

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 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 with Commissioner Wootten delivering the invocation, and Mr. Jimmy Wright leading the Pledge.

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

Mr. Broyles gave the following Road Maintenance Update:

- a) CDBG Project(s): Preparation has started for the CDBG Projects. Materials are being stockpiled and the first road planned is CR 739. It will take over 5,000 tons of base material for this road.
 - b) Herbicide: Spraying is going well. The weather has been good.
 - c) CR 328 Project: A couple of employees are down there hydro-seeding. The guardrails should go up soon and this project will be complete.
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Mr. Luther gave a report on the Patching Machine bid. Bids were opened on September 19. Three bids were received from the same company (Coblentz Equip & Parts Co.). Two other bidders were sent bids, but they did not reply. Coblentz' bids were as follows:

Used machine (609 hrs)	\$69,500	(14 day delivery)
Used machine (325 hrs)	\$77,577	(3 week delivery)
New Machine	\$87,777	(45 day delivery)

After discussion, Mr. Broyles recommended going with the machine with 609 hrs. He said the current machine had over 3,000 hours and was running fine.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to accept the bid for the machine with 609 hours from Coblentz at a total of \$69,500.00.

Mr. Luther stated that the bid for a used truck to go with the patching machine was sent out to four vendors (Nextran, Southland International, Carlon Poore & Truckworx Kenworth). Southland International was the only bidder and they bid a new 2014 International Truck in the amount of \$58,950.

Mr. Wootten moved to table the decision for two weeks to find a better option. It was seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to table the bid for a truck to be used with the patching machine until the October 9 meeting.

Mr. Hill asked the Commission to accept the retirements of Johnny Brown (Federal Transport Deputy Supervisor) and Rene' Ramos (Jail Administrator), effective November 1 (Note: Rene' Ramos will come back as an SRO Officer at Crossville).

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to accept the resignations of Johnny Brown and Rene' Ramos.

Mr. Hill said these retirements result in several changes in personnel as follows:

- a) Matt Martin to be promoted from Asst. Jail Administrator (G7/1) to Chief Jail Administrator (G9/1) to replace Rene' Ramos.
- b) Tiffany Graham to be promoted from Trip Sgt. (G7/3) to Asst. Jail Administrator (G7/5) to replace Matt Martin.
- c) Kerry Monroe to be transferred from Road Deputy to Federal Transport Deputy (G8/2 – no pay change) to replace Johnny Brown.
- d) Nathaniel Bates to be promoted from Correction's Officer (G5/4) to Road Deputy (G8/1) to replace Kerry Monroe
- e) Hire Lucas Yancey as Correction's Officer (G5/1) to replace Nathaniel Bates.
- f) Hire a yet to be named Correction's Officer (G5/1) to replace Tiffany Graham.
- g) Promote Nina Haney from G6A/7 to G7/5 (Sex Offender Compliance Officer) to replace to supervisor position held by Tiffany Graham.
- h) Promote Kim Hamlin from G6/6 to G7/2 (Executive Jail Assistant) to replace the supervisor position held by Johnny Brown.
- i) Rene' Ramos will be moved to PT SRO officer (G8/1). (Note: This transfers the Solid Waste/Revenue Enforcement PT Officer from General Fund to PT SRO Officer in H&T Fund).

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the above personnel changes within the Sheriff's Office/Jail.

Sheriff Harris addressed the Commission and introduced the 8 SRO's that would be working in each of the County School System's high schools. These are Chip Richards (Recently retired Road Deputy – now PT SRO at Geraldine); Terry Baird (transferred from Crossville to Sylvania as SRO); Jake Fowler (PT SRO Officer at Fyffe); Rene' Ramos (PT SRO at Crossville); Tony Bartley (SRO Supervisor at Valley Head); Paul Bell (SRO at Plainview); Tony Blackwell (transferred from Sylvania to Ider as SRO); Stanley Vinson (PT SRO at Collinsville).

Sheriff Harris and President Harcrow thanked Mr. Taylor and the School Board for working with the County to get these SRO's in the schools. The Commissioners also thanked the Sheriff, Commission President, School Superintendent and School Board for making the SRO's a priority in the County Schools.

Judge Osborn was not present, so Mr. Sharp addressed the Commission concerning HAVA funds available for purchasing five (5) election machines and other election equipment. The cost of the machines would be \$21,575 and the total cost would be \$26,745 and would be paid 100% from HAVA Grant proceeds.

It was moved by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize the purchase of election equipment using HAVA Funds.

Mr. Harcrow notified the Commission that Don Stout had purchased property adjacent to the County Library and wishes to convey said property to the County with the intent that it be used for Library purposes.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall with the clear understanding that it is to be used for the DeKalb County Public Library exclusively, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively to accept the property deeded by Mr. Don Stout.

Mr. Harcrow recommended that Hubert Tumlin and Judith Hammon be reappointed to the County Library Board.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kuykendall, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to re-appoint Mr. Hubert Tumlin and Ms. Judith Hammon to the DeKalb County Library Board.

Mr. Harcrow introduced the DeKalb Homemaker's Club. Linda Daniels, the County President asked the Commission to sign a Proclamation declaring October as Alabama Homemaker's and Community Leaders Month.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to adopt the Proclamation declaring October as Alabama Homemaker's and Community Leaders Month.

Mr. Harcrow stated that District 3 Commissioner Chris Kuykendall had been appointed by NACo President Linda Langston to serve on the Public Land Committee. He thanked Mr. Kuykendall for his willingness to serve. Mr. Kuykendall stated that he looked forward to serving the people of DeKalb County and the State of Alabama on this committee.

Mr. Harcrow recommended District 2 Commissioner Derek Caldwell to serve on the TARCOG Board to replace Shane Wootten.

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

Mr. Harcrow recommended that Renae Connell be promoted to Chief Personal Property Appraiser (G8A/10).

It was moved by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to move Renae Connell to Chief Personal Property Appraiser (G8A/10).

Mr. Sharp recommended passage of the 2014FY Budget. This is the 3rd and final hearing on the \$18,084,900 budget and includes a 2.5% COLA for County employees.

It was moved by Mr. Wootten, to adopt the 2014 Budget with the amendment to extend the temporary road department employees until the end of the year (cost of approximately \$25,000 to come from paving budgets for Commissioners), it was seconded by Mr. Jackson, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to adopt the 2014FY Budget (copies on file in the Commission Office).

Mr. Harcrow noted that an opening house had been announced for the new Fyffe Gym on Sunday, October 27 at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Harcrow also announced that he would be out of town on Tuesday, October 8th and would need to move the next regularly scheduled meeting to Wednesday, October 9th at 10:00.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to move the regularly scheduled meeting of October 8th to October 9th at 10:00 a.m.

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