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The Marshall County Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 10:00am in the Marshall County Commission Chambers. The invocation was led by County Attorney Maze and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Sims.

PRESENT:

James Hutcheson, Chairman
Ashleigh Bubbett, County Administrator
Ronny Shumate, District 1 Commissioner
James R. Watson, District 2 Commissioner
Lee Sims, District 3 Commissioner
Joey Baker, District 4 Commissioner
Mike Knop, County Engineer
Karen Young, Administrative Assistant
Clint Maze, County Attorney
Norma Parker, Commission Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Shumate, 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 for November 8, 2023 and the claims docket for November 6, 2023 – December 11, 2023 for \$4,998,485.61.

APPROVE TO ADOPT THE FY2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE OF ALABAMA

A motion was made by Commissioner Watson, duly seconded by Commissioner Sims, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve to adopt the FY2024 holiday schedule in accordance with the State of Alabama.

January 1**	New Year's Day (Observed January 2, 2023)
January 15	Robert E. Lee/Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
February 19	George Washington/ Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
April 22	Confederate Memorial Day
May 27	National Memorial Day
June 3	Jefferson Davis' Birthday
July 5	Independence Day
September 2	Labor Day
October 14	Columbus Day/Fraternal Day/ American Indian Heritage Day
November 11	Veterans' Day (Observed November 10, 2023)
November 28	Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day

APPROVE TO GIVE EMPLOYEES DECEMBER 26TH AND JANUARY 2ND AS ADDITIONAL HOLIDAYS

A motion was made by Commissioner Watson, duly seconded by Commissioner Sims, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve to give employees December 26th and January 2nd as additional holidays.

APPROVE SCHEDULE FOR COMMISSION MEETINGS FY2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Shumate, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve regular scheduled Commission meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, work session at 9:00am and meeting at 10:00am.

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APPROVE SELECTION OF VICE - CHAIRMAN FY2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Watson, duly seconded by Commissioner Sims, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to re-appoint Commissioner Joey Baker as Vice Chairman.

PROBATE – APPROVE TO BID OUT REGISTERED VOTER LIST IN NEWSPAPERS

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Watson, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve to bid out Registered Voter List in newspapers.

PROBATE – APPROVE TO INCREASE THE ELECTIONS BUDGET EXPENSE AND ASSOCIATED 100% REIMBURSABLE STATE ELECTION REVENUES FOR THE JANUARY 9, 2024 DISTRICT 9 SPECIAL ELECTION; NOT TO EXCEED \$53,917.50

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve to increase the elections budget expense and associated 100% reimbursable state election revenues for the January 9, 2024 District 9 Special Election; not to exceed \$53,917.50.

DISTRICT 1 – APPROVE “NO THRU TRUCKS” SIGN ON LAFARLETTE LANE FROM ALABAMA HIGHWAY 69 TO UNION GROVE ROAD AND HADEN LANE FROM UNION GROVE ROAD TO SCANT CITY ROAD

A motion was made by Commissioner Baker, duly seconded by Commissioner Shumate, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve “No Thru Trucks” Sign on Lafarlette Lane from Alabama Highway 69 to Union Grove Road and Haden Lane from Union Grove Road to Scant City Road.

ANNOUNCE TWO -WEEK APPLICATION PERIOD FOR JOPPA, HULACO, RYAN WATER BOARD; SIX-YEAR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2029

EMA – APPROVE TO ACCEPT HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FIL; \$23,676 NO MATCH

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve to accept Homeland Security Grant FIL; \$23,676 no match.

MAINTENANCE – Approve 1-year annual maintenance agreement with TRANE for Chillers at GVCH; \$6,212

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve 1-year annual maintenance agreement with TRANE for Chillers at GVCH; \$6,212.

ANIMAL CONTROL – APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #4; NOT TO EXCEED \$27,359

A motion was made by Commissioner Baker, duly seconded by Commissioner Shumate, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve change order #4; not to exceed \$27,359.

APPROVE TO RESCIND ALLOCATION OF ALABAMA RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS ASSOCIATED WITH TANK 3 AND 9 PROJECTS OF DOUGLAS WATER AUTHORITY AND REALLOCATE UP TO \$325,295 TO COVER COST OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT TO UPGRADE PUMP STATION #2

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve to rescind allocation of Alabama Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds associated with Tank 3 and 9 projects of Douglas Water Authority and reallocate up to \$325,295 to cover cost of an infrastructure project to upgrade Pump Station #2.

SHERIFF – APPROVE TO ACCEPT TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GRANT FROM NORTH CENTRAL ALABAMA HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE; NO MATCH

A motion was made by Commissioner Watson, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve to accept Traffic Enforcement Grant from North Central Alabama Highway Safety Office; no match.

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SHERIFF – APPROVE TO INCREASE GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BUDGET BY \$1,400,000 FOR NEW JAIL ADDITION ARCHITECT FEES; GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve to increase General Fund expenditures budget by \$1,400,000 for new jail addition architect fees; General Fund fund balance.

SHERIFF – APPROVE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH POINT SECURITY, INC FOR X-RAY MACHINES; \$12,560

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Shumate to approve maintenance agreement with Point Security, Inc for x-ray machines; \$12,560 per year. Roll call vote was done. Commissioner Shumate, yes, Commissioner Watson, yes, Commissioner Sim, yes, Commissioner Baker, yes, Chairman Hutcheson, no. Motion passed 4 yea's 1 nay.

APPROVE RESOLUTION AND ORDER CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE LEVY OF SALES TAXES IN MARSHALL COUNTY FOR ARAB CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Shumate, duly seconded by Commissioner Watson, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve Resolution and Order confirming and ratifying the levy of sales taxes in Marshall County for Arab City Board of Education.

APPROVE RESOLUTION AND ORDER CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE LEVY OF TWO SALES TAXES IN MARSHALL COUNTY FOR THE MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Watson, duly seconded by Commissioner Sims, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve Resolution and Order confirming and ratifying the levy of two sales taxes in Marshall County for the Marshall County Board of Education.

APPROVE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS TO REQUEST ZONING VARIANCES FOR COUNTY PROPERTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED NEW JAIL

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Watson, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve City of Guntersville Board of Zoning Adjustments to request zoning variances for county property for the construction of proposed new jail.

ENGINEERING – APPROVE BID AWARD FOR TRUCK FOR EMA TO BE PAID OUT OF GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE UP TO \$31,000 AND REMAINING TO BE PAID OUT OF THE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUNDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Watson, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to award bid to Boaz Chevrolet for a 2024 Chevrolet 3500 truck in the amount of \$70,404.50. Funds will be paid from General Fund, fund balance up to \$31,000 and remaining to be paid out of the EMA equipment replacement funds.

APPROVE FY2024 DIRECT SUPPORT REQUESTS FROM GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve FY2024 direct support requests from General Fund fund balance.

CORONER – APPROVE TO PURCHASE OFFICE FURNITURE; \$8,333.48 FROM ARPA FUNDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Shumate, to purchase office furniture; \$8,333.48 from ARPA funds. Roll call vote was done, Commissioner Shumate, yes, Commissioner Watson, no, Commissioner Sim, yes, Commissioner Baker, no, Chairman Hutcheson, no. Motion failed 3 nays, 2 yea's.

CORONER – APPROVE THE CARPET STORE TO REMOVE EXISTING FLOORING AND REPLACE WITH LVT; \$9,384.32 FROM ARPA FUNDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Baker, duly seconded by Commissioner Watson, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried the Carpet Store to remove existing flooring and replace with LVT;

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\$9,384.32 from ARPA funds. Roll call vote was done, Commissioner Shumate, yes, Commissioner Watson, yes, Commissioner Sim, yes, Commissioner Baker, yes, Chairman Hutcheson, yes. Motion passed 5 yea's, 0 nays.

CORONER –APPROVE TO PURCHASE MORTUARY TABLES FROM AMERICAN MORTUARY SUPPLIES; \$7,834.00 FROM ARPA FUNDS.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Shumate to approve to purchase mortuary tables from American Mortuary Supplies; \$7,834.00 from ARPA funds. Roll call vote was done, Commissioner Shumate, yes, Commissioner Watson, no, Commissioner Sim, yes, Commissioner Baker, no, Chairman Hutcheson, no. Motion failed 3 nays, 2 yea's.

CORONER – APPROVE PURCHASE VERTICAL FILING CABINETS FOR RECORD STORAGE FROM PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS FROM STAPLES; \$1,219.98 FROM ARPA FUNDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Watson, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve purchase vertical filing cabinets for record storage from previous administrations from Staples; \$1,219.98 from ARPA funds.

Roll call vote was done, Commissioner Shumate, yes, Commissioner Watson, yes, Commissioner Sim, yes, Commissioner Baker, yes, Chairman Hutcheson, yes. Motion passed 5 yea's, 0 nays

CORONER – APPROVE TO PURCHASE CAMERA SYSTEM FOR CORONER'S BUILDING FROM HTTS; \$4,069.00 FROM ARPA FUNDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve to purchase camera system for Coroner's Building from HTTS; \$4,069.00 from ARPA Funds. Roll call vote was done, Commissioner Shumate, yes, Commissioner Watson, yes, Commissioner Sim, yes, Commissioner Baker, yes, Chairman Hutcheson, yes. Motion passed 5 yea's, 0 nays.

CORONER – APPROVE TO SEEK BIDS FOR MORGUE RENOVATION AND PLUMBING UPGRADES TO THE BUILDING; ESTIMATED TO NOT EXCEED \$80,000

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Shumate to approve to seek bids for morgue renovation and plumbing upgrades to the building; estimated to not exceed \$80,000. Roll call vote was done, Commissioner Shumate, yes, Commissioner Watson, no, Commissioner Sim, yes, Commissioner Baker, no, Chairman Hutcheson, no. Motion failed 3 nays, 2 yea's.

CORONER –APPROVE MILEAGE FOR CHIEF DEPUTY CORONER WHILE ACTING IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Shumate to approve mileage for Chief Deputy Coroner while acting in his official capacity. Roll call vote was done, Commissioner Shumate, yes, Commissioner Watson, no, Commissioner Sim, yes, Commissioner Baker, no, Chairman Hutcheson, no. Motion failed 3 nays, 2 yea's.

AWARD BID TO BRITT DEMOLITION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$474,000, WHICH INCLUDES A CONTINGENCY FUND OF \$100,000 FOR ADDENDUM NO. 2, FOR MARSHALL COUNTY JAIL ADDITION – DEMOLITION PACKAGE, PROJECT NUMBER 1617

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Watson, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to award bid to Britt Demolition in the amount of \$474,000, which includes a contingency fund of \$100,000 for Addendum No. 2, for Marshall County Jail Addition – Demolition Package, Project Number 1617.

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APPROVE HIRING SIMPLE GRANTS OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA AT \$8,500 FOR COMPREHENSIVE GRANT STRATEGY, \$1,500 FOR A REGISTRATION FEE, AND \$165/HOUR FOR TIME WORKED IN SERVICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve hiring Simple Grants of Birmingham, Alabama at \$8,500 for comprehensive grant strategy, \$1,500 for a registration fee, and \$165/hour for time worked in service of the county commission, to be paid from Countywide funds.

APPROVE THE SELL, TRADE OR SCRAP OF FIXED ASSETS

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

<i>SCRAP</i>	9680	Generator	EMA	Item is obsolete, broken or worn out
	10477	Paper Folder		Item is obsolete, broken or worn out
<i>TRANSFER</i>				Item is no longer needed in department
<i>SELL</i>		Liquid Fuel water heater	EMA	Item is no longer needed in department
		Liquid Fuel water heater	EMA	Item is no longer needed in department
		Xerox Toner	EMA	

At this time a motion was made by Commissioner Baker, duly seconded by Commissioner Shumate, and all members voting affirmatively and so carried to approve to re-visit line item #23 on the agenda.

CORONER –APPROVE TO PURCHASE MORTUARY TABLES FROM AMERICAN MORTUARY SUPPLIES; \$7,834.00 FROM ARPA FUNDS.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Shumate to approve to purchase mortuary tables from American Mortuary Supplies; \$7,834.00 from ARPA funds.

Roll call vote was done, Commissioner Shumate, yes, Commissioner Watson, no, Commissioner Sim, yes, Commissioner Baker, yes, Chairman Hutcheson, no. Motion passed 3 yea's, 2 nays.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

James Hutcheson, Chairman

Ronny Shumate, District 1 Commissioner

James R. Watson, District 2 Commissioner

Lee Sims, District 3 Commissioner

Joey Baker, District 4 Commissioner