

CHAMBERS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.....DECEMBER 7, 2015

The Chambers County Commission met on Monday, December 7, 2015, at 4:00 PM CST with the following members present: Commission Chairman, Joe Blanks, Commissioners, David Eastridge, James Brown, Debbie Wood, Charlie Williams and Henry Osborne. County Engineer Harvill, and County Attorney McCoy were also present. County Manager Chambers was absent.

Chairman Blanks called the meeting to order. Commissioner Brown led the pledge of allegiance and Commissioner Osborne 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 – Present, District 6 – Present; County Attorney McCoy - Present

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CITIZENS

Ms. Peggy Pulliam appeared before the Commission to ask about meeting with the Rules, Ways and Means Committee about several general topics including roads and updates on projects going on in the various commission districts. Attorney McCoy asked Commissioner Wood if it would be possible to include Ms. Pulliam in the next Committee Meeting. Commissioner Wood said it would and got Ms. Pulliam’s numbers to let her know the time and place of the next RWM Committee Meeting.

AWARDS, PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS

COMMISSIONER WOOD

Commissioner Wood presented Engineer Harvill with a wooden cross in memory of Harvill’s grandfather who had recently passed away. The cross was made of reclaimed wood from Fairfax Mill.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND WARRANTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Brown motioned to adopt the November 16, 2015, minutes and warrants payable and Commissioner Williams seconded it. It was **approved** by the “**I**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To adopt the November 16, 2015, minutes and approve the warrants payable”

AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Eastridge motioned to approve the agenda as presented for the December 7, 2015, meeting. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. It was **approved** by the “**I**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To approve the agenda for the December 7, 2015, meeting”

NEW BUSINESS**ENGINEER HARVILL – SEALED BIDS FOR SALE OF SCRAP REBAR**

Engineer Harvill asked for a resolution to receive sealed bids for the sale of scrap rebar. Commissioner Wood motioned for the resolution. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Engineer Harvill stated there was a large amount of rebar from the demolition at the water treatment plant and the best way to dispose of the stockpile quickly would be to have a local company bring a trailer for the rebar to be put in. Commissioner Eastridge noted that scrap prices were down right now. Local companies would be notified of the bids. The motion was **approved** by the “**T**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To receive sealed bids for the sale of scrap rebar from the water treatment plant”

ENGINEER HARVILL – AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF LAFAYETTE AND CHAMBERS COUNTY FOR ROAD WORK

Engineer Harvill asked for a resolution to allow the Chairman to execute an agreement between the City of LaFayette and Chambers County for planning, resurfacing, and traffic striping of 1st Avenue SE from 1st Street NE to 1st Place NE – 0.041 miles; and planning, 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 to the LaFayette High School – 1.201 miles. This would be Chambers County Project #091415 and Chambers County Project #090215. The Chairman would be authorized to execute the agreement conditional upon the City of LaFayette first executing same. Commissioner Eastridge motioned for the resolution and Commissioner Wood seconded. Engineer Harvill said that the City would pay upfront for their part of the cost. Commissioner Wood asked if the same procedure would be followed as with ATRIP and other projects. Harvill said it would and that Mr. Davidson from the City was onboard with it. The motion was **approved** by the “**T**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To authorize the Chairman to execute an agreement between the City of LaFayette and Chambers County for two road projects, #091415 and #090215, conditional upon execution first by the City of LaFayette”

STAFF REPORTS**ATTORNEY MCCOY**

Attorney McCoy gave an update on the sale of the firing range property. He said that Mr. Albert Handy of New York, had been down last week and wanted to proceed with the purchase of the firing range property, and had left a check with him for the purchase. McCoy said he would have to get with Mr. Hawkins to finish the survey work and then he could finalize the sale.

ENGINEER HARVILL

Engineer Harvill stated that at their last Conference, Senator Dial spoke on funding for local roads and the Drive Alabama initiative. Sen. Dial has since been in the County looking at roads and urged the Commission to get citizens to take part in the Drive Alabama survey and educate themselves on road funding and procedures. Commissioner Eastridge said it would be beneficial for the cities to do this as well. Commissioner Wood said that she has the survey available on her Face Book site for citizens to take part in.

Engineer gave updates on various County roads. County Road 155 ADEM cleanup project is complete and will be 100% reimbursed. Bridge Project on CR258 is still ongoing since January 2015, but hopes with the project days running out, that maybe the contractors will get back on it. County Road 139 should be finished December 8, and the road will have gone from pavement to gravel and a much better road and look better too. The work on Fairfax Bypass will begin on December 8, 2015.

Engineer Harvill asked for a Public Facilities and Infrastructure Committee Meeting to be set in order to discuss work at the water treatment plant and future plans for the lot. Commissioner Brown set a PFI meeting for Monday, December 21, 2015 at 3:00 PM Central time in the Commission Office.

Commissioner Wood noted that Manager Chambers was absent due to surgery and expressed well wishes for speedy recovery.

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 _____