

## **March 24, 2014**

The Dale County Commission convened in regular session Monday, March 24, 2014. The following members were present: Mark Blankenship, Chairman; District One Commissioner Douglas M. Williamson; District Two Commissioner Steve McKinnon; District Three Commissioner Charles W. Gary and District Four Commissioner James W. Strickland.

Chairman Blankenship called the meeting to order at 5:30 p. m. Commissioner McKinnon opened with the Pledge to Allegiance. Commissioner Strickland followed with prayer.

### **MINUTES – MARCH 10, 2014 REGULAR SESSION**

Commissioner McKinnon made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2014 regular session meeting. Commissioner Strickland seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### **BID AWARDED – COURTHOUSE RENOVATION**

Upon recommendation of Jason M. Schmidt of Bradley, Schmidt & Carn Architecture, PLLC, Commissioner Strickland made a motion to award the bid and contract for the Courthouse renovation to Hughes Construction Services, LLC for the bid amount of \$2,821,000.00. Commissioner McKinnon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### **APPROVED – INTERIM FINANCING FOR COURTHOUSE RENOVATION**

After much discussion, Commissioner McKinnon made a motion to approve interim financing for the Courthouse renovations from CB&T at 1.37% interest. Commissioner Strickland seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### **PROCLAMATION – APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH - # 2014-03-24-01**

Chairman Blankenship signed the Proclamation declaring April 2014 as Child Abuse Awareness Month, and with the Commission, presented it to Ms. Jessica Goolsby of the Southeast Alabama Child Advocacy Center.

### **APPROVED – POSTING PROPOSED JOB DESCRIPTION – REVENUE/TAG & TITLE CLERK**

Commissioner Gary made a motion to post the proposed job description for the Revenue/Tag & Title Clerk. Commissioner McKinnon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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**APPROVED – EMPLOYMENT - ROAD & BRIDGE LABORERS**

Commissioner Strickland made a motion to approve the employment of the following individuals as full-time classified Road & Bridge laborers:

Richard Spivey	\$8.93 per hour	effective March 26, 2014
Donnie Hoover	\$8.42 per hour	effective March 26, 2014
Jarrold Peavy	\$8.50 per hour	effective March 26, 2014
James Hunt	\$8.67 per hour	effective March 26, 2014

Commissioner Gary seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVED – EMPLOYMENT TRANSFER – MOTOR VEHICLE DEPT TO PROPERTY DEPT**

Commissioner Gary made a motion to approve the employment transfer of Mischelle Andrews from Motor Vehicles to Property in the Revenue Department, at her current salary of \$8.53 per hour, effective April 1, 2014. Commissioner Strickland seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVED – EMPLOYMENT – TAG/TITLE CLERK - HUGHES**

Commissioner McKinnon made a motion to approve the employment of Christie G. Hughes as a Tag & Title Clerk, Grade 6, at a salary of \$8.53 per hour, effective April 7, 2014. Commissioner Williamson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVED – BUDGET AMENDMENT – MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Strickland made a motion to approve the budget amendment of \$761.20 for the Maintenance Department small tools budget line. Commissioner McKinnon seconded the motion. All vote aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVED – SURPLUS EQUIPMENT – SOLID WASTE**

Commissioner Gary made a motion to surplus the following Solid Waste equipment:

2005 Sterling Acterra Garbage Truck	vn: 2FZHCHDC15AV20168
2006 Sterling Acterra Garbage Truck	vn: 2FZHCHDC56AW12773
2007 International Garbage Truck	vn: 1HTWGAARX7J465014

Commissioner McKinnon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVED – WORK REQUEST – TOWN OF MIDLAND CITY**

Commissioner Gary made a motion to approve the work request from the Town of Midland City for patching streets. Commissioner Strickland seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Reimbursement will be 100% by the Town of Midland City.

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TRAVEL REQUEST

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

Derek Brewer & Lisa Braman – Road & Bridge Department

CIMS Training Conference          June 18-21, 2014          Orange Beach, Alabama

Commissioner Williamson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MEMORANDUM OF WARRANTS

Commissioner Strickland made a motion to approve the memorandum of warrants. (Payroll check numbers 154019-154022, Payroll direct deposit numbers 12365-12503, and Accounts Payable check numbers 65643-65725). Commissioner Gary seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVED – PROCEDURES FOR AD VALOREM (JAIL) TAX FUND EXPENDITURES  
- # 2014-03-24-02

Commissioner Gary made a motion to approve the Procedures for Spending Ad Valorem (Jail) Tax Funds as presented. Commissioner Strickland seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVED – WORK REQUEST – ECHO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner McKinnon made a motion to approve the work request from the Echo Volunteer Fire Department for four loads of dense grade gravel delivered. Commissioner Strickland seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. The General Fund will pay 100% of the cost.

APPROVED – EXTRA CHARGES FOR GARBAGE PICKUP – MDI

Commissioner McKinnon made a motion to approve the invoice from MDI for the extra charges invoiced for the pickup of garbage after the ice storm the last week in January. Commissioner Williamson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mr. Tommy Farmer stated that he was very glad to know about the possibility of putting trailers in the districts during Spring Cleanup Day (April 26) for the citizens to put trash in.

Safety Coordinator Mary Russell, Probate Judge Sharon Michalic, and Revenue Commissioner Eleanor Outlaw expressed their appreciation to the Commission for moving forward with the Courthouse renovations.

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Stacy Hughes of Hughes Construction expressed his appreciation to Jason Schmidt for all of his work on the Courthouse Renovation project and the Commission for their support. Mr. Hughes stated that he would endeavor to make the project as convenient as possible for the employees and the public.

**ANNOUNCEMENT – NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Chairman Blankenship announced that the next regular meeting of the Dale County Commission would be Monday, April 14, 2014 at 5:30 pm. There will be a work session beginning at 4:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT: CONFIRMATORY STATEMENT**

Commissioner Strickland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Williamson 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  
Douglas M. Williamson, Commissioner District 1  
Steve McKinnon, Commissioner District 2  
Charles W. Gary, Commissioner District 3  
James W. Strickland, Commissioner District 4