

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). Those present were Ricky Harcrow, 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 President Harcrow delivering the invocation and Chris Kuykendall 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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Mr. Broyles gave the following Road Maintenance Update:

- a) CR 30: A crew finished the repair on the retaining wall in a culvert on CR 30. It needs a floor in it. It's beginning to undermine. The pylons are rusting, so next summer crews will pour a new floor. The road is fixed for the time being and is not caving in anymore.
  - b) Chert: Crews are hauling chert in the north end of the County for the next week working on repairs.
  - c) CR 179: The pipeliner will be installed on CR 179 next week. It's a new technique and a new system. Representatives with the company will be here to help the County with the install.
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Mr. Luther addressed the Commission as follows:

- a) Vehicle Lift System Bid: Bids were opened last week on a wireless vehicle lift system. Although multiple vendors were sent bids, only one submitted a bid. Reliable Hydraulics of Smyrna, GA presented a bid in the amount of \$36,840 for this four-column system.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to award the bid for the vehicle lift system to Reliable Hydraulics as low bidder.

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- b) ALDOT Snow/Ice Removal Agreement: Mr. Luther presented rates as follows for Snow/Ice Removal for County equipment on State Highways:

Motor Grader/Operator	\$150/hr
Spreader Truck/Operator	\$100/hr
Loader/Operator	\$ 50/hr

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to accept the snow and ice removal quotes for ALDOT.

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- c) Weather Sirens: Mr. Luther and EMA personnel put together a draft agreement between the County and Municipalities for the 7 weather sirens to be located throughout the County. Since several of these locations are on private property, with the municipality being responsible for maintenance and repair (including utilities), an agreement between the County, Municipality and landowner is needed. Mr. Luther asked the Commission to authorize Mr. Harcrow to sign agreements as necessary as these sites become located.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize Mr. Harcrow and Mr. Sharp to sign the Memorandum of Agreement regarding the warning sirens.

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Mr. Clifton gave an update as follows:

- a) Community Shelters: There are 6 Community Shelter grants that have been on-going and bid out prior to the April 27 Tornado. There were problems with the bid, so those have been sent back out and are scheduled to be opened on Wednesday, December 7 and would possibly be awarded during the first Commission meeting in December.
- b) Mutual Aid Agreements: Mr. Clifton advised the Commission to update all of their mutual aid agreements with the various municipalities in the County. This would include fire, police and debris removal. The last agreements were completed in 2004 and all of them cannot currently be located.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the institution of and update of mutual aid agreements with various municipalities in the County.

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- c) Individual Storm Shelter Grants: So far 54 total packages have been received back in the amount of \$337,471. Mr. Clifton said he was expecting at least twice that number to be approved by FEMA. He notified the Commissioners that the process would be as follows: As FEMA approves the grants, the EMA office is calling the applicant and sending out a packet accepting or declining the grant, along with a certification from the contractor. Once the certification is received from the contractor, reimbursement can be applied for.
- d) Plainview Storm Shelter: All the paperwork has been received. A meeting with the State has been scheduled. Foundation should be completed by mid-December. The shelter should be ready by the end of the year. It's a pre-fabricated structure out of Bessemer.
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Mr. Sharp addressed the Commission regarding a resolution authorizing the annual Rural Public Transportation grant stating the County will abide by the Civil Rights Act and all Federal Transportation Administration requirements.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Tinker, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize signing of the grant resolution for the Rural Transportation Program.

## **AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION RESOLUTION NO. 11-1108-01**

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) is authorized to make grants for a public transportation program;

**WHEREAS**, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provision by it of the local share of the project costs in the program;

**WHEREAS**, it is required by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under 49 USC Section 5311 the applicant give an assurance that it will comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the USDOT requirements thereunder; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the goal of the applicant that disadvantaged business enterprise be used to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definite procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that disadvantaged businesses shall have the maximum construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts, or consultant and other services.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY** the DeKALB COUNTY COMMISSION as follows:

- 1) That President Ricky Harcrow is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the DeKalb County Rural Public Transportation Program with the ALDOT to aid in the financing of capital and/or operating assistance projects pursuant to 49 USC Section 5311, the Alabama Public Transportation Grant Program, and the Alabama Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program.
- 2) President Harcrow is authorized to execute and file with such applications and assurance or any other document required by the USDOT effectuating the purposes of Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- 3) President Harcrow is authorized to furnish such additional information as the ALDOT may require in connection with the application for the program of projects submitted to FTA.
- 4) President Harcrow is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative disadvantaged business policies in connection to any procurement made as part of the project.
- 5) President Harcrow is authorized to execute grant agreements on behalf of the DeKalb County Rural Public Transportation with the ALDOT for aid in the financing of operating and capital assistance projects.

The undersigned duly qualified and acting President of the DeKalb County Commission certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the DeKalb County Commission held on November 8, 2011.

Mr. Sharp also discussed the 2012 Holiday Calendar, stating that the County recognizes the same number of holidays as the State Calendar, with the exception of Jefferson Davis and Mardi Gras Holidays. The County uses the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve in place of those two holidays.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to adopt the following holiday schedule:

**DeKalb County Commission  
2012 Holiday Schedule**

New Year's Day	Monday, January 2	(State Holiday)
Martin Luther King, Jr./ Robert E. Lee	Monday, January 16	(State Holiday)
President's Day	Monday, February 20	(State Holiday)
Confederate Memorial Day	Monday, April 23	(State Holiday)
Memorial Day	Monday, May 28	(State Holiday)
Independence Day	Wednesday, July 4	(State Holiday)
Labor Day	Monday, September 3	(State Holiday)
Columbus Day	Monday, October 8	(State Holiday)
Veteran's Day	Monday, November 12	(State Holiday)
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 22	(State Holiday)
Day-After Thanksgiving	Friday, November 23	(*)
Christmas Eve	Monday, December 24	(*)
Christmas Day	Tuesday, December 25	(State Holiday)

(\*) The State observes Jefferson Davis' Birthday on June 4. Mardi Gras day is celebrated in Mobile & Baldwin County on February 21, while other State employees receive a personal day instead of Mardi Gras. The DeKalb County Commission observes the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve as holidays.

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It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, without objection, so ordered to adjourn.