

The DeKalb County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, January 22, 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 with Commissioner Jackson delivering the invocation and Anthony Clifton leading the Pledge.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, 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.

Road Superintendent Tom Broyles addressed the Commission as follows:

- a) Flooding: The recent flooding has caused minor damage to roads throughout the County. The only serious issue is the CR 78 (Fort Payne Gap) Road – which Mr. Luther will discuss later in the meeting.

- b) Auction Bid: Mr. Broyles recommended the Commission authorize him to send out proposals concerning the auctioning of the 2012 Mack Trucks.

It was moved by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to authorize Tom Broyles to send out proposals to auction companies for guarantee proposals on the dump trucks for auction.

County Engineer Ben Luther discussed the CR 78 (3rd Street/Fort Payne Gap) slide. This road had a road embankment failure last Wednesday and the road was forced to close. This section of road has been settling for many years. The rain last week saturated the road bed and created the failure. The shoulder dropped by 6-8 inches from Wednesday to Thursday and dropped further on Friday. Mr. Luther said even though the road is in the Fort Payne City Limits, it is a County maintained road. He asked the Commission to declare an emergency. Mr. Luther said that doing so would alleviate the need to advertise for bids. Soil Nail Launchers is doing the repair work on State Hwy 35 on Lookout Mountain. They have provided a proposal to the County and could get the road back open within 2-3 months. Currently those inconvenienced by the closing of CR 78 will have to either come down Beeson Gap or down Hwy 35 (which is currently undergoing work due to slides as well). Mr. Luther further recommended the Commission enter into an agreement with Soil Nail Launchers to facilitate the repair on this road at an estimated costs of \$277,800 (includes one-time mobilization of \$8,000; \$140,600 in self-drilling SuperNails® - est. 190 at \$740/LF; and \$129,200 to install Geosynthetically Confined Soil Retaining System – est. 190 at \$680/LF) – based on unit costs.

It was moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to declare CR 78 (Fort Payne Gap – 3rd Street Gap) an emergency.

It was further moved by Mr. Kuykendall, seconded by Mr. Wootten, all members voting affirmatively, motion carrying to proceed with Soil Nail Launcher, Inc. for repairs on Fort Payne Gap, and await final contract signatures until Mr. Mauney can verify the legality of this emergency procedure.

Mr. Harcrow noted a drawing of the proposed VFW Memorial Park situated behind Union Park across the railroad track. The VFW, the City of Fort Payne and the County are jointly involved with the project.

EMA Director Anthony Clifton addressed the Commission regarding the LEPC meeting which will be held in the Commission chambers at 2:00 p.m. today.

Mr. Harcrow thanked everyone for their presence today and noted that the next meeting will be February 12th here in the chambers.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, with no objections so ordered to adjourn.