

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Activities Building (Courthouse Annex). 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, delivering the invocation and Mr. Jimmy Wright leading the Pledge.

It was moved by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as presented in written format.

Pam Wilson with FPHS teaches Health Care Science and brought two students (Kenzie Brown and Traci Davis) from her class. These students competed at the State level and will be competing at the National level in Nashville in June to demonstrate their CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) skills. These girls volunteered their time during the April 27, 2011 tornado disaster as well as other disaster throughout the County. Mr. Harcrow and the Commission thanked them for their service.

Tom Broyles gave the following road maintenance update:

- a) Pipe Projects: The CR 43 project was completed in the Tenbroeck Community earlier in the month. The CR 8 project southeast of Crossville is underway.
 - b) Storm Shelter: The pad for the Storm Shelter at Sylvania should be completed this week.
 - c) Herbicide: A crew is spraying in District 2 today and should be completed early next week. They will move up to District 3 once they are completed.
 - d) Mowing: All the crews are mowing.
 - e) Storage Tank: The tank is set in the building and is being plumbed. This should be ready to take rail car shipments next week.
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Ben Luther addressed the Commission as follows:

- a) CR 127 Project: Mr. Luther notified the Commission that bids were opened on April 26 by the ALDOT for the FAS Project on CR 127 in District 3. Two bids were received with Good Hope Contracting, Cullman, being the low bid. Their bid price was \$552,638.17. With the State's administrative costs the County's E&I the total comes to \$659,360.89. The County's 20% match is \$131,872.18.

Mr. Kuykendall thanked Mr. Luther and said the road would be resurfaced from the top of the mountain in Fort Payne to the Lickskillet community. The ATRIP program will do the rest of the road from CR 271 to CR 189.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to concur with the State's Bid process and to proceed with the award to Good Hope.

- b) Reclaimer Bid: Mr. Luther said two bids were received for the Reclaimer Machine. The reclaimer will be used as part of the project to repair roads damaged by the April 27, 2011 Tornado. The purpose of the bid is to obtain a “rent-to-own” price. Tractor & Equipment and Thompson Tractor were the two bidders. Mr. Luther recommended Thompson Tractor because their bid would be low on based on a 9month rent to own plan (See bid file for bid amounts).

It was moved by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to award the bid to Thompson Tractor for the reclaimer.

- c) ACCA Conference: Mr. Luther asked for permission to attend the ACCA Conference in August.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize Ben Luther, County Engineer to attend the County Commission Association convention in August.

Mr. Hill requested that Troy Fugatt be promoted from PT to FT Dispatcher to fill the position vacated at the last meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Wootten, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize placing Troy Fugatt from part-time dispatcher to full-time dispatcher.

Michael Posey notified the Commission that the County has two CERT Programs for teenagers in the County - one at the City (FP) and the County level. He said he looked forward to working with the two teenagers recognized by the Commission earlier in the meeting. Mr. Posey requested EMA Training for Mr. Clifton to attend the Gulf States Hurricane Conference in June.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize travel and training for Anthony Clifton, EMA Director to attend the Gulf State Hurricane Conference.

Martha Ogle requested the Commission to attend the IAAO (International Association of Assessing Officials) Conference in Montgomery June 12-14.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize travel and training for Susan Shankles to attend an IAAO Course in Montgomery June 12-14.

Mr. Sharp notified the Commission that the DA’s Office hires a PT person in his office each summer. Mr. Odell has requested that Sarah Faith Williams be hired at minimum wage in his office and paid for by DA Funds and paid through the County’s payroll system.

It was moved by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the hire of Sarah Faith Williams as summer help in the District Attorney’s office to be paid out of District Attorney Funds.

Mr. Sharp updated the Commission on the April 2013 Clean Up. 10 Dumpsters were placed throughout the County during April. These dumpsters were dumped a total of 66 times and generated 212.8 tons of garbage at a cost of just less than \$12,000. Last year there were 37 dumps and 111 tons of garbage. Some of the additional garbage may have been from the recent tornado damage in Kilpatrick. Commissioners were happy this garbage was not dumped on County Roads.

Mr. Harcrow recommended that Mr. Wootten replace Mr. Kuykendall as a member of the TARCOG Board. Mr. Kuykendall served for three years on the Board and said it was time for a new member to take his place.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to appoint Shane Wootten to the TARCOG Board to replace Mr. Kuykendall.

Mr. Harcrow notified the Commission of 14 additional cemeteries that have been registered with the Alabama Historical Commission. This gives 49 DeKalb County cemeteries on the historical register thanks to the work of Doug Brandon, DeKalb County Historian. These cemeteries are as follows:

Beene, Berry, Collinsville, Dickert Family, Freeman Family, John Chitwood, Lebanon, Longshore, Lookout Chapel, Mount Vernon, Newman, Old Collinsville, Old Mount Zion and Violet Hill Cemetery

Mr. Harcrow noted that his concluded the agenda for today's meeting and called for a motion to adjourn.

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