

JACKSON COUNTY COMMISSION  
January 11, 2021

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AGENDA  
CHAIRMAN TIM GUFFEY  
JANUARY 11, 2021

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND WELCOME BY HONORABLE JASON VENABLE.

ROLL CALL – HONORABLE DANNY RICH, HONORABLE JASON VENABLE, HONORABLE AJ BUCKNER, AND HONORABLE KEVIN MCBRIDE WERE PRESENT.

HONORABLE TIM GUFFEY ABSENT.

COUNTY ATTORNEY, JOHN PORTER PRESENT.

INVOCATION – THE INVOCATION WAS BROUGHT BY JOHN F. PORTER, III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY HONORABLE KEVIN MCBRIDE.

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA OF THE WORK SESSION AND MEETING JANUARY 11, 2021:** MOTION WAS MADE BY HONORABLE RICH TO APPROVE AGENDA OF MEETING WITH THE ADDITION OF A WORK SESSION ITEM #11 ORGANIZATION CHART. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY HONORABLE BUCKNER, HONORABLE RICH, HONORABLE BUCKNER AND HONORABLE MCBRIDE VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM CITIZENS –  
LYNN WASHINGTON – ALABAMA FORESTRY COMMISSION

**MEETING**

NEW BUSINESS-

**MOTION TO APPROVE QUOTE FOR SWEEP OF THE COURTHOUSE:** MOTION WAS MADE BY HONORABLE BUCKNER TO ALLOW HONORABLE VENABLE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE COURTHOUSE SWEEP ALONG WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AT OR BELOW THE QUOTED PRICE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY HONORABLE RICH, HONORABLE RICH, HONORABLE BUCKNER AND HONORABLE MCBRIDE VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION TO APPROVE AND PURCHASE A METAL DETECTOR FOR COURTHOUSE SECURITY:** MOTION WAS MADE BY HONORABLE RICH. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY HONORABLE MCBRIDE, HONORABLE RICH, HONORABLE VENABLE, HONORABLE BUCKNER AND HONORABLE MCBRIDE VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION TO APPROVE OBTAINING QUOTES FOR TREE REMOVAL AT COUNCIL ON AGING:** MOTION WAS MADE BY HONORABLE MCBRIDE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY HONORABLE RICH.

HONORABLE BUCKNER: IS THIS THE ONLY TREE THAT IS AN ISSUE WHILE WE HAVE SOMEBODY OUT THERE?

LARRY ANDERSON: YES IT IS, I'VE GOT TWO QUOTES ALREADY, I'M WAITING ON TWO MORE. SHOULD HAVE THEM IN A COUPLE DAYS. IT'S GOING TO BE A WHILE BECAUSE OF THE RAIN AND ALL THAT BEFORE THEY CAN GET IN THERE ANYWAY.

HONORABLE VENABLE: WE'RE UNDER NO TIME RESTRAINT ON THAT SINCE IT'S WELL UNDER THE MINIMUM SO WE COULD APPROVE THAT AT THE NEXT TWO WEEKS FROM NOW. GET THAT ON THE AGENDA FOR APPROVAL IF YOU CAN GET AS MANY QUOTES AS YOU CAN BETWEEN NOW AND THEN.

HONORABLE RICH, HONORABLE BUCKNER AND HONORABLE MCBRIDE VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION TO APPROVE AND LET A BID FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT ON THE LIBERTY LANE PROPERTY:** MOTION WAS MADE BY HONORABLE RICH TO TABLE THIS UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY HONORABLE BUCKNER. HONORABLE RICH, HONORABLE BUCKNER AND HONORABLE MCBRIDE VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS-

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup>, 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2020 AND JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 MEETINGS, SPECIAL MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS:** MOTION WAS MADE BY HONORABLE RICH. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY HONORABLE BUCKNER. HONORABLE RICH, HONORABLE MCBRIDE AND HONORABLE BUCKNER VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**WORK SESSION**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR COMMISSION -**

- 1. FUTURE PRESENTATION OF WORK SESSION ITEMS
- 2. TRAVEL AND TRAINING POLICY ← **WORK SESSION IN THE FUTURE**
- 3. COVID-19 LEAVE POLICY ← **NEXT MEETING**
- 4. CODE RED WEATHER ALERT REPLACEMENT ← **NEXT WORK SESSION IF READY**
- 5. COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR ← **LATER DISCUSSION**
- 6. AUBURN STUDY
- 7. LOCAL ROADS RESURFACING SELECTIONS ← **NEXT WORK SESSION**
- 8. SPORTSMAN LANDING ← **COMMUNITY MEETING IN MARCH**
- 9. PARK INSURANCE PROJECT ← **NEXT WORK SESSION**
- 10. I.T. WORK ORDER PROCESS ← **NEXT WORK SESSION**
- 11. ORGANIZATIONAL CHART ← **NEXT MEETING**

REPORTS FROM STAFF -

ROCKY HARNEN - COVID-19 TESTING

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION -

HONORABLE MCBRIDE - KEEP EVERYONE IN FOR PRAYERS.  
HONORABLE BUCKNER - ECHO WHAT MR. MCBRIDE SAID. WE DO NEED TO BE MINDFUL AND PRAYERFUL OF OUR SOCIETY AND EVERYONE IN THIS WORLD WE'VE FOUND OURSELVES IN, JUST UH, I THINK WE NEED TO PRACTICE ON BEING BETTER PEOPLE AND IT STARTS WITH OURSELVES AND SEEING HOW WE CAN GO TO HELPING OUR NEIGHBOR AND BEING A WHOLE LOT LESS ARGUMENTATIVE AND CRITICAL. WOULD BE A GREAT GREAT GREAT STEP SO... UNTIL NEXT TIME

HONORABLE RICH - IT'S JUST LIKE THEY SAID. I WAS WANTING TO KNOW WHAT BALL GAME THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT. COVID IS SOMETHING THAT'S HERE AND IT'S PROBABLY GOING TO STAY AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE PLAN TO TRY TO AVOID LARGE CONTACT WITH A LOT OF PEOPLE BECAUSE I WAS TOLD THERE THE OTHER DAY THAT IT'S STARTING TO MAKE THE SECOND ROUND. PEOPLE'S ALREADY GETTING IT TWICE. THERE'S A NEW STRENGTH OF IT COMING OUT. JUST EVERYBODY NEEDS TO BE SAFE AND THAT'S ALL I'VE GOT TO SAY THANK YOU. ROLL TIDE.

HONORABLE VENABLE - SENATOR LIVINGSTON HAD A MS. SARA JAMES TO CALL ME FROM TARCOCG. THERE IS A POOL OF MONEY THAT IS AVAILABLE TO JACKSON COUNTY, ABOUT 500K TO JACKSON COUNTY AREA. THE DEADLINE FOR US TO SUBMIT A PLAN FOR THOSE DOLLARS IS APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> SPOKE BRIEFLY WITH MR. MANNING ABOUT IT. WE ARE MORE OR LESS THE CONDUCT THE

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COUNTY WON'T GET ANY OF THESE DOLLARS. IT COULD GO TO SMALL BUSINESSES, HOSPITAL, EMA, VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS MUNICIPALITIES. THE CAVEAT IS TWO-THIRDS OF THE MUNICIPALITIES HAVE TO SIGN OFF ON THEIR PLAN. MS. JAMES IS PLANNING TO COME WITHER TWO WEEKS OR FOUR WEEKS FROM TONIGHT I JUST WANTED TO GIVE EVERYBODY THIS TO BE THINKING ABOUT. THERE ARE SEVERAL DIFFERENT WAYS THAT SMALL BUSINESSES, HOSPITALS, VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS, COULD RECEIVE SOME OF THESE FUNDS. Y'ALL JUST BE THINKING ABOUT A WAY WE CAN PRESENT THIS IN TODAY'S ENVIRONMENT TO INVOLVE ALL THOSE ENTITIES. SO WE NEED TO BE THINKING ABOUT HOW WE MIGHT PUT A PLAN TOGETHER BUT SHE'S GOING TO COME PRESENT SOMETHING TO US AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO IN SOME WAY REACH OUT, MAYBE WE SPLIT UP THE COMMUNITIES THREE OR FOUR AMONGST EACH ONE OF US OR SOMETHING AND WE VISIT THE MAYORS OR CITY COUNCIL FOR SOMETHING TO MAKE THAT KNOWN TO THEM AND THAT'S ALL I GOT.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** MOTION WAS MADE BY HONORABLE RICH TO ADJOURN MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY HONORABLE MCBRIDE. HONORABLE RICH, HONORABLE BUCKNER AND HONORABLE MCBRIDE VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

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Tim Guffey, Chairman

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Hon. Danny Rich- District I

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Hon. Jason Venable- District II

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Hon. A.J. Buckner- District III

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Hon. Kevin McBride- District IV