

Dale County Commission

Commission Meeting Minutes - March 13, 2018

The Dale County Commission convened in a regular session Tuesday, March 13, 2018. The following members were present: Chairman Mark Blankenship; District One Commissioner Chris Carroll; District Two Commissioner Steve McKinnon; District Three Commissioner Charles W. Gary; and District Four Commissioner Frankie Wilson.

Chairman Blankenship called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Commissioner McKinnon opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Gary followed with prayer.

Corrections Officer Edward Cody Johnson was recognized for completing the Alabama Jail Training Academy. Sheriff Wally Olson and Chairman Mark Blankenship presented Johnson with a certificate and lapel pin from the National Institute of Jail Operations.

APPROVED - MINUTES – FEBRUARY 27, 2018 REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner McKinnon made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2018 Commission meeting.

Commissioner Carroll seconded the motion, all voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVED – TRAVEL REQUEST

Commissioner McKinnon made a motion to approve the following travel request:

- 1) Judge Michalic and Keisha Johnson of the Probate Office, Probate Judges Spring Conference, April 19 -20, 2018 , \$702.50
- 2) Kurt McDaniel, EMA department, March 19-20, 2018, Everbridge Training In Dekalb County, \$260.00.

Commissioner Carroll seconded the motion, all voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVED – DALE COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE – LETTER AND INVOICE

Commissioner Gary made a motion to have Attorney Henry Steagall rewrite the letter and send the invoice SE Alabama Gas Company for damages that occurred on County Rd. 17. See Exhibit 1.

Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion, all voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE – ROAD & BRIDGE – OFF SYSTEM CHIP SEAL ROADS OUT FOR BID

Commissioner McKinnon made a motion, based on the recommendation of County Engineer Derek Brewer, to accept bids for off system chip seal roads.

Commissioner Gary seconded the motion, all voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE– ROAD & BRIDGE – BIDDING OUT FOR MINI EXCAVATOR

Commissioner McKinnon made a motion to receive bids for a mini excavator (new or used),

Commissioner Carroll seconded the motion, all voted aye. Motion carried.

TABLED - VOTERS LIST ADVERTISING

Commissioner Carroll made a motion to table the Voters List Advertising.

Commissioner McKinnon seconded the motion, all voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVED – MEMORANDUM OF WARRANTS

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the memorandum of warrants.

- 1) Payroll check numbers 154448 – 154451.
- 2) Payroll direct deposit numbers 26603 – 26740.
- 3) Accounts Payable check numbers 79266-79385.

Commissioner Gary seconded the motion, all voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVED – ECONOMIC INCENTIVE FUND REQUEST

Commissioner Carroll made a motion to approve the Economic Incentive Fund request of \$35,000.00 for the rehabilitation of a speculative building in Ozark Corporate Park. See Exhibit 2.

Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion, all voted aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT – NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Blankenship announced that the next regular meeting of the Dale County Commission will be Tuesday March 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: CONFIRMATORY STATEMENT

Commission Chairman Blankenship made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried

It is hereby ordered the foregoing documents, resolutions, etc., be duly confirmed and entered into the minutes of the Dale County Commission as its official actions.



Mark Blankenship, Commission Chairman

Dale County Road and Bridge

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Derek S. Brewer, P.E.
County Engineer
Drew Meacham, E.I.
Assistant Engineer

March 14, 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

On February 10th and 11th, Dale County received 6-7 inches of rain on the west side of the county near Enterprise. Dale County Road 17 was partially eroded away and the asphalt undermined from the edge of the pavement to the centerline of the road, and Dale County Road & Bridge personnel had to close the road.

Upon inspecting the site, I observed a recent utility cut made by your agency approximately 3 feet deep on the shoulder of the right-of-way that had not been backfilled or compacted properly nor had any erosion control efforts put in place. Due to your lack of proper management practices to protect from erosion, the heavy rain washed out your trench and damaged Dale County's roadbed.

On February 15th the Dale County Road & Bridge Department personnel cut and removed the portion of asphalt that was undermined; excavated down into the subbase approximately 2 feet deep to a stable material. Then they hauled in and compacted 180 cubic yards of sandy-clay base material and brought in another 94 cubic yards of 825B Dense Grade. The final layer consisted of 45 tons of asphalt wearing surface which had to be performed by a contractor for the amount of \$10,000.00, and on February 22 the damage repair was completed and the road was reopened for traffic.

Including labor, materials, equipment and contractor, the total cost to Dale County to repair the damages caused by your defective work was \$27,021.06. Therefore, at this time I am invoicing your agency for the total amount listed above. Please make check payable to the "Dale County Road & Bridge Department".

If you have questions in this regard or need further information regarding this matter please contact me at (334)774-5875.

You are requested to pay the above amount within 30 days from the date of your receipt of this letter. In the event that you fail to do so, I will recommend to the Dale County Commission that legal counsel proceed with action as necessary to seek reimbursement of these taxpayer funds which we were caused to expend as a result of your improper construction and erosion protection.

Sincerely,

Derek Brewer
Dale County Engineer

Cc: Henry B. Steagall, III
Dale County Engineer

Incentive Fund Request

City/Town: Ozark

Project Short Description: Rehabilitate Speculative Building in Ozark Corporate Park

Project Description:

After surveying economic development partners, to include the Department of Commerce, Southeast Alabama Gas, and PowerSouth, to determine how marketability of the speculative building may be improved to better attract industry prospects, a common theme arose: improve the "curb appeal" of the building. To address this issue, the following activities are proposed:

- 1. Landscape entrance to building (Cost TBD)
- 2. Add a drive, parking lot, and sidewalk (\$83,000)
- 3. Add floor to building (Cost TBD)
- 4. Repair ceilings and walls (Cost TBD)
- 5. Fire lateral and water (\$10,000)

Potential Impact:

Project will improve marketability of the speculative building located within Ozark Corporate Park. This project provides a valuable economic development incentive that better enables the community to attract an industry. Project partners have come together to ensure we have a first-class marketable building that will potentially result in jobs for Dale County citizens.

Currently, the building is under consideration for the following projects: Project Gingerbread, Project Seal, Project Jerry, and an EDPA project. A site visit has also been scheduled for February 23rd.

Budget:

Total Project Budget: \$93,000

Requested Amount: \$35,000

Percentage of Total Budget: 38%

Partner	Contribution	Percentage of Total Budget
Ozark City	\$48,000	51%
Dale County	\$35,000	38%
Ozark Utilities Board	\$10,000	11%
Total	\$93,000	100%

Project Partners: Dale County, Ozark City, Utilities Board, John Watson