert: Crews are hauling chert to District II for roads to be upgraded.
- e) CR 76: Crews are still pouring concrete under CR 76.
- f) Field School: As soon as the work is completed on the CR 76 bridge, they will get back on the Little River Field School Road.

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- g) Personnel: He recommended John Sycks to fill the vacant position left by Terry Burt.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to hire John Sycks at the Road Department (G5/3).

- h) Lift System: Mr. Broyles said the new Lift System for the Shop will need to be bid out. He asked for authorization to bid said Lift.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Tinker, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize Road Superintendent, Tom Broyles to let bids for a lift system for the shop.

County Engineer Ben Luther addressed the Commission as follows:

- a) CR 179: Bids for a High-Density Polyethylene Pipe Liner system for CR 179 was opened yesterday. Three bids were received as follows:

Eagle Wholesale	\$294.70/LF
Harvey Culvert	\$298.62/LF
Inman & Associates	\$354.61/LF

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to award the bid for Polyethylene Pipe Liner to Eagle Wholesale as low bidder.

- b) Debris Cleanup: Mr. Luther notified the Commission that the USACE has completed all the roadside and private debris removal.
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Nina Haney with the Sheriff's Office addressed the Commission concerning a new community notification law that went into effect July 1 for sex offenders. The new law provides for a \$10/registration for sex offenders every quarter and every move. It should provide approximately \$3,000 - \$4,000/year. Ms. Haney said ADECA provides a program called OffenderWatch that has a mailing application. They would provide the mailing service for the price of a stamp (currently \$0.44/envelope). This would save on costs and time now being used to purchasing and stuffing envelopes and purchasing stamps. Mr. Sharp said he highly recommended this as a cost savings, as well as accuracy in notification since the Sheriff's Office only had access to 911 Addresses and not actual postal addresses (including post boxes).

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the President to sign an agreement with the OffenderWatch mailing program.

County EMA Director Anthony Clifton addressed the Commission stating that grant funding had been awarded for four (4) individual safe room grants for a total of \$29,659. These grants are going to the following:

Charles Painter (4673 CR 24, Crossville)
Leland Crider (P.O. Box 331, Mentone)
Kevin Pierce (16577 Alabama Hwy 75, Henagar)
George Bouldin (565 CR 10, Boaz – inside DeKalb County)

He also notified the Commission that two other grants had been awarded as follows:

City of Fort Payne - \$234,790 (Water Board – Generator)
NE Alabama Water - \$211,960 (Generator)

Mr. Harcrow thanked Mr. Clifton for his work. Mr. Clifton gave the credit for the grants to former Deputy Director Christy Hardin.

State Area 6 Director, Ricky Little addressed the Commission on behalf of Governor Bentley and State EMA Director Art Faulkner and. He stated these grants were the first of several thousand grants that will be coming to Alabama in excess of \$100 million. DeKalb County is the very first of these recipients. Mr. Little said too many times we look at EMA as someone that sets in the basement and is only active when the wind is blowing or the water is rising, but the most important thing County does is save lives and these shelters (individual and community) do that.

Mark Richards with NE Water also thanked the County, Mr. Little and Ms. Hardin for helping obtain the grants for the generator for NE Water. He said this grant would provide a generator for the Monsanto plant in Marshall County that provides water to Tenbroeck, Kilpatrick, Aroney and Rodentown to thousands of people.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Tinker, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to accept the above grants.

Probate Judge Ronnie Osborn addressed the County concerning a Board for abandoned cemeteries. He said he received a check in the amount of \$8,200 from the State for the Little Sulphur Springs Cemetery for frontage taken off from the cemetery when the overpass on 49th Street was done. Nobody is over that cemetery at this time. The city is not interested in it. However, Code Section 11-80-13 authorizes the County Commission to establish a County Cemetery Rehabilitation Authority. According to the Alabama Historical Commission, Montgomery County is the only County to implement the 2007 law. He said he would like to come back at a later date to discuss. County Attorney Charles Mauney said he would discuss with Montgomery County Attorney Leann Walker.

Mr. Sharp spoke on behalf of COA Director June Brewer requesting authorization to attend the Southeastern Aging Conference in Memphis, September 25-29.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize June Brewer to attend the Southeastern Aging Conference in Memphis, TN.

Mr. Sharp addressed the Commission regard excess from land sales. He noted that Code Section 40-10-28 discusses the disposition of excess rising from sales on property and that approximately \$3,300 had been in the account for the past 3 years. This law states that the County Commission may move said funds into the County General Fund and it may still be redeemed for an additional 10 years. After 10 years, the funds become County property.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to transfer \$3,331.91 from the Excess from Land Sales Fund to the General Fund. (See Excess from Land Sales File in Commission Office for description of properties).

Mr. Sharp read a legal claim from a Susan Blichington concerning her and her daughter's alleged fall from High Falls on August 22, 2010. She turned in a claim to the County on August

22, 2011 requesting \$300,000 from the County for herself; \$300,000 for her daughter and \$300,000 for her husband.

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

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, without objection, so ordered to Adjourn.