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The Marshall County Commission met in a regular session on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., in the Marshall County Commission Chambers. County Engineer Mike Knop led the invocation, and Commissioner Joey Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

John Young, Chairman
Ashleigh Bubbett, County Administrator
Charles Whisenant, District 1 Commissioner
James R. Watson, District 2 Commissioner
Lee Sims, District 3 Commissioner
Joey Baker, District 4 Commissioner
Mike Knop, County Engineer
Kristal Jones, Administrative Assistant
Tanya Giroir, Commission Clerk
Clint Maze, County Attorney

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the consent agenda as presented by Chairman Young. The consent agenda includes the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on August 12, 2026, and the claims docket for the period from August 11, 2026, to August 24, 2026, totaling \$589,495.15.

ANNOUNCE A PUBLIC HEARING ON OCTOBER 14, 2026, AT 9:00 AM ON PETITION OF WILLIE JO HIPPO TO VACATE MCCLUE DRIVE AND A PORTION OF SHADY LANE, IN SHADY LANE ESTATE SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 58

ANNOUNCE FY27 BUDGET HEARING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND AT 9:00 AM

APPROVE BOARD APPOINTMENT FOR THE LIBRARY BOARD. DONA JO HILL'S TERM EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 30

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Watson, and all members voted affirmatively to approve Dona Jo Hill as the appointment for the Library Board.

ANNOUNCE TO EXTEND THE APPLICATION PERIOD OF BOARD APPOINTMENT FOR THE MARSHALL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES. MARGARET HURST'S TERM EXPIRES AUGUST 31

ANNOUNCE TO EXTEND THE APPLICATION PERIOD FOR BOARD APPOINTMENT FOR THE MARSHALL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES. DONALD WATSON'S TERM EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 30

APPROVE TO RENEW VSP VISION CARE SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE AT THE BETTER PLAN RATE FOR EMPLOYEES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voted affirmatively to approve renewing VSP Vision Care Supplemental Insurance at the Better Plan rate for employees effective January 1, 2027.

ENGINEERING – APPROVE TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR GRANT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

A motion was made by Commissioner Baker, duly seconded by Commissioner Sims, and all members voted affirmatively to approve advertising for Request for Proposals for Grant Management Services.

ENGINEERING – APPROVE FY 2027 REBUILD ALABAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLAN

A motion was made by Commissioner Baker, duly seconded by Commissioner Whisenant, and all members voted affirmatively to approve the FY 2027 Rebuild Alabama County Transportation Plan.

ENGINEERING – APPROVE THE REDIVISION OF LOT 84 OF THE RESERVE AT LAKE GUNTERSVILLE PHASE 3 LOCATED IN DISTRICT 2

A motion was made by Commissioner Watson, duly seconded by Commissioner Whisenant, and all members voted affirmatively to approve the redivision of Lot 84 of the Reserve at Lake Guntersville Phase 3 located in District 2

ENGINEERING – APPROVE TO SET A 35 MILE PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT ON BETHANY ROAD LOCATED IN DISTRICT 3

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voted affirmatively to approve setting a 35 miles per hour speed limit on Bethany Road located in District 3.

ENGINEERING – APPROVE TO ACCEPT DURHAM ROAD AND MIMI LANE FOR COUNTY MAINTENANCE IN DURHAM ESTATES AT MORGAN COVE LOCATED IN DISTRICT 4

A motion was made by Commissioner Baker, duly seconded by Commissioner Sims, and all members voted affirmatively to approve accepting Durham Road and MiMi Lane for County Maintenance in Durham Estates at Morgan Cove, located in District 4

EMA – APPROVE TO ACCEPT THE FY2026 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,107 WITH NO MATCH

A motion was made by Commissioner Watson, duly seconded by Commissioner Whisenant, and all members voted affirmatively to approve accepting the FY2026 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$68,107 with no match

EMA – APPROVE 36-MONTH COPIER CONTRACT THROUGH ABS BUSINESS SYSTEMS FOR (1) CANNON 3130 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$294.88 PER MONTH WITH EXCESS RATE OF \$0.009 PER BLACK/WHITE COPY AND \$0.05 PER COLOR COPY TO BE PAID FROM EMA'S OPERATING BUDGET.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voted affirmatively to approve a 36-month contract through ABS Business Systems for (1) Cannon 3130 in the amount of \$294.88 per month with an excess rate of \$0.009 per black/white copy and \$0.05 per color copy to be paid from EMA's operating budget.

APPROVE RENEWING \$5 MILLION CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT THAT IS SET FOR MATURITY IN SEPTEMBER AT LIBERTY BANK AT 4.3% INTEREST

A motion was made by Commissioner Watson, duly seconded by Commissioner Whisenant, and all members voted affirmatively to approve renewing the \$5 million Certificate of Deposit that is set for maturity in September at Liberty Bank at 4.3% interest.

APPROVE NON-RENEWAL \$5 MILLION CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT THAT IS SET FOR MATURITY IN SEPTEMBER AT CITIZENS BANK

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voted affirmatively to approve non-renewal of the \$5 million Certificate of Deposit that is set for maturity in September at Citizens Bank.

APPROVE ISSUING AN ADDITIONAL \$10 MILLION 1-YEAR TERM CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT FOR THE GENERAL FUND WITH MERCHANTS BANK AT 4.30% INTEREST.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Whisenant, and all members voted affirmatively to approve issuing an additional \$10 million 1-year term Certificate of Deposit for the General Fund with Merchants Bank at 4.30% interest.

APPROVE ISSUING A \$1 MILLION 6-MONTH TERM CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT FROM THE COURTHOUSE AND JAIL FUND WITH LIBERTY BANK AT 4.04% INTEREST.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voted affirmatively to approve issuing a \$1 million Certificate of Deposit from the Courthouse and Jail Fund with Liberty Bank at 4.04% interest.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Whisenant, duly seconded by Commissioner Sims, and all members voted affirmatively to amend the agenda to add accepting a \$20,000 grant from RC&D with no match for a generator for the Animal Shelter.

APPROVE TO ACCEPT A \$20,000 GRANT FROM RC&D WITH NO MATCH FOR A GENERATOR FOR THE ANIMAL SHELTER

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, duly seconded by Commissioner Baker, and all members voted affirmatively to approve accepting a \$20,000 grant from RC&D with no match for a generator for the Animal Shelter.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

John Young, Chairman

Charles Whisenant, District 1 Commissioner

James R. Watson, District 2 Commissioner

Lee Sims, District 3 Commissioner

Joey Baker, District 4 Commissioner