

CHAMBERS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.....DECEMBER 21, 2015

The Chambers County Commission met on Monday, December 21, 2015, at 4:00 PM CST with the following members present: Commission Chairman, Joe Blanks, Commissioners, James Brown, Debbie Wood, Charlie Williams and Henry Osborne. County Engineer Harvill, County Attorney McCoy and County Manager Chambers were also present. Commissioner David Eastridge was absent.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CITIZENS

Ms. Peggy Pulliam appeared before the Commission to say that she would like to see more restaurants in the City of LaFayette. She also said she would like to see incentives for small businesses like the ones for large industries. Commissioner Wood stated that industrial incentives were based on number of employees, but that small businesses could contact the CCDA to inquire about sponsorships for small businesses.

COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

COMMISSIONER WOOD

Commissioner Wood stated that she would like to clear up some confusion on the Courthouse Holiday schedule. Notices had been posted in the Courthouse stating that the Courthouse would be closed from 11:45 on Wednesday, December 23, 2015 and would reopen on Monday, December 28, 2015. She said the County Holiday Calendar set holidays for December 24th and 25th, and that only the Commission has the authority to close the Courthouse. If Department heads want to close their offices a half day on the 23rd, their employees will need to take annual or comp time for their days. Those Departments will need to individually publicize their hours of operation in the news media. Commissioner Wood further stated she wanted all flyers removed, regarding Holiday schedules, and replaced by a memo from the Commission Office. She also wanted Attorney McCoy to gather information on use of the night depository at Farmers and Merchants bank so that there would not be a problem in the future.

Commissioner Osborne wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chairman Blanks reminded everyone to keep Commissioner Eastridge in prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND WARRANTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Brown motioned to adopt the December 7, 2015, minutes and warrants payable and Commissioner Williams seconded it. It was **approved** by the "I" vote.

RESOLVED: "To adopt the December 7, 2015, minutes and approve the warrants payable"

AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Williams motioned to approve the agenda as presented for the December 21, 2015, meeting. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Engineer Harvill asked for the Agenda to be amended to include two items of business concerning the demolition at the water treatment facility. It was **approved** by the "I" vote.

RESOLVED: "To approve the amended agenda for the December 21, 2015, meeting to include two items of business concerning the water treatment facility"

NEW BUSINESS

ENGINEER HARVILL – BID AWARD FOR SALE OF SCRAP REBAR

Engineer Harvill asked for a resolution awarding the bid, for the sale of scrap rebar from the water treatment facility, to Allen Scrap for \$20.51 . This was the only bid received. Commissioner Wood motioned for the resolution. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** by the "I" vote.

RESOLVED: "To award the bid for the sale of scrap rebar at the water treatment facility to Allen Scrap for \$20.51"

ENGINEER HARVILL – CONTRACT AWARDS COUNTY FOR ROAD WORK

Engineer Harvill asked for a resolution awarding East Alabama Paving Company the bid for three projects in the amount of \$810,608.21. The bid was for planing, resurfacing, and traffic striping of the Huguley Industrial Park, including 45th Street SW, 36th Avenue SW, 43rd Street, and 42nd Street SW – 1.64 Miles; planing, resurfacing, and traffic striping of 1st Avenue SE from 1st Street NE to 1st Place NE – 0.041 miles; and planing, resurfacing, and traffic striping on Alabama Avenue from near Bridge 22 (approximately 0.27 miles West of 1st Avenue NW) East to US 431 and from 1st Street NE, East to LaFayette High School – 1.201 Miles (Pages 569-571). The other bid received was from Chris Clark Paving in the amount of \$864,336.00. Engineer Harvill said the City of LaFayette would be splitting the LaFayette part with the County. Commissioner Brown motioned for the resolution and Commissioner Williams seconded. Commissioner Wood asked if the City of LaFayette had agreed to their part being split and Engineer Harvill said yes, and thanked Mr. Davidson, LaFayette City Manager, for working with him on that. The motion was **approved** by the "I" vote.

RESOLVED: "To award East Alabama Paving Company the bid for three paving projects, in the amount of \$810,608.21"

ENGINEER HARVILL – SHERIFF'S IMPOUND YARD SITE WORK

Engineer Harvill presented a resolution request from the Public Facilities and Infrastructure Committee to finish the grade work on the future impound lot across from the jail for the amount of \$900.00 payable from the General Fund to the Gasoline Fund, \$500.00 for crush run and \$400.00 for stump grinding. The motion was **approved** by the "I" vote.

RESOLVED: "To pay \$900.00 to the Gasoline Fund from the General Fund to complete the grade work at the future impound lot across from the jail"

ENGINEER HARVILL – REIMBURSEMENT TO GASOLINE FUND FOR GRADING WORK

Engineer Harvill presented a resolution request from the Public Facilities and Infrastructure Committee to reimburse the Gasoline Fund \$16,323.33 for the labor, equipment charges, and materials for the work done by the Highway Department at the demolition site, with funds being paid from the Public Buildings Road and Bridge Fund. The motion was **approved** by the “I” vote.

RESOLVED: “To reimburse the Gasoline Fund \$16,323.33 for the labor, equipment charges, and materials for the work done by the Highway Department at the demolition site, with funds being paid from the Public Buildings Road and Bridge Fund”

STAFF REPORTS

ATTORNEY MCCOY

Attorney McCoy said he was working with bond counsel on the refunding of the 2008 general obligation warrants and was pushing for a closing date of February 1, 2016, so that the County could get their warrants refunded.

Attorney McCoy gave an update on the sale of the firing range property. He said that Mr. Mr. Hawkins was finishing the survey work and hoped to be ready to move forward within the next couple of weeks.

Attorney McCoy said he had been working on potential local legislation legalizing bingo in Chambers County. He has analyzed about twelve counties to see how they administered their legislation. He hoped to be able to bring a recommendation to the Commission at one of the January meetings and would get the information to the Committee to see how the County might like to proceed.

ENGINEER HARVILL

Engineer Harvill said that the cleanup of the dumpsite on CR155 was complete and that Assistant Engineer Lundy had finished with the reimbursement request to ADEM for \$31,762.36.

Engineer Harvill said the Highway Department would be closed next week, but would have people on call for emergencies.

Chairman Blanks reminded everyone that January 4th and 19th would be our Commission Meeting dates for next month.

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 _____