

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex) at 10:00 a.m. Those present were Ricky Harcrow, President, Shane Wootten, Derek Caldwell, 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. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to disburse with the reading of the minutes and to accept them in written format.

Road Superintendent Tom Broyles gave the following maintenance update:

- a) Storm Damage: There are about 150-200 loads of debris on County ROW that will need to be removed (about 2500-4000 cubic yards).
 - b) Radios: Asked the Commission to install a radio system because cell phone coverage is sparse and during storms cell phones have not worked at times. He said costs were approximately \$370/each, but didn't know how many radios were needed or what radio infrastructure needed to be in-place.
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Wade Hill addressed the Commission and requested the following personnel changes:

- a) Corrections: Seth Hood resigned from the Jail.

It was moved by Mr. Wootten, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to accept the resignation of Seth Hood as a Correction Officer (no change in paygrade)

- b) Dispatcher/Corrections: Mr. Hill requested that Josh Phillips be transferred from FT Dispatcher to FT Correction Officer to replace Seth Hood.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to move Josh Phillips from dispatch to the jail as full-time Correction Officer (no change in paygrade).

- c) Dispatcher: Mr. Hill requested that Jordan Williams be transferred from PT Dispatcher to FT Dispatcher to replace Josh Phillips.

It was moved by Mr. Wootten, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to move Jordan Williams from part-time dispatcher to full-time (no change in paygrade).

- d) Dispatcher: Mr. Hill requested that Troy Fugatt be hired as a PT Dispatcher to replace Jordan Williams.

It was moved by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to hire Troy Fugatt as a part-time dispatcher (G5/1).

- e) Vehicles: Mr. Hill notified the Commission that two vehicles had been totaled in the last month by other people running over those Sheriff Patrol Vehicles. Some insurance proceeds have been received and other proceeds should be received later. He requested the Commission to authorize purchase of a Chevrolet Tahoe off the State Bid List from Woodson Jones Chevrolet and to purchase needed equipment. Another used vehicle will need to be purchased along with equipment later to replace an old SRO Vehicle.

It was moved by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to purchase a Chevrolet Tahoe with related equipment for the Sheriff's Office at an approximate overall cost of \$34,500.00.

- f) Jail Training: Mr. Hill requested that Nicholas Jennings and Norma Marquez be authorized to attend Jail Management Training as required by the County's Liability Insurance.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to send Nicholas Jennings and Norma Marquez, Correction Officers to Jail Training.

Mr. Jackson notified the Commission that Troy Smith has requested that he not be reappointed to the Blake Community Fire Protection Authority Board of Directors. Mr. Smith has been an active board member for many years and still plans on being involved with the fire service there. Mr. Jackson requested that Hugh Phillips to be appointed to take his place on that Board. Mr. Harcrow thanked Mr. Smith for his service and stated that Mr. Phillips would do a good job as a board member.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to appoint Hugh Phillips to the Blake Community Fire Protection Board to replace Troy Smith.

Mr. Jackson requested that Charles Centers be reappointed to the DeKalb County 911 Board for another term.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to reappoint Mr. Charles Centers to the 911 Board.

Mr. Kuykendall requested that Jimmy Carter be reappointed to the DeKalb County 911 Board for another term.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to reappoint Mr. Jimmy Carter to the 911 Board.

Mr. Harcrow recommended that Gelane Nelson be reappointed to the CED Mental Health Board. Ms. Denise Rains has resigned from that Board and her term expires in 2015. He requested that Geraldine Mayor Chuck Ables be appointed for the remainder of her term.

It was moved by Mr. Harcrow, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to reappoint Gelane Nelson to a new term and appoint Chuck Ables to fill the remainder of Denise Rains' term on the CED Mental Health Board.

Mr. Sharp notified the Commission that DCAAC Director Leslie Johnson had requested that Brandon Burt be authorized to attend the Certified Euthanasia Technician Training Course in Birmingham June 6-7.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize Brandon Burt to attend the Euthanasia Technician training course in Birmingham in June 2013.

Mr. Sharp notified the Commission that the County's Ten Year Plan was due by September 2014; however, it takes several months to complete. He gave the Commission a proposal by Engineering Services Associates (ESA) who did the plans in 1994 and 2004. Their proposal was \$14,500 and needed to be started by the end of Summer-2013. He asked the Commission to review the 2004 Solid Waste Plan if they had any questions. He said he would formally ask for an authorization of agreement in June 2013.

Mr. Sharp notified the Commission of a request by RPT Director June Brewer to attend the Rural Transportation Annual Spring Meeting, April 24-27 with some of her Transportation employees.

It was moved by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize several employees from Rural Transportation attend the Annual Spring Meeting in April 2013.

County EMA Director Anthony Clifton addressed the Commission as follows:

- a) Art Faulkner, State EMA Director: Mr. Clifton introduced Art Faulkner, State EMA Director. Mr. Faulkner gave an update of the March 18, 2013 Storms that hit DeKalb County and the State of Alabama. He thanked all the first responders and said Gov. Bentley has said he will provide any assistance he could. He also noted that the Governor had requested the Small Business Administration (SBA) to look at DeKalb and Etowah County to determine if SBA could help local businesses that sustained damage during the tornado. Mr. Harcrow thanked Mr. Faulkner for his help in DeKalb County today and in the past. Mr. Harcrow and the Commissioners thanked all the first responders for their service.
- b) Emergency Declaration Resolution: Mr. Clifton notified the Commission that Mr. Harcrow had signed an Emergency Declaration for the March 18 Storm that hit DeKalb County. He requested the Commission to ratify said declaration.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to ratify the following declaration of emergency pertaining to the storms in the County on March 18, 2013:

**THE DeKALB COUNTY
COMMISSION**

RICKY HARCROW, PRESIDENT

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**CHRIS KUYKENDALL,
DISTRICT III**

**DEWITT JACKSON
DISTRICT IV**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER FOR
DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the northern part of the State of Alabama was impacted by strong winds in DeKalb County; and

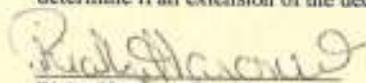
WHEREAS, DeKalb County was severely impacted by these winds and several homes, businesses and farms were destroyed or damaged; and

WHEREAS, the local government has the responsibility to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and to mitigate the effects of such events, does hereby resolve in this recessed session on this 18 Day of March, 2013, to authorize Commission President Ricky Harcrow to sign said Resolution:

NOW THEREFORE, I Ricky Harcrow, Commission President by the authority vested in me do hereby declare that a local State of Emergency exists in DeKalb County, Alabama as of March 18, 2013, and direct that:

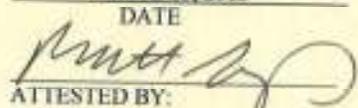
- 1) The Local Emergency Operations Plan, as approved shall be fully executed to direct all local disaster and emergency response forces and operations in DeKalb County, Alabama;
- 2) The Emergency Management (EMA) Director under authorities provided in the local Emergency Operations Plan, and local orders or ordinances, shall take immediate action to protect public safety and direct the provision of such assistance as can be delivered from available local resources and shall coordinate the response of all local agencies that provide assistance in DeKalb County, Alabama.
- 3) All agencies in DeKalb County, Alabama shall cooperate to the fullest extent with the EMA Director, and shall provide such assistance as may be requested or required for response to this emergency.
- 4) Under this State of Emergency, the County Commission President can waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by the law pertaining to: a) performance of public work; b) entering into contracts; c) incurring obligations; d) employment of permanent and temporary workers; e) utilization of volunteer workers; f) rental of equipment; g) purchase and distribution of supplies, materials and facilities; h) appropriations and expenditure of public funds; and i) the demolition and removal of damaged public and private structures.

IT IS ALSO RESOLVED to reassess this Emergency Declaration on or by Monday March 25, 2013 to determine if an extension of the declaration is in the best interest of the citizens of DeKalb County.


Ricky Harcrow, President
DeKalb County Commission

March 18, 2013

DATE


ATTESTED BY:

Matt G. Sharp, Administrator

c) March 18 Tornado Event: Mr. Clifton stated that there were no real tornado issues in the State until the storms crossed the DeKalb County line near Kilpatrick. There was no watch until the event triggered a Tornado Warning by the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma. The National Weather Service (NWS) in Huntsville issued a severe Thunderstorm Warning at about 4:00 p.m. and then immediately set the alarms off for the Tornado Warning. About 8 different locations were effected.

- One F2 Tornado on the South end of the county from Kilpatrick to Aroney and then into Etowah County.
- There was wind damage at Collinsville School and some homes on Lookout Mountain destroyed a home.

- Another Tornado was confirmed in the Fyffe-Greens Chapel area and it continued across the County and did more damage on Lookout Mountain.
- There were a couple of straight line wind events. One was between Sylvania and Henagar and came through Fort Payne and damaged Heil and the Fort Payne High School, then proceed up Lookout Mountain and damaged the State Park.

The County's communication plan went into effect and worked well, with a couple of problems. Cell phones went down when power went out on a large Communication Tower for about 15 minutes before it was resolved. There was a generator issue that kept power off for a few minutes with radio traffic. Search and Rescue was completed at 10:00 p.m.

On Tuesday following the vent, the State began to send in help. They surveyed damage and the Revenue Commissioner's Office and VFD's began to do assessments.

Relief effort started Tuesday and continued through the weekend. The Red Cross did not have to open a shelter; however, the Town of Crossville offered a shelter at the Crossville High School where 15 families remained through the weekend.

Debris on private property will be left up to the landowner while debris on the County ROW will be picked up by the County Road Department.

All power, utilities, waste collection and communications are back up with the exception of damaged homes.

He thanked the Kilpatrick Church of God, the Union Grove Baptist Church and their members and members of the community for their help. He especially thanked the Fortenberry family for the donation of 4000 meals. They own a Bar-B-Q place (DF Equipment) between Crossville and Kilpatrick. They along with one of the poultry companies they work for provided all of those meals.

In all 514 structures were damaged, including 84 destroyed. 28 of those were in Kilpatrick which had 139 damaged and 291 affected. Actual homes damaged were 265, with 25 being destroyed. 19 of those were in Kilpatrick.

- d) Mortuary Trailer Update: Mr. Clifton said the 27-unit mortuary storage trailer had arrived and was being lettered. It will be held by the Office of the Coroner and will be stationed at the Wilson Funeral Home.

- e) Emergency Operations Plan: Mr. Clifton gave a presentation of the Emergency Operation's Plan (EOP).

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to adopt the EOP for DeKalb County. (Note: A copy of the plan can be viewed in the office of the Emergency Manager).

Mr. Harcrow announced that the next meeting will be April 9.

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

Ricky Harcrow, President

Shane Wootten, Commissioner District I

Derek Caldwell, Commissioner District II

Chris Kuykendall, Commissioner District III

Dewitt Jackson, Commissioner District IV