

STATE OF ALABAMA)
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 FRANKLIN COUNTY) **FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSION**
) **REGULAR MEETING**
) **MARCH 18, 2024 8:30 AM**

PRESENT: Honorable Barry Moore, presiding as Judge of Probate and Chairman, and Messrs., Chris Wallace, Jason Miller, Joseph Baldwin and David Hester as Members.

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Latham of the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office, EMA Director Mary Hallman-Glass, County Engineer Jason Baggett, Assistant County Engineer Caleb Sherill, John Pilati, Franklin Free Press, Terry Bolton, County Administrator Leah Mansell, Jessica Thompson, and John McReynolds.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

The meeting was opened in prayer by Member Jason Miller.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Chris Wallace.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Moore stated that all Members are present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Moore reminded the Members there will be Franklin County Soil and Water Open House on April 11, 2024.

Chairman Moore informed the Members Newberg Historical Marker off Highway 24 and Highway 87 has been stolen. Chairman Moore suggested John Pilati do an article in the paper.

Chairman Moore informed the Members Union precinct had 2/3 of roof blown off during the storms. He asked Mary Hallman-Glass if she thought the roof would be fixed in time for the election on April 16th. Mary Glass stated that the roof over the portion of the building where voting occurs has been put back in place. Mary stated she would call Stanley Champion today and ask his opinion. If roof will not be fixed by the election, an emergency meeting will be called to change the voting precinct.

Chairman Moore explained that the County will have to pay for the April 16th election, due to there only being local elections on the ballot there will be no reimbursement from the State.

Chairman Moore asked Mary Hallman-Glass the status of Vina High School after the recent damage from the storms. Mary states that roof repairs are ongoing but classes were back in session today.

Chairman Moore requested to add the following items to the agenda:

- Executive Session on pending litigation
- EMA: Homeland Security Grant
- Courthouse: Advertise for Temporary Custodian
- Declare property in Red Bay Surplus Property
- Freedom Fiber easement for cabinet

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It is on motion of Mr. David Hester, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve to add entering into Executive Session for pending litigation to the agenda.

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mr. David Hester, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve the addition of item number 6, EMA- Homeland Security Grant.

It is on motion of Mr. Jason Miller, second by Mr. Chris Wallace, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve the addition of item number 7, for Courthouse to advertise for a part time, temporary custodian.

It is on motion of Mr. Chris Wallace, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve the addition of item number 8, declaring surplus property in Red Bay.

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mr. David Hester, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve the addition of item number 9, Freedom Fiber Easement.

It is on motion of Mr. David Hester, second by Mr. Jason Miller, 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. David Hester, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve the February 20, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve the February bills for payment.

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Moore asked that they enter executive session at 8:45A.M. for pending litigation, stating that it should take no longer than roughly 20 minutes. John McReynolds stated that during executive session no votes or decisions will be made.

It is on motion of Mr. Chris Wallace, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve to enter into executive session.

All members returned for executive session at 8:59A.M. John McReynolds reiterated no decisions were made, nor votes were cast during executive session.

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to return from executive session and resume the meeting.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

ADVERTISE FOR THE FY24 REBUILD ALABAMA PROJECTS

It is on motion of Mr. David Hester, second by Mr. Joseph Baldwin, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve to advertise for the FY24 Rebuild Alabama Projects.

Advertisement as follows:

BRIDGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATIONS

It is on motion of Mr. Jason Miller, second by Mr. Chris Wallace, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve the grant application for the Bridge Investment Program.

Application as follows:

FINANCING OF DUMP TRUCKS

It is on motion of Mr. Chris Wallace, second by Mr. Joseph Baldwin, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve the financing of (2) 2024 Kenworth dump truck at Community Spirit Bank for 4.11% on a 5-year term for \$488,870.

Bid tabulation as follows:

BIDS ON TREE FROGG SKID STEER TREE SAW

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mr. Chris Wallace, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to reject bids for Tree Frogg Skid Steer Tree Saw and advertise on GovDeals.com

Letter as follows:

BIDS ON VERMEER WOODCHIPPER

It is on motion of Mr. David Hester, second by Mr. Chris Wallace, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to reject bids for Vermeer Woodchipper and advertise on GovDeals.com

Letter as follows:

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN II VACANT POSITION

It is on motion of Mr. Jason Miller, second by Mr. David Hester, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve to table the request to hire.

INDIANA STREET

It is on motion of Mr. Chris Wallace, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve to set a Public Hearing on April 15th at 8:00A.M. prior to the business meeting regarding vacating Indiana Street. This meeting will be subject to the newspapers being able to run the Public Hearing notice for 4 weeks.

Information as follows:

TAYLOR ROAD

It is on motion of Mr. Chris Wallace, second by Mr. David Hester, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve to set a Public Hearing on April 15th at 8:00A.M. prior to the business meeting regarding vacating Taylor Road. This meeting will be subject to the newspapers being able to run the Public Hearing notice for 4 weeks.

Information as follows:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE/JAIL

HIRE TEMPORARY CORRECTIONS OFFICER/DISPATCHER

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve to hiring Kayla Tabares effective February 26, 2024 as Temporary Corrections Officer/ Dispatcher.

Letter as follows:

RESIGNATION OF CORRECTIONS OFFICER/DISPATCHER

It is on motion of Mr. David Hester, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve the resignation of Corrections Officer/ Dispatcher, Jared Yancey, effective March 3, 2024.

ADVERTISE FOR CORRECTIONS OFFICER/DISPATCHER

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mr. Chris Wallace, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve to advertise for Corrections Officer/ Dispatcher.

Letter as follows:

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

It is on motion of Mr. David Hester, second by Mr. Joseph Baldwin, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve the Budget Amendments. Chairman Moore states this is not to increased their budget but to move monies from one line item to another.

Amendments as follows:

SOLID WASTE

HIRE HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

It is on motion of Mr. Chris Wallace, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve to hire Terry DeMastus as permanent Heavy Equipment Operator effective March 11, 2024.

Letter as follows:

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

DISTRICT 3 APPOINTMENT

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Balwin, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve the reappointment of District 3 Appointment -Jonathan King to the Industrial Development Board.

DISTRICT 3 APPOINTMENT

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Balwin, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve the District 3 Appointment -Joel Bohannon to the Industrial Development Board.

Letter as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES BOARD

It is on motion of Mr. Jason Miller, second by Mr. Joseph Baldwin, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve the Department of Human Resources Board Appointment as Sue Bowen.

Letter as follows:

EMA

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

It is on motion of Mr. Chris Wallace, second by Mr. Joseph Baldwin, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to authorize Mary Glass to apply for the Homeland Security Grant. Per Mary, grant closes March 14th, 2024. This grant will be 100% match reimbursement.

COURTHOUSE

ADVERTISE TEMPORARY CUSTODIAN

It is on motion of Mr. Jason Miller, second by Mr. Chris Wallace, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve to advertise for temporary custodian.

Letter as follows:

RED BAY PROPERTY- SURPLUS

It is on motion of Mr. Chris Wallace, second by Mr. Joseph Baldwin, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve to declare the Highway Department property in Red Bay as surplus property. We are working with the City of Red Bay to locate a deed for the property.

FREEDOM FIBER EASEMENT

It is on motion of Mr. Chris Wallace, second by Mr. Joseph Baldwin, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the board to approve the easement for Freedom Fiber Cabinet.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Moore thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

It is on motion of Mr. Chris Wallace, second by Mr. Jason Miller, that the meeting be adjourned.

Barry Moore, Chairman

Chris Wallace, District I

Jason Miller, District II

Joseph Baldwin, District III

David Hester, District IV