

STATE OF ALABAMA)	FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSION
)	ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY)	NOVEMBER 13, 2024 4:00 PM

PRESENT: Honorable Barry Moore, presiding as Judge of Probate and Chairman, and Messrs., Tracie Clark, Joseph Baldwin, Greg Hovater, and Michael Murray as Members.

ALSO PRESENT: EMA Director Mary Hallman Glass, Asst EMA Director Ron Coats, County Engineer Jason Baggett, Asst County Engineer Caleb Sherrill, Solid Waste Manager Gene Ward, Sheriff Shannon Oliver, Revenue Commissioner Stratt Byars, Coroner Charles Adcox, Joey Wingo with Franklin County Animal Control, County Administrator Leah Mansell, Jessica Thompson, Evan Hargett, John Pilati with Franklin Free Press, Maria Camp with Franklin County Times, Denel Wardell, Lisa Hovater, David Clark, Patsy Clark, Carol Glass, Eyvonne Herring, Carol Bolton, Terry Bolton and Abram Thorn.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order. He explained that this is an Organizational Meeting set by law for the induction and meeting, 8 days following the election.

INVOCATION

The meeting was opened in prayer by Member Greg Hovater

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Joseph Baldwin.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Moore stated that all Members are present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Moore introduced Mrs. Carol Glass representing the Farm City Banquet. Mrs. Glass addressed the members explaining the Farm City members work closely with Katrina at the Extension Office and has been helping serve the community for over 60 years. She thanked the Commissioner for their support over the years and presented a proclamation for the board to sign.

Chairman Moore request to add Item 6. Farm City Banquet Proclamation to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mr. Greg Hovater, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve added Item number 6- Farm City Banquet Proclamation.

It is on motion of Mr. Greg Hovater, second by Mr. Joseph Baldwin, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve the overall agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mr. Micheal Murray, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve the October 21, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

It is on motion of Mr. Micheal Murray, second by Mrs. Tracie Clark, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve the October bills for payment.

NEW BUSINESS

ANIMAL CONTROL

BIDS ON NEW FACILITY

Greg Hovater abstained from voting. It is on motion of Mrs. Tracie Clark, second by Mr. Joseph Baldwin, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve the lowest bid of \$485,000.00 to Hovater Metal Works for the new Animal Control Facility.

Bid tabulation as follows:

TABULATION OF BIDS

FRANKLIN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY FOR THE:
FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSION

BID OPENING: NOVEMBER 8, 2024, TIME: 2:00 P.M.

LOCATION: ELIZABETH LUCAS COURTHOUSE ANNEX, 405 NORTH JACKSON AVE., RUSSELVILLE, AL. 35653

GENERAL CONTRACTOR	BASE BID	TAX EXEMPTION
Hovater Metal Works	485,000.00	
Andy Riley Contracting	700,000.00	
King and Associates	873,580.00	
Carbine Construction	775,000.00	

BY: ROBERT W. WHITTEN, ARCHITECT

SIGNATURE

COMMISSION OFFICE**MEETING SCHEDULE**

It is on motion of Mr. Micheal Murray, second by Mr. Greg Hovater, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve to leave the meeting schedule the same for December 2024, Work Session the second Monday at 5:00 P.M. and the Regular Meeting the third Monday at 8:30 A.M., then evaluate the meeting schedule again at that time.

DESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN PRO TEM

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mr. Micheal Murray, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve the designation of Chairman Pro Tem, each Commissioner will serve a year as Pro Tem, District 1, Micheal Murray, will serve 2025, District 2, Greg Hovater, will serve 2026, Joseph Baldwin, will serve 2027, Tracie Clark will serve 2028.

RHS BAND RESOLUTION

Chairman Moore explained that we present a resolution to each school when one of the organizations win a State title. Russellville High School Marching Hundred competed and won 2024 5A Alabama Marching State Championship on October 26, 2024. We are signing this resolution today and will present it to the students at a later date. It is on motion of Mrs. Tracie Clark, second by Mr. Greg Hovater, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve the resolution for the RHS band for winning the 2024 5A Alabama Marching State Championship.

Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Commission and Probate Judge Barry Moore note with immense pride and admiration the recent success of the Russellville High School Marching Hundred, and

WHEREAS, it is with great honor and pleasure that Russellville High School Marching Hundred is congratulated on winning the 2024 5A Alabama Marching State Championship, and

WHEREAS, teamwork along with talent and dedication, characterized the victory march for these talented students of the Russellville High School Marching Hundred, and

WHEREAS, it is noted with great pride and distinction throughout the County that the Russellville High School Marching Hundred competed in the State Competition on October 26, 2024 at Spain Park High School where they performed their show "A Better Me" and won 5A Outstanding Color Guard, 5A Outstanding Percussion, 5A Outstanding Visual Achievement, 5A Outstanding General Effect, 5A Outstanding Musical Achievement as well as the 5A Alabama Marching State Championship; and

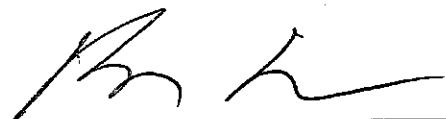
WHEREAS, Russellville High School Marching Hundred sponsors Jeremy Willis, Scott Stephenson, Kyle Clements through their strong leadership, did encourage and promote the best skills of the Marching Hundred, and

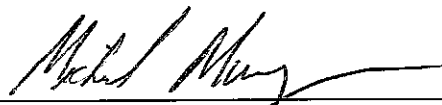
WHEREAS, it is noted that Russellville High School Marching Hundred has strong support from their community, parents and school, and

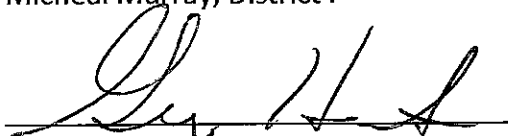
WHEREAS, Franklin County Probate Judge Barry Moore and Members of the Franklin County Commission, namely Micheal Murray, Greg Hovater, Joseph Baldwin and Tracie Clark, note with great appreciation the fact that Russellville High School Marching Hundred's effort has brought great pride to the entire County and favorable attention to the great school system at Russellville High School by bringing home the championship and indeed they brings great honor to themselves and their sponsors, and are deserving of highest praise for their dedicated efforts and accomplishments; now therefore,

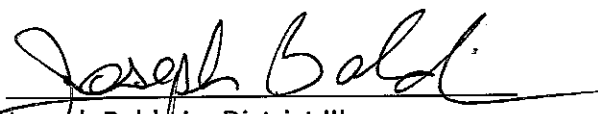
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION AND PROBATE JUDGE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, that in recognition of outstanding achievement, Russellville High School Marching Hundred is most highly commended and congratulated as the 2024 5A Alabama Marching State Champions and it is directed that a copy of this resolution be provided for appropriate presentation and display with best wishes for future success.

Adopted this 13th of November, 2024.


Barry Moore, Chairman


Micheal Murray, District I


Greg Hovater, District II


Joseph Baldwin, District III


Tracie Clark, District IV

Attest:


Leah Mansell, County Administrator

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Chairman Moore explained that all county office will be closed Thanksgiving Day and the day after, which was approved with the last commissioners. What we are discussing today are for the Christmas holiday schedule.

It is on motion of Mr. Micheal Murray, second by Mrs. Tracie Clark, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve closing Christmas Eve along with Christmas Day.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

INTEREST QUOTES ON DUMP TRUCK LOAN

It is on motion of Mr. Greg Hovater, second by Mr. Micheal Murray, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve Community Spirit Bank as the lowest bidder for the interest loan for (2) 2025 dump trucks, at 3.95%.

Bids as follows:

Interest Quote on 2 2025 Kenworth Dump Trucks
5 Year Term
\$488,870

	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Monthly Payment</u>
CB&S Bank	No Bid	
Community Spirit Bank	3.95%	\$9,004.67
First Metro Bank	5.95%	
Valley State Bank	3.99%	\$9,005.00

HIRE SENIOR EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN

Jason Baggett addressed the commission and request to table until next meeting.

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mrs. Tracie Clark, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to table the hiring of a Senior Equipment Technician.

RETIREMENT OF ROADWAY MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

It is on motion of Mr. Micheal Murray, second by Mr. Greg Hovater, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve the retirement of Roadway Maintenance Technician- Roger Grissom, effective December 1, 2024.

Letter as follows:

COUNTY ENGINEER
Jason Baggett



TELEPHONE - (256) 332-8434
EMAIL - jasonb@franklincountyal.org

Franklin County Highway Department
P.O. BOX 717
RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA 35653

November 7, 2024

Honorable Barry Moore
Chairman
Franklin County Commission
P.O. Box 1028
Russellville, AL 35653

RE: Retirement – Roger Grissom

Dear Judge Moore:

This letter is to inform you and the Franklin County Commission that Roger Grissom is scheduled to retire effective December 1, 2024. Roger has been a crucial member of the Highway Department for 10+ years; his skill, dedication, and hard work will truly be missed. It's been a pleasure working with Roger and I wish him the very best in retirement.

Sincerely,

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Jason Baggett, PE
County Engineer

Cc: File

SHERIFF'S OFFICE/JAIL

SURPLUS PROPERTY

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mr. Micheal Murray, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve a 2018 Ford Explorer and a 2019 Ford Explorer surplus property, and will be listed on GovDeals.com.

Letter as follows:



SHANNON OLIVER
SHERIFF

FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

748 WALNUT GATE ROAD
RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA 35654

OFFICE 256-332-8811
JAIL 256-332-8425
FAX 256-332-8816

I propose that the Franklin County Commission declare the following vehicles as surplus property and auction them on GovDeals.com, which has proven to be an effective platform for selling surplus property.

2019 Ford Explorer VIN 1FM5K8AR3KGB14172

2016 Ford F150 VIN 1FTEW1EF8GKD90240

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Sheriff Shannon Oliver



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11/6/2024

I propose that the Franklin County Commission declare the following vehicles as surplus property and auction them on GovDeals.com, which has proven to be an effective platform for selling surplus property.

2018 Ford Explorer VIN 1FM5K8AR0JGA45990



Sheriff Shannon Oliver

SOLID WASTE

LANDFILL FEES

Gene Ward addressed the commission and read a letter, requesting an increase in all Solid Waste fees, due to the hauling contract increase that took effect October 1, 2024. He is requesting that these new fees be reflected on the January 2025 billing statements.

It is on motion of Mr. Micheal Murray, second by Mr. Greg Hovater, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve the new Solid Waste fees.

Letter as follows:



FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE

P.O. Box 1205
RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA 35653



PHONE (256) 332-8412
FAX (256) 332-8855



November 13, 2024

Franklin County Commissioners and Chairman,

The hauling contract previously in place had Franklin County paying \$30.48 per ton to haul the county's waste. With that contract expiring, we sent out four bid packets with hopes of a similar contract. Bid packets were opened on August 1, 2024 with only one bid from BFI submitted. That contract raises the cost to haul per ton to \$53.60. New suggested rates to offset this substantial increase are as follows:

Residential Services	\$25.00/month
Extra Can	\$15.00/month
Late Fees	\$5.00 assessed after the 15 th of each month
Secondary Dwelling	\$150.00/year
Dumpsters	\$40.00 additional fee per dumpster
Landfill Residential	\$65.00 per ton
Landfill Inert	\$30.00 per ton

In addition, I request free residential drop-offs at the landfill are no longer accepted after December 31, 2024.

This rate adjustment will be reflected on the January 2025 billing statement and cover increased operational expenses associated with the rising cost of providing waste collection. Franklin County residents have not seen an increase in their monthly rates since 2005, almost 20 years ago.

Sincerely,

Gene Ward
Solid Waste Manager

FARM CITY PROCLAMATION

It is on motion of Mrs. Tracie Clark, second by Mr. Greg Hovater, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve the Farm City Proclamation.

Proclamation to follow:

ALABAMA FARM-CITY WEEK PROCLAMATION

For nearly 66 years, the American people have joined together during Thanksgiving week to observe Farm-City Week, a time set aside to express gratitude for the bounty with which God has blessed our land. Throughout the week, Americans recognize the hard work and achievements of the farmers, rural townspeople, and city residents who make our nation's agricultural production and distribution system so successful.

America's farmers have provided nutritious food and fiber to sustain our people through many decades of progress. Farmer's productivity has increased steadily, thanks largely to their initiative in supporting and adopting science-based methods and materials. Because of this productivity, American farmers are able to meet the needs of our nation and a growing world.

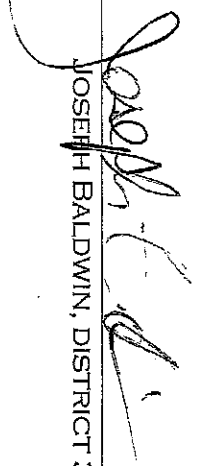
American agriculture and the many service industries that depend upon it—is a story of extraordinary labor creating extraordinary abundance. The American farmer has an impact on every aspect of life, from big cities to small towns and all of the routes in between. At this time of year, it is only fitting that all Americans offer a special sign of thanks to those who grow, harvest, and bring the fruits of sun, seed, and soil to our nation's tables.

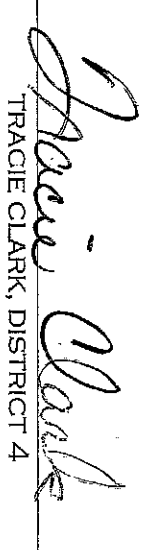
NOW, THEREFORE WE, Franklin County Commission, by virtue of the authority vested in me do hereby, proclaim the week of November 22 through November 28, 2024, as Alabama Farm-City Week. I call upon all citizens in rural and cities alike to join in recognizing the accomplishments of our productive farmers and of our urban residents, who cooperate to create abundance, wealth, and strength for our Nation.


MICHAEL MURRAY, DISTRICT 1


JUDGE BARRY MOORE
CHAIRPERSON, FRANKLIN COUNTY


GREG BOYAYER, DISTRICT 2


JOSEPH BALDWIN, DISTRICT 3


TRACIE CLARK, DISTRICT 4



ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Moore thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Before adjourning he wanted to make everyone aware of the upcoming events for next week, as well as, reminding everyone of the upcoming Christmas Parades. He asks that everyone come out and show community support.

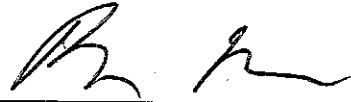
November 18th- Farm City Banquet

November 19th- SPAN Thanksgiving

November 20TH- Open Enrollment at the Commission Office

November 21st- State of the Schools

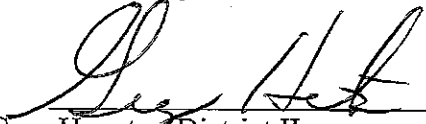
It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mrs. Tracie Clark, that the meeting be adjourned.



Barry Moore, Chairman



Micheal Murray, District I



Greg Hovater, District II



Joseph Baldwin, District III



Tracie Clark, District IV