

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, June 12, 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.

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The meeting was called to order by President Harcrow with Mr. Broyles giving 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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Road Superintendent Tom Broyles gave the following Road Maintenance Update:

- a) Pothole Patching: Crews are patching potholes every day in all four districts. One crew is doing nothing but patching with the County's patching truck/machine.
- b) Hauling: A crew is hauling chert to a road in District II to be upgraded. They are within one-half day of finishing up.
- c) Herbicide: The first herbicide application has been made. The second application will begin toward the end of July.
- d) Mowing: All the crews are mowing every day and trying to cut bushes.
- e) Calcium Chloride: The Road Department is going to build a containment system around the calcium chloride storage tank and house it in a building.
- f) CR 51: Crews are going to start digging out some bad spots on this road and fix with dense grade and calcium chloride next week, depending on the weather.
- g) CR 531 Bridge: The bridge replacement that started after the last meeting on this road has been completed.
- h) Personnel: Mr. Broyles recommended Tony Hill be hired for a vacancy in the Mechanics Position and Todd Hale for a vacancy as Truck Driver/Equipment Operator. Both positions would start at G5/3.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Tinker, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to hire Tony Hill and Todd Hale at the County Road Department.

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County Engineer Ben Luther requested the County Commission to pass resolutions posting speed limits on CR 146, CR 155 and CR 169 in District I.

It was moved by Mr. Tinker, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to adopt the following resolutions posting speed limit signs on these roads:

**RESOLUTION No. 12-0612-01**

**WHEREAS**, the DeKalb County Commission, on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, determines that the maximum speed permitted under Article 8, Title 32, Chapter 5A, Code of Alabama, 1975, for County Road #146 between State Road #75 & County Road #155 is greater than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist on paved road;

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED**, that the proper maximum speed for County Road #146 between State Road #75 & County Road #155 is set at 40 miles per hour at all times and no person shall operate a motor vehicle in excess of 40 miles per hour on said portion of County Road #146;

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any violations of this Resolution shall be unlawful and punished pursuant to Title 32, Chapter 5A, Code of Alabama, 1975.

**ADOPTED** this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

**RESOLUTION No. 12-0612-02**

**WHEREAS**, the DeKalb County Commission, on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, determines that the maximum speed permitted under Article 8, Title 32, Chapter 5A, Code of Alabama, 1975, for County Road #155 is greater than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist on paved road;

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED**, that the proper maximum speed for County Road #155 is set at 40 miles per hour at all times and no person shall operate a motor vehicle in excess of 40 miles per hour on said County Road #155;

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any violations of this Resolution shall be unlawful and punished pursuant to Title 32, Chapter 5A, Code of Alabama, 1975.

**ADOPTED** this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

**RESOLUTION No. 12-0612-03**

**WHEREAS**, the DeKalb County Commission, on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, determines that the maximum speed permitted under Article 8, Title 32, Chapter 5A, Code of Alabama, 1975, for County Road #169 between County Road #155 & the Georgia State Line is greater than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist on paved road;

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED**, that the proper maximum speed for County Road #169 between County Road #155 & the Georgia State Line is set at 35 miles per hour at all times and no person shall operate a motor vehicle in excess of 35 miles per hour on said portion of County Road #169;

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any violations of this Resolution shall be unlawful and punished pursuant to Title 32, Chapter 5A, Code of Alabama, 1975.

**ADOPTED** this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

Mr. Luther notified the Commission that the first round of the ATRIP bond program had been awarded. The bridge on CR 328 in the Geraldine area was funded. This project was originally part of the Amendment One Garvee Program 10 years ago, but all the funds had been exhausted. This is a \$504,644 project and requires a 20% match. So, the County's portion would be about \$101,000. This project is currently scheduled for a September bid letting. A new Bureau (the Innovative Projects Bureau) was created specifically for the ATRIP Programs. Mr. Harcrow said other projects would be funded over the next two years.

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Mr. Luther updated the Commission concerning the Little River Canyon Field School Road. The Road Department finished up their portion of the project and sufficient funds are available through this program to complete the surfacing of the access road. Jackson Paving is supposed to start tomorrow and should be finished by mid-week.

Mr. Kuykendall said this was one of the last projects started by former Commissioner Brant Craig (prior to his death in 2009) to be completed.

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Mr. Luther asked to attend the County Commission Association's Annual Conference schedule for August 21-23.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize Ben Luther, County Engineer to attend the ACCA Conference.

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Revenue Commissioner Martha Ogle addressed the Commission and asked the Commission to adopt the final settlement for Insolvents, Errors and Taxes in Litigation.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the President to sign the Insolvents, Errors and Taxes in Litigation as presented by Revenue Commissioner, Martha Ogle.

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Mr. Sharp addressed the Commission regarding a resolution from Drug Task Force Director Darrell Collins, concerning local match. The Grant this year is approximately \$200,000 (with \$50,000 of that being local match, which will come from seizure funds held by the Drug Task Force).

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to adopt 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 June 2012

I, Ricky Harcrow, President  
(Name) (Title)

In and for the **Dekalb County Commission**

Do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at their regular meeting of June 12, 2012, and the same appears in the minutes of said meeting.

Witness by hand and official seal of the **Dekalb County Commission**

This the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2012

  
(Name)

**President**  
(Title)

Mr. Sharp addressed the Commission regarding a request from County Librarian Elizabeth Tucker. Ms. Tucker sent a letter over stating that Catherin Hart had resigned as PT Bookmobile Librarian and she requested that Caroline Lamitola.

It was moved by Mr. Tinker, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to hire Carolyn Theresa Lamintola as PT Bookmobile Librarian (G4/1).

Mr. Sharp notified the Commission that RPT Director June Brewer had sent a letter over requesting that Steven Caneer be hired on as a FT bus driver. He has worked almost 500 hours through First Choice and is doing a good job, according to Ms. Brewer. He replaces an employee who retired in March 2012.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Tinker, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to hire Steven Kaneer as FT bus driver through the RPT Program (G5/1).

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Mr. Sharp also requested the Commission authorize Ms. Brewer to attend the SE4A Conference, beginning September 9, based on a letter she sent to the Commission Office.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize June Brewer to attend the SE4A Aging Conference.

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On behalf of Solid Waste Officer, Clayborn Simpson, Mr. Sharp addressed the Commission concerning Garbage Exemptions. He noted that the Residential Garbage Contractor (Allied Waste) pays for the first 500 exemptions as part of the agreement with the County. Also, the County negotiated an agreement with the Town of Powell for the Town to pay for the first 20 unincorporated residents, and the County would be responsible for any additional residents at the County's Contractor rate.

The list provided by Mr. Simpson includes 63 residents picked up by the Town of Powell (with 43 to be funded by the County at the County's Contractor Rate). This is an increase of about 5 from last year. Also, a list of 521 residents are on the County list picked up by Allied Waste (with the County picking up the costs for 21 residents). This will give a cost of approximately \$10,000. Before agreements were in place, those costs were around \$80,000.

Exemptions are eligible for those with Social Security income only. A few on the list had other small income of just a few hundred dollars per year. Mr. Sharp noted that because the County had mandatory garbage pickup, the County was responsible for covering those on social security only income.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the Residential Garbage Exemption list.

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Mr. Harcrow addressed the Commission concerning the "Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday" Resolution. This resolution will be in July this year, but will be in February in succeeding years. It only relates to specific items, such as batteries, 2-way radios, weather radios, flashlights, power cords, duct-tape, plywood and other items costing less than \$60. It can also be used to purchase portable generators.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday Resolution.

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The next meeting will be June 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

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