

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 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 Tom Broyles delivering the invocation and Jimmy Wright leading the Pledge.

Old Business:

Mr. Harcrow reminded the Commission that the March 13 meeting was recessed until Friday, March 16 to ratify the sale of Refunding Warrants. However, the market became volatile so the Warrants were not issued. Therefore, there was no need to meet on March 16th. Technically, the Commission would still be in session. He asked the Commission to adjourn from the March 13th meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to adjourn the March 13th meeting.

New Business:

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 in written format.

Red Cross Director Judy Rhea addressed the Commission concerning the American Red Cross Proclamation. Ms. Rhea asked the Commission to declare March as Red Cross Month.

Liz Wheatley addressed the Commission concerning the Children's Advocacy Proclamation and asked the Commission to declare April as Child Advocacy Month. Ms. Wheatley notified the Commission during 2011, 180 children were interviewed with allegations of sexual or severe physical or witnessed this type of abuse. The DeKalb Children's Advocacy Center (DCAC) works closely with DHR. DHR takes more than 600 reports of child abuse each year. The DCAC provides forensic interviews in our "warm home" across the street and provides therapy for those victims. They also provide therapy for at-risk students in the County Schools. They also do on-going therapy to children 10 years after the abuse occurred. They provide a child abuse prevention presentation in schools. They go into classrooms in the 2nd and 5th grades telling them to say no, get away and tell someone to help prevent this abuse.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect not only directly harms children, but also increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems such as heart disease and obesity, and risky behavior such as smoking; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Alabama should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social services agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment knows no social or economic boundaries and occurs in every neighborhood in America;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ricky Harcrow, President of the DeKalb County Commission, and in such capacity, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2012, as

"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"

in DeKalb County and encourage the citizens of this great community to show that they care by committing themselves to fighting child abuse and neglect.


Signature

Road Superintendent Tom Broyles addressed the Commission as follows:

- a) Patching: The weather is allowing the Road Department to do more work, primarily patching pot holes. Roads are in good shape considering the weather that has been inflicted on them the last couple of years. The mild winter should help.
- b) Herbicide: The first application of herbicide should get started next week.
- c) Mowing: The bush hog tractors are being worked on in the shop preparing them for the new mowing season. Mowing should get started as soon as the first application of herbicide is finished.

- d) Auction: Mr. Broyles stated that the 11 dump trucks cost on average about \$122,000 and were sold for about \$127,000. The road tractors averaged in cost about \$106,000 and sold for about \$109,000. The 7% auction fee (and interest on lease payment) has to come out of the sale.
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Mr. Nix requested that the damage claim be paid for by the County to Wayne Autwell in the amount of \$172 for damage caused by a broken post on the edge of a County Road. Mr. Kuykendall asked if this had been turned into the insurance (Meadowbrook). Mr. Nix said the insurance agent turned it down, but he felt it was the County's responsibility since the post was only 18" off the side of the road and Mr. Autwell had to move over to avoid a school bus.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Tinker, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to approve the payment of damage claim.

Revenue Commissioner Martha Ogle asked the Commission to send Virginia Brendle to a pre-district Appraiser course in April.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to send Virginia Brendle to an Appraiser class.

Ms. Ogle also noted that one bid had been received from Woodson Jones for a Chevrolet Cruze for the Appraisal Office in the amount of \$20,973.00.

It was moved by Mr. Tinker, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to award the bid to Woodson Jones for a vehicle for the Appraisal Office.

Mr. Kuykendall notified the Commission about a Low Impact Development Workshop in Mentone on April 20 sponsored by the Alabama Clean Water Partnership for the Upper Coosa Basin.

Mr. Nix requested that Tommy Griffin be reappointed to the County 911 Board for an additional term.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Tinker, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to reappoint Mr. Tommy Griffin to the 911 Board for another four year term.

Mr. Sharp notified the Commission of a request by RPT Director June Brewer to attend the Alabama Annual Spring meeting April 25-28.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize June Brewer to attend the Alabama Annual Spring meeting.

Mr. Sharp notified the Commission that Hammondville Mayor Larry Watson requested that the Town of Hammondville move their voting location from the Hammondville Armory to the Hammondville Fire Station, due to the fact that the Armory will no longer be used as a Town Hall and is being leased out effective May 1, 2012. This will not affect the April 24 Run-Off, but will need to be changed by the November 2012 General Election.

It was moved by Mr. Tinker, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to adopt the following resolution to move Precinct 1, Box 9 from the Hammondville Armory to the Hammondville Town Hall, effective with the November 2012 General Election – subject to USDOJ preclearance:

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-0327-02
HAMMONDVILLE VOTING LOCATION**

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission is the elected representation of the citizens of DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammondville has requested a change of voting location from the Hammondville (Armory) Town Hall (located at 37669 U.S. Highway 11, Hammondville, Alabama 35989) to Hammondville Fire Hall (located at 37684 U.S. Highway 11, Hammondville, AL 35989), just across the street from the current location.

WHEREAS, the reason for this change is because the Town of Hammondville will be leasing out the space in the Armory currently being used for holding elections; and

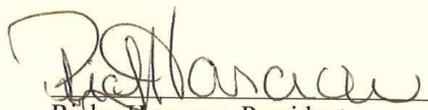
WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission is authorized by Code Section 17-6-3 and 17-6-4 to select polling places for each precinct; and

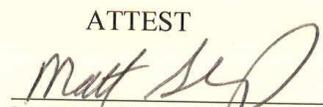
WHEREAS, the Hammondville (Armory) Town Hall currently serves as the Voting Location for Precinct 1, Box 9;

NOW, THEREFORE seeing good and just cause to move the polling place for Precinct 4, Box 9; and acknowledging that the new polling place is just across the street from the current location,

IT IS RESOLVED that the DeKalb County Commission does hereby authorize the polling place for Precinct 1, Box 9, to be moved from the Hammondville (Armory) Town Hall to the Hammondville Fire Hall, subject to pre-clearance by the U.S. Justice Department.

DONE THIS 27th day of March 2012


Ricky Harcrow, President

ATTEST

Matt G. Sharp, Administrator

Mr. Harcrow requested that the Commission adopt the annual resolution exempting County Sales and Use Tax from purchases of items covered by the Sales Tax Holiday Act of 2006.

It was moved by Mr. Tinker, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to adopt the following resolution providing for the 2012 Sales Tax Holiday as authorized by Act. No. 2006-574:

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-0327-01
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DeKALB COUNTY'S
PARTICIPATION IN THE "SALES TAX HOLIDAY"
AS AUTHORIZED BY ACT NO. 2006-574 IN AUGUST 2012**

WHEREAS, during its 2006 Regular Session, the Alabama Legislature enacted Act No. 2006-574, effective July 1, 2006, which provides an exemption of the state sales and use tax for certain non-commercial purchases related to school clothing and supplies during the first full weekend in August of each year; and

WHEREAS, Act No. 2006-574 authorizes the county commission to provide for an exemption of county sales and use taxes for purchases of items covered by the Act during the same time period in which the state sales and use tax exemption is in place, provided a resolution to that effect is adopted at least thirty days prior to 12:01 a.m. on the first Friday in August; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission has affirmatively voted to grant the exemption of county sales and use taxes on purchases covered by Act No. 2006-574 during the first weekend of August 2012, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on August 3, 2012 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, August 5, 2012, the first full weekend of August in 2012; and

WHEREAS, *Code of Alabama 1975, § 11-51-210(c)* requires that the county commission notify the Alabama Department of Revenue of any new local tax or amendment to an existing local tax levy at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the change; and

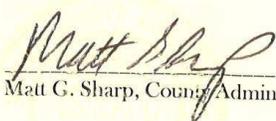
WHEREAS, the exemption of certain county sales and use taxes for the first full weekend of August 2011 herein adopted by the county commission is an amendment to the county's sales and use tax levy warranting notice to the Alabama Department of Revenue as provided in *Code of Alabama 1975, § 11-51-210(c)*;

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DeKALB COUNTY COMMISSION that it does hereby provide for an exemption of the county sales and use tax on purchases of items covered by Act No. 2006-574 beginning at 12:01 a.m. on August 3, 2012 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, August 5, 2012.

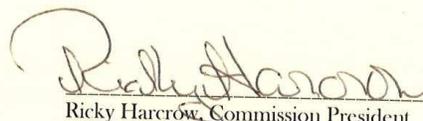
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the July 26, 2011 meeting of the DeKalb County Commission, and be immediately forwarded to the Alabama Department of Revenue in compliance with *Code of Alabama 1975, § 11-51-210(c)*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the DeKalb County Commission has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Chairman on this the 27th day of March 2012.

ATTEST



Matt G. Sharp, County Administrator



Ricky Harcrow, Commission President

Mr. Harcrow notified the Commission, media and audience that the next scheduled Commission Meeting will be on April 10 at 10:00 a.m.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, without objection, so adjourned.

Ricky Harcrow, President

Jerome Tinker, Commissioner District I

Ed Nix, Commissioner District II

Chris Kuykendall, Commissioner District III

Dewitt Jackson, Commissioner District IV