

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, September 10, 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, also 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.

County Historian Doug Brandon gave an update on the Archives Project. He said almost 21,000 records have been cleaned, indexed and filed by the Genealogical Society of DeKalb County. These records had been stored at the County Road Department for years and date back to the 1840s through about 1960. Presently they are working on Marriage Records from 1917 – 1970. Also, they are working on compiling a 3-volume set of books for the cemeteries of DeKalb County.

Mr. Broyles addressed the Commission as follows:

- a) CR 328 Project: This project is back on track due to a break in the weather. It should be finished up except for the hydroseeding. 3000 ton of materials were placed on this project last week.
- b) Herbicide Spraying: The spraying is going well. The good weather the past few days has helped. Spraying started in District 2 and is working behind the mowers and will be in District 4 next.
- c) Mack Trucks: After discussion during the last meeting and the past two weeks, Mr. Broyles recommended purchasing an additional two Mack Trucks (one Dump Truck and one Road Tractor).

It was moved by Mr. Wootten, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the purchase a total of 12 dump trucks and 4 road tractors for the Road Department (amends last meetings request to purchase 11 dump trucks and 3 road tractors).

Mr. Luther addressed the Commission as follows:

- a) Annual Bids (2014FY): (Recommendations as follows - See Bid File for amounts)
 - Hot Mix Asphalt: Split between Jackson Paving and DeKalb Asphalt based on availability.
 - Concrete Bids: Kirkpatrick (same bids as current year).
 - Corrugated Metal Pipe: Contec (based on 1/2% increase in discount from current year).
 - CRS2 Asphalt: Hunt Refining (Hudson had it in the current year).
 - Crushed Stone: Split between Vulcan Materials and Blount Springs Material (based on hauling distance).
 - Grader Blades: Thompson Tractor (prices down some from current year).
 - High Density Polyethylene Pipe: Split between Harris Lands and S&S Wholesale.
 - HDP Pipe Liner: ISCO (first time to bid as annual bid).
 - High Performance Cold Patch: Hudson Material (same as current year – minor increase).
 - Hot Mix Asphalt: Jackson Paving (5-10% increase per item).
 - Lubricants: Cedar Bluff Oil (minor changes from current year).
 - Traffic Signs/Posts: Split Sign bids between Traffic Signs and Vulcan Signs. Traffic Signs was low on posts.

- Traffic Striping: JC Cheek because other bidder did not provide vendor response sheet (Peek Pavement Markings).
- Bridge Timber: Split between Tri-State Lumber and Stringfellow.
- Truck Haul: Moses Excavating (only bidder).

It was moved by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the bid awards as presented by County Engineer, Ben Luther.

- b) Road Vacation – CR 731: Mr. Luther also notified the Commission that John Jones (owner of Sequoyah Caverns) has decided to close the cave to the public and wants to vacate CR 731 from the intersection of CR 512 to the Caverns. He owns the property on both sides of the road.

It was moved by Mr. Wootten, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the County Engineer to begin the process of vacating a portion of the road as outlined above.

- c) Snow and Ice Removal: ALDOT District Office in Dutton requested quotes for snow & ice removal on State Highways and I-59. Mr. Luther gave the following rates as follows:

Motor Grader with Operator is \$150/hr.
Spreader Truck with Driver is \$100/hr.
Loader with Operator is \$100/hr.
Shadow vehicle with a Driver is \$50/hr.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to submit the above quotes for snow and ice removal.

Wade Hill requested the Commission to accept the resignation of Jessica Nelson as PT Dispatcher and to hire Trent Shelton as a PT Dispatcher at G5/1.

It was moved by Mr. Wootten, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to accept the resignation of Jessica Nelson and to fill the slot with Trent Shelton (G5/1).

Mr. Harcrow also addressed the need for SRO's at each School. He noted that he and Mr. Sharp had met with Sheriff Harris and his staff, along County School Superintendent Hugh Taylor and CSFO Anthony Taylor earlier in the week to discuss this issue. He said an agreement had been made that would put an SRO at each of the 8 high schools, but would still exclude the 3 smaller schools (Henagar, Ruhama and Moon Lake). SROs share duties at these schools with their HS counterparts.

Each Commissioner and Mr. Sharp addressed the issue positively. Mr. Sharp noted the Columbine tragedy in 1999 and the corresponding COPS grants that started in 2000 and provided 11 SROs to the County. However, that grant ran out after 3 years and no local source of revenue was ever achieved. He said the costs are currently about \$360,000 annually for the current SRO's and currently the Count BOE reimburses essentially 50% of the costs each year through a formula. With the retirement of Chip Richards, he will move from Patrol to PT Dispatcher and Jake Fowler will transfer from Revenue Enforcement to PT SRO. The vacancy left by Jake Fowler can be moved to a PT SRO position and with those moves can increase the presences from 6 SROs to 8 SROs covering the 8 high schools at very little additional costs to the County. Mr. Taylor has committed to purchasing a vehicle for the new SRO position from the County BOE.

Mr. Sharp again updated the Commission on the 2014FY Budget. He showed a chart showing the federal inmate revenues over the past 6 years. The revenues increased the first 3 years and have dropped the last 2 years causing an approximate \$200,000 shortfall in the Jail Operating Budget. He asked the Commission to approve transferring an additional \$200,000 (plus/minus the cash effects during September) to zero out the cash balance as of September 30, 2013. Mr. Wootten and Mr. Kuykendall were concerned that we needed to lower the 2014FY budget for federal inmates below the traditional \$980,000 amount since the last 2 years have shown a decrease; however, Mr. Sharp said he wanted to keep the budget the same, but agreed to give quarterly updates during the 2014FY and look at possibly reducing the budget next year if need be.

It was moved by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize Mr. Sharp to transfer approximately \$200,000 (more or less) from the General Fund to the Jail Operating Fund to zero out the Jail Operating Fund at FYE.

Anthony Clifton addressed the Commission as follows:

- a) Crossville Shelter Grant: This grant included a shelter and a siren. Two bidders bid on the Siren. Mr. Clifton recommended that Federal Signal be awarded the Bid for siren/encoder in the amount of \$25,568.00.

It was moved by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to award the bid for the outdoor warning siren for Crossville to Federal Signal in the amount of \$25,568.00.

Mr. Clifton also requested training at Emmitsburg and other training by FEMA and Homeland Security at no cost to the County. Mr. Harcrow said being without object, so ordered.

Mr. Clifton introduced James Payton with the Wal-Mart Corp. who was donating a check in the amount of \$250 to the County and \$250 to the DeKalb County Salvation Army. Mr. Payton is a volunteer with EMA and Wal-Mart donates to the agencies that their associates volunteer for. He presented a large check to each agency.

Mr. Caldwell asked the Commission to appoint Morris Colvin (retired school teacher at Crossville) to the Kilpatrick Fire Department Board.

It was moved by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to appoint Morris Colvin to the Kilpatrick Fire Department Board.

Mr. Sharp recommended the transfer of \$4,010.38 from the Unclaimed Fiduciary Fund to the General Fund (having been held for 10 years as required by State Law). These receipts were as follows:

Probate Judge:	Receipt #36919-36920	9/18/2001	\$ 86.53
Revenue Commissioner:	Receipt #188	10/26/2001	859.92
Revenue Commissioner:	Receipt #668-669	1/9/2002	99.72
Sales Tax Fund:	JE #9349	3/21/2002	141.71
County Commission:	JE #10220	6/20/2003	182.21
Circuit Clerk:	Receipt #4609	7/11/2003	2,640.29
Total			\$4,010.38

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to transfer the above unclaimed funds in the amount of \$4,010.38 to the General Fund.

Mr. Sharp notified the Commission that the Members of the Board of Registrar have requested to attend a mandated conference in October.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the Board of Registrars to attend a conference in October.

Mr. Sharp discussed the budget briefly and stated only nominal changes had been made since the last meeting, including some brief changes to the Rural Public Transportation and Council on Aging Grant Funds and would not impact the overall County Budget. He also mentioned that there would be a work session following the meeting to discuss the ADECA Road Grant Project along with the ATRIP Program and other Road Department and/or budget concerns for the 2014FY.

Mr. Harcrow noted that the next meeting will be September 24th at 10:00 a.m.

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