

CHAMBERS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.....JANUARY 19, 2016

The Chambers County Commission met on Monday, January 19, 2016, at 4:00 PM CST with the following members present: Commission Chairman, Joe Blanks, Commissioners, Debbie Wood, Charlie Williams, David Eastridge and Henry Osborne. County Engineer Harvill, County Attorney McCoy and County Manager Chambers were also present. Commissioner James Brown was absent.

Chairman Blanks called the meeting to order. Commissioner Osborne led the pledge of allegiance and Commissioner Williams gave the invocation. Linda Anderson, County Clerk, conducted a roll call to establish a quorum. District 1 – Present, District 2 – Absent, District 3 – Present, District 4 – Present, District 5 – Present, District 6 – Present; County Attorney McCoy – Present

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Chris Frickert, town councilman from Fredonia, requested to meet with the appropriate County Committee regarding the ability of town councilmen serving on utility boards in the County. Commissioner Osborne, Chairman of the External Affairs Committee said he would set up a meeting and inform Mr. Frickert of the time and place.

COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Commissioner Wood stated that she had received a petition from citizens who lived on a private road. She gave the petition to Engineer Harvill for review.

BUSINESS UPDATES

Valerie Grey, Kimberly Carter and Chris Busby, representing the CCDA were in attendance. Valerie Grey gave an end of the year report for the Development Authority (page 581), noting special highlights of the 2015 year, new businesses, special events and industrial highlights. She also expressed appreciation for great teamwork between the various entities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND WARRANTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Osborne motioned to adopt the January 4, 2016, minutes and warrants payable and Commissioner Williams seconded it. It was **approved** by the “I” vote.

RESOLVED: “To adopt the January 4, 2016, minutes and approve the warrants payable”

AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Williams motioned to approve the agenda, as presented, for the January 19, 2016, meeting. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. It was **approved** by the “I” vote.

RESOLVED: “To approve the agenda for the January 19, 2016, meeting”

NEW BUSINESS**ENGINEER HARVILL**

Engineer Harvill presented an item of business coming from the Rules, Ways, and Means Committee and called for a resolution to purchase two new current production model Ox Maverick HD 16x60 dump truck bodies from the ACCA joint bid list. The cost is \$24,850.00 per box. It was **approved** by the “I” vote.

RESOLVED: “To purchase two new current production model Ox Maverick HD 16x60 dump truck bodies from the ACCA joint bid list”

Engineer Harvill presented an item of business coming from the Rules, Ways, and Means Committee, and called for a resolution to finance the purchase of the Highway Departments 2016 dump trucks and lo-boys with the Farmers and Merchants Bank. The finance rate of 2.45% would remain the same as last year. It was **approved** by the “I” vote.

RESOLVED: “To finance the purchase of the Highway Departments 2016 dump trucks and lo-boys with the Farmers and Merchants Bank”

Engineer Harvill presented an item of business coming from the Rules, Ways, and Means Committee and called for a resolution approving a quote the CCDA had received from Evergreen Landscaping Services in the amount of \$10,600.00 for street tree removal services at Huguley Industrial Park, to be paid out of the 106 Fund. It was **approved** by the “I” vote.

RESOLVED: “To approve the quote from Evergreen Landscaping Services in the amount of \$10,600.00 for street tree removal services at Huguley Industrial Park, to be paid out of the 106 Fund”

Engineer Harvill asked for a resolution to apply for Federal Aid funds through the Alabama Department of Transportation for the widening, resurfacing, and traffic striping of County Road 279 (Ben Brown Road) from the Lee County Line north approximately 2.03 miles to US 29. This project is included in the 10 Year Transportation Plan. Commissioner Eastridge motioned for the resolution. Commissioner Osborne seconded the motion. It was **approved** by the “I” vote.

RESOLVED: “To apply for Federal Aid funds through the Alabama Department of Transportation for the widening, resurfacing, and traffic striping of County Road 279 (Ben Brown Road) from the Lee County Line north approximately 2.03 miles to US 29”

Engineer Harvill asked for a resolution to apply for Federal Aid funds through the Alabama Department of Transportation for the resurfacing and traffic striping of County Road 212 (State Line Road) from the Georgia State Line north approximately 6.33 miles to County Road 222. This project is included in the 10 Year Transportation Plan. Commissioner Wood motioned for the resolution. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. It was **approved** by the “I” vote.

RESOLVED: “To apply for Federal Aid funds through the Alabama Department of Transportation for the resurfacing and traffic striping of County Road 212 (State Line Road) from the Georgia State Line north approximately 6.33 miles to County Road 222”

Engineer Harvill asked for a resolution to apply for Federal Aid funds through the Alabama Department of

Transportation for the resurfacing and traffic striping of County Road 195 (Hopewell Road) from County Road 279 east approximately 1.5 miles to the Fairfax Bypass. This project is included in the 10 Year Transportation Plan.

Commissioner Eastridge motioned for the resolution. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. It was **approved** by the “**I**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To apply for Federal Aid funds through the Alabama Department of Transportation for the resurfacing and traffic striping of County Road 195 (Hopewell Road) from County Road 279 east approximately 1.5 miles to the Fairfax Bypass”

Engineer Harvill asked for a resolution to apply for Federal Aid funds through the Alabama Department of Transportation for the resurfacing and traffic striping of County Road 388 from US 29 east approximately 0.89 miles to County Road 279. This project is included in the 10 Year Transportation Plan. Commissioner Eastridge motioned for the resolution. Commissioner Osborne seconded the motion. It was **approved** by the “**I**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To apply for Federal Aid funds through the Alabama Department of Transportation for the resurfacing and traffic striping of County Road 388 from US 29 east approximately 0.89 miles to County Road 279”

COUNTY MANAGER CHAMBERS

County Manager Chambers called for a resolution to levy the millage rate for ad valorem tax purposes (Page 582). Commissioner Wood motioned for the resolution. Commissioner Eastridge seconded the motion. It was **approved** by the “**I**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To levy the millage rate for ad valorem tax purposes”

County Manager Chambers called for a resolution to declare one 1997 Dodge Ram van, vehicle identification number # 2B5WB35Z8VK575507, as surplus to be sold at the March 2016 auction (Page 583). Commissioner Eastridge motioned for the resolution. Commissioner Osborne seconded the motion. It was **approved** by the “**I**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To declare one 1997 Dodge Ram van, vehicle identification number #2B5WB35Z8VK575507, as surplus to be sold at the March 2016 auction”

ATTORNEY MCCOY

Attorney McCoy asked for a resolution coming from the Rules, Ways, and Means Committee, requesting the Chambers County Legislative Delegation to introduce a bill, a proposed bill of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference, so as to amend the sales and use tax rate in the unincorporated areas of Chambers County equal to the current and future levels of the lowest municipal rates levied in the City of LaFayette, City of Lanett, or City of Valley (Pages 584-586). Attorney McCoy shall furnish a copy of this Resolution and proposed bill to Senator Dial, Representative Whorton, and Representative Fincher on behalf of the Commission and work with them in regards to said bill and its implementation. It was **approved** by the “**I**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To request the Chambers County Legislative Delegation to introduce a bill, a proposed bill of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference, so as to amend the sales and use tax rate in the unincorporated areas of Chambers County equal

to the current and future levels of the lowest municipal rates levied in the City of LaFayette, City of Lanett, or City of Valley” (See Attached Pages 584-586)

Attorney McCoy asked for a resolution coming from the Rules, Ways, and Means Committee, requesting a resolution on filing the Validation complaint with the Circuit Court as to refunding of the 2008 General Obligation Warrants. Vote was taken and it was **approved** by the “I” vote.

RESOLVED: “To file a Validation complaint with the Circuit Court as to refunding of the 2008 General Obligation Warrants”

Attorney McCoy asked for a resolution coming from the Rules, Ways, and Means Committee, requesting the County Manager to prepare and present the County Commission, on a monthly basis, a budget report as to the General Fund, Special Courthouse Fund, Public Safety Fund, Economic Development Fund, and Road and Bridge Fund and further requesting the County Manager to advise the County Commission as to any line item of revenues or expenses that are less than or in excess of 20% of the amount budgeted. Further, that the County Manager shall not authorize payment of any invoice as to any budgeted line item expense that exceeds the 20% of the budgeted amount without first obtaining approval for payment by the County Commission (Page 587). It was **approved** by the “I” vote.

RESOLVED: “That the County Manager shall prepare and present to the County Commission on a monthly basis a budget report as to the General Fund, Special Courthouse Fund, Public Safety Fund, Economic Development Fund, and Road and Bridge Fund, and that the County Manager shall advise the County Commission as to any line item of revenues or expenses that are less than or in excess of 20% of the amount budgeted. Further, that the County Manager shall not authorize payment of any invoice as to any budgeted line item expense that exceeds the 20% of the budgeted amount without first obtaining approval for payment by the County Commission” (See Attached Page 587)

Attorney McCoy asked for a resolution coming from the Rules, Ways, and Means Committee, for the appointment of a Community Corrections Program Committee. Committee will consist of Commissioner Wood, Manager Chambers, Sheriff Lockhart, Judge Tom Young, Attorney McCoy, and one other person to be named with Human Resource background. It was **approved** by the “I” vote.

RESOLVED: “To appoint a Community Corrections Program Committee”

STAFF REPORTS

ATTORNEY MCCOY

Attorney McCoy said that the Rules, Ways and Means Committee had decided not to pursue potential legislation for bingo in Chambers County at this time due to the complexities of the matter. Further study is necessary before bringing the potential legislation before the Commission.

ENGINEER HARVILL

Engineer Harvill said that work had begun on the Knauf access road, but they were having to work as weather permitted.

Harvill also thanked the CCDA staff for their work on the Drive Alabama Project.

CHAIRMAN BLANKS

Reminded Commissioners and others of the meeting in Prattville next week. Van will be leaving the Fireworks Building in Cusseta at 4:30pm CT, with a jack on board.

There was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

I have read the minutes and review the warrants payable. I do hereby **APPROVE** the minutes and warrants payable.

Chairman Joe Blanks _____

Commissioner Charlie Williams _____

Commissioner Debbie Wood _____

Commissioner David Eastridge _____

Commissioner Henry Osborne _____

Commissioner James Brown
Absent

CCDA EOY Year Review:

- In 2015, \$69,676,585 million in capital investments and 133 new jobs have been created
- Schools: received \$985,485 in sales & use tax this year and \$2,227,363.40 over the next 5-10 years
- New retailers: Daylight Donuts, E-Kai, Toomer's, Terri's Mill Village Café, Louies, Steak n Shake
- New Industries: GA Plating Company
- Current Unemployment Rate is 5.4% for the county.
- Paved 1 mile of CR79 in Cusseta IP and LET bids to pave Huguley IP road
- Currently the CCDA is working 19 active projects, including 7 industrial, 4 retail and 7 commercial
- New Employee: Chris Busby, Community Development
- City of LaFayette new website up and going, GVACC new website
- New Product: LaFayette Advantage Site, Buildings, 220 Acres in Cusseta w/ AL Power, Valley Industrial Park: 397 acres
- Community Calendar on our CCDA website
- MWV Employee Appreciation Breakfast, fed over 300 employees
- Hantal Ground Breaking & Grand Opening Ceremonies
- Small Business Grant Program still active- to date we have assisted 13 business with projects totaling \$43,600
- Mill Committee: community survey, to take an active role in the mill demolition projects in each city
- Business Incubator visits all of AL, gathering info
- Resumes: 102 assisted, weekly jobs email blast
- Community Wide Branding Campaign
 - ✓ Developed 10 logos
 - ✓ Still working with others on theirs
 - ✓ Chose Lafayette as the pilot city to launch individual branding implementation
 - ✓ Print ad complete
 - ✓ Completed 3 videos on the community
 - ✓ Working on 3 page marketing brochure

Corporate Sponsors:

Diamond: AL Power

Platinum: AJIN USA, TREC, Auburn Bank, SEAGD, GLMS, Knauf Insulation

Gold: Wooshin USA, CCG&P, Harris Gray, EAWSF, KIA

Silver: BBVA Compass Bank, Alagasco, Baily-Harris Construction, DDHLA, J. Smith Lanier, F&M Bank, Huguley Water & Fire, Westrock, Hantal AL, C&C Fabrication

Bronze: Capital City Bank, Valley Wellness & Chiropractic

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WENDY Y. WILLIAMS
REVENUE COMMISSIONER



2 S. LAFAYETTE STREET SUITE A
LAFAYETTE, AL. 36862

January 22, 2015

Chambers County Commission
2 South LaFayette Street, Ste. A
LaFayette, Alabama 36862

Re: Millage Rates

Commissioners:

Under Alabama Law, my office is required to have on file a resolution from the County Commission levying the millage rate for ad valorem tax purposes each year.

In order for my office to complete the assessment process and prepare the abstract for 2016 taxes, please submit a copy of your resolution to me as soon as possible.

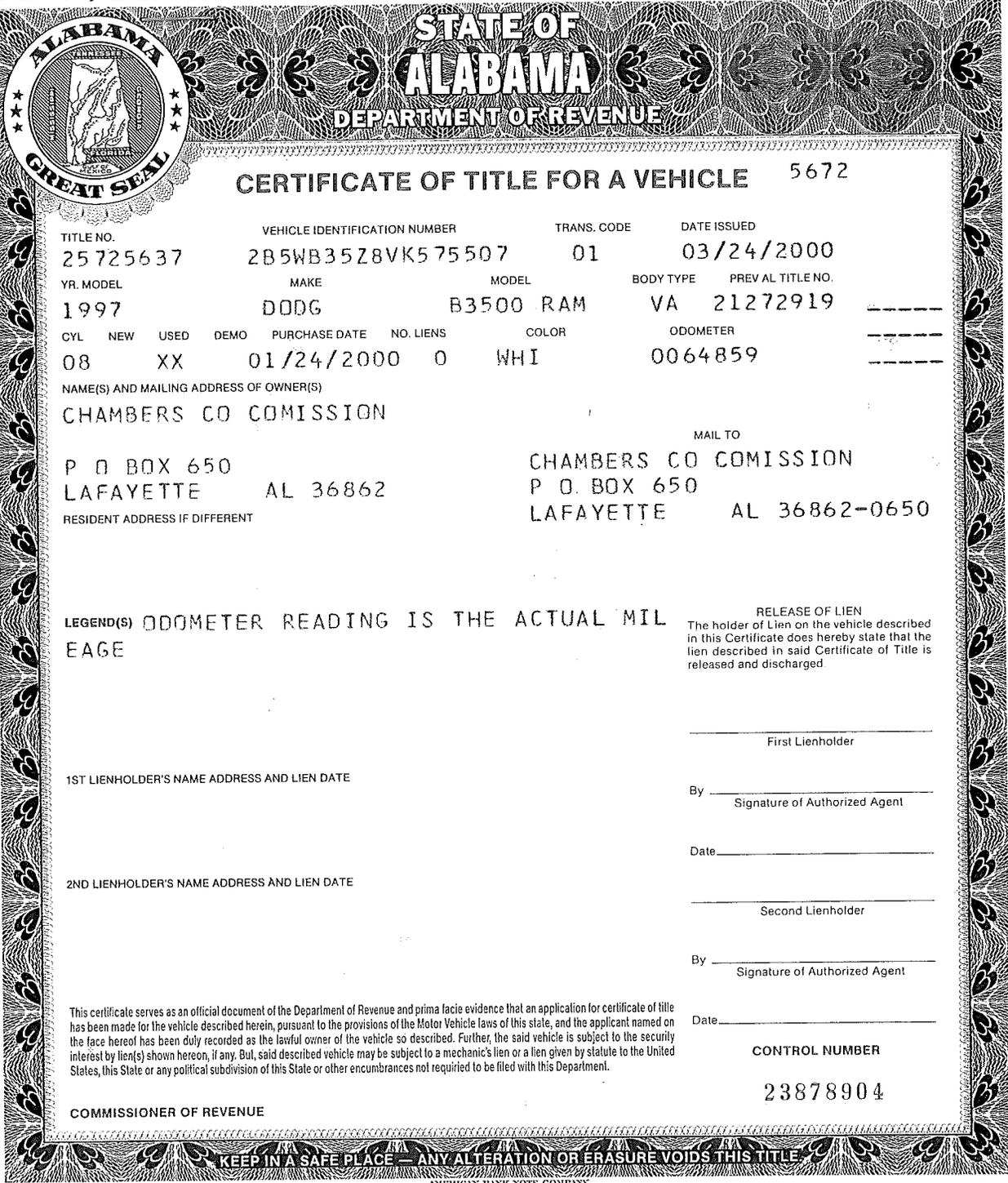
I am listing the 2015 millage rates for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Wendy Williams

2015 Millage Rates:

General Fund:	9.2 mills
Road and Bridge Fund:	7.1 mills
County Wide School Fund	9.6 mills
Special School Dist. Fund	4.1 mills
Library Tax	2.0 mills
Hospital Tax	4.0 mills
Forest Tax:	Ten cents per acre



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR A VEHICLE 5672

TITLE NO. 25725637	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 2B5WB35Z8VK575507	TRANS. CODE 01	DATE ISSUED 03/24/2000
YR. MODEL 1997	MAKE DODG	MODEL B3500 RAM	BODY TYPE VA
CYL 08	NEW XX	USED 01/24/2000	DEMO 0
PURCHASE DATE		NO. LIENS 0	COLOR WHI
ODOMETER 0064859			PREV AL TITLE NO. 21272919

NAME(S) AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER(S)
CHAMBERS CO COMMISSION

P O BOX 650
LAFAYETTE AL 36862
RESIDENT ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT

MAIL TO
CHAMBERS CO COMMISSION
P O BOX 650
LAFAYETTE AL 36862-0650

LEGEND(S) ODOMETER READING IS THE ACTUAL MILEAGE

RELEASE OF LIEN
The holder of Lien on the vehicle described in this Certificate does hereby state that the lien described in said Certificate of Title is released and discharged.

1ST LIENHOLDER'S NAME ADDRESS AND LIEN DATE

First Lienholder

By _____
Signature of Authorized Agent

Date _____

2ND LIENHOLDER'S NAME ADDRESS AND LIEN DATE

Second Lienholder

By _____
Signature of Authorized Agent

Date _____

This certificate serves as an official document of the Department of Revenue and prima facie evidence that an application for certificate of title has been made for the vehicle described herein, pursuant to the provisions of the Motor Vehicle laws of this state, and the applicant named on the face hereof has been duly recorded as the lawful owner of the vehicle so described. Further, the said vehicle is subject to the security interest by lien(s) shown hereon, if any. But, said described vehicle may be subject to a mechanic's lien or a lien given by statute to the United States, this State or any political subdivision of this State or other encumbrances not required to be filed with this Department.

CONTROL NUMBER

23878904

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE - ANY ALTERATION OR ERASURE VOIDS THIS TITLE

AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY

STATE OF ALABAMA

CHAMBERS COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 1-19-16 A

WHEREAS, the Chambers County Commission seeks to respond to the needs of its citizens for public safety and life protection services; and,

WHEREAS, the Chambers County Commission recognizes that in order to attract industry to Chambers County and to compete for jobs for its citizens that quality infrastructure must be in place and incentives must be provided; and,

WHEREAS, Act 2006-396 p. 1,000 Section 3 and Act 2010-526 p. 887 Section 1 have heretofore been passed by the State of Alabama legislature so as to create a levelized sales and use tax in Chambers County, Alabama to provide funding for public safety and industrial development purposes; and,

WHEREAS, Act 2006-396 provided that the Chambers County Commission may levy, in addition to all other taxes presently levied, an additional sales and use tax not to exceed the highest municipal rates collected in the County; and,

WHEREAS, Act 2010-526 restated the language referenced above as in Act 2006-396, however, set a determination date of April 14, 2006 as to the calculated rate; and,

WHEREAS, the largest municipalities in Chambers County are the City of LaFayette, City of Lanett, and City of Valley; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lanett and City of Valley have now increased their sales and use tax rates to an amount in excess of the April 14, 2006 determination date; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of Act 2006-396 was to create a unified and levelized sales and use tax rate throughout all areas of Chambers County; and,

WHEREAS, the Chambers County Commission seeks the Chambers County local legislative delegation to introduce a local bill so as to create a sales and use tax rate in the unincorporated areas of Chambers County such that same is never lower than the lowest sales and use tax rate set by the City of LaFayette, City of Lanett, or City of Valley.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chambers County Commission as follows:

1. That the Chambers County Commission hereby requests that the Chambers County legislative delegation introduce a bill, a proposed bill of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference, so as to create a sales and use tax rate in the unincorporated areas of Chambers County equal to the current and future levels of the lowest municipal rates levied in the City of LaFayette, City of Lanett, or City of Valley.
2. That the County Attorney shall furnish a copy of this Resolution to Senator Dial, Representative Whorton, and Representative Fincher on behalf of the Commission and work with them in regards to said bill and its implementation.

Adopted this 19 day of JANUARY, 2016.

CHAMBERS COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

Linda Anderson
County Clerk

By: Joe L. Blanks
Joe L. Blanks, Chairman

Exhibit "A"

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

The County Commission of Chambers County may levy, in addition to all other taxes presently levied, an additional sales and use tax not to exceed the lowest municipal rates collected in the City of LaFayette, City of Lanett, or City of Valley. These additional rates shall be as follows: General sales; sales and use tax rate of a rate equal to the lowest municipal rate collected in the City of LaFayette, City of Lanett, or City of Valley at the time of enactment of this act or henceforth; automobile sales and use rate of two percent; agricultural machinery sales and use tax of two percent; and manufacturing machine sales and use tax rate of two percent. Except as herein provided, these rates shall apply only in the areas in the County outside the corporate limits of Lanett, Valley, LaFayette, Waverly, and Five Points as determined on April 14, 2006. These rates shall also apply to the area of the County which constitutes the police jurisdiction for a municipality located outside the County provided the municipality has a sales and use tax in effect in the police jurisdiction in the County on April 14, 2006. The additional sales and use tax rates in the County outside the corporate limits of Lanett, Valley, LaFayette, Waverly, and Five Points as determined on April 14, 2006, but within the respective police jurisdiction of said Lanett, Valley, LaFayette, Waverly, and Five Points shall be only one-half the corresponding municipal rates of the municipality having jurisdiction. The gross receipts of any business and the gross proceeds of all sales, which are presently exempt under the state sales and use tax statutes, are exempt from the tax authorized by this part.

STATE OF ALABAMA

CHAMBERS COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 1-19-16 B

WHEREAS, the Chambers County Commission has heretofore adopted the 2015-2016 budget for the General Fund, Special Courthouse Fund, Public Safety Fund, Economic Development Fund, and the Road and Bridge Fund; and,

WHEREAS, throughout the budget year, the Commission seeks to monitor and insure each line item of said budget stays in close proximity to the revenues and expenses as budgeted; and,

WHEREAS, the Chambers County Commission seeks to be advised by the County Manager on a monthly basis should the County's revenue and expenses vary significantly from how they were budgeted.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chambers County Commission as follows:

1. That the County Manager shall prepare and present to the County Commission on a monthly basis a budget report as to the General Fund, Special Courthouse Fund, Public Safety Fund, Economic Development Fund, and Road and Bridge Fund.
2. That the County Manager shall advise the County Commission as to any line item of revenues or expenses that are less than or in excess of 20% of the amount budgeted. Further, that the County Manager shall not authorize payment of any invoice as to any budgeted line item expense that exceeds the 20% of the budgeted amount without first obtaining approval for payment by the County Commission.

Adopted this 19 day of JANUARY, 2016.

CHAMBERS COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

Linda Anderson
County Clerk

By: Joe L. Blanks
Joe L. Blanks, Chairman