

CHAMBERS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.....MARCH 7, 2016

The Chambers County Commission met on Monday, March 7, 2016, 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, and County Manager Chambers was also present. County Attorney McCoy was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Ms. Peggy Pulliam asked if there had been any development on the First Responders lunch. Chairman Blanks asked Commissioner Wood. Commissioner Wood asked that she come to the Rules, Ways and Means meeting on Wednesday, March 16th at 9:00 a.m. CST at attorney Skip McCoy's office and they would discuss it.

AWARDS, PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Project Director Robert Chambers of the Chambers County Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force presented a Certificate of Commendation to Sergeant Stacy Shirey, Sergeant Terry Wood, Captain Johnny Wood and Lieutenant Steve Smith in recognition of exemplary job performance. (see pages 651 - 657)

Commissioner Wood read the Proclamation for a Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month for the month of April (see page 658). Ms. Kay Baker of the Tri-County Children's Advocacy Center could not attend the Commission meeting due to an unexpected meeting.

MINUTES AND WARRANTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Williams motioned to adopt the February 16, 2016, minutes and warrants payable. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. Commissioner Eastridge abstained from the approval since he was absent from the meeting. It was **approved** by the "I" vote.

RESOLVED: "To approve the February 16, 2016, minutes and warrants payable."

AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Eastridge motioned to approve the agenda as presented for the March 7, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Osborne seconded the motion. It was **approved** by the "I" vote.

RESOLVED: "To approve the agenda for the March 7, 2016 meeting."

**RESOLUTION 03-07-16-1
COUNTY ATTORNEY MCCOY**

County Attorney Skip McCoy was unable to attend the Commission meeting due to a court case. Commissioner Wood stated that the resolution was to prevent the cities from abating county taxes when the city did not have a corresponding tax of its own (see pages 659 - 660). Commissioner Wood motioned to approve Resolution 03-07-16-1 to send to the County Legislative Delegation and to Governor Robert Bentley. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. It was **approved** by the "I" vote.

RESOLVED: "To approve Resolution 03-07-16-1 to send to the County Legislative Delegation and to Governor Robert Bentley (see pages 659 – 660)."

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chairman Joe Blanks stated that the meeting at the Standing Rock Community with regards to the East Alabama Water Project had a rather large turnout even though it was raining.

Commissioner Brown reminded everyone of the Public Facilities meeting Monday, March 21, 2016, 2:30 p.m. in the Commission office.

Commissioner Wood stated that there would be a Rules, Ways and Means meeting at Attorney Skip McCoy's office in Lanett at 9:00 a.m. CST on Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

Commissioner Eastridge gave his appreciation to the Drug Task Force for the job that they do and to the families for their support.

STAFF REPORTS

County Engineer Harvill gave updates on joint projects with the cities. First street here in LaFayette will be delineated with parking; this will open up more parking for the public and employees. City of LaFayette has some street work it is to do that may work in conjunction with the work done by the county. Commissioner Brown asked if they were still going to do lighting. Harvill stated that they are working on the grants for that. Commissioner Williams asked if the lights at Exit 77 were still going to be fixed. Harvill stated that they are, we should see them start in late March or April.

County Manager Chambers reminded the Commissioners of County Day in Montgomery on Tuesday, March 15th.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED

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 _____

Chambers County Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force

Lanett Police Department
Lafayette Police Department
Valley Police Department
Chambers County Sheriff's
Office



P.O. Box 602
Lafayette, AL 36862

(334)756-0570
(334)756-0577 FAX

PRESS RELEASE

12-15-2015

Over the past several weeks the Chambers County Drug Task Force has been investigating drug distributors and their associates involved in crimes ranging from breaking and entering motor vehicles, burglary and theft to the distribution and possession of controlled substances. Since November 14th, 2015 with the assistance of Lanett, Valley and Lafayette Police Departments, the Chambers County Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office, the Chambers County Drug Task Force has arrested 52 individuals on a total of 95 charges.

The following people were arrested during this time frame as a result of these investigations.

1. Jonathan Paul "JP" Sheppard, 33 of Valley – Trafficking in methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, receiving stolen property 1st, and certain persons forbidden to possess a firearm
2. Bennie "LWood" Joseph McCard, 25 of Lanett – Unlawful possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia
3. Timothy Mitchel Thompson, 25 of Valley – Possession of drug paraphernalia
4. Mitchell Kevin Green, 34 of Pine Mountain – Unlawful possession of controlled substance (2 counts), possession of drug paraphernalia
5. Jartinez Orlando McCants, 24 of Valley – Possession of marijuana 1st
6. Walter Maurice Vines, 25 of Lafayette – Possession of marijuana 2nd
7. Michael Bloodser, 23 of Lagrange – unlawful possession of controlled substance, possession of marijuana 2nd, possession of drug paraphernalia
8. Stephen Soileau, 24 of Lanett – Possession of marijuana 2nd
9. Bernard Clark, 39 of Lanett- Possession of marijuana 2nd
10. Jackelyn Turner, 44 of Lafayette – unlawful possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia
11. Rodney Wayne Hammock, 27 of Valley- Unlawful possession of controlled substance, possession of marijuana 2nd
12. Tyrus Scott, 46 of Lanett – unlawful distribution of controlled substance
13. Travis Yamawns Little, 36 of Lanett – Bail Jumping 2nd, unlawful possession of controlled substance (3 counts), possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of short barrel shotgun, attempt to commit a controlled substance crime
14. Kenneth Arwood – 48 of Lanett – Unlawful distribution of controlled substance
15. Jordan "Whyteboy" Richardson, 30 of Lanett – Unlawful distribution of controlled substance

16. William "Redbone" Wright, 31 of Lafayette – Unlawful distribution of controlled substance
17. Quintarious Leverett, 21 of Lafayette – Unlawful distribution of controlled substance
18. Antonio Pankey, 37 of Valley – Unlawful possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia
19. William "Sweet Bill" Tony Smith, 43 of Lafayette – Unlawful possession of controlled substance, Drug offender purchase/attempt to purchase pseudoephedrine
20. Sara Grant, 24 of Lanett – Unlawful possession of controlled substance
21. Clarence "Ohio" Perkins, 33 of Lanett – Unlawful possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, receiving stolen property 2nd
22. Shanwell "Miami" Flowers, 40 of Lanett – Giving false information to law enforcement, probation violation
23. Kentabious "Money" Shealey, 28 of Lanett – Bail jumping 2nd (4 counts)
24. Jamey Baker, 36 of Lanett – Unlawful possession of controlled substance
25. Lanesa Smith, 40 of Lanett – unlawful possession of controlled substance
26. Jessica Alsobrook, 27 of Hogansville – possession of marijuana 2nd, possession of drug paraphernalia
27. Lucious "luke Man" Jones, 28 of Lanett – Unlawful distribution of controlled substance
28. Johnny Long, 33 of Lanett – unlawful possession of controlled substance, possession of marijuana 2nd, possession of drug paraphernalia
29. Kayla Clark, 19 of Lanett – unlawful possession of controlled substance, possession of marijuana 2nd, possession of drug paraphernalia
30. Joshua Fuller, 27 of Lanett – Unlawful possession of controlled substance, possession of marijuana 1st, possession of drug paraphernalia
31. Vintavious Booker, 29 of Lanett – Bail Jumping 2nd, possession of drug paraphernalia
32. Anthony "One-Eye" Keith Arrington, 45 of Lanett – possession of drug paraphernalia
33. Comer Wayne Benbrook, 40 of Lanett – unlawful possession of controlled substance (2 counts), possession of drug paraphernalia
34. Charles Gregory Arrington, 51 of Lanett – Possession of marijuana 1st, possession of drug paraphernalia
35. Scott Roden, 53 of Lanett – Receiving stolen property 2nd, Possession of Pistol by Violent felon (2 counts), Unlawful possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia
36. Christopher Abney, 45 of Lanett – unlawful possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia
37. Richard Earl Shaddix, 39 of Valley – Bail Jumping 2nd, unlawful possession of controlled substance, certain person forbidden to possess a firearm, possession of marijuana 2nd, possession of drug paraphernalia
38. Derk Lofton Sturkie, 35 of Lanett – Trafficking in methamphetamine, possession of marijuana 1st, unlawful possession of controlled substance (3 counts), possession of drug paraphernalia, drug offender purchase/attempt to purchase pseudoephedrine
39. Melissa Kelly Hoyle, 37 of Lanett -Trafficking in methamphetamine, possession of marijuana 2nd, unlawful possession of controlled substance (3 counts), possession of drug paraphernalia, drug offender purchase/attempt to purchase pseudoephedrine
40. Haley Nicole Hoyle, 20 of Valley – unlawful possession of marijuana 2nd, unlawful possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia
41. Tony Ray Whaley, 44 of Valley – Unlawful possession of controlled substance, Bail Jumping 2nd
42. Felix Andre Lockhart, 19 of Lafayette – Possession of marijuana 2nd
43. Denzei Lamarcues Swanson, 18 of Five Points – possession of marijuana 2nd
44. Roosevelt Mackey, 26 of Lafayette – Possession of marijuana 2nd
45. Robert White, 48 of Lanett – Unlawful possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, Bail jumping 2nd
46. Christina Lynn Senn, 40 of Lanett – unlawful possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

47. Joshua Adam Conway, 29 of Lanett – Bail Jumping 2nd (4 counts), Burglary 3rd, theft of property 2nd
48. Jason Alan Short, 37 of Lanett – Attempt to commit a controlled substance crime
49. Jeremy Meriweather, 31 of Lanett – possession of drug paraphernalia
50. Michael Lewis James, 56 of West Point – Attempt to commit a controlled substance crime
51. Bridgette Rose Buskirk, 36 of Lanett- Attempt to commit a controlled substance crime, unlawful possession of controlled substance(2 counts)
52. Jerald Paul Bradshaw, 35 of Valley – Attempt to commit a controlled substance crime

The arrests and investigations conducted by the Chambers County Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force have led to the seizure of the following:

- Methamphetamine – 6.2 oz
- Marijuana – 3 oz
- Prescription pills – 455
- US Currency - \$1604
- Firearms – 7
- Vehicles - 2

Citizens may report drug activity at 334-756-0570. For emergencies, call 911 or after hours, 334-576-0914.

Thanks,

Captain Johnny Wood
Commander

Captain Robert Chambers
Project Director

Certificate of Commendation

MARCH 7, 2016

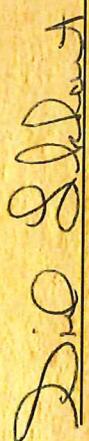
PAGE 654

This certificate is awarded to

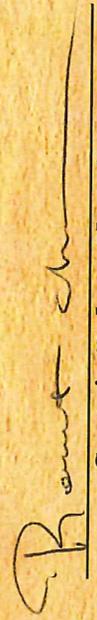
Sergeant Stacy Shirey



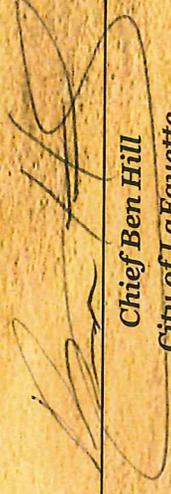
In recognition of exemplary job performance. Chambers County Fifth Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force Sergeant Stacy Shirey has been involved in the investigation of drug distributors and their associates involved in crimes ranging from breaking and entering motor vehicles, burglary and theft to the distribution and possession of controlled substances. Sergeant Stacy Shirey's professional ability and dedication to duty is a great reflection upon himself, the City of Valley's Police Department and the Chambers County Fifth Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force.


Sheriff Sid Lockhart
Chambers County


Chief Angie Spates
City of Lanett


Captain Robert Chambers
Drug Task Force Project Director


Chief Tommy Weldon
City of Valley


Chief Ben Hill
City of LaFayette

Certificate of Commendation

MARCH 7, 2016

PAGE 655

This certificate is awarded to

Sergeant Terry Wood



In recognition of exemplary job performance. Chambers County Fifth Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force Sergeant Terry Wood has been involved in the investigation of drug distributors and their associates involved in crimes ranging from breaking and entering motor vehicles, burglary and theft to the distribution and possession of controlled substances. Sergeant Terry Wood's professional ability and dedication to duty is a great reflection upon himself, the Chambers County Sheriff's Office and the Chambers County Fifth Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force.



Sheriff Sid Lockhart
Chambers County



Chief Angie Spates
City of Lanett



Captain Robert Chambers
Drug Task Force Project Director



Chief Tommy Weldon
City of Valley



Chief Ben Hill
City of LaFayette

Certificate of Commendation

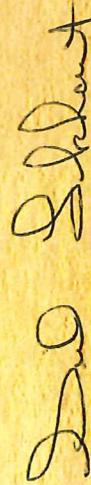
MARCH 7, 2016

This certificate is awarded to

Captain Johnny Wood



In recognition of exemplary job performance. Chambers County Fifth Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force Captain Johnny Wood has been involved in the investigation of drug distributors and their associates involved in crimes ranging from breaking and entering motor vehicles, burglary and theft to the distribution and possession of controlled substances. Captain Johnny Wood's professional ability and dedication to duty is a great reflection upon himself, the City of Lanett's Police Department and the Chambers County Fifth Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force.



Sheriff Sid Lockhart
Chambers County



Chief Angie Spates
City of Lanett



Chief Tommy Weldon
City of Valley



Chief Ben Hill
City of LaFayette

Certificate of Commendation

MARCH 7, 2016

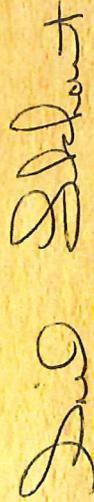
PAGE 657

This certificate is awarded to

Lieutenant Steve Smith



In recognition of exemplary job performance. Chambers County Fifth Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force Lieutenant Steve Smith has been involved in the investigation of drug distributors and their associates involved in crimes ranging from breaking and entering motor vehicles, burglary and theft to the distribution and possession of controlled substances. Lieutenant Steve Smith's professional ability and dedication to duty is a great reflection upon himself, the City of LaFayette's Police Department and the Chambers County Fifth Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force.



Sheriff Sid Lockhart
Chambers County



Chief Angie Spates
City of Lanett



Chief Tommy Weldon
City of Valley



Captain Robert Chambers
Drug Task Force Project Director



Chief Ben Hill
City of LaFayette

PROCLAMATION



STATE OF ALABAMA
CHAMBERS COUNTY

April as Child Abuse Prevention Month
Chambers County, Alabama

WHEREAS, physical, emotional and sexual abuse of children in our community remains a serious problem; and,

WHEREAS, National statistics suggest that as many as 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 5 boys becomes a victim of child abuse during childhood; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Resources in conjunction with the Tri-County Children’s Advocacy Center and local law enforcement officials, jointly reviewed 732 cases of child sexual abuse and physical abuse within the County in the last year; and,

WHEREAS, the Tri-County Children’s Advocacy Center provided 690 therapy sessions and 207 forensic interviews to child abuse victims with the County this last year; and

WHEREAS, the public needs to be aware of the serious nature and prevalence of Child Abuse in order to help prevent abuse and to report its occurrence; and

WHEREAS, the month of April has been designated in communities throughout the nation as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Chambers County Commission, designates the Month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and encourages its citizens to help protect our children from abuse.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands this 7th day of March in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Joe Blanks

Joe Blanks, Chairman, District 3

Debbie Wood

Debbie Wood, Vice Chairman, District 6

Charlie T. Williams

Charlie Williams, District 1

James Brown

James Brown, District 2

Henry Osborne

Henry Osborne, District 4

David W. Eastridge

David Eastridge, District 5

RESOLUTION 03-07-16-1

WHEREAS, the abatement of ad valorem, sales and use taxes is utilized by the State of Alabama in attracting new and expanded industry that produce jobs, economic growth and improved quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the loss of tax revenue from these abatements, though well-intended, adversely impacts the ability of county governments to provide essential government services such as law enforcement, incarceration of those who commit crimes, the provision of effective and safe transportation, social and public services, health care and access to the court system of our state; and

WHEREAS, the decision on the abatement of taxes otherwise payable to county government should rest with the county governing body which is charged by law with the provision of these essential and important services to all local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, current Alabama law authorizes any municipality, regardless of size, to abate county ad valorem, sales and use taxes without authorization of the affected county commission; and

WHEREAS, current Alabama law also authorizes a municipal industrial development authority to abate county ad valorem, sales and use taxes without authorization of the affected county commission even when the county has no appointments to the authority; and

WHEREAS, a recent interpretation of Alabama law authorizes the municipal abatement of county taxes even if the municipality does not levy a corresponding tax; and

WHEREAS, it is inherently unfair for the citizens of the county to pay more in taxes or see a reduction in services because of actions taken by municipalities that do not even levy the taxes abated; and

WHEREAS, legislation currently pending in the Alabama Legislature would ensure that much-needed county taxes levied to provide services to the citizens of Chambers County could not be abated by a municipality or municipal industrial development authority when there is no corresponding municipal tax being abated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF CHAMBERS COUNTY, ALABAMA that all members of the Chambers County Legislative Delegation are urged to actively support and ensure the passage of HB 169 and SB 96, which will prohibit municipalities and municipal industrial development authorities from abating essential county taxes necessary to fund services to the more than 35,000 citizens of all of Chambers County when no corresponding municipal taxes are abated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF CHAMBERS COUNTY, ALABAMA that Gov. Robert Bentley is likewise urged to support

this legislation and to direct the Alabama Department of Commerce to actively support the correction of this improper abatement of county taxes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF CHAMBERS COUNTY, ALABAMA that a copy of this resolution be distributed to all members of the Chambers County Legislative Delegation, to Gov. Robert Bentley, and the members of the news media.

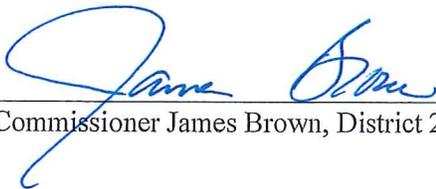
Adopted this 7th day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen.



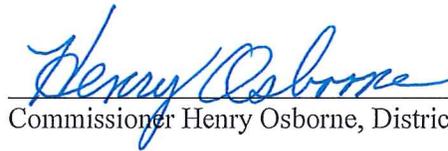
Commissioner Joe Blanks, Chairman, District 3



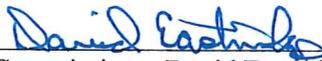
Commissioner Charlie Williams, District 1



Commissioner James Brown, District 2



Commissioner Henry Osborne, District 4



Commissioner David Eastridge, District 5



Commissioner Debbie Wood, District 6