

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 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 Tom Broyles delivering the invocation and Mr. 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 addressed the Commission as follows:

- a) Truck Hauling: Base material is being hauled into District I. That should be completed sometime next week and will be treated with calcium chloride as soon as the dense grade has been hauled out and spread, before the weather gets too cold.
- b) Paint Shop Building: Crews are converting the old Lube Shop Building into a Paint Shop.
- c) Storage Tank: Crews will be taking down some of the chain-link fence around the yard and reinstalling it around the property across the road from the Road Department where the storage tank for calcium chloride is being constructed.
- d) Concrete Slabs: The concrete slabs being cut out of I-59 on that re-hab project is being stored on the property across from the road department. That material looks to be very promising. Vulcan charges almost \$9/ton for similar material. He has someone that can break that material up into similar graded material to be put on roads for less than one-half the costs of the Vulcan quarry material. The person he talked to said the material is probably better than the dense grade base material that is currently be used. There is over 20,000 tons of the material on the yard now. The I-59 re-hab project is going from the Fort Payne exit to the Georgia line and back, so there is still a lot of material left for the County to use.

It was moved by Mr. Tinker, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to hire Charles Ogle at the Road Department.

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Mr. Kuykendall asked Mr. Broyles if the calcium chloride would work with the concrete. Mr. Broyles said it had already been checked out and can be stabilized. There is a lot of the same material (crushed limestone, etc.) in the concrete mix and the concrete makes a better base material. Mr. Broyles said the State just needed a place to dump the scrap concrete and we volunteered to take it. Mr. Sharp said it was a “win-win” for the State and the County and the taxpayer. He also said there were grants for recycling concrete for County and City governments and he has someone checking that out.

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Mr. Luther addressed the Commission regarding CR 460. This is an old dead-end road at the foot of the mountain north of Lebanon. It has not been used in several years and has one house at the end. The property was auctioned off several years ago. The road begins on CR 290 and goes through private property and property owned by a corporation that bought a lot of the property in the valley and is making a cattle farm out of most of it, but the road is not being utilized by the general public. The property owners are in agreement to start the official vacation process of the road.

The road is located in District III. Mr. Kuykendall said the landowners would like to vacate the road and it makes good sense from the County's standpoint to do so.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Nix, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to start vacation procedures on CR 460. A description of the property is set out below and letters will be submitted to property owners. A public hearing will be held during the December 11, 2012 regular Commission meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

**All of County Road #460, beginning at its intersection with County Road #290 and proceeding in a northeasterly direction for approximately 0.86 miles to its dead end. Said property lying in Sections 30, 29 & 20, Township 7 South, Range 8 East, located north of the Lebanon Community.**

Mr. Sharp notified the Commission of a damage claim from John Fightmaster (employee for the landfill) from Collinsville regarding a claim that his vehicle was damaged on CR 51 causing two tires to be cut and approximately \$1,800 in damages.

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

Mr. Clifton addressed the Commission regarding the Mortuary Trailer Bid. This is a 100% federal grant. The bid was opened on August 27 with two bidders submitting bids as follows:

<b><u>Mortuary Trailer Bid</u></b>	
Disaster Medical Technologies	\$49,925.00
Hazmat Medical	\$42,400.00

Neither bid was in full compliance with the specifications; however, Deputy Coroner Bruce Wilson wrote a letter recommending that Disaster Medical Technologies be awarded the bid. Their bid actually exceeded the specifications.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Tinker, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the purchase of the mortuary trailer as outlined above.

Mr. Sharp notified the Commission that the Governor's Office had sent a letter to the County stating that the Drug Task Force (DTF) had been awarded a grant of \$101,436.00 for the 2013FY and needed Commission approval and authorization for the President to sign the grant award documents.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the following resolution regarding the Drug Task Force Grant (note: the match on the grant is being paid from DTF funds):

## 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

Mr. Sharp presented the 2013 Holiday Schedule. Mr. Nix recommended giving the 5<sup>th</sup> of July as an additional holiday since July 4<sup>th</sup> is on a Thursday.

It was moved by Mr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Tinker, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to adopt the following 2013 Calendar Year Holiday Schedule, and authorizing July 5<sup>th</sup> as an additional holiday for 2013:

### 2013 Holiday Schedule:

New Year's Day	Tuesday, January 1	(State Holiday)
Martin Luther King, Jr./Robert E. Lee	Monday, January 21	(State Holiday)
President's Day	Monday, February 18	(State Holiday)
Confederate Memorial Day	Monday, April 22	(State Holiday)
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27	(State Holiday)
Independence Day	Thursday, July 4	(State Holiday)
Day After Independence Day	Friday, July 5	(**)
Labor Day	Monday, September 2	(State Holiday)
Columbus Day	Monday, October 14	(State Holiday)
Veteran's Day	Monday, November 11	(State Holiday)
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 28	(State Holiday)
Day-After Thanksgiving	Friday, November 29	(*)
Christmas Eve	Tuesday, December 24	(*)
Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25	(State Holiday)

(\*) The State observes Jefferson Davis' Birthday on June 3. Mardi Gras day is celebrated in Mobile & Baldwin County on February 12, 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.

(\*\*) Typically, the County has 13 holidays (same as the State of Alabama); however, the County Commission granted an additional Holiday the Friday after Independence Day for DeKalb County employees for the 2013 Calendar Year.

Mr. Sharp notified the Commission that there would be a LTCR meeting at 2:00 p.m. today in the Commission Chambers.

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Mr. Harcrow recognized retiring Accountant, Lynn Downing for her 25 years of service in the Commission Office. Her last day to work will be November 9, 2012 and is retiring effective, December 1, 2012.

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Mr. Harcrow notified the media that the next Commission meeting will be Wednesday, November 14 instead of Tuesday November 13. Mr. Sharp stated that State law required the first meeting after an election to fall eight (8) days following the election (November 6, 2012). This will be an orientation meeting at which time, newly Commissioners typically take the oath of office. (Note: District I Commissioner Jerome Tinker and District II Commissioner Ed Nix are up for election on November 6. They or their opponents will be sworn in to office prior to the November 14 meeting).

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It was moved by Mr. Jackson, without objection, meeting adjourned.