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The Marshall County Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 10:00am in the Marshall County Commission Chambers.

PRESENT:

James Hutcheson, Chairman
Ashleigh Bubbett, County Administrator
James R. Watson, District 2 Commissioner
Lee Sims, District 3 Commissioner
Joey Baker, District 4 Commissioner
Bob Pirando, County Engineer
Karen Young, Administrative Assistant
Norma Parker, Commission Clerk
Clint Maze, County Attorney

NOT PRESENT:

Ronny Shumate, District 1 Commissioner

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Baker, duly seconded by Commissioner Watson, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve the consent agenda presented as read by Chairman Hutcheson. The consent agenda includes the minutes from the February 9, 2022 meeting and the claims docket for February 8, 2022 – February 21, 2022 for \$686,560.53.

MCPALS – ANNOUNCE WHITE GOODS PICKUP AND DUMPSTERS FOR DISTRICTS 1,3 & 4; FEBRUARY 28, 2022 (DISTRICT 1 PAYS, DISTRICTS 3 & 4 FREE)

DISTRICT 1 – APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT FOR STATE PUBLIC ROAD AND BRIDGE FUNDING PROJECT BETWEEN STATE OF ALABAMA AND THE MARSHALL COUNTY COMMISSION FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF UNION GROVE ROAD; PROJECT #ST-048-888-015, \$250,000 GRANT

A motion was made by Commissioner Watson, duly seconded by Commissioner Sims, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve the Construction Agreement for State Public Road and Bridge Funding Project between State of Alabama and the Marshall County Commission for reconstruction of Union Grove Road; Project #ST-048-888-015, \$250,000 grant as recommended by County Engineer.

DISTRICT 3 – APPROVE FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL AID PROJECT NUMBER HRRR-4822 (GUARDRAIL AND END ANCHORS ON HORTON ROAD AND OLD ONEONTA ROAD)

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve funding agreement for Federal Aid project number HRRR-4822 (Guardrail and end anchors on Horton Road and Old Oneonta Road) as recommended by County Engineer. Total amount of federal aid was \$223,528.50 with 10% match.

PROBATE – APPROVE RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION POST-ELECTION AUDIT PILOT

A motion was made by Commissioner Baker, duly seconded by Commissioner Sims, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve resolution to participate in the 2022 General Election Post-Election Audit Pilot as requested by Probate Judge Andrea Lecroy.

PROBATE – APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR DOCUMENT PROCESSING SERVICES WITH AVENU INSIGHT AND ANALYTICS; \$15.00 PER MAP PAGE

A motion was made by Commissioner Baker, duly seconded by Commissioner Sims, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve agreement for Document Processing Services with Avenu Insight and Analytics; \$15.00 per map page.

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ANNOUNCE TWO-WEEK APPLICATION PERIOD FOR 911 BOARD; BOARD APPOINTMENT EXPIRES APRIL 1, 2022; THREE-YEAR TERM

APPROVE RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL 157 AND HOUSE BILL 368 WHICH PROPOSES TO INCREASE THE ALLOWABLE GROSS WEIGHT FOR LOGGING TRUCKS WHICH WILL CAUSE SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO COUNTY ROADS AND BRIDGES

RESOLUTION OF THE MARSHALL COUNTY
COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Marshall County, Alabama, County Commission stands in opposition to any statewide policies or procedures that upon implementation will detrimentally impact the integrity and lifespan of the county road and bridge system; and

WHEREAS, it is a well-known fact that any detriment to the county road and bridge system not only increases the financial burden on the local taxpayers who fund the system but also endangers the safety of the citizens who daily depend on the system; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Senate Bill 157 and House Bill 368, proposed for consideration before the Alabama Legislature during the 2022 Regular Session, will undoubtedly cause significant damage to county roads and bridges by removing the existing weight restrictions recommended by engineering professionals nationwide to allow for logging trucks to transport the increased weight of almost 100,000 pounds per trip on public roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 157 and House Bill 368 specifically proposes to increase the allowable gross weight and axle weight for certain five-axle and six-axle logging trucks by 10 percent, an increase that is seemingly modest at face value but that, in the reality of physics, is much more significant and ultimately doubles the impact to transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the county road and bridge system was largely underfunded and subsequently undermaintained for nearly 30 years and is now undergoing significant repair thanks to the Alabama Legislature's recognition in 2019 of the dire state of county roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of Senate Bill 157 and House Bill 368 will not only negate the strides made by the Alabama Legislature in 2019 to stabilize long-awaited funding for county roads and bridges but also jeopardize tens of millions of dollars in federal funding provided to the State of Alabama each year for the statewide adherence to federal weight restriction guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the proposals under Senate Bill 157 and House Bill 368 are clearly harmful to our county road and bridge system, dangerous and costly to our citizens, and contrary to sound public policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MARSHALL COUNTY COMMISSION that it expresses its staunch opposition to the provisions and intent of Senate Bill 157 and House Bill 368 and any other legislation or policy modeled similarly.

DONE this 23rd day of February, 2022.

S/James Hutcheson
Chairman, Marshall County Commission

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EMA – APPROVE HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FOR MOBILE ELEVATING WORK PLATFORM

A motion was made by Commissioner Watson, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve Hold Harmless Agreement for Mobile Elevating Work Platform to allow Mobile Communication America to use the bucket truck owned by Marshall County Commission to work on a siren also owned by Marshall County Commission.

REVENUE COMMISSION – APPROVE LINE-ITEM BUDGET REVISIONS FOR MAPPING/ APPRAISAL BUDGET; NO NET INCREASE OR DECREASE

A motion was made by Commissioner Watson, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve line-item budget revisions for Mapping/ Appraisal Budget; no net increase or decrease.

ANIMAL CONTROL – APPROVE IMPROVEMENTS TO ANIMAL SHELTER

A motion was made by Commissioner Baker, duly seconded by Commissioner Sims, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve improvements to animal shelter and allow County Engineer, Bob Pirando to proceed with getting the drawings from the architect. Roll call vote, Commissioner Watson, Yea, Commissioner Sims, Yea, Commissioner Baker, Yea, motion passed 3 Yeas, 0 Nays.

APPROVE TO ALLOW THE CORONER TO GO OUT FOR ARCHITECT DRAWINGS FOR BUILDING OF THE CORONER'S FACILITY, ALONG WITH OBTAINING CITY PERMITS, GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION AND TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEYS, TO BE PAID FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve to allow the coroner to go out for architect drawings for building of the coroner's facility, along with obtaining city permits, geotechnical investigation and topographical surveys, to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund. The location requested by the Coroner is at 3550 Creek Path Drive, Guntersville where the Marshall County Emergency Management is located.

EMA – APPROVE REPLACING INDUSTRIAL OVEN/STOVE AT EMA; \$3,499 EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND

A motion was made by Commissioner Baker, duly seconded by Commissioner Sims, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve replacing industrial oven/ stove at EMA; \$3,499 Equipment Replacement Fund.

APPROVE THE SELL, TRADE OR SCRAP OF FIXED ASSETS

A motion was made by Commissioner Baker, duly seconded by Commissioner Sims, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve the sell, trade or scrap of fixed assets.

	<u>FA#</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
SCRAP	10854	weather station	EMA	Item is obsolete, broken or worn out

There being no further business a motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker and so carried to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED

James Hutcheson, Chairman

Ronny Shumate, District 1 Commissioner

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Joey Baker, District 4 Commissioner