

HAMBERS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.....NOVEMBER 2, 2015

The Chambers County Commission met on Monday, November 2, 2015, at 4:00 P.M. CST with the following members in attendance: Commissioners Charlie Williams, James Brown, Joe Blanks, Henry Osborne, David Eastridge and Debbie Wood. Engineer Harvill, County Attorney McCoy and County Manager Chambers were also present.

CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN ELECTION

Attorney McCoy conducted the Chairman and Vice Chairman Election. McCoy informed that there could not be any private or secret votes cast for Chairman or Vice Chairman. McCoy advised that there are two voting methods for the Commission to consider: the majority, where a candidate would have to receive four out of the six votes cast to be elected or plurality, where a candidate with the most votes would be elected. McCoy asked which method the commission preferred. The majority of the commissioners sought to utilize the majority voting method with only Commissioner Osborne seeking to use the plurality method. The majority voting method was then used. A ballot was given to each commissioner with a list of names. Each commissioner was asked to vote and sign the ballot where requested. The ballots are public record and placed in the minutes (see pages 527-539). County Manager Chambers, Assistant County Clerk Foster and Attorney McCoy would then tabulate the votes and read the results.

Chairman Election – 1st Ballot – The votes were as follow:

Commissioner Charlie Williams voted for Commissioner Blanks

Commissioner James Brown voted for Commissioner Blanks

Commissioner Joe Blanks voted for Commissioner Blanks

Commissioner Henry Osborne voted for Commissioner Blanks

Commissioner David Eastridge voted for Commissioner Blanks

Commissioner Debbie Wood voted for Commissioner Blanks

Commissioner Blanks received the majority of the votes with six votes. Commissioner Blanks was thus elected Chairman.

Vice-Chairman Election - 1st Ballot – The votes were as follow:

Commissioner Charlie Williams voted for Commissioner Wood

Commissioner James Brown voted for Commissioner Wood

Commissioner Joe Blanks voted for Commissioner Wood

Commissioner Henry Osborne voted for Commissioner Wood

Commissioner David Eastridge voted for Commissioner Wood

Commissioner Debbie Wood voted for Commissioner Wood

Commissioner Wood received the majority of the votes with six votes. Commissioner Wood was thus elected Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Blanks called the meeting to order. Commissioner Brown led the pledge of allegiance and Commissioner Wood gave the invocation. Assistant County Clerk Foster conducted a roll call. The results of the roll call were as follow: District 1 – Present, District 2 – Present, District 3 – Present, District 4 – Present, District 5 – Present, District 6 – Present

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Ms. Peggy Pulliam requested information on which committee she needed to talk with so she could have more than three minutes. Attorney McCoy asked that she get with him after the meeting and he would let her know what committee she needed to speak with. Ms. Pulliam then stated that she needed to speak with someone to set up an appreciation cookout for the counties 1st responders. Attorney McCoy stated that she would need to meet with the Public Safety Committee.

Mrs. J. J. Frickert invited the Commissioners to attend the Fredonia Heritage Festival on Saturday, November 14th in Fredonia. She asked if it would be okay to place a sign out in front of the Courthouse.

COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Commissioner Eastridge expressed his appreciation to the office staff and the department heads. He stated that he appreciated the work that went into the voting areas, and thanked Co. Engineer Harvill for the transportation plan. Especially thanks the Commissioners for their support.

Major Clay Stewart informed the commission that a sewage pipe at the jail had potentially collapsed or is blocked and he has had to close down Cell Block C. There has been a camera placed in the pipe, but he could not tell if it had collapsed or it is blocked. In order to fix the pipe it will have a section opened up in the road to remove it. He also stated that there will potentially be two more cell blocks that will have to be closed.

Commissioner Wood stated that she would like to set up a Rules, Ways and Means meeting for Monday, November 9, 2015, at 9:00 CST at Attorney McCoy's office in Lanett.

BUSINESS UPDATES

Ms. Barbara Andrews, Director of GVACC gave an update on recent events and upcoming events from the Greater Valley Area Chamber of Commerce.

MINUTES AND WARRANTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Eastridge motioned to adopt the October 19, 2015 minutes and warrants payable. Commissioner Osborne seconded the motion. It was **approved** by the “**I**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To approve the October 19, 2015 minutes and warrants payable.”

AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Wood motioned to approve the agenda as presented for the November 2, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. It was **approved** by the “**I**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To approve the agenda for the November 2, 2015 meeting.”

**THE LAFAYETTE ROTARY CLUB
FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
FESTIVAL ON THE SQUARE**

County Attorney Skip McCoy requested a resolution to authorize the LaFayette Rotary Club to use the courthouse on December 5, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. CST subject to the execution by Sheriff Lockhart, Doug Jones and Michael Ellis of a document evidencing their willingness to voluntarily serve in overseeing, monitoring, and supervising the use of the Chambers County Courthouse (see pages 540-541). Commissioner Wood motioned to adopt this resolution as presented. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. It was **approved** by the “**I**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To authorize the LaFayette Rotary Club to use the courthouse on December 5, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. CST subject to the execution by Sheriff Lockhart, Doug Jones and Michael Ellis of a document evidencing their willingness to voluntarily serve in overseeing, monitoring, and supervising the use of the Chambers County Courthouse (see pages 540-541).”

RELOCATE THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE VOTING PRECINCT

County Attorney Skip McCoy requested a resolution to relocate the City of LaFayette Voting Precinct to the LaFayette High School Gymnasium (see pages 542-543). Commissioner Williams motioned to adopt this resolution as presented. Commissioner Eastridge seconded the motion. Commissioner Eastridge thanked Dr. Hodge for allowing the voting to take place at the school. It was **approved** by the “**I**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To relocate the City of LaFayette Voting Precinct to the LaFayette High School Gymnasium (see pages 542-543).”

**CONSOLIDATE THE HUGULEY LIONS CLUB VOTING PRECINCT
AND THE
RESCUE SQUAD VOITING PRECINCT**

County Attorney Skip McCoy requested a resolution to consolidate the Huguley Lions Club Voting Precinct and the Rescue Squad Voting Precinct into one voting precinct known as the Huguley Voting Precinct to be located to the Huguley Water, Sewer and Fire Protection Authority Fire Department (see page 544). Commissioner Brown motioned to adopt this resolution as presented. Commissioner Eastridge seconded the motion. It was **approved** by the “**I**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To consolidate the Huguley Lions Club Voting Precinct and the Rescue Squad Voting Precinct into one voting precinct known as the Huguley Voting Precinct to be located to the Huguley Water, Sewer and Fire Protection Authority Fire Department (see page 544).”

**CONSOLIDATE SHAWMUT, LANGDALE, FAIRFAX
AND RIVERVIEW VOTING PRECINCTS INTO ONE**

County Attorney Skip McCoy requested a resolution to consolidate the Shawmut, Langdale, Fairfax and Riverview precincts into one voting precinct known as the City of Valley Voting Precinct to be located at the City of Valley Sportsplex (see page 545). Commissioner Wood motioned to adopt this resolution as presented. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. It was **approved** by the “**I**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To consolidate the Shawmut, Langdale, Fairfax and Riverview precincts into one voting precinct known as the City of Valley Voting Precinct to be located at the City of Valley Sportsplex (see page 545).”

CDC AL PRO HEALTH GRANT FOR YEAR 2

County Attorney Skip McCoy requested a resolution to support the application for Chambers County of award of the CDC AL Pro Health Grant for Year 2 (see pages 546-547). Commissioner Eastridge motioned to adopt this resolution as presented. Commissioners Wood & Brown seconded the motion. It was **approved** by the “**I**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To support the application for Chambers County of award of the CDC AL Pro Health Grant for Year 2 (see pages 546-547).”

**RECONSTRUCT PAVED PORTION
OF COUNTY ROAD 139
TO A GRAVEL ROAD**

County Engineer Josh Harvill requested a resolution to reconstruct the paved portion of CR 139 to a gravel road from SR 77 west 0.18 Miles. Commissioner Brown motioned to adopt this resolution as

presented. Commissioner Eastridge seconded the motion. There was some discussion as to the difference between a dirt road and a gravel road. It was **approved** by the “I” vote.

RESOLVED: “To reconstruct the paved portion of CR 139 to a gravel road from SR 77 west 0.18 Miles.”

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney Skip McCoy stated that someone had shown interest in buying the 4.4 acres of county property that is a part of the firing range property. Once the property was inspected tires were found on said property. Upon the county cleaning the tires from the property the interested buyer is coming back to look at said property to determine his interest.

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 _____

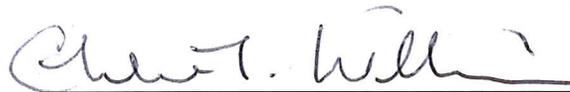
Commissioner Debbie Wood _____

ROUND 1

CHAIRMAN ELECTION

District 1	Commissioner Charlie L. Williams	_____
District 2	Commissioner James E. Brown	_____
District 3	Commissioner Joe L. Blanks	_____ ✓
District 4	Commissioner Henry C. Osborne	_____
District 5	Commissioner David Eastridge	_____
District 6	Commissioner Debbie H. Wood	_____

Done this 2nd day of November, 2015.



Signature of Voting Commissioner

ROUND 1

CHAIRMAN ELECTION

District 1	Commissioner Charlie L. Williams	_____
District 2	Commissioner James E. Brown	_____
District 3	Commissioner Joe L. Blanks	_____ ✓
District 4	Commissioner Henry C. Osborne	_____
District 5	Commissioner David Eastridge	_____
District 6	Commissioner Debbie H. Wood	_____

Done this 2nd day of November, 2015.



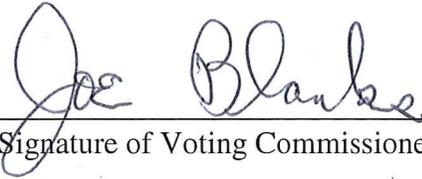
Signature of Voting Commissioner

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CHAIRMAN ELECTION

District 1	Commissioner Charlie L. Williams	_____
District 2	Commissioner James E. Brown	_____
District 3	Commissioner Joe L. Blanks	_____ ✓ _____
District 4	Commissioner Henry C. Osborne	_____
District 5	Commissioner David Eastridge	_____
District 6	Commissioner Debbie H. Wood	_____

Done this 2nd day of November, 2015.



Signature of Voting Commissioner

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CHAIRMAN ELECTION

District 1	Commissioner Charlie L. Williams	_____
District 2	Commissioner James E. Brown	_____
District 3	Commissioner Joe L. Blanks	_____ ✓
District 4	Commissioner Henry C. Osborne	_____
District 5	Commissioner David Eastridge	_____
District 6	Commissioner Debbie H. Wood	_____

Done this 2nd day of November, 2015.



Signature of Voting Commissioner

ROUND 1

CHAIRMAN ELECTION

- District 1 Commissioner Charlie L. Williams _____
- District 2 Commissioner James E. Brown _____
- District 3 Commissioner Joe L. Blanks X
- District 4 Commissioner Henry C. Osborne _____
- District 5 Commissioner David Eastridge _____
- District 6 Commissioner Debbie H. Wood _____

Done this 2nd day of November, 2015.

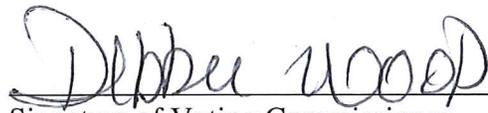
David Eastridge
Signature of Voting Commissioner

ROUND 1

CHAIRMAN ELECTION

District 1	Commissioner Charlie L. Williams	_____
District 2	Commissioner James E. Brown	_____
District 3	Commissioner Joe L. Blanks	_____ ✓
District 4	Commissioner Henry C. Osborne	_____
District 5	Commissioner David Eastridge	_____
District 6	Commissioner Debbie H. Wood	_____

Done this 2nd day of November, 2015.



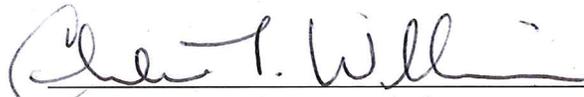
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ROUND 1

VICE-CHAIRMAN ELECTION

District 1	Commissioner Charlie L. Williams	_____
District 2	Commissioner James E. Brown	_____
District 3	Commissioner Joe L. Blanks	_____
District 4	Commissioner Henry C. Osborne	_____
District 5	Commissioner David Eastridge	_____
District 6	Commissioner Debbie H. Wood	_____ ✓

Done this 2nd day of November, 2015.



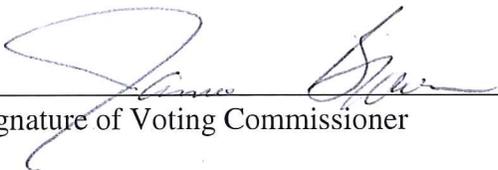
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ROUND 1

VICE-CHAIRMAN ELECTION

District 1	Commissioner Charlie L. Williams	_____
District 2	Commissioner James E. Brown	_____
District 3	Commissioner Joe L. Blanks	_____
District 4	Commissioner Henry C. Osborne	_____
District 5	Commissioner David Eastridge	_____
District 6	Commissioner Debbie H. Wood	_____ ✓

Done this 2nd day of November, 2015.



Signature of Voting Commissioner

ROUND 1

VICE-CHAIRMAN ELECTION

District 1	Commissioner Charlie L. Williams	_____
District 2	Commissioner James E. Brown	_____
District 3	Commissioner Joe L. Blanks	_____
District 4	Commissioner Henry C. Osborne	_____
District 5	Commissioner David Eastridge	_____
District 6	Commissioner Debbie H. Wood	_____ ✓

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Signature of Voting Commissioner

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VICE-CHAIRMAN ELECTION

District 1	Commissioner Charlie L. Williams	_____
District 2	Commissioner James E. Brown	_____
District 3	Commissioner Joe L. Blanks	_____
District 4	Commissioner Henry C. Osborne	_____
District 5	Commissioner David Eastridge	_____
District 6	Commissioner Debbie H. Wood	_____ ✓

Done this 2nd day of November, 2015.



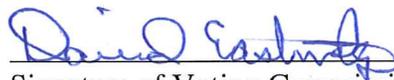
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ROUND 1

VICE-CHAIRMAN ELECTION

District 1	Commissioner Charlie L. Williams	_____
District 2	Commissioner James E. Brown	_____
District 3	Commissioner Joe L. Blanks	_____
District 4	Commissioner Henry C. Osborne	_____
District 5	Commissioner David Eastridge	_____
District 6	Commissioner Debbie H. Wood	<u> X </u>

Done this 2nd day of November, 2015.



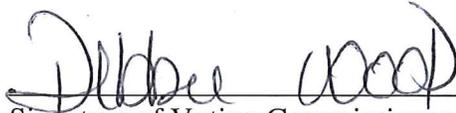
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ROUND 1

VICE-CHAIRMAN ELECTION

District 1	Commissioner Charlie L. Williams	_____
District 2	Commissioner James E. Brown	_____
District 3	Commissioner Joe L. Blanks	_____
District 4	Commissioner Henry C. Osborne	_____
District 5	Commissioner David Eastridge	_____
District 6	Commissioner Debbie H. Wood	_____ ✓

Done this 2nd day of November, 2015.



Signature of Voting Commissioner

Chairman Election – 1st Ballot – The votes were as follow:

- Commissioner Charlie Williams voted for Commissioner Blanks
- Commissioner James Brown voted for Commissioner Blanks
- Commissioner Joe Blanks voted for Commissioner Blanks
- Commissioner Henry Osborne voted for Commissioner Blanks
- Commissioner David Eastridge voted for Commissioner Blanks
- Commissioner Debbie Wood voted for Commissioner Blanks

Vice-Chairman Election - 1st Ballot – The votes were as follow:

- Commissioner Charlie Williams voted for Commissioner Wood
- Commissioner James Brown voted for Commissioner Wood
- Commissioner Joe Blanks voted for Commissioner Wood
- Commissioner Henry Osborne voted for Commissioner Wood
- Commissioner David Eastridge voted for Commissioner Wood
- Commissioner Debbie Wood voted for Commissioner Wood

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF CHAMBERS

WHEREAS, the LaFayette Rotary Club is sponsoring an event known as the 1st Annual LaFayette Rotary Club Christmas Festival on the Square to be held on Saturday, December 5, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, as part of said festival, the LaFayette Rotary Club has requested to have certain portions of the Chambers County Courthouse open so that citizens may have utilization of restroom facilities and children be allowed in the Courthouse pursuant to the decoration of Christmas trees in the Courthouse; and,

WHEREAS, the Chambers County Courthouse would normally be closed on Saturday, December 5, 2015, and unavailable for public use; and,

WHEREAS, the hereinafter Chambers County employees and representatives have volunteered to be onsite and to monitor, oversee, and supervise the use of the Chambers County Courthouse on December 5, 2015 in order that the citizens and participants may make use of the Chambers County Courthouse; and,

WHEREAS, the undersigned Sheriff Sid Lockhart, Douglas Jones, and Michael C. Ellis, individually and in their respective capacities, do hereby confirm to the Chambers County Commission their willingness to voluntarily serve in overseeing, monitoring, and supervising the use of the Chambers County Courthouse on December 5, 2015.

DONE this 6th day of November, 2015.

Date:

Witness:

11-6-15 Sherrin Foster Sid Lockhart
Sheriff Sid Lockhart

11-6-15 Sherrin Foster Douglas Jones
Douglas Jones

11-4-15 Sherrin Foster Michael C. Ellis
Michael C. Ellis

STATE OF ALABAMA

CHAMBERS COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2-15.1

WHEREAS, the Chambers County Commission of Chambers County, Alabama, recognizing the need to provide the citizens of the City of LaFayette, Alabama a more convenient, efficient and accessible means of casting their ballots in county, state, and federal elections; and,

WHEREAS, in an effort to better facilitate the administration of the election process and noting the voting space and parking limitations of the current precinct location at the Chambers County Courthouse; and,

WHEREAS, the Chambers County Board of Education has made it be known that it will make available the LaFayette High School Gymnasium as a potential voting precinct location for the citizens of the City of LaFayette; and,

WHEREAS, the LaFayette High School Gymnasium is less than 1 mile from the Chambers County Courthouse and that same is well maintained, spacious, ADA compliant, well lighted and ventilated, and has plentiful parking for ease of ingress and egress; and,

WHEREAS, further taking into consideration the views expressed by the public in a public hearing held on October 19, 2015.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Chambers County Commission that the City of LaFayette Voting Precinct be relocated from the Chambers County Courthouse to the LaFayette High School Gymnasium at 214 1st Avenue, SE, LaFayette, Alabama for all future county, state, and federal elections.

Done this 2nd day of November, 2015 at a regular session of the Chambers County

Commission.



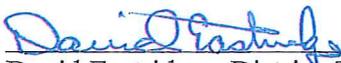
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Henry C. Osborne - District 4



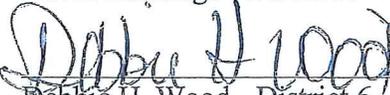
James E. Brown - District 2



David Eastridge - District 5



Joe L. Blanks - District 3



Debbie H. Wood - District 6

STATE OF ALABAMA

CHAMBERS COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2-15.2

WHEREAS, the Chambers County Commission of Chambers County, Alabama, recognizing the need to provide the citizens of the county a more convenient, efficient and accessible means of casting their ballots in county, state, and federal elections; and,

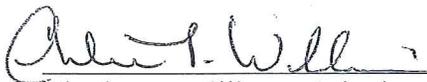
WHEREAS, in an effort to better facilitate the administration of the election process and to reduce the redundancy and economic infeasibility of maintaining the Huguley Lions Club Voting Precinct and the Rescue Squad Voting Precinct at the same location; and,

WHEREAS, further taking into consideration the views expressed by the public in a public hearing held on October 19, 2015.

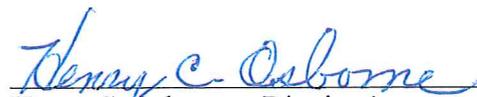
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Chambers County Commission that the Huguley Lions Club Voting Precinct and the Rescue Squad Voting Precinct be consolidated into one voting precinct known as the Huguley Voting Precinct to be located at the Huguley Water, Sewer and Fire Protection Authority Fire Department at 3233-C Veterans Memorial Parkway, Lanett, Alabama for all future county, state, and federal elections.

Done this 2nd day of November, 2015 at a regular session of the Chambers County

Commission.



Charles L. Williams - District 1



Henry C. Osborne - District 4



James E. Brown - District 2



David Eastridge - District 5



Joe L. Blanks - District 3



Debbie H. Wood - District 6

STATE OF ALABAMA
CHAMBERS COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2-15.3

WHEREAS, the Chambers County Commission of Chambers County, Alabama, recognizing the need to provide the citizens of the City of Valley, Alabama a more convenient, efficient and accessible means of casting their ballots in county, state, and federal elections; and,

WHEREAS, in an effort to better facilitate the administration of the election process and noting the redundancy and economic infeasibility of maintaining separate voting precincts for Shawmut, Langdale, Fairfax, and Riverview at the same voting location; and,

WHEREAS, further taking into consideration the views expressed by the public in a public hearing held on October 19, 2015.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Chambers County Commission that the Shawmut precinct, Langdale precinct, Fairfax precinct, and Riverview precinct be consolidated into one voting precinct known as the City of Valley Voting Precinct located at the City of Valley Sportsplex, 130 Sportsplex Drive, Valley, Alabama for all future county, state, and federal elections.

Done this 2nd day of November, 2015 at a regular session of the Chambers County Commission.

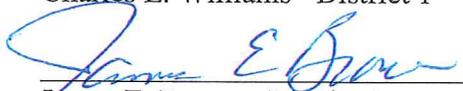
CHAMBERS COUNTY COMMISSION:



Charles L. Williams - District 1



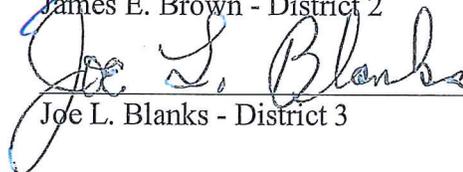
Henry C. Osborne - District 4



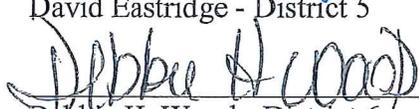
James E. Brown - District 2



David Eastridge - District 5



Joe L. Blanks - District 3



Debbie H. Wood - District 6

STATE OF ALABAMA

CHAMBERS COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2-15.4

WHEREAS, Chambers County, Alabama was awarded the CDC AL Pro Health Grant for Year 1; and,

WHEREAS, the Chambers County Commission seeks to support the application for Chambers County of award of the CDC AL Pro Health Grant for Year 2; and,

WHEREAS, if awarded said grant, the grant proceeds shall be used at the same locations in Chambers County and in furtherance of the Year 1 grant objectives; and,

WHEREAS, in support of said Year 2 grant application, that the Chambers County Commission seeks to provide assistance in the form of heavy equipment operations to develop and place the walking trail and exercise equipment, provide assistance in procuring water for the community gardens, and provide legal assistance as to the preparation of the necessary releases and indemnification agreements.

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

1. The Chambers County Commission supports the application for Chambers County, Alabama of the AL Pro Health Grant for Year 2.
2. The Chambers County Commission will provide support in the form of furnishing the County's heavy equipment for the creation and installation of the walking trail, exercise equipment, and signage.
3. The Chambers County Commission will further provide support of said grant in the procurement of a water resource and transport of water to the community gardens.

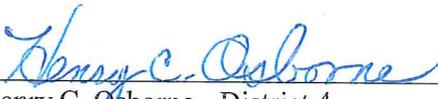
4. Furthermore, the Chambers County Commission will provide legal assistance in the preparation of the necessary releases and indemnification agreements for the operation of the Chambers County Agricultural Park.

5. That the Chambers County Commission makes said offer of support up to the ceilings authorized by the Grantor and Auburn University in regards to grant reimbursement for services rendered by Chambers County, Alabama.

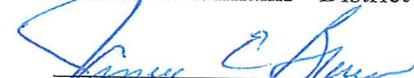
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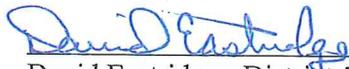
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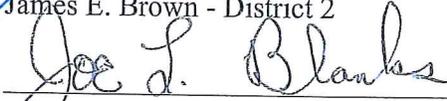
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David Eastridge - District 5



Joe L. Blanks - District 3



Debbie H. Wood - District 6