

Presiding Commissioner, Kyle Carroll, East District Commissioner, Chet Owen, West District Commissioner, Kyle White and County Clerk, Melissa Meek.

Presiding Commissioner, Kyle Carroll welcomed those in attendance and led all in prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by all in attendance.

Presiding Commissioner, Kyle Carroll, made the motion to accept the agenda as presented with East District Commissioner, Chet Owen making the second. All in favor. Motion carried. Minutes from the March 4th meeting were presented with West District Commissioner, Kyle White making the motion to approve the minutes as presented with Presiding Commissioner, Kyle Carroll making the second. All in favor. Motion carried.

County Clerk, Melissa Meek advised that there will be a roundtable discussion in Savannah at United Electric with Representative Dean VanSchoiack and Senator Rusty Black on March 20th. Melissa also presented fund balances for the past month. The County remains positive, but she will continue to monitor revenues as they come in.

The NW Commissioner's meeting will be held in Putnam County on March 20th.

The Commission reviewed the Collector's annual settlement and after reviewing, County Clerk, Melissa Meek signed and sealed to send to the State.

The bridge off of EE Hwy on Frank Ross Rd will be closed from the 10th of March to June 30th for reconstruction.

At 9:30 a.m. mowing bids were tabled as the only bidder did not provide insurance at the time of the bid opening. The Commission will revisit the mowing bid at their next meeting.

At 10:30 a.m. bids were opened from Norris Quarries and Trager Limestone with West District Commissioner, Kyle White making the motion to accept the bid from Norris Quarries with East District Commissioner, Chet Owen making the second. All in favor. Carroll-aye, White-aye and Owen-aye. Motion carried 3-0. Norris Quarries is aware that no brown rock will be spread as sales tax rock in DeKalb County for 2025.

County Clerk, Melissa Meek advised absentee voting continues in DeKalb County and will continue until April 7th.

Road & Bridge Supervisor, Bill Gray and Ben Routon met with the Commission to discuss brush, recycling and work being done around the County. The bid notice went to the paper for those that did not respond to brush letters. Those bids will be opened up on March 18. If your name appears in the paper and you get the brush removed before bids get accepted, please contact the road & bridge department.

The DeKalb County Commissioners are not opposed to implementing the property tax credit provided in Senate Bill 190, which says in part,

"This act authorizes a county to grant a property tax credit to eligible taxpayers residing in such county, provided such county has adopted an ordinance authorizing such credit, or a petition in support of such credit is delivered to the governing body of the county and is subsequently submitted to and approved by the voters, as described in the act."

The two options for putting the law into effect are an initiative petition and commission action in the form of an ordinance.

If implemented, qualifying persons property valuations would no longer increase.

The Commission is reluctant, at this time, to interfere with taxes put in place by voters to fund local fire departments, ambulance districts and schools. If DeKalb County residents choose to reduce those taxes, the commission will support those efforts.

At 11:30 tube bids were received from Viebrock and Metal Culverts. West District Commissioner, Kyle White made the motion to accept the bids from both companies bidding with Presiding Commissioner, Kyle Carroll making the second. All in favor, White-aye, Carroll-aye and Owen-aye. Motion carried 3-0. Road & Bridge Supervisor, Bill Gray has the authority to purchase product from either bidder depending on the project he is working on. In attendance for today's bid opening for tubes were Randy Dillon of Viebrock and Brian Testerman of Metal Culverts.

East District Commissioner, Chet Owen will attend the open house at the Extension on March 12th.

If you have an event you would like to hold at The DeKalb County Fairgrounds please contact County Clerk, Melissa Meek to ensure there are no scheduling conflicts, and that you have the correct insurance in place.

Guests attending today's meeting were Randy Dillon, Brian Testerman and Mark Murphy.

With no further business before the County Commission, they adjourned until March 18, 2025.