## CHAMBERS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.....NOVEMBER 16, 2015

The Chambers County Commission met on Monday, November 16, 2015, at 4:00 P.M. CST with the following members in attendance: Chairman Joe Blanks, Commissioners Charlie Williams, James Brown, Henry Osborne, David Eastridge and Debbie Wood. Engineer Harvill, County Attorney McCoy and County Manager Chambers were also present.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Ms. Peggy Pulliam stated that she was not able to go to the committee meeting. Attorney McCoy stated that was not the meeting she needed to attend, but that he had spoken with Sheriff Lockhart and Sheriff would need to talk with her. Attorney McCoy also stated that he had her phone number and would let her know when the committee would meet as she would want to attend this meeting.

## AWARDS, PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Brown presented to Ms. Julia Hyde of the Department of Human Resources a Proclamation for National Adoption Month for the month of November (see page 551).

## MINUTES AND WARRANTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Brown motioned to adopt the November 2, 2015 minutes and warrants payable. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. It was **approved** by the **"I"** vote.

**RESOLVED:** "To approve the November 2, 2015 minutes and warrants payable."

## AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Williams motioned to approve the agenda as presented for the November 16, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Osborne seconded the motion. It was **approved** by the **"I"** vote.

**RESOLVED:** "To approve the agenda for the November 16, 2015 meeting."

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2016

County Manager Chambers presented the holiday schedule for 2016 to the commission for consideration (see page 552). Commissioner Brown motioned to adopt this schedule as presented. Commissioner Wood seconded this motion. It was **approved** by the **"I"** vote.

**RESOLVED:** "To adopt the Holiday Schedule for 2016 as attached hereto on page 552."

## MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR 2016

County Manager Chambers presented the meetings schedule for 2014 to the commission for consideration (see page 553). Commissioner Osborne motioned to adopt this schedule as presented. Commissioner Brown seconded this motion. It was **approved** by the **"I"** vote.

**RESOLVED:** "To adopt the Meetings Schedule for 2016 as attached hereto on page 553."

## PURCHASE A PRE-OWNED 12 TO 15 PASSENGER VAN

County Engineer Josh Harvill requested a resolution to purchase a pre-owned 12 to 15 passenger van from the Alabama Department of Transportation's Surplus Property Listing for an amount not to exceed $15,000. This comes from the Rules, Ways & Means Committee with a motion and a second. It was **approved** by the **"I"** vote.

**RESOLVED:** "To purchase a pre-owned 12 to 15 passenger van from the Alabama Department of Transportation's Surplus Property Listing for an amount not to exceed $15,000."

## REFINANCE SERIES 2008 GENERAL OBLIGATION WARRANTS

County Attorney McCoy requested a resolution to authorize County Manager Chambers to retain the services of Joe Jolly & Company and bond counsel to proceed with refinancing of the Series 2008 General Obligation Warrants on behalf of the Chambers County Commission (see pages 554 & 555). This comes from the Rules, Ways & Means Committee with a motion and a second. It was **approved** by the **"I"** vote.

**RESOLVED:** "To authorize County Manager Chambers and County Attorney McCoy to retain the services of Joe Jolly & Company and bond counsel to proceed with refinancing of the Series 2008 General Obligation Warrants on behalf of the Chambers County Commission (see pages 554 & 555)."

## STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney Skip McCoy noted that at the last Commission Meeting the Commission authorized the consolidation and relocation of certain voting precincts, since that time County Manager Chambers, Judge Easlick and Ms. Inez Stephens with the Board of Registrars and he have been working in regards to the re-identification of the precinct numbers (he notes that they have been published in the papers and posted at the Courthouse, and two locations throughout the county for each precinct). He stated that they are working on the mapping to get it finalized, and then submit it to the state. Everything is moving ahead for the March elections.

County Engineer Harvill stated that the state has launched its DRIVE Alabama campaign. This is a coalition of county commissioners, community leaders and citizens led by the county engineers who want to bring attention to Alabama's growing infrastructure needs. He states that he has a handout with the website address on it if anyone would like one (see page 556).

***MEETING WAS ADJOURNED***

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

Chairman Joe Blanks _____

Commissioner Charlie Williams _____

Commissioner James Brown _____

Commissioner Henry Osborne _____

Commissioner David Eastridge _____

Commissioner Debbie Wood _____

**STATE OF ALABAMA**
**CHAMBERS COUNTY**

## NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

Every child deserves a loving, nurturing and permanent home. Sadly, 235 abused and neglected children in the care of Alabama DHR are waiting for such a home. These children are not the newborns most people picture when they think of adoption. Generally they are older boys and girls and teenagers who may have unique medical, psychological or physical needs. Adoption gives them a brighter future, brings great joy to the adoptive parents and places fewer demands on social services.

**WHEREAS**, adoption is the permanency plan for approximately 388 children.

**WHEREAS**, approximately 153 of these children will be adopted by the foster parent with whom they are already placed;

**WHEREAS**, approximately 235 children do not yet have an identified adoptive resource;

**WHEREAS**, many of these children have special needs because of physical, mental or emotional disabilities, because they must be placed as a sibling group, because they are minorities, or because they are school-aged;

**WHEREAS**, these children need extra patience and support to help them overcome previous hardships;

**WHEREAS**, in fiscal year 2015, 508 children who have special needs were placed in adoptive families in Alabama;

**WHEREAS**, there are families able and willing to adopt children who have special needs;

**WHEREAS**, it is important to stress that a disability, low income, or unmarried status does not preclude the right to adopt; and

**WHEREAS**, children waiting for adoptive parents, and families who have adopted these children, require and deserve community and public agency support;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Chambers County Commission does hereby proclaim ***November 2015 as National Adoption Awareness Month*** in Chambers county. In honor of this event, I encourage citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, businesses, and others to celebrate adoption, honor families that grow through adoption, further an awareness of the changes and issues in adoption, and focus attention on those children who live in the shadow of an uncertain future while they await permanent families.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, We have hereunto set our hands this 16th day of November in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fifteen.

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| Joe Blanks, Chairman, District 3 | Debbie Wood, Co-Chairman, District 6 |
| Charlie Williams, District 1 | James Brown, District 2 |
| Henry Osborne, District 4 | David Eastridge, District 5 |

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Regina N. Chambers, County Manager

## Chambers County Holiday Schedule For 2016

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| Monday, January 18, 2016 | M.L. King, Jr./Robert E. Lee Day |
| Monday, February 15, 2016 | President's Day |
| Monday, March 28, 2016 | Easter Monday |
| Monday, May 30, 2016 | Memorial Day |
| Monday, July 4, 2016 | Independence Day |
| Monday, September 5, 2016 | Labor Day |
| Monday, October 10, 2016 | Columbus Day |
| Friday, November 11, 2016 | Veteran's Day |
| Thursday-Friday, November 24-25, 2016 | Thanksgiving Holidays |
| Friday & Monday, December 23 & 26, 2016 | Christmas Holidays |
| Monday, January 2, 2017 | 2017 New Year Holiday |

***Approved: Chambers County Commission Meeting, Monday, November 16, 2015***

**Signed** Joe Blanks
**Chairman**

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## *NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE CHAMBERS COUNTY COMMISSION*

Pursuant to the requirements of the Alabama Open Meetings Act of 2005 (Act No. 2005-40), the public is hereby notified of the date, time and place of regular meetings of the Chambers County Commission (the "Commission").

The Commission's regular monthly meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 4:00 P.M. Central Time (5:00 P.M. Eastern Time) in the Commission Chamber of the Chambers County Courthouse, LaFayette, Alabama. Some meetings are prescheduled on Tuesday due to holidays and conferences. Additional notice will be provided in the event of any deviation from the schedule below or cancellation of any meeting listed.

The schedule of meeting dates of the Commission for the coming year is as follows:

***2015***

Monday, December 7, 2015
Monday, December 21, 2015

***2016***

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|---|---|---|
| Monday, January 4, 2016 | | Tuesday, July 5, 2016 |
| Tuesday, January 19, 2016 | | Monday, July 18, 2016 |
| Monday, February 1, 2016 | | Monday, August 1, 2016 |
| Tuesday, February 16, 2016 | (Due to ACCA conf.) | Monday, August 22, 2016 |
| Monday, March 7, 2016 | | Tuesday, September 6, 2016 |
| Monday, March 21, 2016 | | Monday, September 19, 2016 |
| Tuesday, April 4, 2016 | | Monday, October 3, 2016 |
| Monday, April 18, 2016 | | Monday, October 17, 2016 |
| Monday, May 2, 2016 | (Due to election) | Wednesday, November 16, 2016 |
| Monday, May 16, 2016 | | Monday, November 21, 2016 |
| Monday, June 6, 2016 | | Monday, December 5, 2016 |
| Monday, June 20, 2016 | | Monday, December 19, 2016 |

*Approved: Chambers County Commission Meeting, November 16, 2015*

**Signed** Joe Blanks,
**Chairman**

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RESOLUTION NO. 11.16.15

WHEREAS, on or about May 1, 2008, Chambers County, Alabama, by and through the Chambers County Commission, did issue its Series 2008 General Obligation Warrants in the sum of $7,215,000.00 for a twenty (20) year period; and,

WHEREAS, since the time of the issuance of said bonds, interest rates have declined considerably and it would be in the best interest of Chambers County to consider the refinancing of said General Obligation Warrants; and,

WHEREAS, a refinancing of said General Obligation Warrants can be closed on or before February 1, 2016 if certain preliminary matters and procedures are accomplished prior to said date; and,

WHEREAS, the refinance of said Warrants at current interest rates based on the prior credit rating of Chambers County, Alabama would allow the Chambers County Commission to receive approximately $450,000.00 for future capital expenditures within two (2) years while maintaining the same payment schedule and the same 2028 retirement date.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That County Manager Chambers and County Attorney McCoy, on behalf of the Chambers County Commission, are authorized and directed to retain the services of and take all action necessary with Joe Jolly & Co., Inc. and bond counsel to effectuate the refinance of its Series 2008 General Obligation Warrants.

Done this the 16th day of November, 2015 at a regular session of the Chambers County Commission.

CHAMBERS COUNTY COMMISSION:

Joe L. Blanks, Chairman - District 3

Charles L. Williams - District 1

James E. Brown - District 2

Henry C. Osborne - District 4

David Eastridge - District 5

Debbie H. Wood - District 6

# DRIVE ALABAMA

The DRIVE Alabama campaign is focused on *Developing a Road & Infrastructure Vision for Everyone in Alabama*. It is a coalition of county commissioners, community leaders, and citizens led by county engineers who want to bring attention to Alabama's growing infrastructure needs.

The DRIVE Alabama website officially launches TODAY and we are taking the message statewide! Please take a moment to visit the website to learn more about the positive impacts local infrastructure investments can have on Alabama communities! **http://www.drivealabama.org/**

Alabama's infrastructure is the foundation that spurs economic development, attracts quality jobs, keeps us competitive in international markets, and enhances our everyday quality of life. Will you join the DRIVE Alabama movement by LIKING US on Facebook, FOLLOWING US on Twitter, and FOLLOWING US on Instagram?